



(FARM SCENE IN HOLT COUNTY MO)

HOME NEWS

Mr. Wilson has bought the frame house, now occupied by him, of Henry Richards. Some lengthy communications are crowded out this week. It cannot be avoided—some are precious. The Lever, of Plattburg, gives Senator Vot a skinning for his letter against submitting Prohibition to the people. The hanging of the Talbot boys has been postponed until after the supreme court shall have reviewed the case. Dr. Chester Evans has returned from St. Joseph where he has been attending lectures. He takes charge of the Backherry school for the summer. It is hinted around here that a partnership has been formed by and between Judge Daniel Zoo and the Honorable John W. Stokes, all of Holt county, Mo. We think there is an ordinance against firing off guns and pistols within the limits of the town, yet, occasionally, the reports of firearms, discharged in town, are heard. We hear of any number of R. R. accidents all around us. It is only what may be expected after such a severe winter. The extreme cold relaxing, loosens things up, and there are broken rails, falling rocks, sliding earth, and a hundred other causes of accident. It is said the town can't build a Hall, because "it can not do this, and it can not do that." Did it never strike any one that "can not" is merely an obstacle? Remove the "nots" and you have "can." Said Napoleon, "Nothing is impossible to him who thinks so." Again are heard the clear, musical notes of the "Cardinal red bird," that most delightful of all the song birds of early spring. Though very wild, they are easily encouraged to remain in and around town, so long as the boys do not throw, nor the gunners shoot, at them. Who raises broom corn in Holt? Broom corn is going to revolutionize the world. Three hundred bushels of seed per acre! One half makes the finest flour in the world. The other half is the best feed for cows, hogs, etc. A new process of grinding the seed has been found. "Charity begins at home," says the skin flint, and buttons up his pockets. His home is within his breeches. "Charity begins at home," says the truly benevolent person, meaning by home his neighborhood; and, when he is asked to contribute to the heathen of far off lands, sees first that there are no suffering ones nearer at hand. As spring opens, hundreds of our people are, as usual, waiting for news from the West and Northwest. A special feature of this paper, it is desired, shall be news from every Territory and State towards the setting sun. Friends having news from friends out West, will oblige us by giving in the items of general interest. Decidedly, among the most elegant of all the country newspapers on our very large list of exchanges, is "The Purifier" of Plattsburg, according to our notions. In the quality of the paper, the typographical execution and the selection of matter, there seems nothing left undone to please, amuse and instruct the readers. Every dweller in Holt county is interested in the Barge navigation of our great rivers. Hereafter prices will rule as high at St. Louis as at Chicago, and higher, in consequence of the utilizing of the rivers. This means ten cents more per bushel for wheat, and better prices for corn. We owe this to the genius and energy of one man, Capt. Eads. Those who hope high waters may be prevented by the alternate thawing and freezing, are liable to be disappointed, if such tremendous snow falls as that of last week continue to follow upon every short thawing spell. Unprecedented as is the vast accumulation of ice and snow above us, it is increased now every week, according to reports. So look out—you who are interested. The Editor of the "Maryville Republican" is happy. He has heard a bird sing "pe-wee," and declares beautiful weather it is on hand. "One swallow does not make a spring," nor is every bird that sings "pe-wee" a Pewee bird. The true Pewee sings a heavier, coarser note, while the little bird that has the long, clear cry, "pe-wee," is here all winter long.

If Wisdom's ways you wisely seek, Five things observe with care: Of whom you speak—to whom you speak, And how—and when—and where. John Blum has gone to Forbes—clerking for Ross, merchant of that place. Miss C. A. Wright will learn something to her interest by calling at this office. And again more snow. On Monday morning a very heavy fall began, lasting all day. Mr. J. R. Brink of the Mound City News gave us a call last Saturday. Glad to see him and hope to reciprocate ere long. Rev. Blanchard returned from Kansas last week. He is preaching for a congregation over there during the winter. I and owners of Holt! Every stick of walnut and good timber for furniture is being bought up. Do not sell till you must do so! Watch all timber thives. The Woman's Union is getting up for exhibition the play of "Mutter Goose." We predict it will be a good thing. Due notice of time, etc., will be given. To be played by children. Nothing stays the railway men. If ever we might look for delay in carrying mail and express, 'tis now. We really did not expect our paper to arrive in time this week. But here it is, as if nothing had occurred. A letter from A. Klippel represents him as ruined pecuniarily. A lake overflowed and destroyed a very costly ditch, his sole dependence. As he says: "We can not stay here and we can't get away." Heavy as was the storm of Wednesday night, it was worse north of us. Here about three inches of snow fell, but in Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois the fall was from three to six feet on a level. It began at Omaha at 2 P. M., but did not reach here till 6 P. M. The mild weather of Tuesday and Wednesday last, during which the mercury ranged as high as 54, on Wednesday morning changed to a strong northwest breeze, and, by evening, a high gale and tremendous snow storm, with mercury away down to 18 above zero. The report that a poor woman died at a house next the Fair Ground leaving a child for some one to adopt is incorrect. A lady died there leaving a child and her husband, well able to take care of them both, and he is perfectly able to see after his own child. The husband was greatly indignant at the report. In our young days there were some beautiful names for girls in common use. There was Mary, Jane, Ann, Eliza, Louisa, Bess, Susanna, etc. A woman named Jennie Lind came to America to sing, during the '40s. From the day she arrived, all those beautiful names vanished, and, instead, we have had, ever since, nothing but Jennie, Mollie, Sallie, Susie, Lizzie, Belle, Nannie, Kittie, Snuffie, Gabbie, Follie, etc. Oh, for a change! Correspondents generally have observed our request to be brief; write plainly on one side of the paper only, and avoid personalities. There is one more request. Do not give long lists of all who attend a party, a wedding, etc. This is a growing evil. Every little gathering has a newspaper writer who gives every name. Life is too short, space too brief, to allow this. Since the flood, people's lives have been shortened. "Remember the Flood," and be brief. Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for March is one of remarkable excellence, and the new editor, Rev. Mr. Taylor, has catered most successfully for the edification and entertainment of his readers. There is, as he remarks, "something for everybody, of whatsoever class, or of whatever age. Among the distinguished contributors are the Revs. J. M. Whitoe, R. C. Houghton, W. T. Wylie, T. H. Vall, Bishop of Kansas; C. F. Deems, David Swing, H. Bonar Bishop Peck, etc.; Alfred H. Guernsey, Hattie W. Arnold, Mrs. J. G. Burnett, Josephine Pollard, Frank H. Converse, Louise C. Moulton, etc. The opening article by the editor, "Our Home Heathen," is highly interesting, and equally so is "Scenes on the Danube," by A. Guernsey; both are finely illustrated. But it is impossible to convey in a brief notice any idea of the rich literary and artistic feast prepared by the editor. There are 128 quarto pages and over 100 engravings. A single copy is only 25 cents; a year's subscription, \$8.55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

Maryville has a moot court that meets every Thursday evening and seems to attract quite an interest. Frank Hill, late of Forest City, has moved up to about New Point, and is to run part of the Libby farm, or all of it. The Savannah Reporter heartily seconded our remarks in favor of the establishment of a Juvenile Reform School, for young offenders. Mr. Daniel Hahn was thrown from his mule, as he was going home from Forest, last Wednesday, and considerably bruised up; so much so, that he has had to keep his bed for several days. The Kansas City Times says another railroad war has begun and that the fare from Kansas City to Indianapolis is but one dollar! If so, we here most assuredly are interested in the fact. Look at Frazer, Allen & Co.!! They are "to the front" as they say, of all the houses at Craig, or at Holt county, in the Hardware and Agricultural Implement line. It will pay to go a long way to see their stock before buying. It is complained by several that stock runs at large too much over this town site. Certainly if any ordinance should be strictly enforced, it is the one that prohibits stock from running at large. If one or two are allowed this privilege, the rest of us suffer for it. A complimentary reception was given by the ladies of the Union on the occasion of the removal of two of its members—Mrs. T. J. Peters and Mrs. Frederick. It was a most pleasant gathering, with music and supper. The ladies will miss the delightful intercourse enjoyed through the Union. The Atchison Democrat says that there is more advertising done in "Uncle Charles Fanning's old corn field" than by the business men of Rock Port. Perhaps they are like some of our Oregon merchants, they don't want their business affairs made too public. While cloud is seriously gassing about putting up an Opera House. If the citizens will buy a thousand dollars worth of tickets for the first shows, concerts, etc., to be given in it, after it is put up, and the town will advance one thousand dollars for rent for ten years for Council rooms, then it is to be put up right away. We may be certain of sudden blizzards following upon every warm spell this spring, according to the law of storms. Warm air goes up into the sky and cold air rushes down from cold regions to fill the vacuum. So much cold is now stored up north that it must rush down. This will keep on, and give us some terrible thunder storms as the heat gets greater, until almost perfect equilibrium is restored. We look for cold spells far in towards summer. W. F. Drake of Mound City, announces himself as a candidate for School Commissioner. Mr. Drake is so well and so favorably known to our people, it is not necessary to praise him. So much puffing is done in the papers that no one seems to notice it any more. It is all suspected as though paid for. But any praise we would give Mr. Drake is sincere, disinterested, and agreeable to the feelings of every man, woman and child in Holt county that knows him. Look at this paper! Examine it carefully, inside and out. See the quality of the paper, the clear, neat print. Then for the matter: Can it be surpassed in respect of utility and entertainment? The agricultural articles alone, in such a county as Holt, are worth to its people more than the cost of the paper for a year. Some men sneer at "book-farming," as they call it. Ask such a man if he knows anything. If he says he does then ask him if he can tell what he knows to another. If he can tell, then can not that other write it down? All farming is book farming; that is, it is based on the experience of others. Rain charts based on careful observation for over twenty years show that there has been a steady increase in the rain fall of Nebraska. Taking three points on the North line of the state and running a line slightly diverging to the West, down to the South boundary on longitudes 97, 99 and 101 and we find the annual rain fall has increased from twenty, twenty-six and thirty inches along each line respectively during the ten years from 1859 to 1869, up to twenty-six, thirty-two and thirty-eight inches. Certainly observations taken in Northern Missouri must show the same proportional increase. We would like to have a reliable report as to this.

It is the reading and thinking farmer who wins the prize. Eight inches of snow, on a level, fell on Monday; a very good article too. Warm turpentine poured on a wound relieves lock jaw and pain almost instantly. Reports from Northern Missouri say that peach and cherry trees have suffered severely the past winter. Fortunately the snow does not often visit us, else the nuisance of snow-balling would become intolerable. Mr. J. M. Finley is the duly appointed agent of THE COUNTY PAPER and is authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the same. So far as we can learn there has been but one man in this county who took advantage of the law to encourage the growing of timber. That man lately disposed of his plantation of walnut timber for several thousand dollars. Correspondents must not expect us to publish long lists of names of persons attending every little party. We have now four communications on hand that would occupy the whole paper if printed. We must decline to publish letters written on both sides of the paper. THE COUNTY PAPER is the best paper published, writes William Lawrence, of Craig, when enclosing the money to pay his subscription up to July 1882. That's what they all say; and that's why THE COUNTY PAPER is popular. Holt county needs many things, but, of all her needs, nothing is so badly wanted as one thing; that is, in the power of every little farming community to furnish; and that is, the Farmers' Club. The benefit to each one derived from these assemblies is wonderful. As a sample of the great snow storm of the 3d inst., at some places, we mention that at Wankegan, Illinois, the snow piled up to the second story of houses in the street, and still snowing. Throughout all the Northwest the railways were blockaded as never before. We last Monday sent forward the order for the Flower and Vegetable seeds which we give to those subscribers who select them, under the provisions of our offer to those who pay a full year in advance. The seeds will probably be here early next week, and those to whom they are due will please call or send for them then. Our readers will have noticed that we last week commenced publishing full reports of the grain and cattle markets in St. Louis, Chicago and New York. These reports will be a permanent feature of THE COUNTY PAPER hereafter, and may be relied on as strictly accurate. They will be found on one of the inside pages every week. The most elegant substitute for potatoes which promise to be very scarce, is "sump," or "grit," made from corn. Toss of your oat meal and cracked wheat and mix! They are no where! Cooked like rice for dinner, then put into cakes and re-cooked as you would mashed potatoes, and we will back and stomach it for health, excellence, convenience, cheapness against them all.—Kreek & Watson keep all such things. The effect of a lie well told in a newspaper is wonderful. For instance the story about Royal Biggin and his coffin has certainly been re-published in almost every paper in the Union. Then comes the contradiction which is published in almost as many papers. Thousands of printers have been occupied in setting up the lie and its denial; thousands of sheets of paper have been used. It would be curious to learn how much the whole thing has cost. Those subscribers who have selected our Dictionary gift will have to be a little patient. We sent to the publishers the money to pay for twenty-five copies nearly a month ago, and could not understand why we did not receive them until last Saturday, when we received a letter from the publishers saying the Dictionaries were all out of print—not a copy on hand but that they would have a fresh supply in ten days or two weeks. So we will have to wait. The American Book Exchange sell mighty cheap books, but they have the most incompetent business manager of any firm we ever did business with. The books recently ordered by W. W. Davenport for various parties in this and Atchison counties were shipped from New York on the 2d inst. They ought to get here the last of this week. He also ordered a full supply of nearly all the books published by the American Book Exchange, which he will offer for sale to the public. Look over the list of books in the big advertisement of the American Book Exchange, published elsewhere in this paper, and, if you find there the name of any book you want, call next week and get it.

Rev. Mr. Miller will preach at New Point on next Sabbath, morning and evening. As spring opens there are hundreds of us who want to buy various household, farming and other articles. Especially do those who have moved into the county and those who purpose leaving town for country. THE COUNTY PAPER tries to advise its readers of every sale about to take place in Holt county. At Corning, Mo., on the 29, of March, there will be held a very important sale, by G. G. Burton, of many varieties of hogs, the famous Cholera proof Jersey Red among the number; also of fine blood chickens, Bull Cocker, Brahmas, and others; also some fine milch cows and graded calves, a horse, harness, furniture, sewing machine, photograph apparatus, etc., etc. Farmers, stock men especially take notice. Triumph. Mr. Lavee, who has been teaching at Cracker's Neck, has closed his school, and is among us again. Mr. Willie P. Craig is down on a visit. Think he has some attraction this way. John Patterson intends to move to Craig this week. Our best wishes attend him for we will lose a good citizen. There is a great deal of moving going on in this vicinity now. Lots of changing farms. Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Lesley are on the sick list. Mr. Deany has just returned from a flying visit to Clinton county. One of our young men wanted to get married; so he borrowed a buggy and went after her. He got 'er. We learn that a Mr. Hill of Forest City is going to run the Libby farm this year. The bridge across the Nodaway, near Duncan's mill, went off the other day; awful sorry. The young folks of Triumph had a social party at Mr. Webber's on last Thursday night; some of them stuck in the snow. Alfred Adams are in good demand out here. Come on, young men. Mr. Payne has just returned from a flying visit to Savannah. The funeral of Freddie Davis which was to have been preached at Fairview, on the second Sunday in February, will be preached on the fifth Sunday in May, by Elder W. F. Waite, in the poplar grove, at the residence of his father, John W. Davis. Text will be taken from his words and language. Some of our farmers think fall wheat is all killed. Old 100. Corning. Health is quite good; one more in our village. W. B. Carroll was in our vicinity fore part of last week, selling fire trees. Town council met last Monday night, after a long rest, and put things in working order once more. Joseph Dogre has opened his hardware store, and both house and stocks put on a good appearance. Our village will soon put on metropolitan airs and sport a one horse dray. John H. Aston and "old George" will do the business. It has been almost a week since we have had any fighting or shooting in Corning, but a few weeks since the pugilistic element gathered about Henderson & Co's "drunk shop" and had a knock-down and shooting match every few days. Query:—When Heusdorf & Co., present their petition for renewal of dram shop license, who will be the first to sign it? Richard Exhoben has just closed a very successful term of writing school, and will probably teach one other term. He is a good penman and his pupils improved very rapidly under his instructions. George Hill has lately purchased one of B. W. Sedwick's farms in Atchison, at \$23 per acre. Mail service has been put on the Tarkio Valley railroad, and Corning has become a distributing postoffice. The lion has made a grand feat of the poor little lamb and still prowls around seeking whom he may devour. The poor blue bird has fallen an easy victim, but so far, the tree pecker and lightning rod man roam about at large. Burton. Teachers' Institute. The Holt county Teachers' Institute will be held in Oregon, at the Public school building, Saturday, March 19th. All are invited to attend. All possible pains will be taken to render the exer-

cises entertaining and instructive. Exercises will begin at 9 A. M. PROGRAM: Music, Choir. Prayer, Elder W. T. Maupin. Music, Choir. Model Class in English Grammar, J. M. Latta. Model Class in Vocal Music, W. R. Hoffman. Model Class in U. S. History, S. M. Kinley. Music, Choir. Model Class in Education, J. R. Payne. Philosophy of Teaching, O. C. Hill. Discussion opened by W. J. Schatz. Music, Choir. AFTERNOON SESSION. Music, Choir. Hygiene of the School Room, C. L. Evans. Discussion opened by S. A. Nesbit. Teaching as a Profession, Mrs. S. G. Thomas. Discussion opened by E. H. Evans. Music, Choir. Preparations vs. Actual Results of the Public School System, John Anderson. Discussion opened by W. F. Drake. Paper and discussion to be allowed one hour. Music, Choir. Public School Education vs. Home and Street Education, Mrs. Gardner. Discussion opened by N. Polk. Can the Natural Sciences be taught successfully in Common Schools? Discussion opened by Thos. Miller. Teacher's Field of Labor, Opened by Rev. Duncan Brown. Music, Choir. Difficulties of the Teacher, W. B. Carroll. Our Normal Institute in July, A. I. Miscellaneous business, Query Box. Music. CHAS. COURSON, PRINTER. L. C. IRVING, JOB.

Miss Allie Dulin, last week. Mrs. Susie Jackson, of Oregon, will teach our summer school, success to her. Mr. Calloway, of Iowa, is visiting his Grandparent, Mr. Brown. Mr. Thomas Green and family will leave us early for Matland, where they expect to make their home. We are sorry to lose them, but hope they will be pleased with their new location. Mr. John Cottier, of Minnesota Valley, paid us a flying visit last week. Mr. Robert Mummer, one of the popular and enterprising young men of this community, left for Texas last week. Never mind girls, "We will greet you, he will meet you," when the "slugging comes again." Miss Joe Kiley is teaching the Marion school; her many friends wish her much success. Miss Lizzie Cottier has returned from Mound City, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Holt. Craigs Items. Mr. Goldsberry is keeping hotel again at Craig. A letter to the Gazette from Blackfoot, Idaho, by J. Huba, says: Blackfoot is to be the Leadville of Idaho, because of the splendid mines, near there, in the Wood River region. Over a dry desert a well has been sunk, and travel is frequent and safe where, lately, teamsters had to carry water. The Gazette quotes wheat at 60c. [It is facts, not far below us; and \$1.00 at Chicago, Ed.] Above us, in Iowa and Nebraska, the snow fall of last Wednesday was tremendous. John W. Stokes has joined the Church. Under the Rev. Maupin's auspices he was added to the fold of the Christian Church, last week. Fred Myers is soon to leave Oregon for Craig, his old home. There is a great deal of sickness usual in the bottoms. At Craig, there were five deaths last week. Mound City. Dr. B. W. Ross has moved into the rooms recently occupied by J. W. Spencer and family in the Holbirtz brick. He has fitted up the rooms so as to make a comfortable home. May succeed in his business. The town was partially aroused for a few minutes Sunday morning, by the cry of "fire." Fire had broken out in the Hopkins shoe shop, but was extinguished before much damage was done. Improvements are going on, even during this bad weather, and preparations are making for a rush in building. Fred Neisendorfer has about completed his new shop, and is ready to begin work. County Surveyor, Morris, has made arrangements for an office in the Glenn brick block. One of our, no longer young, widowers is out on the matrimonial ocean again, and thinks he has deserted a harbor near. S. M. Smith has moved his stock of goods into the old Wely Bro's building. Wely Bro's & Co. have taken the Holbirtz brick. There was a pleasant social, at the M. E. Church Friday night last. Our justices are still kept busy. New Point. MR. EDITOR:—"Omiga" is mentioned in reference to a center point, at the DeBolt ford, in your [last] issue. DeBolt is two and a quarter miles south of center from Graham to Holbirtz's bridge; also there are no laid out roads. A New Pointer. Remedy for Scarcity of Fuel. This winter caught all this region poorly supplied with fuel. Think of people at St. Joseph, having to burn furniture—even their bedsteads, as some had to do! Long ago we suggested that every considerable town on this river ought to lay in a supply of fuel against a hard time, so as to sell it at cost to the poor and to all who are out and cannot get any. Every winter large sums have to be given for the poor any how. Again, it is said that the Menonite store gives more warmth, burns profitably straw, hay, stalks, weeds, etc., thus saving four-fifths the usual fuel. If so, such stores ought to be introduced. We require them as much as the prairie folks of West Nebraska. "Grinderpest" is a very appropriate name for the loathsome. The Germans say that more people dig their graves with their teeth than with spades.