THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 1887.

TALKS WITH STOCKHOLDERS

The Ledger Interviewing Corps at Work Again—The Result.

The LEDGER last week interviewed a number of the stockholders in the Mining Company, in order to ascertain the general opinion as to what course the Board of Directors should take. As will be seen, a large number favor letting the directory dispose of the matter as it sees fit, though a number of other opinions are set forth:

A. G. Turner: (Five shares.) I have implicit confidence in the judgment of the directors, and am willing to abide by any action they may take.

W. J. Rixey: (Five shares.) I am willing to leave the matter to the board of directors.

W. W. Harper: (Ten shares.) I am in favor of leaving the matter to the directors. I would favor making a donation to the Godfrey plow factory or the Masonic Home.

Woodward & Son: (Ten shares.) Buy the lot and give hole and rest of money to some good manufacturing interest.

G. D. Ferris: (Twenty-five shares.) We have gone far enough to know that the hole is a failure; now lets stop and try something else. Wolf has done his best, now pay him off.

G. Leslie Ferris: (Ten shares.) For years the cry has been, "no water for manufacturing purposes;" now we have water. Buy the lot and inside of 12 months it will attract manufacturing interests of some kind. I think we have done well to secure such an abundance of water.

A. M. Harrison: (Ten shares.) I helped elect the directors, and I think they are in every way competent.

Jas. Pasqueth: (Five shares.) I am willing to stand by the directors. I did not go into the company expecting to make a fortune I; wanted to see if we had any coal under us.

W. I. Paul: (Five shares.) I will be satisfied with any course pursued by the directors.

H. Easter: (Five shares.) I want to see a 3,000-foot hole put down. I don't care whether it is on Flat Rock, or at another place. Am willing to double my subscription to this end. I am not saisfied with the result.

D. E. Shea: (Two shares.) I am not sufficiently posted to express an opinion. I am perfectly willing to leave the matter to the directors, in whom I have great confidence.

J. G. Lakenan: (Lakenan & Barnes, twenty-two shares.) I am willing to stand by the directors. I have not studied the matter sufficently to express an opinion further than this.

Joseph Murray: (Five shares.) I am in favor of putting the hole down 3,000 feet, according to contract.

Houston & Trimble: (Ten shares.) We are in favor of leaving the matter to the directors. That's what we elected them for.

C. E. Purnell: (Twenty shares.) I favor letting the directors attend to this matter. If they do not feel like it, then let them call a meeting of the stockholders. If the work cannot be finished, I think the money could be placed in some other way, which would be of great advantage to the city.

Major Lawder: (Five shares.) I have been to Colorado for some weeks, and am not prepared to give an intelligent opinion on this question. I am willing to abide by whatever action the directors choose to take. If they do not care to undergo the responsibility, then let a meeting of the stockholders be called and the matter settled.

J. F. Llewellyn: (Five shares.) I think it would pay the company to buy the ground, if it can be had at a reasonable figure; if not, I favor filling up the hole. The directors were not interviewed, as they do not care about expressing themselves until a board meeting has been held. The directors are Rufus Hisey, president, J. C. Bassford, vice-president; A. C. Barnes, secretary; H. A. Ricketts and C. F. Clark.

ADJOURNED.

The Anti-Horse Thief Association Meeting Comes to a Close To-day.

The anti-Horse Thief Convention which opened at Kabrich's Opera House Wednesday, adjourned Thursday at eleven o'clock. The business transacted at both sessions was of a routine order, of no interest to "outsiders." Just previous to adjournment, the election of officers took place, resulting as follows:

Grand Worthy President, L. W. Sumners, of Monticello. Vice-President, Dr. J. F. McWilliams, of Mexico. Secretary, T. E. Curd, of Palmyra. Treasurer, J. W. Bird, of Chillicothe. Marshal, A. P. McIlhenny, of Unionville.

All the delegates express themselves as delighted with Mexico and her hospitable citizens. They were handsomely entertained while here.

Joe Bryan.

From the Monroe City News.

If reports be true Joe Bryan of the Hannibal *Journal* will be the next bachelor editor to ask for the appointment of a female guardian. Then poor Walter Williams of the Boonville *Advertiser* may take courage.

Some hungry person—not a member of the Hungry nine—got into Tom Yates' residence, just east of Mexico, about 1 a. m. Thursday and helped himself to all he could eat.

MISSOURI GRANGE.

Resolutions Adopted as Offered by an Audrain Man.

SEDALIA, Mo., Oct. 19.—The second day's session of the Missouri State Grange convened at 10 o'clock this morning, D. N. Thompson, Master, presiding.

The following resolutions were introduced by Wm. W. Webb, of Audrain County, and adopted:

Resolved, that the next General Assembly be requested to provide uniform text books for Public Schools of the State at cost.

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to secure representatives in accord with this resolution.

Circuit Court.

H. F. Woodward vs Willard Barton, continued generally by consent.

E. S. Brownfield & Bro. vs. London Insurance Co., venue granted to Pike county.

C. T. Boal vs G. M. Gill, continued generally.

Sam Swan vs Fannie Swan, continued.

At Zimmermann vs L. Zimmerman, continued.

Chas. Erbs vs Nancy M. Erbs, continued.

Thos. Yates vs Jno. H. Field, verdict for defendant.

F. E. Martien vs E. B. Norris, dismissed by consent at defendant's cost.

F. E. Martien vs Jno. J. Steele, same.

F. E. Martien vs Wm. H. French, same.

F. E. Martien vs C. Berry, same.

Louvina Woods vs Levi H. Woods, continued.

State of Mo. vs Wm. Bybee, continued to Jan. term, 1888.

Sheriff acknowledges the following deeds, viz: To Cecelia Hendrix, B. H. Wilder & Son, 2, Geo. Robertson & J. G. Trimble, W. G. Jackson, Melinda Duley.

Rufus Hisey vs C. and A. R. R. dismissed.

Thos. Dyke vs Jos B. Botkin, dismissed at defendant's cost.

Inference.

A fellow who is considered soft, speaking the other day of the many inventions which have been made by the present generation, exultantly wound up with:

"For my part, I believe every generation grows wiser; for there's my father, he knowed more'n my grandfather, and I believe I know more'n my father did."

"My dear sir," remarked a bystander, "what a fool your grandfather must have been.

There is in every one something truly deserving of commendation, and in most persons there is much. If men do not find it out, it is because they have so little penetration or because they are so much more eager to discover faults and follies than excellences. All that they need is to turn the same lenient eye upon others that rest upon themselves, and abundant grounds for approval will be manifested.

Saline County Wet.

MARSHALL, Mo., Oct. 19.—The returns from the voting precincts of the county show a majority of 61 votes against the Wool local option law, yesterday. A big vote was cast and the result a surprise to both sides, it being the general opinion that the county would go for the bill. At the election in this city October 11, the bill carried by a majority of 29.

Columbia is to have a "gas" well. A contract for a hole 1,000 feet deep has been signed.

W. G. (Bug) Herndon, formerly of this city, is with Richmond & Brown, Fulton.

Born to Isaac Jessie and wife, a boy.

Dead Shot in Battle.

When we [illegible] the Brock road in trenchments a man a few files to my left dropped dead, shot just above the right eye. He did not groan, or sigh, or make the slightest physical movement, except that the chest heaved a few times. The light went out of his face instantly, leaving it without a particle of expression. It was plastic, and, as the facial muscles contracted, it took many shapes. When the man's body became cold, and his face hardened, it was horribly distorted, as though he had suffered intensely. Any person who had not seen him killed would have said that he had endured extreme agony before death released him. A few minutes after he fell, another man, a little farther to the left, fell with apparently a precisely similar wound. He was straightened out and lived for over an hour. He did not speak. Simply lay on his back, and his broad chest rose and fell, slowly at first, and then faster and faster, and more and more feebly until he was dead. And his face hardened, and it was almost terrifying in its painful distortion. I have seen dead soldiers' faces which were wreathed in smiles; and heard their comrades say that they had died happy. I do not believe that the face of a dead soldier, lying on a battlefield, ever truthfully indicated the mental or physical anguish or peacefulness of mind when he suffered or enjoyed before his death. The face is plastic after death, and as the facial muscles cool and contract they draw the face into many shapes. Sometimes the dead smile, again they stare with glassy eyes and lolling tongue and dreadfully distorted visages at you. It goes for nothing! One death was as painless as the other.—*Recollections of a Private.*

The Lady Editor's Perplexity.

I will here state that since the first issue of my little journal, sixty-four, more or less, direct offers of marriage have been made to me, all from parties I never saw or heard of. From such a list I could undoubtedly select a curiosity worthy of mummifying. But the plain, naked truth of the case is that when I was just passing out of my teens, a few years since, I actually met a crank face to face. He had the fearless courage to vocalize his offering, and, it being the first, with no guardian angel to impress my dreams of the deluge which was to follow, I at first positively refused, directly relented, shortly acquiesced. The fact is, I am married and have three youthful daughters and a husband. Gentlemen, don't become desperate; there are hundreds and thousands of chances left for you yet.—*Douglasville (Ga.) Industrial Woman.*

The Cork-Oak in California

The growth of cork-oak in California is not a matter of experiment; its success was demonstrated long ago. The distribution of cork acorns by the patent office about twenty-five years ago may not have accomplished much in other parts of the country, but it gave us a start, and there are now trees yielding cork and bearing acorns at a number of different places in the State. There are trees growing on Mr. Richardson's place at San Gabriel. There were samples of cork and acorns shown at the Sacramento Citrus Fair by H. A. Messenger, of Calaveras county. There are trees of similar age in Sonoma, Santa Barbara and Tulare, and perhaps other counties. The State University is growing seedlings from California cork acorns, and will be likely to have the trees for distribution next year. There is no doubt about the adaptation of the tree to the State as the widely separated places named above all furnish proper conditions for its growth. It is of course a crop of which one has to wait some time to gather, and therefore needs patience in the planter.

All the corkwood of commerce comes from the Spanish Peninsula, where the trees abound, not only in cultivated forests but also grow wild on the mountains. The tree is like an American oak, with leaves similar to the oak, and acorns. It takes ten years for the bark to become a proper thickness to be manufactured into bottle-stoppers, life-preservers and seine-corks. When stripped from the tree it is to be boiled for two hours, cured in the sun for a week and pressed into flat pieces for baling and shipping. The denuded trunk, like a hen robbed of her eggs, does not sink or quit the business, but throws out a fresh covering for a fresh spoliation. One tree has been known to yield half a ton of cork-wood. One pound of cork can be manufactured into 144 champagne corks, the baled bark is sold to cork manufacturing centers. The most extensive manufactory in America is at Pittsburg. Besides the ordinary demands for cork-bark, a good supply of the buoyant material, after being burned to make it still lighter than the original bark, is shipped to Canada and New England, where it is made into seine corks. The average annual importation of cork-wood into this country, entirely at the port of New York, is 70,000 bales a year. A bale weighs 160 pounds and is worth on this side of the water $20, making a total value of the importation of $1,400,000. It comes in duty free.—*Pacific Rural Press.*

In a Capuchin's Tomb.

A Rome letter says: The Capuchin brother, attired in his long habit of coarse brown frieze, his waist encircled by a hempen rope, his stockingless feet bound in sandals, his untrimmed beard and shorn head bare, except for a diminutive skull-cap, is a familiar sight on the streets in Rome, which he patiently traverses, carrying an earthen pitcher as a receptacle, while he begs alms from house to house.

There is a peculiarly stolid expression on the face of these men, as though everything human, or, at all events, everything bordering on the highest attributes of humanity, had been stamped out of their nature, leaving a mere machine—an unwashed one at that.

The Church of the Fraternity is in the piazza of the same name in the immediate vicinity of the Piazza Barberini. It was founded by Cardinal Barberini, brother of Pope Urban VIII. in 1624—the same cardinal who was the friend of Milton when he visited the Eternal city in 1638. The church contains the tomb of the founder and many remarkable treasures of art, including the magnificent painting by Guido, representing "Michael the Archangel Trampling the Devil"—the latter a portrait of Pope Innocent X., for whom the painter seems to have had an inveterate hatred.

Passing through the church a few steps to the right will lead you to as ghastly and at the same time as grotesquely horrible a spectacle as the most morbid searcher after flesh-creeping experiences can possibly desire. A series of four connected small apartments, the floors of which are made of earth said to have been carried from Jerusalem, contain the horrors I speak of. The walls and ceiling are liberally decorated with ornamented devices constructed by cunning workmen out of human bones. The bones of the vertebra, wrists, and ankles are arranged so as to describe circles and curves. These figures are interspersed here and there with skulls, femurs and humerus, tibias, fibulas, ulnas and radius.

The same horrid ornaments are arranged around the person of a deceased brother, who appears suspended against the middle of a wall, incased in the coarse brown cloth, the garment he lived, died and was buried in. The dry skin clinging to the face of the skeleton grins in horrible mockery as the living brother, his former companion in the flesh, conducts you around this decorated charnel-house. He looks as though he chuckled over the fact of having been released from the grave below to give place to a brother more recently defunct, for it is the rule of the fraternity—who are compelled to make a small burial ground meet the requirements of the order—when a death takes place to dig up the longest interred to make room for his successor.

There is a quality in the earth employed that has the effect of preventing decay of the body, drying it up in mummy fashion, and preserving the hair, presenting a far more horrible effect than if bleached bones were presented to view.

There is a weird uncanniness about this strange mixture of the living and dead, and the latter divested of solemnity by environment of ornamental osteology, while the air of the survivor seems toned down to an unnatural sepulchralness—a sort of half-way condition between life and the tomb.

A Feat of Engineering.

The Sukkur bridge has just been completed at the works of Messrs. Westwood, Baillie & Co., London yard, Poplar. The bridge, which is on the cantalever principle, is to be constructed over the Kohrt pass of the Indus, at Sukkur, on the line of railway from Kurrachee and Attock. A noticeable feature about the work is the erection of probably one of the finest pieces of scaffolding which has ever been built, and which has been a conspicuous object on the banks of the Thames at Poplar and for miles around. It is 400 feet long by 120 feet wide and 186 feet high, with about 2,600 loads of timber, which, if laid out, would measure 24 lineal miles, the weight of the bolts, nails, and other ironwork being about 40 tons. The contract has taken about two years to complete the bridge having to be temporarily erected at the works previous to being sent out to India.

Self-Sacrifice in Fiction and Fact.

The girls in one of the junior classes of the Normal College were requested a few weeks ago to name the female character in any novel or drama they had read which left the strongest impression on their minds. Two of the responses ought to be carefully considered by all who are opposed to what are sometimes termed "light and frivolous reading." One girl, apparently 18 years old, said: "I prefer the character of Romola to any other that I have read." When asked to give her reasons she replied: "Because she was so good, so noble, so self-sacrificing." The other girl, perhaps a year younger, said she liked the character of "Rebecca in 'Ivanhoe,' because she was so pure, so liberal, and so self-sacrificing." Both used the word self-sacrificing; and, as self-sacrificing is the popular heroism of noble women, it is easy to perceive that these girls had in their own hearts a good deal of that very feeling which they so admired in others.—*New York Epoch.*

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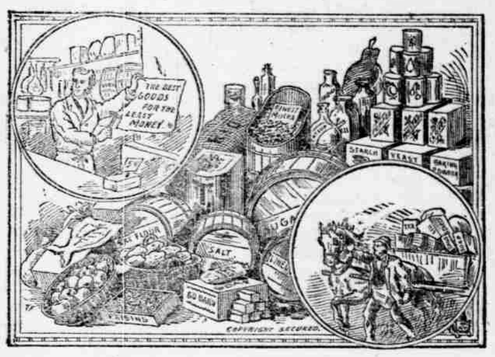

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10	Dyspepsia, Bilious Stomach	
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