An Enjoyable Time.

The Republicans of Lewis township and surrounding county on Friday last ratified the election of McKinley and Hobart. The features of the meeting was the afternoon and night parade, consisting of decorated vehicles, shotgun and umbrella brigade, with the cornet band and drum corps. The best of feeling characterized the meeting. In the procession were those who made some novel election wagers and were on hand to settle their losses. The whole town turned out and cheered the procession as it moved along the line of march. The homes of many of our enthusiastic citizens were decorated, and at night were brilliantly illuminated. It was only on Wednesday that a few of our citizens decided on the ratification, and notwithstanding the short time to arrange for it, it was one of the most complete successes ever attained in this line, in our city, and no four men did more to bring about such a success than did Frank Graham, Ed. Fiegenbaum, Ciel Molter and Lee Polk; some of the rigs were handsome beyond description, and had there been a week's time given, we verily believe there would have been 100 light rigs, handsomely decorated in line. The streets were crowded from noon to midnight, and every conceivable instrument for producing noise of a discordant and resounding character was brought into fullest play, and bedlam reigned supreme.

Spicy speeches were made by Messrs Alkire, Murphy and others, and Ed. King, Mr. Punshon, Bickham and Dan Kunkel, entertained with their campaign songs. The demonstration was a magnificent one and made the heart of every true Republican well up with honored pride and patriotic gladness.

Election Bettors to be Punished

Judge Anthony's instructions to the grand jury last Monday morning at the opening of court treated upon three subjects that are of general interest, and considerable comment upon what he said, especially with reference to drug stores and betting on elections, has been indulged in this week. Good roads, the liquor laws and betting on elections all came in for their share of consideration.

Judge Anthony's remarks on the "good roads" question were so good as to be worthy of reproduction. He called the attention of the grand jury to the fact that it was its duty to discover in what way the roads of the county are kept, and to return indictments against those, either individuals or public officers, who are responsible for bad condition of the public highways, that exists in various parts of the county. The court instructed the jury that parties who plowed up the public highways threw hedge or brush in them, or in any other way obstructed them, and that road overseers who allow bridges or roads to go unrepaired, and thus endanger the lives or limbs of the traveling public, have committed indictable offenses and should be rigidly held to account. This was made more necessary, he said, because persons who are injured by obstructions to the highways have no lawful redress guaranteed them. Of course they can bring suit for damages, but this involves them in litigation and most people do not care to go to law, excepting under extreme circumstances.

Those familiar with the condition of roads and bridges in various parts of Nodaway county will appreciate the justice and timeliness of Judge Anthony's instructions upon this point, and his excellent good roads lecture should be heeded by the citizens of the county.

Touching upon the betting that usually occurs before elections, Judge Anthony said it always became necessary for the court to give attention to this species of gambling after an election has occurred. He condemned gambling of all kinds, betting equally with other forms, and gave the jurors to understand that they would not fully have performed their duty until they had brought to justice those who had engaged in it. To catch men who bet is not always the easiest of matters, however, and it is barely possible that the number of indictments returned would be greatly increased were it possible for the law to get within its clutches all who backed their hopes and judgment with their coin.

In reference to the liquor laws, the court said it was a matter of common rumor that their provisions were being systematically violated in Nodaway county. He explained to the jury the law bearing upon the sale of intoxicants in saloons, drug stores and gallon houses and instructed them that if any violation of these laws came within their knowledge, or if, in their investigations, they discovered that there had been illicit sale of liquors, it was their duty to indict the violaters of the law, whether drug store keepers or otherwise.

The court's reference to these three subjects were a trifle sensational and made chills travel up and down the backs of some of the people who have violated one or the other laws referred to, and who did not know but the jury in its investigations might strike a warm trail leading directly to their home or place of business. But nothing sensational has yet been evolved from the jury's work.—Maryville Tribune.

The Coming Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute is to be held in this city, Monday and Tuesday, December 1st and 2d. The meeting is to be held under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture. Sessions are to be held in the forenoon, afternoon and evening, of each day.

These meetings are for the discussion of agricultutral topics, a free interchange of opinion as to existing conditions, the best and most profitable way of handling herds, growing our stock, conserving our soils, and considering such other action as will continue our grand old state in the front ranks among the live stock breeders and agricultural products of the world.

The lecturers are practical men, well versed in the subjects they will present, but they are not employed with a view to dictating to farmers, but rather to meet them for mutual conference, a consideration of subjects in which they have a common interest and a reasoning together for the full development of Missouri agriculture. They will advise only what they have demonstrated to be profitable and what has proved successful with them. Come out and hear them, farmers of Holt county, and counsel with them and with one another, that you may profit by the mistakes others have made, avoid an unprofitable repetition and agree upon the road to success.

There should be a large attendance of the farmers of Holt county at these meetings. A large amount of good can be accomplished by the conferences held at these meetings. They are for your benefit, and all the good possible should be got out of them. It is designed that a good display of the products of Holt county be made at this meeting. Make arrangements to attend the sessions and bring some of your best specimens of products along.

Mr. Murray, of this city, who is one of the corps of lecturers, in a pleasant note to us, states that the meetings thus far have been great successes, and hopes for the same at the Oregon meeting. He also informs us that the state board will award ten to fifteen premiums on grain, fruits and vegetables and hopes that Holt county will compete Mr. Murray authorizes us to make the following premium offers for him personally, for display of chrysanthemums.

For largest and best collection	$ 2.00
2d largest and best collection	1.00
For plant with largest bloom	50
For plant with most flowers	50
For largest and best plant in bloom	50
For largest and best boquet of cut flowers	50

The Returns.

Below we give a summary of the official vote in this congressional and senatorial districts, and also the vote for governor in the eight counties comprising the senatoral and congressional districts, together with the comparative votes in 1894 and 1892.

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE—1894.

Counties.	Ellison, D.	Crowther, R.	Messemer, Pop.	Manley, Pro.
Andrew	1346	2024	396	26
Atchison	1029	1355	1084	35
Buchanan	5224	6146	328	22
Holt	1246	2130	233	50
Nodaway	2910	3298	772	39
Platte	2279	742	100	21
Total	14034	15695	2910	193

Total vote	32,834
Scattering	2
Crowther's plurality	1,664

1896.

Counties.	Cochran, Fus'n	Crowther, R.	Weaver, Pro.
Andrew	2188	2265	..
Atchison	2417	1748	27
Buchanan	7312	6909	..
Holt	2013	2419	23
Nodaway	4558	3438	23
Platte	3181	1054	..
Total	21669	17833	73

Total vote	39,575
Cochran's plurality	3,836

In 1892 the vote polled in this district was as fallows:

Burnes, D	15,727
Crowther, R	14,684
Wilcox, Pop	3,150
Caseley, Pro	225
Total	33,786

SENATORIAL VOTE—1896.

Counties.	Miller, Fusion	Harrison, R.
Atchison	2260	1589
Gentry	2860	2032
Holt	2090	2400
Nodaway	4548	3467
Worth	1148	935
Total	12846	10424

Miller's majority, 2422.

The vote in the district in 1892 was as follows:

Kennish, R	8,137
Shutts, D	8,073
Sherer, Pop	3,528
Total	19,738

The total vote polled in these counties

in 1888 was	18,631
in 1892 was	19,734
in 1894 was	23,434
in 1896 was	23,270

The Populist vote these in counties

in 1892 was	3,528
in 1894 was	3,291
in 1896 was	2,651

From the above it will be seen that it was the "fusion" that elected Mr. Miller, and had the Populist vote been given to a candidate of their own, Mr. Harrison would have been elected by about 230 plurality.

THE GUBERNATORIAL RACE.

Counties.	1888. Lewis, R.	Phillips, Prohibition	Palmer & Buckner	Stephens, Fusion	Total	1892. Total	Boblett, Pro.	Leonard, Pop.	Warner, R.	Stone, D.
Andrew	1787	45	13	1967	3792	1911	49	38	1808	1929
Atchison	1327	30	10	1367	2734	1571	41	153	1580	1570
Buchanan	4139	33	19	3948	7120	4454	53	874	4814	4003
Holt	1752	34	11	1675	3462	1975	31	374	2349	1876
Nodaway	3956	33	19	3814	7822	4414	55	888	4814	4309
Gentry	1524	30	11	1422	2976	1715	41	382	2143	1876
Worth	1086	30	11	1000	2126	1194	33	374	1568	1156
Platte	1787	45	13	1967	3792	1911	49	38	1808	1929
Total	17498	102	102	17193	35293	18241	410	4001	19780	19922

Capital Removal Vote.

The vote upon the constitutional amendment to remove the seat of government from Jefferson City to Sedalia, in this section of the state was as follows:

Counties.	Yes.	No.
Atchison	792	1931
Andrew	1004	2152
Buchanan	4485	6625
Gentry	937	2809
Holt	739	2095
Nodaway	1133	4309
Platte	588	2952
Worth	434	1031
Total	10112	22904

Majority against removal, 13,792.

—You want to be sure and read J. Watson & Co's ad, and price-list, this week. They are cutting everything.

—The Curtis Comedy Company are now playing at Maitland. They are an excellent company, and deserve a liberal patronage.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

The Ladies of Oregon Give Their First Annual Exhibit.

The King of the Flowery Kingdom.

Beautiful Oregon. Lovely city on the hills. At least that is what a casual visitor might have observed on entering the circuit court room, Thursday, Friday or Saturday of last week, where the first annual chrysanthemum show was in progress. Whether there out of mere curiosity or from the standpoint of an enthusiastic devotee of the pazzle-headed autumn queens, the fact that the spacious court room was thronged day and night, is indicative of the success of the affair, as well as to the tastes of our people. Many who attended the first or opening day, returned the second and last day with their friends, and the lovers of the beautiful from Mound City, Maitland, New Point, Forest City, White Cloud, Craig, and the surrounding country, came with friends, which proves that the efforts of the ladies to display their gorgeous pets have at least, met with more than passing favor.

The principal event of the second day was the judging of the different exhibitions. On the sentence of these judges hung the reward of the friendly rivals, who have worked early and late during the past year, experimenting and cultivating the chrysanthemum, each one expecting to have the glory of seeing the blue ribbon, indicating the highest merit placed on their exhibits. Even those tolerably well posted on all the superior points of the flower, when viewing the gorgeous display of almost innumerable shades of color and size of blooms and plants, each with some distinguishing and interesting feature, might have considered the task of justly separating them as to merit almost impossible. Yet the decisions of the judges were met with unanimous approval by the contesting exhibitors.

Upon entering the court room the first impression of the exhibition is that a great and indescribable mass of brilliant colors had been dumped promiscuously over the floor space. This in fact, was the effect produced by careful and artistic distribution of the hundreds of blooms. The general scheme of arrangement had been to have the eye follow from the entrance to a gradual incline plane of towzled, fluffy and frazzled chrysanthemum blooms. From the corners of the rooms, and around the sides, and nestled around the pillers, came the beautiful golden yellow, white, red, pink, ivory and variegated king of the flowery kingdom to greet the visitor. Among the more conspicuous varieties were Golden Wedding, a beautiful yellow.

The Queen, a white.
The Drexel, a red.
The Louis Boehmer, pink.
President Smith, pink.
G. W. Childs, red and yellow striped.
Ivory, an ivory white.
Madam Playfair, a pink.

In one of these flowery nooks sat the ladies' orchestra of our city, emitting beautiful and entrancing strains from the best composers.

The members of the Oregon chrysanthemum club have worked with admirable unanimity to bring about this flower show. Plants of the rarest and most expensive varieties were purchased from the leading florists of the country, and carefully experimented with in hopes of successfully propagating something which could be placed before the worshippers of the queen of autumn flowers, as being still more wonderful and novel than all the rest. Although, strictly speaking, the club has been baffled in their efforts to propagate a distinctly new species, they have brought the almost numberless varieties to their highest state of cultivation.

The ladies as they stood among their displays, were kept busy answering thousands of questions which were put to them by the visitors. Each gave for, probably, the thousandth time, a minute description of each of the plants in her collection.

The chrysanthemum is one of the wild flowers of Japan, where it reaches great perfection unattended, grows on a stalk a foot high, bearing flowers generally of the size of an American half dollar. It is common in Britain, where it has been dealt with like annual weeds in general, by pulling it up when young. But the florist has stopped this largely and under his careful cultivation and propagating the best specimens are a foot in diameter, and grow on miniature trees as high as one's head

For its fullest development, this flower requires the most careful nursing. The proper amount of water and nourishment must be supplied, too much of either being as dangerous in its results as too little. The bush must be made large and healthy in order to have it produce the best flower, and the predilection to bear too many blossoms must be corrected by liberal disbudding. The native bush in its wild state will bear more blossoms than the florists' bush of six times its size and vigor should be allowed to bring forth. This is the secret of the development of the chrysanthemum; proper care and nursing to make the bush large and vigorous; liberal disbudding to prevent its natural tendency to overproduction. The result is found in the large flowers which have become so general that great size has come to be considered almost an attribute of the chrysanthemum.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

Three or four of our lady florists while in a social chat sprung the question of a chrysanthemum show, and decided to call a meeting of the ladies of the city, and March 14th, 1896, was decided upon, and the home of Mrs. G. W. Cummins, was selected as the place of the meeting. The day came and with it a heavy snow storm, the ground was covered with, a wet snow and the sidewalks, and streets were shoe deep with water, snow and mud. The hour for meeting came, and to each lady's surprise, as she entered she was greeted with the presence of others,—all surprised that each other should have attended, the day being so disagreeably disagreeable. At this meeting were: Mesdames G. W. Cummins, Agnes Davidson, S. B. Knowles, Mary Curry, Mina Curry, Elizabeth Kreek, Tillie Shutts, H. A. Sawyers, and Miss Helen Lehmer and Carrie Schulte. Here was talked over the matter of a flower show, and a week later another meeting was held, at which the following officers were elected:

Mrs. S. B. Knowles, president.
Mrs. Kate Thatcher, vice president.
Mrs. Agnes Davidson, treasurer.
Miss Helen Lehmer, secretary.

Following came many meetings, and arrangements were made for buying plants and pots in which to grow them in. Over 700 plants were purchased from Mr. Kidd, of St. Joseph, besides several hundred from other florists. About 1000 plants were started in the spring, of this number some failed to grow, others did not come to full perfection, others were kept at home because their owners did not care to exhibit them. Ten hogsheads of pots were purchased.

There were fifty-four exhibits, comprising 700 plants, and the largest number in any one exhibit was 60.

Those who made exhibits were:

Mesdames:

Hinde,	Mary Baker,
Shutts,	Knowles,
Murray,	Dr. Evans,
Laughlin,	Anna Bennett,
Soper,	E. Evans,
Cook,	Thatcher,
Richards,	Julia King,
J. H. C. Curtis,	Thuma,
Sayles,	Ida Kreek,
Kaucher,	Anna Schulte,
McKnight,	G. W. Cummins,
Edwards,	Guy Cummins,
Markland,	Mina Curry,
G. Kunkel,	Emma Moore,
Mary Curry,	Anna Kreek,
Frederick,	Lukens,
Sutton,	Bartram,
Ware,	Green,
Marsh,	Dan. Schulte,
Nannie Schulte,	Linville,
G. Anderson,	E. Kreek,
Davidson,	Leigh,

Misses: Lehmer, Shambaugh, Lena Spoerle, Ella O'Fallon, Bonnie Brodbeck, Nellie Graham, Kate Knowles, Edith Kunkel, and Master Corbon Markland.

The judges consisted of Mrs. Wood, of Forest City, Mrs. Joseph Hoblitzell, of Maitland, and Mrs. Jno. Curtis of the Union district, who made the following awards:

Mrs. Gideon Kunkel, for best collection of plants.

Mrs. Anna Markland, for largest blossom of any color, and also for largest yellow—The Golden Wedding.

Miss Bonnie Brodbeck, for largest white—The Queen.

Mrs. Mary Curry, for largest red—The Christopher Columbus.

Miss Lena Spoerle, for largest pink—Louis Boehmer.

The ladies at one of their early meetings decided to charge a small admittance fee of 10 cents and 5 cents for school children, the net proceeds to be given to our public school for the purpose of aiding in the purchase of needed apparatus, books etc., and we believe every tax-payer will heartly commend this public spirit on the part of the ladies, for whatever tends to help our school, indirectly helps every individual citizen of the district, and as this, the first chrysanthemum show, has been a brilliant and financial success, we look forward to the second with much pleasure and trust all our ladies' will extend a hearty, cordial support.

The proceeds of the show amounted to $85.

We noticed delegations from our neighboring towns, among whom were:

Mesdames Bacon, Armstrong, Olin, Hasness, Wehrli, Albert Smith, Marshal and daughters, Comer, Austin, Wright, Bridges. The Misses Gillis, McCoy, Evans, Maud Jones, Fink, D. W. Porter, and wife, Jno. Kennish and wife, Wm. Hoblitzell and wife, Ed. King, A. L. Meadows and wife, J. H. Punshon, Mound City.

Jos. Hoblitzell and wife, Ed. Pinkston, wife and daughter, Miss Jo Arterburn, of Maitland.

Mesdames Landon, Robinson, Wood, Lamb, Martin and Austin and Misses Hovey, Allaback, Lamb, and Wood of Forest City.

Mesdames Chas. Cowan, Maud Hanna, Jno. Cowan and Atkinson, of New Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon, of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Mrs. Geo. Luckhardt, of Tarkio; W. R. Hoffman and wife, St. Joseph; Jacob Book, of Fortescue; Frank Allen and wife, of Craig.

Jonas Lehmer and daughters, of White Cloud, Kansas; Mrs. J. N. Kidd, Mrs. Dina Eulich, Anna Fiegenbaum, Carrie Steinmetz and Elder H. Fiegenbaum, of St. Joseph.

The last meeting for the season of the chrysanthemum society will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21st, from 3 to 4 p. m., at Mrs. Mina Curry's, All unsettled business will be finished up at that meeting. All interested are urged to be present.

Thanks.

The ladies who had charge of the chrysanthemum show, wish through this payer, to extend sincere thanks to THE SENTINEL and other county papers, that from first to last have willingly published for them any item requested, thereby facilitating the organization of the society and the arrangements for the show, and also for their generous advertisement of the same. To the honorable county court, who permitted the use of the court room. To the sheriff and other county officers for courtesies extended to the Ladie's Mandolin club, Zook's orchestra, the Oregon Cornet band and those who loaned their music boxes for music furnished. To their friends who so ably assisted the society in decorating the room and arranging the plants for exhibition. To all who by their presence and patronage, helped to make the show a social and financial success, and especially do they feel gratified by the large number who came from other places to see the show. COMMITTEE.

Chrysanthemum Premiums.

The Farmer's Institute will meet in this city, December 1st and 2nd, and as the state board will make 10 or 15 awards over the state on grain, fruits and vegetables, it is to be hoped our farmers will make some effort to capture one or more of these preminms. Mr. N. F. Murray hopes that our florist club will be able to make a display of chrysanthemums, and offers the following premiums:

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We hope our ladies as well as the local horticultural society will take hold of the matter and make the coming Farmers' Institute, a "howling success."

—The ladies of the M. E. church will provide a Thanksgiving dinner. They will occupy Mr. Dungan's rooms next to Hinde's drug store. The public will have the opportunity to get an elegant dinner for 25 cents and help a good cause.

MUSICALE

—AT THE—

Presbyterian Church, Oregon, Mo.,

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 24, 1896.

PROGRAM:

Piano. { Bach, Gavotte and Musette, 3rd English Suite.
Piano. { Leschetizsky.....Two Skylarks.
Piano. { Chopin.....Valse No. II.

MISS NELLIE BARNES.

Vocal.....Clifton Bennett.....The Troubadour.

MISS LEONA SCHULTE.

Recitation.....Selected.

MISS SAVILLA RULEY.

Piano. { Rubinstein.....Kamennoi Ostrow.
Piano. { Bach.....Gavotte, for left hand.
Piano. { Wieniawski.....Valse Op. 3.

MISS NELLIE BARNES.

Vocal.....Selected.

MISS LUCY PETER.

Recitation.....Como.

MISS MATTIE MCDONALD.

Vocal..Root.."The Crimson Glow of Sunset Fades."

MISSES CARRIE AND LEONA SCHULTE.

Piano. { Chopin.....Valse No. XI.
Piano. { Gottschalk.....Tremelo.

MISS NELLIE BARNES.

Adults, 25 Cents; Children, 15 Cents.

WHITE RIBBONERS

The National Convention of the W. C. T. U. in Annual Session in St. Louis.

The national convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, convened in St. Louis on Friday of last week, and continued their session until Wednesday of this week. The body was composed of 500 delegates, the basis being one delegate for every 500 members in good standing—payment of annual dues constituting "good standing."

On account of the central location of St. Louis, it is believed by those attending, that the convention was probably the largest ever held. Mrs. Francis E. Willard, president, and her able corps of assistants, were in attendance, and were quartered at the Lindell.

The business of the convention is practically done by the officers and an executive committee, as very few things concerning business of the organized work of the convention goes before the convention.

It was about decided to send Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, of this state, on a three months' tour along the Pacific Coast for the purpose of lecturing and organizing societies, as temperance is not in a high ebb in the far west.

A medal contest department is to be added to the organization and is to take the place of the Demorest medal contest system, and will be placed in charge of Miss Adelia Carmen. Also a department is to be created looking to the relief of Armenian refugees.

The W. C. T. U. is still in its first quarter century, and the strong women who shaped its course in the beginning are still alive and comparatively young. Miss Willard, the National and World's President, is 57 years old, a fact which she has no hesitancy about telling, and is as fresh and buoyant as ever. The last few months of her life have been very busy ones, as they have been spent in Marseilles, superintending the transportation of Amenian refugees.

Miss Lillian Stevens, of Maine, is another pioneer. She has belonged to the Union for twenty-two years, has been the Maine president for nineteen years, and two years ago Miss Willard created for her the office of vice president at large, which she now fills. She is the oldest in term of years of any state president.

The recording secretary, Mrs. Katharine Stevenson, is an ex-minister, but after officiating for about a year, her orders were taken from her by reason of a decree of the General Conference that "women must not speak in the church." She is a gentle, chubby little woman, with pink cheeks and a sweet smile. On a call she declined to organize an independent church, and as she naively expresses it, "I could not preach, so I got married."

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, of Kansas City, is the corresponding secretary, and is well known to many Holt county people. To the credit of the state be it known that the leaders of the Union say her of her that she is their ablest public speaker, and that her arguments have converted more persons to the temperance cause than the speeches of any other living woman. Mrs. Hoffman has been bereaved of her son Harry and her daughter in law, in the last year.

It is said that Mrs. Helen M. Barker, national treasurer, is one of the handsomest women that attended this annual meeting. She has been connected with the Union for many years, and her waving hair is quite white. She is strong in executive force and financial ability. Three years ago she was elected treasurer, and a $2000 deficit met her; at the end of her first year she cleared the debt and went to the national meeting with a surplus of $5,000, and has always succeeded in having a surplus to the credit of the Union.

Miss Anna Gordon, has been with Miss Willard for twenty years as private secretary. She has quite a personality of her own; has a winning smile and beautiful blue eyes, with long black lashes, and her appearance would hardly warrant the supposition that she has been with the Union for so long, but she declares that her youthfulness is due to being with the children, of whose department she is world's superintendent.

Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, the sprightly, magnetic woman, who is said to carry every convention by storm was again in attendance. She is known as the "temple builder." She had a vision years ago. The Lord appeard to her she says, and and said. "Arise and build." She did so the following morning, and at the following convention of the national Union she presented a title deed to the land necessary and the plans and specifications, and four years ago the Temple in Chicago was dedicated. She has been president of the Chicago Central Union for over twenty years.

Several prominent women from abroad were in attendance. Among whom were Gwyneth Vaughn, of Wales; Agnes Slack, of Derbyshire, England, Kate Lundan, of Scandanavia.

Mother Ransom, a tottering, white haired though well preserved lady of 81, was present and made one of her interesting talks. She is the founder of the rescue home of fallen women at Los Angeles, Cal., and still takes an active part in its management.

Rebecca Krikoran, of Armenia, was present and in her address stated that she went to Armenia eight years ago to convert the heathern, but had returned to this country to convert the people to Christian sympathy.

Miss Mary Phillips, of England, spoke in the interests of the British Temperance Women's Association.

Mrs. Brunn, of Norway, was one of the sparkling speakers who in closing stated, "Now that McKinley is elected, and you have gold, you can give all your silver to the temple."

Miners department was represented by Mrs. Minnie F. English, in a strong paper. The soldiers and sailors department by Mrs. Ella M. Thacher, of New Jersey. Railroad employees by Mrs. Caroline Woodward, of Nebraska. Evangelistic work by Mrs. E. W. Greenwood, of New York.

On Sunday morning and evening nearly one hundred pulpits in the city were occupied by conspicuous members of the union.

The Union sent a spicy telegram to President Cleveland, protesting against his course in the Armenian outrages.

This convention is said to have been the greatest in number of delegates, and the strongest in its work since its organization.

Miss Willard and all of the other officers were re elected.

The St. Joseph Organ Grinder.

We can readily see why certain parties will wager money or property on the results of the election whether we approve of it or not; also why in a country village or a city the size of ours where there is not so much to entertain and arouse one as in a larger city, a wager may be made such as has been done here, where the loser is to join the parade given in honor of the successful party, or take a wheelbarrow ride, etc. But we never could understand why a business man or one who holds a position that should carry some dignity with it, will agree that if his favorite fails in an election he will shave off one side of his mustache and wear it so for a month or year, or go around for a certain period with one shoe blacked, wear a straw hat in the winter and other things that a freak only would be guilty of.

We notice among the various foolish bets made, that Robert Nash, county clerk of Buchanan county, as a result of Bryan's defeat, carried out his agreement by grinding a hand organ and impersonating the unfortunate, "The blind, the lame and the halt." That in this way he attracted large crowds of people. We can account for this only in one way; that the participants are eager to be constantly before the public gaze; they love to hear them say, "Did you see Bob or John grinding the hand organ" and like expressions. If our genial, jovial County Clerk, J. H. C. Curtis, would so far forget himself and he would ask for re-election next fall, he would politely be requested to turn the hand organ and not waste time in seeking office. One of the St. Joseph papers states that Bob had a life sized monkey, whether it was the one who turned the crank or a sure enough monkey it fails to state. Maybe it was the one that rode the bicycle.

Obituary.

T. J. Wilkinson was born at Greenfield, Ind., July 4, 1837. While quite young he moved with his parents to Hamilton, O. He lived in Hamilton until manhood, and in 1849 was married to Miss Annie L. DeNeen. Of this union there were born six children of whom five are now living, viz.: Mrs. D. S. Alkire, Mrs. Jo. Pierce, Mrs. S. N. Furgeson and Miss Louisa Wilkinson, all of this county, and Mrs. C. R. Canon, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Wilkinson lived in, or near, Hamilton during the war and took care of the families of his brothers-in-law while they were away in the army until the close of the war, when he started to move overland with his family to California. But on account of illness of his wife while enroute he stopped with his family at Highland, Kas. At and near Highland Mr. Wilkinson lived, engaging in farming and carpentering, and partly raised and educated his family, who were all girls and who were afterwards a family of very successful school teachers.

In 1873 Mr. Wilkinson moved with his family to Forest City where he lived until the date of his death, which occurred on the morning of Friday, November 13, 1896. His wife died in this city in 1877.

Mr. Wilkinson was raised in the Presbyterian faith, of which church all his family are members with but one exception, and she is a member of the M. E. church.

Mr. Wilkinson at one time belonged to the Masonic order, but after coming to Missouri never affiliated with the order. He held the office of justice of the peace at this place for many years prior to his death, and had accumulated money and property enough to live in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Wilkinson had been sick since the last of last March. He was taken with what was supposed to be a partial stroke of paralysis and continually grew weaker until death, which was very quiet and peaceful and without a struggle.

Nickell's Grove.

—Ed. Feitz is home from St. Joseph.

—There will be preaching at the church Sunday evening.

—John Stinebaugh, of St. Joseph, was visiting his Uncle, Andrew Hershner, Sr., the first of the week.

Obe Rush and wife, of Oregon, were visiting Sunday in the Grove.

—I. C. Rhoades is building an addition to his house. O. Martin is doing the work. We wonder what that means—something in the breeze?

—Quite a number from here were at the ratification at Oregon on last Friday night and reported a big time; in fact, the biggest of the season. As the old saying is, they "painted the town red." The torchlight procession was grand. Some in this vicinity thought that war had began when they heard the shot guns open up their cannonading. SNIDER.

The Weather.

Corrected weekly by William Kaucher Justice of the Peace, Oregon, Mo.

MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	PRECIPITATION Rain Fall.	Snow
Nov.			
12	44	20	
13	62	25	
14	67	42	
15	73	42	
16	75	56	Trace.
17	54	42	0.01
18	38	22	
19	30	16	

Very cold weather is reported from the northwest, 18 degrees below zero on the 16th at Calgary, British Columbia, and 28 degrees below on the 18th. On the 16th the Missouri river was closed at Sioux City. The coldest weather here was 16 above zero on the 19th. The rain fall so far is unusually light, only 0.02 inches.

Geese have been going south in large numbers for a day or two. Snow birds are numerous but no snow, though the wind is now in the right direction for it being northeast Thursday p. m.

A Clear, Cool Day.

The following verses, which contain considerable merit, were composed by a little thirteen year old girl of this city, her initials being A. I. P.

The sun is shining brightly
And the children tripping lightly
Home from school,
Some stop at the clear still pool,
Or listen to the birdies' lay,
For they all feel happy
On a clear, cool day.

The trees shake their leafy heads and say,
The birds and children too love the clear, cool day,
And the fishes in the stream,
And the wild birds that scream
All seem to say,
Who does not love a clear, cool day?

But when the storm cloud
Hovers over all
You cannot hear a song
Until the leaves begin to fall,
But the Creator who made all
Sends word or seems to say,
You cannot alway have a clear, cool day.

Our lives are as the days,
And in many ways
It seems like a storm
Is coming over all,
For sometimes we feel sad,
And other times feel bad,
And it is just to say,
We cannot always have a clear, cool day.

A Trip to Japan.

Can be made very cheaply by the citizens of Oregon, or at least by a slight strain of the imagination, they will think that they are there. To accomplish this all that is necessary is to call at the residence of Mrs. Anna Bennett, of this city, who this week is "keeping open house" to all who desire to call and see the fine collection of articles, curios, etc., that have been sent her by her son, Lawrence, of Bangkok, that country, a civil engineer in the employ of an English company of capitalists, who have just finished building the first railroad there about 80 miles in length. This collection is a large and very valuable one, having taken Mr. Bennett about two years and a half to collect it. We will not attempt a complete description, for it would be almost impossible without giving the collection a careful study of several days.

Among the most rare and the oldest articles in the collection are a number of bowls, plates and saucers, of porcelain ware, many of them being banded at the top and bottom with copper bands—there dishes are hundreds of years old. Then there are tea pots, saucers and cups of porcelain, lined on the inside with silver. Card receivers of metal, handsomely ornamented, vases of bronze in different shapes, all beautifully ornamented in different colors, paper weights, a Buddhist idol of some kind of wood. Tiger claws taken from a necklace—these are mounted in gold and silver. A curious bamboo pipe for smoking tobacco, made from a gnarled and twisted bamboo, about 18 inches in length and ornamented in silver—it much resembles a musical instrument. Dirks or knives, called "Snicker Snees," with the sheaths, silver mounted and toe handles of the knives of ivory. Among the most valuable things in the collection are a complete set of Siamese coins, gold and silver, and we think some of them of copper and bronze. They are of all shapes and sizes, many of the coins looking like anything else but money, as the shape is more like a small twisted pebble, but they all have the stamp of the government upon them. A few bronze buttons, given him by the king's son at a funeral, it being the custom there to give presents away at a funeral. A Japanese ladies robe of white silk, lined with a pale tint of yellow silk, hand embroidered with various figures in different colors. An album, one of the most beautiful we have ever seen, the covers being of enameled or laquered work, containing views of the different cities of that country, scenery of all kinds—rivers, mountains, street scenes, etc., many of the pictures being in their natural colors. As we said we will not attempt a complete description, so we will close, and it may be that we have omitted to mention several things, but we would suggest right here to all who want to pass a few hours pleasantly and profitably to call at Mrs. Bennetts and look over this collection. She will "keep open house" the remainder of the week.

Program

Of the Holt County Christian Endeavor Union convention to be held at Mound City, November 28 and 29, 1896:

SATURDAY EVENING.

7:30. Song, congregation.
Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Dr. J. M. Wright.
Song, Mound City societies.
Address of Welcome, Mrs. Lizzie Spellman.
Response, Miss Hattie Holenbeck.
Song, Oregon Juniors.
Report of treasures.
Admission of new societies.
Report of secretary.
Appointment of committees.
Song, congregation.
Election of officers.
Song, Craig societies.
Benediction.

SUNDAY.

8:00 a. m. Prayer and Praise Meeting, Edith Ballard, leader.
9:30. Sunday school at different churches.
11:00. Convention Sermon, D. W. Connor.
2:30 p. m. Union Endeavor Meeting, Perry Brooks, leader.
7:00. Song, Mound City societies.
Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Rev. M. Krotzer.
Song, Forest City society.
Paper, "Christian Influence," Miss Marie Perrine.
Discussed by C. W. Anibal and Elder R. B. Preston.
Song, New Point society.
Paper, "Making the Prayer Meeting Interesting," Mrs. F. W. Allen.
Discussed by S. W. Anibal and Elder R. B. Preston.
Song, Maitland society.
Paper, "Promoting a Desire for Good Literature," Miss Birdie Wagoner.
Song, Mound City societies.
Paper, "Home Missions," Mr. H. B. Hardman.
Song, Craig society.
Question box, conducted by Miss Clara Gillis.
Collection for county Christian Endeavor union.
Mizpah.

Program

Of the Holt County Teacher's association to be held at Mound City, Mo.:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1896.

1:30. "A General View of Method," B. C. Maxwell and Wesley King.
General discussion.
2:00. "How to Teach Fractions to Beginners," John Groves and R. L. Maxwell.
General discussion.
Music, Quartett.
2:45. "The New Geography," Miss Hattie Holenbeck and Miss Nannie Lucas.
General discussion.
3:30. "School Room Waste," Miss Fannie McNutt and Miss Maye King.
General discussion.
7:30. Address—"Education As a Civilizer," Prof. W. H. Pritchett, Albany, Mo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

9:00. "Child Study," Miss Ida Preston and Miss Susie Beeler.
General discussion.
Music, Quartette.
9:45. "The False and True in Education," Miss Elnora Hoit and C. G. Landon.
General discussion.
11:15. "The Relation of History to Literature," Miss Emma Mumm and S. J. Baker.
General discussion.
1:30. "Reading Circle Work," S. B. Baker and J. B. Dearmont.
General discussion.
2:30. Miscellaneous.

SECRETARY.

—Charles Peret had a close call for his team, at Forest City, Thursday of this week, and as it was, his freight wagon is a complete wreck. The train crew were doing some switching, and as his wagon was across the track, the cars were run into it with the above result.

Mill Creek.

—Several people in this neighborhood have been very unfortunate in losing horses. They are affected with blindness, and no particular cause has been assigned to the cause of their death. Mr. George Stephenson has lost three, Mr. Milton Crowell one and Mr. Charley Walters one.

—Literary society was organized at Mill Creek two weeks ago with our same president who served us so faithful last season. President, Mr. Albert Markt; Vice-President, Miss Orrie Crowell; Secretary, Miss Mary Whitmer; Treasurer, Mr. Jacob King; Sargent-at-Arms, J. Kunkel.

—Our young friend, Albert Hoffmann, came near having a serious accident last Sunday evening. On returning home after spending the evening with his best girl, his horse became frightened at a road scraper near Judge Knowle's and ran with him through the barbed wire fence, striking one of his limbs squarely against a post,