

The iron men and small boys with sleds are smiling.

MANY of our best stock men are investing in black nutley cattle and claim that they are the best for all purposes.

The Brookfield Times used over a ton of paper in its New Year edition, which was one of the most complete and readable issues of a country paper we ever inspected.

The prayer meetings every night this week should be well attended. This is the Week of Prayer and the people of Mexico have mutual reasons for properly observing it.

ONLY one assignment, and that a very small one, is a fine business record for a city the size of Mexico. No town of our size can boast of more solid and substantial business men.

HON. C. F. CLARK should enter suit against the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for libel, on account of the "cut" that paper published last Sunday, claiming the same to be his likeness.

BILL SMITH, the St. Louis Republic correspondent at Jefferson City, who has created so much newspaper talk lately in connection with the Governor's message, was formerly foreman on a local paper. Mexico never fails to figure, in some manner, in all sensations.

Nor last year's, but this year's, New York murderers are to be punished by electricity. The first murderer of the present year will be an object of great interest, and no doubt he will be found guilty in order that the new scheme may be given a trial as early as possible.

DICK SPEED, editor of the Nevada Mail, goes to Jefferson City to-morrow to confer with the executive committee of the Missouri Press Association with a view of bringing the annual meeting of editors to Nevada. There is no better place in Missouri than Nevada for such a meeting, and Speed will get what he goes after.

Nor less than a dozen contests for seats in the next House are already outlined, though but one notice—that of Hartstuf (Rep.) against Whiting (Dem.), of the Seventh Michigan district—has been filed with the Clerk of the House. The defeated Republicans who hope to get into the House because their party has a majority are apt to find numerous stumbling-blocks in their paths, the chief of which will be the very narrow margin by which the Republicans hold that body. The Democrats are not apt to permit that margin to be increased, except where the right absolutely demands it.

EVERY teacher in the county should attend the Saturday Institutes. They will be a blessing to all interested in the cause of Education. Take your note book and experience; let others be profited by your knowledge, and if you are in doubt on any question have the teachers discuss the subject in your presence; mingle your thoughts with theirs, exchange ideas, get more enthusiasm. No live, energetic teacher can afford to miss a teachers' meeting. Good teachers mean good schools. Every teacher should strive to become better by associating with the best.

The colored voters have added a new interest to the Cabinet question by demanding a high reward for their unswerving devotion to the Republican party in all national elections. They claim to have won the victory for Gen. Harrison and in return, ask the appointment of one of their number as a Cabinet officer, their favorite being Blanche K. Bruce, ex-United States Senator from Mississippi, and more recently Register of the Treasury. Mr. Bruce is a man of respectability, and has, perhaps, more than any other man of his race who has sat in Congress, the respect of those with whom he associated, but he will get no place in the Cabinet.

HON. CHAMP CLARK, of Pike county, will shortly introduce in the Missouri Legislature a bill providing for the Australian system of voting in this State. In brief, the plan provides that each state, or county, shall print the ballot in a certain prescribed form, containing the names of all candidates and leaving ample space for filling in names. These ballots will be stamped to identify them and penalties provided for counterfeiting ticket or stamp. No person, save the election officers and voters, is allowed in the polling place at one time. Each voter is furnished with one ticket, and no more, unless he disfigures or mutilates his ticket. In that event the one is publicly destroyed in the presence of the officers and another is furnished. This heads off the scheme of "pocketing" a ticket and taking it outside to give it to a friend. The voter is not permitted to take a ticket outside the polling place, nor is he permitted to confer with any person save the officers, and only then, upon his own request, for physical assistance in case he is unable to read or write. There is to be nothing written, stamped or printed on the ballot to indicate who voted it. These are the leading features which Mr. Clark and the numerous other friends of the measure believe will render elections fairer and purer than they now are.

WHEN FRANCIS IS GOVERNOR

Who was it that said anything about California weather or playing base ball in Missouri during January?

ENTRANCES for Clark and Potts' Combination Sale are fast coming in and the sale promises to be even more of a success than it has been heretofore.

The doctors of Paris have at last come to the conclusion that a man suffers no pain after being decapitated. It's a cold day when you can't get some good news from Paris.

A CHINESEMAN has sent home drawings of a pile-driver and instructions how to work it, and hopes the Chinese Government will adopt it as a means of executing criminals.

THERE are several towns in England where they yet ring the curfew bell. It is a very sad, sweet thing. A visitor can be sad without the curfew. He can simply look at his waltz.

"I DESIRE a woman who sleeps forever and never buys!" wrote a protesting clerk in one of the Moberly papers recently. There are probably not a few husbands who like just that kind of a woman.

JOHN CLAY, a Chicago man, said "Ah, there!" to Mrs. Bemont, and she had him arrested. The court held that it was an insult, and he was fined \$50, after which Mrs. Bemont punched his head.

It is a great comfort to the Western farmer to have a Republican newspaper explain his mortgages. If explanations were cancellations, the unfortunate farmer would soon be on the road to permanent prosperity.

NEVADA, one of the most enterprising cities in the West, secured the next meeting of the Missouri Press Association. As we stated several days ago, when Dick Speed, of the Mail, got his town-line out, other towns would do well to leave the track.

Any gentleman in Mexico desiring to erect a house can now secure a loan from the B. & L. Association and borrow money on easy and reasonable terms. There are a number of people in Mexico who should stop paying rent and put up a house of their own.

The demandants of a uniform marriage and divorce law in this country as a cure for the evil too frequent divorce can learn something from the divorce statistics of France. That republic has a uniform marriage and divorce law throughout its entire length and breadth. Yet it had last year 5,315 divorces.

MOORE & NELSON, real estate and loan brokers and abstractors, are doing an immense business. Though a new firm, both of the gentlemen are experienced in the business they have undertaken here and we predict for them a successful career. Their advertisement in another column should be read by everyone at all interested.

THERE is trouble in the camp. It comes to us from Ohio that Sherman hates Foraker and that Foraker hates Sherman, and that the world is razors! This is as it should be. Let the merry war go on until both are exterminated. In all that constitutes unloveliness, it is six of one and half a dozen of the other, and had luck to the survivor!

Gov. MOREHOUSE, in the language of his organ—the St. Louis Post-Dispatch—is doing all he can as he goes out to "get even," and is now making several appointments throughout the State which should clearly be made by Francis. His action is without precedent, and, of course, his object is to appoint men who will be particularly obnoxious to the new administration. Oh, well, man should be humored as much as possible when on his death bed.

Teachers' Institute Programme. The following is the programme of the Teachers' Institute to be held at Benton City on Saturday, January 19, 1889:

10 o'clock, organization and election of officers.

10:45. Utility of object lessons. G. E. Johnson.

11:15. Discussion, T. Clark and others.

12:00. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:15. Parental Co-operation, R. D. Rodgers.

1:45. Discussion, B. W. Torreyson and others.

2:10. Oral teaching, Miss Maggie Torreyson.

2:40. Discussion, Miss Lutie Cave and others.

3:05. Methods of Teaching U. S. History, F. N. Peters.

3:35. Discussion, B. W. Torreyson.

3:55. Essay, Miss Lutie Cave; discussion.

4:40. Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION.

6:45. Opening exercises.

7:00. One view of the Practical in Education, D. A. McMillan.

7:30. Discussion, L. J. Hall, Montgomery.

8:00. Educational wants, S. T. Davis.

Clay and Clark.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Green Clay, of Mexico, represents the Eleventh Senatorial District. He was born in Bergan county, Ky., and graduated at Yale College in 1859 (a classmate of the late Bishop Robertson of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.) He was attending a course of lectures in law at Cambridge when the war broke out. His family was divided on the war issue, his father (a member of Congress) siding with the Union and a brother serving with distinction in the Confederate army. In 1860, Mr. Clay was appointed Secretary of Legation with his uncle (C. M. Clay) to Russia and afterwards served as Secretary of Legation and Charge d'Affaires in Italy, during the unification of the Kingdom. He visited Garibaldi while a prisoner at Capri and befriended him with the good offices of the United States Legation with the Italian Government. Upon his return from Europe in 1867, Mr. Clay took up his residence in Mississippi and engaged in planting until 1880 when he moved to Missouri where he also owned farming property. He was elected to the Mississippi Legislature in 1875 in the great upheaval that redeemed the State from carpet-bag rule and took part in the impeachment of Ames and Davis, the carpet-bag Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. He served two terms in that office. He also served several years as Commissioner and President of the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners, which position he resigned after moving to Missouri. He has been chairman of the Audrain county delegation to four Congressional Conventions preceding the last one. He was always a Democrat.

Cyrus F. Clark, of Mexico, represents Audrain county in the Assembly. He was born in New Hampshire, November 17, 1847. His parents moved to Clermont county, Ohio, in 1854. Mr. Clark was raised on a farm and his education was limited to the public schools of that county. When he was 19 years of age he came to Missouri and went to work as a farm hand, but in a short time engaged in teaching school and continued in that profession for six years. During that time he taught one year in Texas. Since then he has devoted his time to farming and stock raising, in which he is now engaged. He has served in the City Council at Mexico. Mr. Clark is president of the Audrain County Fair Association and president of the North Missouri Fair Association.

"A Master Mason" Closes. From the Editor of the Ledger. MEXICO, Mo., January 8.—As Mr. Magee has not answered any questions, I fail to see the use of continuing the discussion, especially with a man who speaks of the lowest races of men, we find feasts in celebration of the return of spring or the advent of winter. Feasts of this nature are well-nigh immortal. The priesthood, from the most savage people up, has taken advantage of these feasts to further the cause of religion. I have tried to make them significant of important events or epochs in their religious history. We need only refer to the Roman Church adopting Easter and Christmas as representatives of the birth of Christ. The midsummer solstice was celebrated by the heathens in June, the midwinter solstice in December—just six months apart. Here was a chance to cater to Paganism. It was done. The 24th of June was named St. John's day and the 25th of December Christmas. We don't see wherein the Great Light of Masonry did any thing towards settling said days or dates.

We kindly refer "A Methodist and a Master Mason" to "Preston's Illustrations of Masonry," to John Entick's work, published under the Grand Lodge in London, England, in 1756, and Anderson, 1723. "Morris' Dictionary," "Mackey's Ritualist," "Sickel's Monitor," "Mackey's Lexicon," "Rehobd's History of Freemasonry." Any or all of these works will throw a considerable ray of light from the East into the mind of him who will carefully peruse them.

S. MAGEE.

The Escaped Bald Knobber. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., January 7.—James Groves, a cattle buyer well acquainted through the Bald Knob country, arrived here late last night from the Indian Nation on his way to Texas county. He states that a man, who, from the description given him, the knobs to be Wiley Matthews, the escaped Bald Knobber, was seen near Escapahoma, I. T., on last Friday night. The man was half frozen and nearly starved. He stopped at the ranch of a half-breed, where he was given food and an old army overcoat. He slept that night at the old ranch, but continued his journey before daylight. He gave no account of himself.

Col. Green Clay. From the Kansas City Times. Green Clay, of Audrain, and Teasdale, of Kansas City, are said by the ladies to be the most pluri-murderous members of the Senate. Senator Green Clay, of Audrain, will be one of the strong members of the Senate.

Pocket Book Lost. Lost, on the South Side of the Public Square on Monday, the 7th inst., a dark red folding pocket book containing \$76. Liberal reward paid to finder on returning to the LEDGER office.

2d-2d W. HARRY WHITAKER. Game is beginning to make its appearance on the market.

Missouri News.

Macon suffered more loss from fires last year than any other of the smaller cities of the State.

The next general assessment of taxable property in the State is expected to aggregate \$9,000,000.

The Macon Republican enters upon the new year with a religious column edited by one of the ministers of the city.

The Hannibal district conference of the M. E. Church met to-day. About ninety Christian workers are expected to be present.

The youngest married woman in Richmond is 15 years of age and was married more than a year ago. She has a baby three months old.

Damage suits aggregating \$70,000 have been filed in the Circuit Court at St. Joseph. Of this amount \$43,000 are for personal injuries sustained by falling in manholes and slipping on icy sidewalks.

According to the report of Gen. Harding, secretary of the State board of railroad commissioners, the total railroad mileage of the State has reached 6,583 miles. Last year 250 miles were completed.

Dr. S. A. Richmond, who killed Editor Strong, of the St. Joseph Herald, has been released from the insane asylum. He announces that he will not again live in St. Joseph and that his headquarters will be in Chicago.

The Monogram Craze. Considering its extreme youth, the fad of wearing monograms on stockings is an infant of vigorous growth. So long as young ladies chose to encumber the initial letters of their names upon their hosiery in such a position that a low-cut shoe or a high-heeled slipper would reveal the delicate needle-work, it was regarded merely as a fad. But the latest phase of the monogram habit is almost an eccentricity.

It is no longer the correct thing for the wearer's monogram to adorn the slicken covering of the lower extremities. The girls have taken to using their lovers' initials for such decorations. Some of them go so far as to put their lovers' monogram upon one stocking, and their own upon the other. At one recherche gathering recently a dozen girls had their escorts' initials embroidered for that particular occasion, and a few days later the same ladies appeared with other escorts and other monograms to match. All this is very complimentary, and it pleases the boys.

Is Marriage a Failure? From the Youth's Companion. "Marriage a failure! I should say not!" remarked an Oregon woman, whose opinion was desired on one of the great questions of the day.

"Why, there's Lucindy gets up in the mornin', milks six cows, gets breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, likewise some motherless sheep, skins twenty pans of milk, washes the clothes, gets dinner, etc., etc., etc."

"Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gets? Not much! Marriage, sir, is a success, sir; a great success!"

Don't Kiss The Baby. From January Wife-Whisperer. * * * In common with the rest, one day I besought her to give me a kiss. The baby drew herself up with an air and said, "Mamma tells me not to kiss!"

At once the wisdom of the mother impressed me, and one phase of indiscriminate kissing was presented as never before. To touch with lips that might carry with them the breath of illness—the wise mother meant her child should run no such risk.

A Dead Bank Robber. CINCINNATI, Jan. 7.—Ben Hopkins, of the Fidelity Bank, who has just been pardoned out of the penitentiary, died this morning. A short time ago he said: "When I die I want inscribed on my tomb this sentence: 'Murdered by E. L. Harper.' I want that man held up to the execration of honorable men. Let the men scorn him as they would a viper, for he has stung me into the grave."

Mrs. E. Lee, of Page avenue, St. Louis, is in Mexico to spend a month with her daughter and grandchildren.

John Pollard is the owner of a dandy horse that gets out and goes at a fine gallop. The animal is a good looker and trots splendidly.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Jacob Jacob, dec'd, have been granted the undersigned, L. A. Kuhn, by the Probate Court of Audrain county, Missouri, bearing date December 3, 1888.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such claims by the expiration of said year, unless within two years from this date they will be forever barred.

L. A. KUHN, Administrator.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue and authority of transcript execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain county, Missouri, returnable at the January term, 1889, of said court, and to me directed in favor of F. T. Hulet, of, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: The west half of section five (5), township thirty-four (34), range seven (7), west; also, the northwest quarter (1-4) of section three (3), township (30), range seven (7), west; all lying and being in the said county, and State of Missouri; and I will, on Tuesday, the fifth day of February, A. D., 1889, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court House in the city of Mexico, county of Audrain, Missouri, sell the above described real estate, to-wit: The east front door of the Court House in the city of Mexico, county of Audrain, Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash in hand (subject to all prior liens and judgments) to satisfy said execution and costs.

G. W. ADAMS, Sheriff of Audrain Co., Mo.

Trustee's Sale. Whereas, Byron Iams and Winnie Iams, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 20th day of March, 1887, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Audrain county, Missouri, in book No. 12, page 104, conveyed to W. T. Lott, Jr., trustee, the following described real estate, situated and being in the county of Audrain and State of Missouri, to-wit: First, five acres of the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four, township fifty-two, range eight, west of the east half of the west half of a twenty acre land, owned by John M. and Andrew G. Adell to Martha J. Bly, by deed recorded in book No. 107 of records of Audrain county, Missouri, and conveyed by said Martha J. Bly to said W. T. Lott, Jr., trustee, dated March 19th, 1885. Second, a certain tract, situated, section 24, township 32, range 8, miles and bounds, as follows: Commencing for the same at the northeast corner of a certain tract of land, conveyed to A. G. Adell by J. M. Adell, by deed recorded in book No. 6, page 39, of the records of said county, thence east 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, containing one acre, being the same lot conveyed to the said Lou Iams by W. T. Lott, Jr., and Ruth Lott and recorded in book 20, page 135, records of said county. Together with the same, together with the appurtenances, to the said party of the second part, his assigns as successors herein provided, forever. Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure payment of a promissory note in full paid described, and whereof default has been made in the payment of said note, and whereas, under the provisions of said deed of trust in the case of the death, failure or refusal of the trustee named therein to act, the acting Sheriff of Audrain county, Missouri, may, at the request of the legal holder of said note, proceed to sell said property, and whereas, the said W. T. Lott, Jr., is now deceased, now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in pursuance of the provisions of said deed of trust, the undersigned Sheriff of Audrain county, Missouri, will, on

Saturday, February 9th, 1889, at the east front door of the Court House in the city of Mexico, county and State aforesaid, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell the above described real estate at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said note and the costs of executing the same.

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Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain note in full paid described; and whereas, according to the provisions of said deed of trust, the trustee named therein is authorized to sell and convey to the legal holder of said note and interest payable the same because due and unpaid the said real estate, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said interest, which now remains due and unpaid, now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and under the provisions of said deed of trust, the undersigned Sheriff of Audrain county, Missouri, will, on

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This is a good farm and one of the best grass places in the State. Terms reasonable. Will be at the Ringo Corner in Mexico from 1 to 5 o'clock, p. m., on the day above mentioned.

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Trustee's Sale. Whereas, Byron Iams and Winnie Iams, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 20th day of March, 1887, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Audrain county, Missouri, in book No. 12, page 104, conveyed to W. T. Lott, Jr., trustee, the following described real estate, situated and being in the county of Audrain and State of Missouri, to-wit: First, five acres of the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four, township fifty-two, range eight, west of the east half of the west half of a twenty acre land, owned by John M. and Andrew G. Adell to Martha J. Bly, by deed recorded in book No. 107 of records of Audrain county, Missouri, and conveyed by said Martha J. Bly to said W. T. Lott, Jr., trustee, dated March 19th, 1885. Second, a certain tract, situated, section 24, township 32, range 8, miles and bounds, as follows: Commencing for the same at the northeast corner of a certain tract of land, conveyed to A. G. Adell by J. M. Adell, by deed recorded in book No. 6, page 39, of the records of said county, thence east 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, containing one acre, being the same lot conveyed to the said Lou Iams by W. T. Lott, Jr., and Ruth Lott and recorded in book 20, page 135, records of said county. Together with the same, together with the appurtenances, to the said party of the second part, his assigns as successors herein provided, forever. Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure payment of a promissory note in full paid described, and whereof default has been made in the payment of said note, and whereas, under the provisions of said deed of trust in the case of the death, failure or refusal of the trustee named therein to act, the acting Sheriff of Audrain county, Missouri, may, at the request of the legal holder of said note, proceed to sell said property, and whereas, the said W. T. Lott, Jr., is now deceased, now, therefore, at the