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The grocery stores are enjoying a good business. Adjourned term of circuit court next Tuesday.

Adjourned term of county court next Monday week.

The insurance companies can either pay \$20 each or pull out. Electric lights are being placed in the M. E. Church, South.

An "Uncle Tom" company will be at the Opera House November 30th.

The "Famous" will be closed on Thanksgiving from 11 a. m. till 3 p. m. B. L. Locke will as usual smoke with his friends on Thanksgiving day.

There will be no wedding in Mexico Thanksgiving day as far as heard from.

Rev. Mumpower will hold Thanksgiving services at Pleasant Grove church.

Oyster supper at the Liberty St. M. E. Church Thursday Thanksgiving eve.

R. S. McConnell is in the general merchandise business at Greenleaf, Kansas.

B. C. Johnson, our accommodating Circuit Clerk, has been working day and night lately.

Wallie Dearing went to St. Louis last night. He will go into the mail service at once.

Mrs. S. E. Pearson severely bruised her face by falling over a plank in her store Tuesday.

Richard Sappington, of Centralia, will move to this city shortly, and will engage in business.

The post-office will be closed Thanksgiving day except from 7 to 8 a. m., and 4 to 5 p. m.

The Ladies' Exchange will give an oyster supper at the Baptist church December 16th and 17th.

The LEDGER will give \$20 for the history of a certain joke on J. A. Glandon. It is well worth the money.

The preliminary examination of Wm. Bybee will not be finished today, and the court will adjourn until Friday.

Rev. J. C. Maple, of Marshall, Mo., formerly of this city, has gone to Keokuk, Iowa, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church.

Miss Mattie Saunders is back in the post-office. Wallie Dearing having accepted a position as mailing clerk on the Wabash. Miss Mattie is very accommodating.

Dr. French will not appear against A. J. Smith, now in jail for burglarizing his house. He thinks Smith was crazy from whiskey when fooling around his house.

J. T. Nelson has struck a bonanza. The readers of the LEDGER will soon know what it is. We congratulate Tom, who is one of Mexico's liveliest young business men.

Young Charlie Harrison, living a few miles south of town, killed a fine deer Monday with a shot gun. It is the second one killed in that neighborhood in the past few years.

H. Easter has in one of his show windows, a complete Thanksgiving dinner, with chairs for two. The window is lighted by electricity, and, at night, presents an elegant appearance.

You should not fail to hear the little Wonder, Master Gussie Albers, the little 4 year old Violin Soloist at Prof. Goetze's Grand Musical Concert, at opera house, Saturday eve, Nov. 27. Admission, 35 and 50 cents.

The Youngs Creek Masonic Lodge, No. 359, last Saturday afternoon elected for the ensuing year the following officers: W. H. White, W. M.; T. M. White, S. W.; James A. Lewis, J. W.; Jas. A. Craig, Sec'y; R. Bruce, Treasurer; W. M. White, S. D.; C. Householder, J. D.; Ed. Mallory, Ty.

A gentleman named Davis has opened a coal mine east of town, which is paying nicely. He has already reached a vein of 36 inches, which is constantly increasing as the mine is worked. Mr. Davis is confident the vein is a good one. He is selling a great deal of coal in this city, and those who have used it, pronounce it first-class.

The Central Literary and Debating Society was organized and held its first meeting last Friday night. Following are the officers: President, James Craig; vice-president, C. H. Walton; secretary, W. W. Wilson; curator, Mrs. Lizzie Doty; sergeant-at-arms, C. Q. Mallory; janitor, W. S. Walton. Committee on examination, R. P. Doty, Wm. Gant, Mrs. Fannie Keen and Mrs. Bettie Mallory.

Died, at his residence, east of Mexico, Saturday, November 20, 1886, after a long and severe illness, John Shoup, aged 72 years, 2 months and 17 days. The deceased had been a citizen of Audrain county for the past 17 years, and was held in high esteem and respect in the community where he had resided. At the conclusion of the solemn funeral obsequies, held in the Littlefield Methodist church, the remains were laid away to rest in the beautiful cemetery grounds—there to await the coming resurrection of the just.

STEVENS & MITCHELL,

Of Laddonia, Reported to Have Failed—Cause Unknown—A Number of Attachments Filed.

The firm known by the name of Stevens & Mitchell, dealers in general merchandise at Laddonia and Farber, was reported to have changed the name of the firm to J. W. Stevens & Co. Some mystery was connected with change of the name, and it wasn't long before numerous attachment suits were filed in the Circuit Clerk's office. Some of the suits were filed Saturday, but at midnight Sunday the town was full of representatives of wholesale houses, and Circuit Clerk Johnson was busy attending to their wants. We understand the firm claims there has been no failure, but that the store has merely changed hands. It appears that the firm has been buying heavily of late. The following named wholesale firms of St. Louis and Chicago have filed attachments:

- 1. Abe Block & Co. \$ 987.00
2. Rainwater, Bogger & Co. 357.20
3. H. T. Simon, Gregory & Co. 137.20
4. Brown, Dougherty & Co. 684.40
5. Henry W. Meate. 174.15
6. Isaac Leese & Co. 475.45
7. J. D. Levi & Co. 1,270.50
8. Phelps, Dodge & Palmer. 1,171.50
9. E. Rothschild & Co. 335.40
10. Tennant, Walker & Co. 142.30
11. Wardell Grocery Co. 35.20
12. Geo. H. Dutton & Co. 125.90
13. Lopp & Fiersham. 130.90
14. J. W. Anderson & Co. 160.00
15. Myer, Rothschild & Co. 260.00
16. Rice, Sill & Co. 304.54
17. Morris, Siltz & Co. 849.90
18. C. H. Fargo & Co. 1,283.04
19. Schott & Co. 375.40
20. Louis Adler. 817.30
21. H. Franke & Co. 914.87
22. Kohn, Nesham & Co. 675.26
23. Clement Bae & Co. 902.75
24. Hisey & Pollock. 18.00
Total. \$13,220.50

Crow, Hargadine & Co., St. Louis, Morris, Stotler & Co., of Cincinnati, and several other firms have accounts against the firm but do not appear to think it will pay to attach, as "first come first served" is the rule. Those way down on the list are liable to get left.

Special Dispatch to the Ledger. LADDONIA, Mo., Nov. 22.—There is some trouble with the firm of Stevens & Mitchell, and their creditors have put in attachments amounting to about \$8,000. The store is closed, to-day, the Sheriff having locked it up. The firm was doing a large business here, and the exact cause of the trouble we failed to learn.

John Earhart's house on second street, in Laddonia, occupied by Whit Woolwine and family, caught fire Saturday night about 11 o'clock. The cause of the fire is unknown. Some think it was the work of an incendiary for the purpose of robbing; others think it might have been caused by mice eating matches. The fire took place in the back part of the building and was soon extinguished. Loss about \$75 to the building. Had it not been discovered as soon as it was it would have proved the biggest fire Laddonia ever had. This is the second fire Mr. Woolwine has experienced in less than a week; and it looks as if some one wanted to clean him out.

TO THE FARMERS. We wish to insure your property against fire and lightning in as good companies as are in the world, at the following rates:

- Fifty cents per \$100 for one year. \$1.00 per \$100 for three years. \$1.50 per \$100 for five years. Don't pay 25 to 50 per cent higher than above rates and give your note for the premium, which soon falls into hands of attorneys and banks for collection. KILGORE & HOWELL, Insurance Agents, Mexico, Mo. Over Savings Bank. 331ft

New Church at Martinsburg, Mo. The new Catholic church at Martinsburg will be dedicated on Dec. 5th. The church is one of the largest in Audrain county, well finished inside and out. It was erected by Thos. Fagan, one of the best architects and builders in the county. The Catholic church always erects a good building when it builds a church. The audience room is 40x80 and one of the very best.

Why He Left It Open. "Will you mail this for me, my dear?" asked a husband, handing a letter to his wife as she was leaving the house.

"Certainly, love," she answered. "But how careless you're growing, the letter isn't even sealed."

"I left it that way on purpose so that you could read it as you walked to the box," was the sarcastic reply. "for I want it to go by to-day's mail. If I had sealed it you would have brought it home in your pocket and spent all the evening down in the kitchen holding it over the steam of the kettle."

Union Service. Union Thanksgiving services will be held to-morrow at 11 a. m. in the Presbyterian church. The undersigned resident pastors unite in urging all our citizens to come with us to the house of God that we may thank Him for His mercies and blessings and call upon Him for grace for the days to come. Please come prepared to contribute to the needs of the poor in our community.

W. H. TURNER, J. W. HIGGINS, J. C. ARMSTRONG, E. K. MILLER.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Haro, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters. Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Bowel. Only a half dollar a bottle at J. F. Llewellyn's drug store."

Our thanks are due Master Willie Bradley, of this office, for a fine fat turkey. All we need now are the oysters.

HARDIN COLLEGE.

The Proposed Chapel—The Benefit of Hardin College to Mexico—The "Open Session."

The College people most greatly appreciate the liberality of the citizens of Mexico as shown by their presence at the "open session."

Every room in the building is now occupied, so we are informed; and a number of new boarders are expected to turn for the second term. The plan is to turn the present chapel into dormitories, for girls. The additional room is a necessity, and without it Hardin College will be compelled to turn off applicants.

Hardin College brings \$15,000 to \$20,000 to Mexico annually; every dime of which is spent among our people.

The College authorities are endeavoring to furnish educational advantages equal to any in this country. They want the public to see and appreciate this work. For this purpose a public hall or chapel is a necessity.

The visitors at the College during the past week were: Mrs. Finley, LaGrange, Ill. Mrs. Towera, St. Charles. Mrs. McDaniel, Miami. Mrs. Uterback, Vandalia. Rev. J. C. Reid, Vandalia. Mr. Giles McDaniel, Miami. Miss Eva Asberry, Higginsville. Mr. W. F. Morse, Martinsburg. Mrs. W. D. Merrill, Louisiana. Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., St. Louis. Mr. L. B. Ely, Carrollton. Mr. — Ely, St. Louis. Dr. Wm. Harrison Williams, St. Louis.

Mrs. Rudolph returned to her home in St. Louis, after a most delightful visit of two weeks. Excitement in Texas. Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial Bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at J. F. Llewellyn's drug store.

The minister's wife sat on the front porch mending the clothes of one of her numerous progeny. A neighbor passing that way stopped in for a friendly chat. A large work-basket half full of buttons sat on the top of the porch. After various remarks of gossipy nature the visitor said: "You seem to be well supplied with buttons, Mrs. Goodman."

"Yes, very well, indeed."

"My gracious! If there ain't two of the buttons that my husband had on his last winter suit! I'd know em anywhere."

"Indeed?" said the minister's wife, calmly. "I'm surprised to hear it, as all these buttons were found in the contribution box. I thought I might as well put them to some use, so I—what, must you go? Well, be sure and call again soon."

Blaine Against His Own Party. Mr. Blaine says that if he were ever tempted to resort to a sneer he "should direct it, not against the reform of the Civil Service, but against the hypocrisy of those who wish the conditions of that service to be enforced against their political opponents but not against their political friends." This describes the Republican attitude with precision. For twenty-five years they put none but Republicans in office, and as soon as the people voted them out they clamored that "reform" would be violated by disposing of one of them. If Mr. Blaine has a sneer to spare he should certainly bestow it upon this preposterous attitude of his party.

Everybody Likes It. Any person sending fifteen cents to the advertising department of the Wabash Route, St. Louis, Mo., will receive by return mail a handsome, well-bound book, entitled "Social Amusements," containing all the latest and most novel parlor games, charades, etc. The best publication ever issued for anyone giving an evening party.

Wanted. Smokers who are using my "Signature" to always look on the box and see if my signature is on it. A cheaper cigar is being put into Mexico which imitates my goods, but is not the same by any means. See that my name is on every box before you buy. URBAN WEIMER, d65&w-ft.

Back to Business. Dry goods clerk (to young woman customer): "Ah! I believe I had the pleasure of meeting you at a garden party at the Grand Union, Saratoga, last summer."

Young woman: "Will these goods wash, sir?"

Clerk: "Yes, madam."

Uncle John Gregg has just returned from Fort Scott, Kansas, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Sanford. He shows us some fine white sugar, made at that place from sugar cane.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. F. Llewellyn.

Mr. John Ryley, advance man for "Bound to Succeed" company, was in the city to-day, making arrangements for the appearance of his troupe, which is a good one.

An elegant line of new parlor goods just received at C. Wade's; which we bought at reduced prices and expect to sell the same way.

We Are Prepared!

Overcoats!

for everybody, in all sizes and all grades, from \$2.50 upwards. Suits for the boys, for the youth, for the regular-size man; suits for the fat men and suits for the lean men, in large assortments are being sold by us now at reduced prices. Underwear at 25c and 50c, and on up. The largest array of Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods in Mexico. Call and see us.

Joe & Vic Barth, CLOTHIERS.

ATTEMPT TO POISON.

E. C. Buckner and Family, of This City, Victims of Strychnine or Arsenic Poisoning.

From the Fulton Daily Telegraph. Last Tuesday morning, while C. B. Buckner, of Brownsville, formerly of this place, was sitting at the breakfast table, he was seized with violent retchings, and in a moment or so later his wife and little boy were similarly affected. A physician was immediately summoned, who declared that they were victims of strychnine or arsenic poisoning. Antidotes were at once and continually administered, and the parties recovered. The poison was traced to a piece of breakfast bacon, and as the family had eaten off the same piece for supper the night before without any ill effects, the conclusion is that it was purposely prepared sometime between supper and the following morning. The physician who attended Mr. Buckner states that all that prevented the poison from resulting fatally was that the parties, in their eagerness to accomplish their hellish object, administered an over dose.

Go early and reserve your seats for Prof. Goetze's Grand Musical Concert, and hear the beautiful solos on the different instruments. No extra charge for reserved seats, for sale at usual place.

Erastus Brooks Reported Dead. New York, Nov. 24.—It is reported that Hon. Erastus Brooks died at his home on Staten Island yesterday morning.

Go to C. Wade's for furniture and collars.

E. Raedy, of Rush Hill, has moved to Wellsville.

Turner, Smith & Co. have the largest line of Fur Caps in town. Their prices are the lowest. 32w-ft.

Turner, Smith & Co. will sell you Overcoats from \$2 up. They allow no one to undersell them. 32w-ft.

For something nice, warm and serviceable, in gent's underwear, call on Turner, Smith & Co. 32w-ft.

No medicine is half so good for a great variety of family complaints as Ayer's Pills. They are easy to take, effective to cure, and are cheap and handy.

Go to C. Wade's for everything in the furniture line, who also carries a complete line of undertaker's goods. Picture frames, window shades, &c., at lowest prices. 33-4t.

Mrs. F. W. Ingham, 472 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill., recommends Red Star Cough Cure, a few doses of which gave her entire relief from a violent cold. Price, 25 cents.

Attention, Ladies. G. Kabrich & Co. have this day received the finest line of ladies' short wraps ever brought to Mexico; will sell cheaper than St. Louis. d75-3t&w31-3t.

Attention! Patrons, we have bought from the Brown Tobacco Co. their latest plug, 4 cent. Stag Head tobacco; guaranteed to be the best Navy plug on the market. BICKLEY & MOORE.

Well, says Jumbo, "did you see that big 'backer that little man sold for C. Paul the other day?" "No," "Well, you just go there; you can buy more for 10 cents, than you can carry off."

For Sale. Sixty fine graded Galloway calves and yearlings for sale. 4 miles north-west of Cedar, Lafayette county, Mo. Wm. C. Weiss, Corder, Mo.

I will sell at public auction, at 2 o'clock p. m. Dec. 1, 1886, at east door court house, Mexico, Mo., fifty shares of the Mexico and San Juan Mining Co., belonging to Oden Guitler, of Columbia, Mo., for non-payment of calls. J. F. LLEWELLYN, 33-3t.

G. Kabrich & Co. the cheapest house in Mexico, have just received a large line of wraps and sell them much cheaper than any house in Mexico. They also have the finest line of ladies' dress goods in the city. 33-3t.

\$5,000 Worth of Goods Bought for \$1,694. Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Company are the lucky buyers of the entire stock of the late firm of M. E. Botte, and will be opened up at the Ricketts & Emmons Dry Goods Co.'s store to-morrow. Look out for the biggest bargains of the season.

"Michael Strogoff." Mr. G. C. Siskie, while playing the leading part in "Michael Strogoff," at Oakland, Cal., because so hoarse from a severe cold that he despaired of being able to continue his part. Two bottles of Red Star Cough Cure entirely cured him. Does not nauseate.

BEAVER DAM TALKER.

BEAVER DAM, Nov. 23.—Hiram Threlkeld lost one horse feeding on 5.

W. D. Harrison is feeding one car of cattle and one of hogs.

The Methodist people of this portion of the county are building a church near Cedar Grove school house.

R. Herring sold to Edmonston & Northern 29 hogs at \$3.25 per hundred. Also S. I. Smith 7 head at \$3.25 to same.

This is the season for the late Josh Billings' "punch pie with nutmeg in 'em."

Beaver Dam Lyceum seemed to be the center of attraction last Friday night, the house being well filled by many persons from a distance. Questions Resolved, "That the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors should be prohibited."

After a discussion of some length, Judges decided in favor of Negative.

After recess of 10 minutes, the paper, Beaver Dam Agitator, edited by Miss Jennie Atkins and Miss Lenie Wright, contained much solid thought as well as many good jokes and read in such a way that we could find no criticisms to offer.

The very unexpected death of Robt. Hood, which occurred at his residence Friday evening, has cast a gloom over this vicinity. Although he had been sick several weeks, no one thought his sickness would prove fatal until a short time before his death. Deceased was 25 years old. Early in life, at the age of 15 years, he confessed religion, and at the age of 22 years, joined the Baptist church, and after locating in our midst, was soon elected Deacon in Beaver Dam church, which office he faithfully discharged. The funeral services took place at Beaver Dam church Sunday, at 11 o'clock, conducted by Bro. Frank Smith, of Mexico. Deceased was interred in Beaver Dam cemetery. PURLLA.

MARTINSBURG MUSINGS. Correspondence of the Ledger. MARTINSBURG, Mo., Nov. 23.—O. P. Smith was in town last week superintending repairs upon his store building lately purchased by P. H. Gantt.

Mrs. W. T. Henson has returned from a visit to friends in the country.

Miss Lizzie Wright returned on Thursday from St. Louis, where she has been for several months, under treatment for rheumatism. She is much better.

Mrs. Carl, of Sarcoxie, Mo., visited friends here last week.

Miss Ella Hays was visiting in Mexico last week.

Crawford & Co. have made a neat new fence and otherwise improved the appearance of their lumber yard.

J. H. Chrisman has opened a grocery store, and has rented his blacksmith shop to Riley, of Centralia.

Rev. Gay is conducting a protracted meeting at the Methodist church.

J. H. McKnight, of Middletown, has opened a barber shop in the room vacated by Bob Wiley.

Died, at his residence two miles east of this place, on Saturday, Mr. J. D. Elder. His remains were buried in Wellsville. Funeral service by Rev. Willis, of Mexico.

PROGRESS ITEMS. Correspondence of the Ledger. PROGRESS, Nov. 23.—J. T. Johnson has bought all the hogs in this vicinity, at \$3.30.

The farmers are cribbing their corn. Scarce, but good quality.

Married, Miss Ida Armstrong to Mr. William Gill, at the residence of the bride's father, on last Wednesday eve. A social repast was served to about 50 of their relatives and friends. The writer wishes them a long and happy life, blessed with all ordinary comforts.

We attended the Dye school house debate last Friday. While there we heard, in addition to the regular programme, an excellent paper, edited by Miss Hattie Berry. It was new and at the same time filled with some rich thoughts.

We are reliably informed that Rev. Harsell, Vandalia, will preach at Bean next Sunday night.

A large audience was present at the "Gem" society at Bean last Thursday. The stock law question will be critically handled next night. A paper will be read, known as the "Long Fellows," edited by L. P. Origer, assisted by Miss Lizzie Knickle. We are working for a large subscription, and special club rates will be offered.

The cold days of last week decreased the school average to 10. Smallest yet had. P. MOORE.

Go to C. Wade's for the best and cheapest furniture in Mexico. 33-4t.

Ich, mange, and scratches of every kind cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. A sure cure and perfectly harmless. Warranted by Dobyms & Gibbs, druggist, Mexico, Mo. 31-1y.

A full house should greet Prof. Goetze's Grand Musical Concert, as it will be a musical treat. At opera house, Saturday eve, Nov. 27. Admission, 35 and 50c.

Say, Jack, have you seen that big plug of tobacco that Paul & Co. are selling for 10 cents? No. Well, you just ought to see it; it's as big as your foot.

Are They Snowed Under?

To the Editor of the Ledger. Mexico, Mo., Nov. 23.—In the LEDGER of Nov. 18th is an article signed "Democrat" and headed "Snowed Under," in which the writer claims that the Prohibition vote of Missouri is only 6,000. Now does this man, who is ashamed to sign his name, really think that is the Prohibition vote of Missouri? Was the subject before the people at all? The voters of Missouri are not, now at least, in favor of forming a new party on this question. How long it will take such men as "Democrat" to bring the new party into notice remains to be seen. Prohibitionists think this should not be made a party issue any more than any other constitutional amendment. Before the election the cry of "Democrat" was, "Stick to your party," and we stuck, and propose sticking as long as there is a reasonable prospect to get the question of Prohibition submitted without making it a party issue. If there are only 6,000 voters in the State who desire Prohibition who did not our candidates come squarely out, when called upon, and say they were not in favor of submission? "Democrat" was the advisor of one, if not two, replies to that query. Had it been stated by Mr. Carter that he was not in favor of submitting the question to the people there would have been some good sense in his conclusions, so far as this county is concerned. But the temperance men of Audrain knew they could only rely on Judge Carter on this, or any other question of morality, and every Prohibition Democrat voted for him. If there are so few advocates of Prohibition why not submit the question and have it settled at once for a term of years? "Democrat" says the Legislature should not submit the question; but he is in favor of submission with compensation along with it. Does he think it will take a compensation clause to enable 42,000 votes to defeat 6,000 "Democrat" says 3,000 of the 6,000 are salaried agitators who are doing better financially than in any other vocation they ever followed. It appears to me that the 3,000 payers of the party are wonderfully liberal. The fact is that one-third of 6,000 Prohibitionists can be found in this county, when the time comes, that they can vote on the question, but who are not willing to sever party relations, needlessly, to show their sentiments only, on the question. If "Democrat" has anything more to say on this subject I hope he will argue the question on its merits and sign his own name and not retreat behind his party name, and thus endeavor to create the impression that the Democrat's party, during the last campaign, was engaged in a struggle against Prohibition as its mortal foe. If he conceives that was the issue he will, if he wishes to argue fairly, place the entire vote of the opposition on the side of Prohibition, and then the vote will stand as follows: Whisky and Democracy, 229,125; anti-whisky, 194,700.

This makes quite a different showing, and much fairer than "Democrat" figures. But I and 75,000 other Democrats object to any such arrangement as will class us on the whisky side of the question. It is also fair to suppose that an equal number of opposition votes will object to being classed on the side of Prohibition.

If "Democrat" wishes to argue this question through the LEDGER and will sign his own name, I, for one, will be pleased to hear all the reasons that can be given on his side of the question, for what I greatly desire is more light. JOHN H. HAYDON.

HAPPY HOLLOW ITEMS. Correspondence of the Ledger. HAPPY HOLLOW, Nov. 22.—Roads good and farmers busy cutting Christmas wood.

And Matthews' residence is nearing completion.

John Bradley's barn is nearly done. It is one of the best in the county.

We learn that Harvey Wiseman will spend the winter in the South for the benefit of his health.

Clifton Jesse has a horse that has been sick for months. No one knows what is the cause. Good horse, too.

Mrs. C. Scott is suffering with a very sore hand.

Big spelling match next Friday night. The boys and girls from miles around will be present.

We are pleased to know that the Jesse School House Debating and Literary Society is flourishing. Last Friday night one of the largest and most fashionable audiences ever assembled in any school house was present at this house to witness the exercises of the evening. First a debate, Resolved, that woman should have the right of suffrage. Jim Fletcher, Jerry Brown, Will Jesse, John Vanderford and Frank Jesse participating in the debate, and Misses Engie Jesse, Dee Davis, Sallie Ware, Lucy Jesse, Grace Armstrong, Lizzie Sallie, Emma Vanderford, Sallie Milligan, Elwyn Scott and Edward Rodhouse participating in the literary exercises. Every one was highly pleased and will come again.

Jerry Brown is a fluent, dignified orator and handled his subject well. In fact, he was so pathetic in his remarks that one young lady shed tears of joy. We don't see how she could do so. Will Jesse, with a little more training, will be immense. Frank Armstrong is a hard student and makes "somehow" every time he takes the floor. Prof. Vanderford is no speaker but he makes good argument. Jimmie Fletcher is also a fluent talker but no orator. Frank Jesse always gets to the front. Miss Engie Jesse, a decided brunette and a handsome young lady, and Miss Dee Davis, a charming blonde, had two of the best productions of the evening, though all did well and the entertainment was highly creditable to the school.

The small boy who plays circus with the "trick-goat" in his back yard should see the St. Jacobs Oil bottle is not empty.

Three hundred ladies' and misses' cloaks at the Famous that will be sold at lower prices than shown before this season, all new stock.

Competition Laid in the Shade!

And the Fact Fully Demonstrated that

C. B. MORRIS, on the South Side,

Now has by far the Largest and Most Carefully selected