Lincoln's Birthday.

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809, eighty-nine years ago, tomorrow. He was shot in Washington on April 14, and died on the morning of April 15, 1865.

It was not until twenty-five years later that the agitation to make Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday, took practical shape. The state of Illinois, of which when elected to the Presidency, he was a resident, took the initiative in the matter, and his birthday became a legal holiday in that state, and in that state only, in 1892. In 1896, New York, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Washington were added to the number of states in which Lincoln's birthday is observed as a legal holiday. Thus the celebration of Lincoln's birthday as a holiday has made little headway.

An equal number of states made a legal holiday of January 19, the birthday of Robert E. Lee. They are Virginia, of which he was a native; Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Florida. The birthday of Thomas Jefferson is celebrated legally in no state, for the reason, perhaps, that there is a divergence of opinion as to the day upon which it falls; and Andrew Jackson's birthday, which falls on March 15, is celebrated in no state, probably for the reason that the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, generally known as "Jackson's day," has superceded it in popular favor. At Chicago the Marquette club commemorates Lincoln's birthday by a banquet to be participated in by Republican governors.

The passing of the years will have no effect upon Abraham Lincoln's fame, unless it be to correct many of the impressions that yet prevail regarding him. A popular idea is that he was uncouth because he was so superficial; that he was not tactful because he was so direct; that he was only indifferently equipped intellectually; that he was more unique than brilliant, more fortunate than deserving. Time, we think, has shown these ideas to be mistakes. It has shown that he was the man raised up to perform as great a task as ever fell to the lot of man, and the fact that he accomplished the stupendous undertaking is proof that he was endowed with all the qualities of mind, as well as heart, necessary for the work he had to do. That work belongs to the past but it lives in the present and its full fruitage belongs to the remotest future.

St. Valentine's Day.

If the perpetuation of St. Valentine's Day, or its observance, rather depended upon any one generation, it would die out, sure. What may be called the Valentine period is a somewhat brief one in every person's experience. It exhibits itself among the gentler sex rather earlier than it does among the males. Our first sweetheart, we remember, told us in confidence she was going to send us a valentine before we heard of the article, much less seen one. We remember that first valentine well. It was written on fine paper in the finest of hands, with something like lace running all around the edges, and there was an embossed Bupid in one corner aiming an arrow at a double-barreled ace of hearts. The valentine was in poetry, and contained the assurance that—

"Your heart is a music box, dearest,
With exquisite notes at command;"

(which we didn't believe at the time and do not yet; as for having "notes at command," it was years after before we could command a dollar note, even.)

We have said that St. Valentine's Day would die out if left to a single generation, and so it would, but happily for the perpetuity of this old time holiday, fresh young hearts are constantly appearing on the world's broad stage to take the place of old ones of your heart, old fellow, and ours are music-boxes no longer, and have become so toughened that a multitude of rude touches wouldn't break them; there are young and tender hearts in plenty, waiting and eager for the magic key that shall wake their fairy like music. St. Valentine's Day will never be allowed to become forgotten, and its annual return will not lack due observance so long as youth and love are among terrestial things.

Of all the pretty days for lovers and lovering, the 14th of February seems to be the especial one in all the calendar set apart for those interesting pairs. St. Valentine is generally accepted as the patron saint of sweet-hearts, and on that day the air is cloyed with sweetness and Cupid's arrows and bleeding hearts are everywhere. One old custom was the putting of names of maids in a box by the bachelors, and vice versa by the maids; each one then drew out a name, and the one drawn was to be his or her valentine for a year.

Next Monday is the day and the store windows have taken on a variegated hue. Perfect dreams in pink and white and celluloid grace the counters of our drug stores. This year's designs are very much like those of previous years, and the prices are about as usual from ½ cent to $5.00. Our dealers anticipate the usual trade, but it has never been of an extensive nature.

For Thirty Years.

Uncle Chris Waegele, of Helwig, who has been a subscriber to THE SENTINEL for the past thirty consecutive years was in town Saturday. He has been a cash-in-advance subscriber, always being on hand from four to six weeks before the date of advance expiration. His advanced age has largely interfered with his trips to town, and he never comes unless he has urgent business calling him.

He was born in Nuenstem, Pehrengen, Wurtemberg, February 9, 1824, and consequently on Wednesday of this week, he reached his 74th mile stone. In 1849 he came to the United States, and went to work in the coal mines of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and from there to near Pittsburg, where he continued coal mining for some fifteen years. By frugality and good management he and his wife had saved sufficient means to obtain a small farm, so in July, 1867, they came to Holt county and settled in the Richville neighborhood, where he has ever since resided, and upon the old original place.

Mr. Waegele was united in marriage near Pittsburg, to Maria Kupkamp, March 2, 1852. By this union 8 children were born, five of whom are now living, and are: Mrs. Jas. Iddings, of Nodaway township; Charles, and Fred, of Wyoming; Ludwig, of Nodaway township, and with whom Mr. Waegele make his home, and William, the whereabouts of whom he does not know.

A short time after the coming to this county of Mr. Waegele, November, 1867, his wife was thrown from a wagon in Andrew county by a runaway team, the vehicle passing over her head; she passed into unconsciousness, and died within 10 hours after the occurrence, the accident occuring near the "stone house," 2½ miles from the Nodaway river.

Mr. Waegele never re-married. He has never identified himself with any church, but has aimed to be guided through all his earthly actions by the teachings of the beautiful "Golden Rule."

His father was Jacob Waegele, and his mother's maiden name was Rosina Waegele; both are dead.

He has been district clerk of the Richville school district for 21 years and justice of the peace for Nodaway township for 16 years. He voted for Lincoln in 1860, and has ever been an ardent Republican. We trust that many years may yet be spared "Uncle Chris," and good health and good luck continue with him always.

—The little son of R. H. Warring, aged about four years, while attempting to climb up into a wagon, on Thursday of last week, that was passing, slipped and fell, the wagon passing over his breast. Medical aid was at once summoned, and the little fellow's injuries given prompt attention, and at this writing he is able to be up, and apparently does not seem to be any worse for the experience.

OREGON BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Our Citizens Decide to Organize a League for the Advancement of Oregon's Interests.

In accordance with a call published in these columns last week, our citizens met at the court house for the purpose of taking some steps looking to the advancement of our beautiful little city along those lines that will enhance her interests in every way possible. There is no denying the fact that there seems to be a spirit of "go-ahead-ativeness" permeating the make up of every individual citizen of Oregon. The court house was simply packed with an audience that was bubbling over with good feeling, loyalty and patriotism for our delightful little city. It was a poor place indeed for the croakers and belly-achers. The fellow who whined at our city council was in a crowd all to himself; not a single sympathizer was with him; at least he did not peep a peep of a dying chirk.

Everybody was in a mood for a genuine old fashioned love feast, and we only wish that some fellow had started a song; had they done so, the walls of the old court house would have rocked in harmony with the enthusiastic crowd within.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Laughlin, who presented the name of Dr. Thatcher as chairman, and he was selected by the large crowd unanimously, and as this gentleman was the originator of the movement for such an organization, his selection to preside was a happy compliment.

The Doctor on taking the chair stated that he believed the citizens should organize themselves some way in order that all may act in harmony and unison for the up building of our city. That the object of such organization should be to encourage every wise project for adding to the prosperity and development of the city, and to the comfort and convenience of her citizens; to be ready to aid the municipal government in managing the affairs of the city upon strict business principles, and to advance the material growth of the municipality, and establish that spirit of progress in our citizens which will secure for them the largest measure of domestic comfort and commercial prosperity.

Calls were made for several citizens, who spoke enthusiastically upon the subjects, among whom were Judge O'Fallon, N. F. Murray, Rev. Assite, Ivan Blair, T. S. Hinde, C. O. Proud, Jas. T. Howell, Nick Stock, Judge Morgan, Rev. Fiegenbaum and others. All were in hearty accord with the objects of the meeting. All seemed of one mind.

That no city in our state surpassed Oregon as a desirable home city.

It was within fifteen minutes' ride of the railroad station, from which are ten first-class trains daily to all points of the world—east, west, north and south, and no point was easier of access and outlet in the county.

While it was in no sense a boom city, its growth was of that substantial character that brought confidence and stability.

Its hotel facilities were strictly of a first-class character.

It was in the very heart of the fruit section of Northwest Missouri, and a section where crop failure is unknown.

There was less of the squalid wretchedness within its borders than was to be found in any city west of the Mississippi.

We have a fine Court House situated in the very center of the town and a most beautiful park. All her public buildings are of the best and most substantial character.

It is the home of the Oregon canning factory, where annually is packed 750,000 cans of tomatoes and corn, and whose pack captured the World's Fair premium at Chicago.

It has telephone communication with the outside world as well as a local system which is now being put in.

Within the next three months it will have a complete system of waterworks and electric lights; and Mayor Alkire will be expected to turn on the hose and wash into oblivion the sneak who issued the contemptible circular reflecting upon our Mayor and board of aldermen, because they had seen fit to go where they could get water with a certainty in putting in our system of waterworks. If this assassin but knew it water is absolutely necessary in waterworks.

She will own her own system of waterworks and electric lights, and private corporations will have no control over them.

It has one of the most complete flouring mills in the state.

We have a brick yard with a capacity of 2,000,000.

It has never had any public debt of any kind until quite recently, when our people voted $25,000 bonds to construct a system of waterworks and electric lights, but one negative vote being cast.

We believe the time is not far distant when our beautiful little town will be connected with the K. C. railroad line, by some means of rapid transit.

With plenty of pure water, less mud, less cloudy weather, abundance of sunshine, good streets and sidewalks, and lowest of taxation, it is certainly a desirable place to live, and the fellow that wants a better had better be prepared for heaven before he moves.

Rev. Assiter, the evangelist, who has but recently come among us to live, stated that he thought Oregon was the ideal home town, hence he was not long in making up his mind to become one of its citizens.

Mr. Murray stated that when he was away from home, he was proud to register as coming from "Oregon, Holt county, Missouri—these three.

Judge O'Fallon was also quite spicy, and cited the fact that while many styled us as a "sleepy old town," because we seemed slow perhaps in some respects, we were nevertheless safe in all essentials. He, as well as all the other speakers, insisted that the way to build up a town was to first stand by the Mayor council and all its officers to act in perfect unity in all matters touching the city's interest, and he believed a citizens league was the thing.

C. D. Zook was heartily in favor of the movement inaugurated, and was ready to do his part; so was also every other speaker and citizen.

A committee was chosen by the chair to prepare a constitution and by laws with instruction to report at next meeting. The committee was named as follows: S. F. O'Fallon, chairman; C. D. Zook, J. A. Kreek, Ivan Blair, and Frank Petree.

By a rising vote the large audience unanimously endorsed the action of the Mayor and council in going where they believed they could get an abundant supply of water, expressing their confidence in their integrity, loyalty, devotion and zeal in behalf of the city's interests.

COURT HOUSE.

He schools were her pride, and they stood second to none, conducted by a corps of teachers who are alive to the advantages to be gained by a thorough education. The building is an elegant and spacious structure of brick, heated with steam and furnished with modern appliances. It has eleven rooms, eight of which are in daily use, with an enrollment of 400.

It is noted for its healthfulness, being located 1,113 feet above sea level, some 300 feet higher than any other city of our county. It is therefore free from malaria. In fact it is suprising when you come to count up the number within our school district that have reached their three score and ten. The official governmental figures state that only one in forty of the total population of the county reach the age of 70. This would be at the rate of 25 in a population of 1000. Whenever the rate exceeds this in a given locality, it shows that that locality is the more healthy. There are 75 citizens within our school district who have reached 70 years of age. It is a remarkable list and abundant proof as to the healthfulness of our place.

It is the money center of the county.

Its personal assessed valuation is thrice that of any other town in the county.

Her aggregate valuation for taxable property is $900,000.

Her taxable wealth is $600 per capita of population.

Her business men are all substantial financially, and scarcely a one in the list that is not in a shape to discount his bills.

The aggregate value of merchandise carried by her merchants is $80,000.

Her bank deposits are 10 per cent in excess of those of any other town in the county.

We have six church buildings, with large congregations for each:—Methodist, English and German; Presbyterian, Christian, Evangelical and Colored Baptist.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the court house on the evening of the 22d inst.

Good Roads Convention.

Following is the program for the Good Roads convention, to be held at Maitland, Friday, February 25, 1898:

PROGRAM.

Should we have a road on each section line—W. H. Paxton.

The next practical step for the improvement of our present roads—Jacob Wehrli.

Hill-top work between Oregon and New Point—Albert Hardman.

Road draining in Holt county's low lands—Jacob Book.

Three minute speeches—O. M. Fiel, Elmer Hunter, Wm. Hanks, John Norman, Al Boring, Henry Morse, John W. McDaniel.

Are our present road laws abreast of our improved road-making machinery—Judge Asa Turpin.

How can we bring our antiquated road laws up to date—Hon. N. F. Murray.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Music.

Township organization—D. W. Porter.

Ancient Roman roads—B. O. Cowan.

Road making in the good old time—R. Collison, Judge Leeper, A. C. Snell, Judge Morgan, Frederick Conz, J. R. Bradford, Eb Rozell, J. D. Goodpasture.

What influence have good roads on the value of farm property—Mel Brumbragh.

Recitation—May Gelvin.

Can we afford to put the tops of the hills into the hollows—C. G. Landon.

Three minute speeches—Wm. H. Patteson, A. Strough, Wm. Wakeley, August Shroeder, Riley McIntyre, Jacob Nauman, Jacob Crider.

HOTEL WOODLAND.

County Court.

The February term of our county court has been in session all week, and are still grinding out its grist as we go to press. We give a summary of its work up to that hour.

The treasurer was instructed to make partial payments upon outstanding warrants issued on account of Craig ditches, numbers one and two, and Forest City levee.

Gowdy & Dean filed their bond and contract for the construction of certain bridges.

S. J. Schultz was granted a license to keep a dram shop in Corning. State tax, $53.69; county, $101.43; school, $9.58; fees, $110; total, $168.80.

Commissioner Landon made his report on the construction of certain bridges built by Gowdy & Dean. He also filed his report on the road petitioned for by C. A. Nicol, and rights of way not all being granted, the court named James W. Ramsey, Wm. Pennel and George Stephenson, as commissioners to assess damages. He also submitted his report on repairing the bridge at Maitland, recommending riprapping, and that the probable cost for repairs at about $100.

The court ordered the following transfer of funds: $103.64 from county road to road and bridge fund; $4.15 from Mound City and Bigelow road fund to the road and bridge fund.

Collector Pierce was instructed to bring suit against the Atchison & Nebraska railroad for delinquent 1897 taxes and to secure assistant counsel. No doubt Collector Pierce will avail himself of the provision of the statutes and call upon the Attorney General to assist Prosecuting Attorney Stubbs in the prosecution of the suit.

The various railroad properties of the county were fixed at the following valuations:

Main line K. C. St. Joe & C. B. railroad	From	To
Forest City depot,	$ 400	$ 650
" " water tank,	500	850
Forbes depot,	400	650
Bigelow depot,	500	600
" " water tank,	600	900
Craig depot,	600	900
Corning depot,	700	900

The trackage was increased from $1000 to $10,000 per mile, and side track from $1500 to $5000 per mile.

Nodaway Valley Railroad:	From	To
Mound City depot,	$ 600	650
Maitland depot,	600	700
" " water tank,	500	700

The main line and side tracks from $2000 to $5000 per mile:

Tarkio Valley,	From	To
Corning tank,	$ 500	600

Main line and side tracks from $200 to $5000.

Section house at Bigelow from $200 to $300; section house at Corning, $200 to $3000; coal sheds at Corning, $200 to $300.

The St. Joseph & Nebraska railroad, having failed to make returns of their property, the following valuations were fixed: Main line and tracks $7000 per mile and buildings on right of way in Minton township at $1500. The same entry was made as to the Atchison & Nebraska railroad, and the main line and side tracks fixed at a valuation of $10,000 per mile.

The property of the Western Union telegraph company was valued as follows, along the

K. C. railroad line	$175	per mile
Nodaway Val. "	125	" "
Tarkio Val. "	110	" "
St. Joe & Neb. "	75	" "
Atchison & Neb "	75	" "

The following road overseers made settlements, and warrants were drawn in their favor in the follwing sums:

Joe. Henry, dist.	4,	$254.50
E. P. Eddy, "	7,	152.00
Jacob Wehrle "	6,	705.06
J. W. Crider, "	5,	220.00
Elmer Wilson "	8,	145.00

Culp.

—The rain Wednesday night spoiled the literary; many were disappointed.

—Now is the time to move. If I had to move I would be going now while the roads are soft.

—John Lovelady will move off of his father's farm to Mrs. Eckley's, where he will farm this year.

—Will Marioner has returned home, after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Nodaway county.

—Some parties have been examining the peach buds in this part of the county and they say that about three fourths of them are alive. Pretty good.

—Mr. Robert Hensley is in hard luck. He is almost blind. He thinks he will never see again with his right eye. As he was driving home from town through the mud the first week of January, mud flew into his eye from the wagon wheel. Since then he has not been able to see with that one, and now the other one is almost as bad. It is too bad.

—The family and many friends of A. E. Simmons, of Woodville, gave him a pleasant surprise in honor of his fifty first birthday, which occurred on the 7th. Some of the Culpites were in attendance. They report a fine time. The tables fairly groaned under the good things that Holt county is always noted for; but after they had all did their best to rid the tables of their burdens, there was still enough left to feed a multitude. The guests departed each feeling that it was good to have been there.

—It is an old adage, that all signs fail in dry weather, and Jonathan Culp says the ground hog sign is no exception to the general rule. He has a ground hog den in sight of his house, so on the evening of the 4, he thought he would go and see if the ground hog had ventured out to look for his shadow. On the second day of February, the famous ground hog day, they had not only come out to look for their shadow, but had opened their door wide and did not close it again. They certainly saw their shadow if they looked for it, but they did not get frightened at it and hole up again for another six weeks, for they still go out and in every day and night, all the time. U. No. Hoo.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, James E. Wilson and Mary E. Wilson, his wife, by their deed of trust, dated the 9th day of February, A. D., 1893, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of Holt county, Missouri, in book 71 at page 551, conveyed to the undersigned in trust, to secure the payment of the two promissory notes in said deed of trust particularly described, the following described real estate situate in Holt county, Missouri, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of section twenty-four (24), in township sixty-two (62) of range thirty-nine (39.)

And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of each of said notes, and interest thereon, and each of said notes are past due and defaulted.

And whereas, the owner of said notes has requested me to execute the power in me vested by said deed of trust and sell said real estate, and out of the proceeds of said sale pay the indebtedness aforesaid and the costs of sale secured thereby.

Therefore, in compliance with said request, and in pursuance of the power vested in me by said deed of trust, I will sell said real estate at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, A. D., 1898,

at the north front door of the court house, in the City of Oregon, Holt county, Missouri.

W. H. RICHARDS, Trustee.

January 29, 1898.

THE GRIM REAPER AGAIN.

A. Caffray, the Well Known Cigar Maker, is no More.

Last Saturday morning at five o'clock, after an illness of many weeks, the spirit of Andy Caffray, the cigar maker, took its flight. He had not been confined to his bed but about ten days, but his suffering for weeks was intense, being troubled with acute bronchitis. He was 43 years, 4 months and 22 days old, having been born September 7, 1854, in the city of Syracuse, New York, where he spent the early part of his life and where he learned the cigar maker's trade, becoming quite an expert.

In the year 1881 Mr. Mr. Caffray went to Maryville and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, in partnership with M. Nausbaum. They built up a magnificent trade and manufactured splendid cigars. On the 20th of March, 1888, Mr. Caffray and Miss Mattie Wilson plighted their troth at Hymen's altar, and in March, 1889, to them was born a son, Frankie, who with his mother are still living in this city. The boy was the pride of Andy's life, and at about five months' old a photograph was secured of the child and Nausbaum & Caffray began the manufacture of a cigar called "Andy Caffray's Boy," a trade mark being secured by Mr. Caffray. The latter part of the year 1889 Nausbaum & Caffray dissolved partnership and early in January, 1890, Mr. Caffray moved his family to Mound City and began the manufacture of the "Caffray Boy" and other brands of choice cigars, the factory being in the south room of the opera house block. The "Caffray Boy" cigar gained a wide reputation, not only in this state, but in all adjoining states. Mr. Caffray continued the manufacture of cigars here until 1893 when he returned to Maryville, where he and C. C. Powell conducted a factory until 1894, when they moved their factory to Tarkio. In 1896 they dissolved partnership and Mr. Caffray returned to Mound City, and has lived here since that time.

The funeral services of the deceased were held at the M. E. church in this city Sunday afternoon, January 30, by Rev. A. J. Brock, and in Mount Hope cemetery kind friends lowered the wasted form into the grave, there to await the resurrection of the quick and the dead. Mound City News, February 3, 1898.

Forest City.

—'Squire Burnett was in Oregon Monday.

—T. R. Maupin, of Dearborn, Mo., was here Tuesday.

—R. L. Shirley, of Kansas City, made Forest City a visit, Tuesday.

—Emil Weber spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. K. E. Sentney, at St. Joseph.

—Rumor has it that L. P. Sentney's general merchandise store is soon to change hands.

—Richard, better known as "Sandy" Norton, is at home with his folks again, after an absence of several months.

—"Aunt" Mandy Gooden has been suffering with an acute attack of stomach trouble, but at present is convalescing.

—Jacob Limpp, who has been suffering much with rheumatism for the last week, is improving, and expects to be able to be out soon.

—School is closed this week on account of scarlet fever among some of the pupils. Two or three cases have so far been reported by the doctors.

—Mr. Liebbart, of Falls City, is to assist in the management of Sentney's store during Mr. Seatney's absence on a pleasure trip to his old home in Indiana.

—Among Forest City visitors Wednesday of last week were: 'Squire Leach and brother, "Nick," of Forbes township; C. C. Moore, Charles Conklin, and Dr. Chittender, of Mound City; and Dr. C. L. Evans, of Oregon.

—A disgraceful fight occurred on our streets Saturday night. Though no serious harm was done, it was a desperate affair. 'Twas a case of "nigger fun" or two on one. It seems to your correspondent something might be done to stop such things as this by the authorities. WILLIAM.

—Mrs. C. White is visiting in Corning.

—Mrs. W. Hill spent Saturday and Sunday at Helwig.

—Mrs. Painter has been visiting friends at Skidmore.

—A donation was tendered Rev. Hunt on Thursday evening.

—The Methodist ladies intend to give a social in the near future.

—Mr. Chas. McKinney, of St. Joe, spent Sunday in Forest City.

—County Institute will meet in Forest City the first Saturday in March.

—Miss Maguire, Miss Norris, and Maude Wray visited with Katie Fitzmaurice on Tuesday.

—The meetings at the Christian church closed Sunday night after a continuance of six weeks.

—The scarlet fever victims are recovering rapidly and school will probably begin again on Monday.

—A number of the business men of Forest City went to Oregon Monday evening to sign the contract for the waterworks.

—The Mandolin Club met at Mr. Lamb's Wednesday evening. Quite a number are taking lessons on mandolin and guitar.

—Mrs. Chadwick entertained the following at tea Monday evening: Misses Frank Wylie, Mary Kaull, Eva Hitt, Laura Hovey, Minna Norris. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all. N. Y. L.

Public Sale.

I will sell at Public Sale on my farm, ½ mile east of Oregon, Mo., near the Kunkel Mills, on

Tuesday, February 15, 1898,

the following described property, to-wit: 1 good, good, perfectly gentle Family Horse, 4 years old; 1 Road Cart; 1 Sleigh; 1 Buggy; 1 Plow; 1 Blacksmith outfit; 1 Upright Piano, nearly new. Household furniture and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE:—$5 and under, cash in hand; all sums over $5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security, bearing 8 per cent interest from date. Terms of sale to be complied with before any property will be allowed to be removed. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. N. Zachman & Co.'s lunch wagon will be on the ground.

DANIEL KUNKEL, SR.
R. C. BENTON, Auctioneer.

Curzon.

—Spelling school at Bluff City next Monday night, Feb 14.

—Joseph Grimes is reported quite sick at this present writing.

—J. E. Hopkins, of Craig, was in our burg on business, one day, last week.

W. F. Gifford and Alvin Graves made a business trip to Amazonia, last Tuesday.

—James Ball, of Amazonia, was shaking hands with old friends here several days, last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovelady, of White Cloud, Kansas, were the guests of relatives here the first of this week.

—Preaching at Bluff City, (regular appointment) next Sunday, Feb 13, at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Also Saturday night before by the pastor, Elder W. H. Hardman.

—W. F. Yaryan, of Wathena, Kas., was called here last Saturday by the illness of his little son, Roy, who with its mother is visiting relatives here. Little Roy is much better at this writing, we are glad to learn.

Philip Scholzhauer had one of his mules killed on the railroad, one day last week. A few nights before he had a valuable mare to get down in the barn and in some manner broke her neck. Philip is very unlucky. This makes three work mules and one more than he has had this winter. INO.

Oakland.

—Mr. Austin, one of the inmates at the poor farm, is very sick at this writing.

—Mrs. Sumner Meyer is on the sick list at present. We hope for her speedy recovery.

—Mrs. H. E. Burnett, of Forest City, was visiting relatives in the neighborhood, over Sunday.

—Making lumber out of logs that have nails in, is a trying task, so Mr. Day found out last Friday.

Mrs. Rosa Apgar and daughter, and little Nellie Acton, were visiting one day, last week, in White Cloud, Kas.

Charley Carson and wife have returned from their visit in Kansas. They report rather an unpleasant drive thro' the snow and cold.

H. L. Acton and son, J. F., were over to White Cloud, Kansas, last Friday on business. They have again rented the Chapman farm.

The man who lost the patent end gate to his wagon between Forest City and Oakland school house, can have the same by calling on Hugh Burrier.

Hugh Burrier is getting the lumber on the ground preparatory to building a new residence adjoining the brick house on the farm his father owned. Frank Stegmaier will do the carpenter work.

—In my last weeks' items, I said three foxes had been killed in this neighborhood. Hugh Burrier tells me he found the one he crippled some time ago, dead, so we can now say we have killed four instead of three.

During C. Carson's absence from home, some one made themselves bold enough to take a load of his corn. It is a pity we have people among us who must steal. Some time ago, some parties went into Hugh Burrier's cave and took out 12 1-2 callon jars of canned gooseberries and currants; also a lot of glasses filled with jelly. I would say to such persons, if they are actually in want and would so inform Mr. Burrier, he would willingly aid them, and they would be relieved from a guilty conscience for stealing. JAKE.

Richville.

—The Widow Iddings is quite feeble.

—Mr. Henry Shaffer has been quite ill again.

—I. L. Way has been in quite poor health, this winter.

—Mrs. Phoebe Joslyn is visiting her relatives in this neighborhood.

A cousin of Victoria Vogel, from Mound City, visited her last week.

—John Hibbard's little girl is better. He lives on the Lizzie McIntyre place.

—Miss Flora Maple spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Sterling Mathews, at Woodville.

—Robert Proffitt, who has been living on the Price place this winter, intends to move this week.

—The Widow Sisk is badly afflicted with sore eyes this winter, at times making her nearly blind.

—There was a slight mistake in last issue. George Gelvin has not moved yet, but will about the first of March.

—Prof. Gohagan's singing school meets Tuesday and Saturday evenings, not Wednesday (unless lately changed.)

—The genial countenance of Messrs Daniel Hardman, Matthew Smith and Prior Cunningham, were seen at Woodville, Sunday.

—We oftimes here items, and believing our information to be correct, we give the item just as we hear it, later we find out there was a mistake and some one kicks.

—The Richville literary has been stopped by the school directors, because it was not being carried on in such a manner as to be either instructive or beneficial.

—The executive board of Nodaway township Sunday school met at Woodville, Feb 6th, and made out program for the next semi-annual convention which will be held the third Sunday in March at Woodville.

—The directors of both districts, Richville and Woodville, have had to visite their school and streighten out matters. They set down on one teacher because she was not strict enough and on the other because they thought him too strict. We sympathize with teachers.

—The protracted meetings carried on the past week by Rev. H. Crampton, assisted by Rev. F. Figenbaum, closed with Sunday evening's service in the Baptist church at Richville. There were services in that church Saturday evening and Sunday forenoon. There was a union Sunday school, Sunday morning. After preaching communion was held. From Monday until Friday, inclusive, it was held in the Richville school house. AGATE.

Maitland.

—Judge Stacey is very poor this winter.

—Mr. Ed Collison, of Craig, is a Maitland visitor, this week.

—James McHugh is in St. Joseph this week, buying goods.

—Mr. Younge, of Petersburg, Ill., is visiting the family of J. D. Goodpasture.

—Miss Anna Murray, of Oregon, is the guest of her sister, Miss Nellie Stacey.

Mr. Conkling, who is engineer at the Maitland flour mill, has moved into the Israel Crawford property on Third street.

—The Grimes brothers have sold their meat market to a couple of gentlemen from Hamburg, Iowa. They took possession last Monday.

—The building on Second street, known as the Swope building, has been purchased by a Mr. Clarke, who is having it remodeled, and in a short time will open up a first class restaurant.

—The W. C. T. T. ladies held a social at the residence of Judge Goodpasture last Friday night. A short but interesting program was well rendered, and all present report that they spent a very pleasant evening.

—Mr. Edward Pinkston attended the lumbermen's convention, which was held at Kansas City a few days ago. He went with the excursion party to Port Arthur, Texas. He has returned home, and reports having a fine time.

—Mrs. Weaver, of Maryville, has charge of the dressmaking department in the Broad Gauge. She will move into the house on Fourth street, now occupied by James Smock. Mr. Smock will move into a house of W. T. Riley's near the high school building. HIRAM.

Monarch.

[Delayed letter—February 4.]

—Mr. and Mrs. Marsh visited Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Smith.

—Al Rhodes took his departure for Kansas last Wednesday.

Miss Mollie Bartholomew, of St. Joe, is visiting in our neighborhood.

A quiet little party was enjoyed last Monday night at Link Rhode's.

Jim and Alice Garner visited with the Boyd's Monday evening, and Mrs. Bartholomew was also there.

—Sunny Callen broke his sleigh while on the way to Mayflower Tuesday night; no damage to the passengers.

Preacher J. W. Stephenson was called to the vicinity of St. Joe to speak the words that made two happy hearts beat as one.

—People are beginning to hustle around, to rent land for 1898. So much snow this winter fortells a great crop year, according to the old saying.

The holiness brethren held meeting at Monarch last Saturday evening, and the following Sunday at 11 o'clock and evening had a large congregation.

We understand that our friend and neighbor, Mathew Cordrey, has met with the misfortune to lose his young team, a span of colts, he purchased from Daniel Hurlatt. We did not learn the particulars. He has the sympathy of many friends in his loss.

Mr. Oplinger is still in Holt county, Missouri. Perhaps the hills, and old haunts, and old friends, and dear relatives have a charm for him, so that he feels loth to leave. We all wish him prosperity and long life in his new home on the western prairies.

Rev. Samuel Hughes will, in the future, conduct a meeting every Sunday night at Monarch. Everybody cordially invited to come and help him; he is working for the good of the people, and it is the duty of all to lay down names and creeds or differences and come together and put your shoulder to the wheel and move the good work along. Mr. Hughes has labored for several years in this community as a Sunday school worker, and his efforts to do us good should be appreciated by one and all, so come out. "Awake, O, Zion, put on your beautiful garments."

—Mr. Nathan McGuire, who was recently married to Miss Della Kyger, visited his parents, living near Monarch, last Saturday night. The young men gathered together a band of 24 and serenaded the new married pair right royally. They were invited in and spent a short time with them. The following day being Sunday, a grand time was had at McGuire's. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Master Charley Boyd took dinner with them, and Miss Nellie Marsh made a short call in the afternoon, and to clap the climax, Uncle Joe Watson came in the evening. All the friends join in wishing them clear sailing down the sea of matrimony. CLIFFORD.

—Miss Ora McGuire has been on the sick list, the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd visited in Andrew county, last Sunday.

—Howard Brown and family have moved back in this vicinity.

—William Rains contemplates building a new residence in the near future.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Gehringer have moved from north of Oregon, to this neighborhood.

—Teed Garner and family expect to move to the southwestern part of Kansas, this spring.

—Mrs. Mary Smither, (nee) Graham, and little son, of Atchison county, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham, of this neighborhood, the past week.

—Mr. H. Boyd and family are preparing to remove to Doniphan county, Kansas, in a few day. They will be greatly missed by their many friends in this vicinity.

—Died, January 19, 1898, of scarlet fever, Aubrey the little son of James and Lola Huiatt, aged about two years. Interment in the Huiatt cemetery the following day.

Quite a number of our young people have been attending literary at the Mayflower school house on Tuesday night, and report a pleasant time. Mr. Brohan makes an efficient president.

—There will be services at the school house next Sunday night, conducted by Rev. Nickols, also on Saturday night, February 26, and Sunday at 11, a. m., and Sunday night by Rev. Walden, of Forest City.

—Lost, strayed or stolen, from the Monarch school house during meeting, Sunday night, January 30, 1898, one pair of red and blue yarn mittens with the date 1898, and the initials "J. H." knit in the wrist. Finder will please return to the owner, John Harden.

—Rev. J. W. Stephenson and family attended the wedding of a nephew of Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. James Taylor, and Miss Edna Lykes, near St. Joseph, January 30, 1898. Rev. Stephenson spoke the words that made them one. The newly wedded couple came up to Holt county, and made a short visit with relatives, after which then returned to their home. VIOLET.

Collector's Statement.

County Collector Pierce filed his statement for January collections with the county court last week. The collections were divided as follows:

Land delinquent and interest	$963.37
Personal " " "	197.83
Pool tables	11.00
Forest City levee	300.00
Craig Ditch, number 1	400.00
Craig Ditch, number 2	400.00
Peddlers	48.00
Current tax books	16,830.00
Total	$19,780.20

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that Lewis I. Moore, City Clerk of Oregon, Mo., will until 8 o'clock p. m., March 7, 1898, receive bids for constructing a complete water-works system for Oregon, Mo., according to plans and specifications on file with the City Clerk and in the office of Hiram Phillips, consulting engineer, 706 Oriel building, St. Louis, Mo.

The amount of work to be done is about as follows:

1. Power house.
2. One, one half million gallon horizontal compound pump.
3. One 100 horse power boiler, with feed pump, fixtures and attachments.
4. Steam and water connections and connecting pumps with wells.
5. Steel tower, 60 feet, and tank, 40x16 feet.
6. 26 double nozzles fire hydrants.
7. 1400 ft. 10 inch pipes and specials.
   2055 ft. 6 inch pipes and specials.
   1450 ft. 4 inch pipes and specials.
   2365 ft. 1½ W. I. pipe with screw joints.
8. 2 8-inch gate valves with boxes.
   9 6 inch gate valves with boxes.
   1 4 inch gate valve with boxes.
   3 1½ inch Globe valves with boxes.
   1 8-inch check valve.

Bids will be received for work as a whole or in detail.

Each bid must be accompanied by cash or cashier's check for 5 per cent of bid, made payable to city clerk.

All bids must be made on blanks furnished by the city. Bids not so made may be declared informal and rejected.

Bond equal in amount to contract price will be required of successful bidder or bidders.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

H. T. ALKIRE, Mayor.

LEWIS I. MOORE, City Clerk.

C. E. Young, C. E., Resident Engineer. Hiram Phillips, C. E., Consulting Engineer.

A Model Fruit Farm

at a bargains. W. W. Scott, on account of poor health, desires to sell his fine fruit farm, 2½ miles south of Oregon, and 2½ miles southeast of Forest City. This is one of the finest fruit farms in the county, comprising 40 acres. 1,200 Apple trees, just beginning to bear, set 7 to 8 years. 250 Peach trees, bearing. 50 fine Plum trees, bearing. 20 Pear trees in full bearing. One acre in small fruits, Blackberries, Raspberries. Etc., all bearing. Two good houses, two No. 1 wells and a good cistern. Good barn, with accommodations for 6 head of horses. This is considered one, if not the best fruit farms in the county. Mr. Scott having gained the reputation for raising the finest fruit in Holt. Must sell soon and for cash. A big bargain for some one. Good title. Call on W. W. Scott at the farm, or address him at Forest City, Holt County, Missouri. On account of his health Mr. Scott desires to remove to another climate, with the view of recovering his health.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE!

Notice is hereby given that I, Daniel Zachman, Administrator of the estate of H. R. Price, deceased, will sell at Public Vendue to the highest bidder the following described personal property, belonging to said estate, at the residence of the late deceased in