



HOME NEWS

—Dr. Lukens will preach at Forbes next Sabbath morning and night. —J. F. Nipher of Nemaha County Kansas spent last week with his old friends in Holt county.

—We were favored with a call last Wednesday from Frank L. A. of St. Joseph, who represents the Bradstreet Commercial Agency.

—Captain Kaucher went to St. Louis last Monday to attend the meeting of the grand lodge of Old Fellows. He will probably return to-morrow or early next week.

—Don't fail to put a two cent stamp on THE COUNTY PAPER if you mail it to some friend back east. Since its enlargement, one cent is no longer sufficient to pay the postage on it.

—Those railroad employees of the K. C. road, who came out clear of the charge of robbing baggage, have now brought suit against the parties who were instrumental in their arrest, and propose to prove them guilty of perjury.

—"Oh, where is my boy to-night? Where is my tender youth a roaming? At the twilight's yellow glowing, Well, that fragile youth was a safe away, quite comfortably dead, you see, with a heaving girl of 200 pounds a heaving on his knees.

—There is a class of men who will take a paper and compliment its "get up" for ten years, but just present their accounts and the paper loses all of its attractions. It is just such men who keep the press poor, but how to run a paper and steer clear of them is a question to be solved.

—I. M. Young of St. Joseph has been in Oregon and vicinity for several days past purchasing black walnut timber. He has thus far purchased about 200,000 feet, paying \$7 to \$10 per thousand. He thinks the timber of Holt county far superior to that of the East, being harder and much better grained.

—The supreme court has rendered a decision of great importance to farmers and drovers concerning the sale of diseased cattle. The decision is to the effect that he who sells diseased cattle forfeits the pay for them, and is liable to damages for the spread of the disease.

—The following are Prof. Tice's predictions for the remainder of the month: 14th to 16th, clear and very cold; if heavy storms have occurred; 17th to 20th, clouding and threatening weather, with snow or rain; 21st to 23d, clear and cold; 24th to 26th, heavy rain and snow storms; 27th to 28th, clear or fair; 29th to 31st, clouding threatening weather, with rain or snow.

—The comparatively warmer spells will be the 18th, 25th, and 30th. The comparatively colder spells will be about the 14th, 21st, 27th and 30th. The earthquake periods are about the 17th, 24th and 29th. Auroras will probably be visible about the 16th, 20th, 26th and 31st.

—The following advice to ladies, which we find floating through our exchange without credit, deserves to be read and pondered over by every one of our lady readers: Ladies—caged birds of beautiful plumage, but sickly looks—pale pets of the parlor, who vegetate in an unhealthy atmosphere, like the potatoes germinating in a dark cellar, why do you not go into the open air and warm sunshine, and add lustre to your eyes, bloom to your cheeks, elasticity to your steps, and vigor to your frames? Take exercise; run up the hill on a wagon, and down again for fun; roam the fields, climb the fences, leap the ditches, wade the brooks, and after a day of exhilarating exercise and unstrained liberty, go home with an appetite acquired by healthy enjoyment. The beautiful and blooming young lady—rosy cheeks and bright eyes—who can darn a stocking, mend her own frock, command a regiment of pots and kettles, and be a young lady when required, is a girl that young men are in quest of for a wife. But you, pinning, screwing up, wasp-waisted, doll-dressed, consumption-mortgaged, middle-murdering and novel devouring daughters of fashion and idleness, are no more fit for matrimony than a pullet is to look after a brood of fourteen chickens. The truth is, dear girls, you want less fashionable restraint and more liberty of action; more kitchen and less parlor; more leg exercise and less sofa; more frankness and less neck modesty. Loosen your artificial gags, and breathe pure atmosphere; let your letters become something as good as letters written as nature designed.

—A boy can pull four times more weight in boys on a sled than he can wood from the back yard.

—S. L. Davis sold to John Kallenback, last week, eighty acres of unimproved prairie land five miles east of Oregon for \$1,350 cash.

—Rev. Mr. Showalter will preach at Triumph school house next Sabbath morning and at New Point in the afternoon.

—Miss Annie Colvin while coasting last Tuesday evening, collided with the occupant of another sled and was so severely injured that she has since been confined to her bed.

—Persons who borrow The County Paper from their generous neighbors should bear in mind that the subscription price is only \$2.00 per annum in advance—less than four cents a week.

—The following adaptation from Mother Goose seems likely to enjoy a winter's run (or slide) through the columns of the press: "O mother, may I go out to skate? O yes, my darling daughter! Be sure you don't fall on your face, but sit down as you oughter."

—Those of our subscribers who wish to send THE COUNTY PAPER to friends in other States, after they have read it, will please take notice that the paper is so heavy, since its enlargement, that it now requires two cents postage.

—If you have not yet done so, be sure to read all about the gifts to be distributed to the subscribers of THE COUNTY PAPER,—full particulars of which will be found on our fifth page. You can help us, and, at the same time, help yourself by securing one of more of these gifts.

—The Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railroad last week passed into the hands of the owners of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. It is not yet known whether the new owners will make any change of officers, but it is devoutly to be hoped that they will. If they will give the "grand bounce" to Col. Barnard, the General Superintendent, they will do a favor to every man living along the line of the road. He is conceded to be the meanest man that ever strutted in a little brief authority; and the manner in which he has piled the rates up on shippers will cause him to long be remembered only to be anathematized.

—We received the following through the postoffice last Monday. It seems very much as if it were intended as a hint to somebody to behave in church: "When young gentlemen and young ladies in attending church neglect to give their undivided attention to the minister and the services but whisper and giggle among themselves, they are apt to impress him that he would have an easy time in converting them if their hearts were as soft as their heads. This is not designed as sarcasm, but as a vindication of good behavior, which is accepted of the civilized world over, as another name for good sense."

—One of the most convenient articles to be used in a sick room is a sand bag. Get some clean, fine sand, dry it thoroughly in a kettle on the stove, make a bag about eight inches square of flannel, fill it with dry sand, sew the opening carefully together, and cover the bag with cotton or linen cloth. This will prevent the sand from sifting out and also enable you to heat the bag quickly by placing it in the oven, or even on top of the stove. After once using you will never again attempt to warm the feet or hands of any sick person with a bottle of water or brick. The sand holds the heat a long time, and the bag can be tucked up to the back without hurting the invalid. It is a good plan to make two or three bags and keep them ready for use.

—Parents, the true way to educate children is to teach them the dignity of labor, either of brain or hands, both; to direct their studies with a view to practical utility; to give a firm, broad foundation, and upon that you may rear what superstructure you will. Teach your daughter the mysteries of housewifery and plain sewing, give her a thorough instruction in the elementary branches, take care that she can read well, speak and write her native language understandingly, and work a practical business problem for her father, then if circumstances will permit, let her capabilities bound her requirements. But even here the practical should not be lost sight of. A knowledge of current events is of more value than the acquisition of a dead language, and a knowledge of the laws and customs of our own contemporary governments is of more worth than the lore of Grecian mythology.

—Rev. G. A. McKinlay will preach in Forest City next Sabbath morning and night.

—Mr. Miller will preach in Oregon on next Sabbath, morning and evening. The preliminary morning service will be a short sermon to children. Children especially invited.

—We intend that THE COUNTY PAPER shall be pre-eminently the family paper of the northwest. When the women and children are enlisted in our behalf we have no fears about the men quickly following.

—County court met last Monday, but was in session only long enough to receive the Assessor's Book and allow a few accounts. Only the newly elected Judges, Holist and Bradford, were present—Judge McCoy absenting himself.

—There are a great many people in the county who still believe in the virtues of the mad stone. It will be of interest to some to learn that John Nelson of Savannah, Mo., has a famous stone, which he has had since 1848 and which he claims has cured upwards of a hundred cases of hydrophobia.

—It was last Tuesday, on the train between Forest City and St. Joseph, and politics had given way to theology, and the young man with a turban had had the floor, and was denouncing the old fashioned idea of hell. "I tell you," he cried, "man was never intended for such a fleshly punishment. God never made me for kindling wood."

—"Beckon not," said the old parson, back near the stove; "too green."

—The shipments of hogs at Forest City during the past ten days have weighed an unusually large average. Michael Bunz of East Lewis township delivered thirty hogs which averaged 342 pounds; John Stephenson of Forbes township delivered 108 which averaged 300 pounds; and Daniel Borier of Forbes township delivered 61 which weighed 316 pounds. The price paid in each case was \$1.15 per hundred.

—The dwelling house occupied by Alfred Gentry and John Bond and their families, 2-1-2 miles Southeast of Oregon, was destroyed by fire last Monday morning. A defective flue is supposed to have been the cause. The families were just sitting down to breakfast when the fire was discovered, and the flames had then made such headway that it was impossible to save the building. By hard work they succeeded in saving most of their bedding and a portion of the furniture. All else was burned. There was no insurance, and the loss falls heavily on Messrs Gentry and Bond, both of whom are industrious young men, who were just getting a start in the world. They have the hearty sympathy of all their acquaintances.

—Astrologers and soothsayers should be of good courage this year, if there be any prominent virtue in the curious combinations of numbers that may be evolved from the date 1881. Not only does it read the same backward and forward, which only occurs every 110 years, but the magic number nine intervenes in it in a remarkable way. The sum of either the first two or the last two figures is 9. The sum of all four is the same as the first two, 18, which added together or divided by two, gives nine. Multiply the whole by 9 and the product, 16,227, contains two nines, while the sum of the digits is 27, or three nines or, added, one 9. Place the 18 under the 81 and add: the sum is 19; subtract, and the remainder is 65, or 7 times 9. Almost innumerable similar combinations may be formed.

—The Holt County Press last week contained the following local item: "The subject of SENTINEL, for the lack of a 'head,' failed to make its appearance—in its place an 8x10 thumb sheet was issued yesterday. We shall be in suspense for another whole week before we see the long talked of, long looked for, much bragged of mammoth metropolitan paper, that think we will survive the surprise." We publish this as a specimen of the small-souled envy by which some men live and are made miserable. The writer of the above begrudges the prosperity of others and is consumed with envy and jealousy when he sees others doing well. Nor can he restrain himself from exhibiting the smallness of his character by writing such paragraphs as the one we quote. There was no occasion for him to say any thing, for our paper was only delayed a few hours (not "a whole week," as he states); but he is so full of rage and envy that he cannot help "slopping over" in the ill-mannered snarl we have copied. Poor creature. His insignificance is more to be pitied than despised.

—Read "Lands for Sale" by J. Foster Marshall.

—The most dreadful pun recently perpetrated we find in an exchange which says: "Last week, street sleighing and heart slaying occurred signified by side."

—Sheriff Frame went to Jefferson City on Tuesday, taking with him William Tall, colored, who was sentenced to the penitentiary at our recent circuit court.

—Professor Hill went to Hiram, Ohio, last week to attend a reunion of his former college class mates. He says he had a delightful time. Of course, he called on President Garfield, while there.

—Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, seven miles north of Oregon, on Wednesday, January 6th, 1881, by Elder W. R. Waite, Mr. J. W. Boyd to Miss Mary L. Thomas, all of Holt county. The presents were numerous and valuable.

—The entertainment given by the Rival Concert Company in this city last Friday evening was well attended and gave great satisfaction to all present. The Rivals have established themselves as favorites with the music loving people of Oregon. We hope they will visit us again at no distant day.

—We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement in our columns of the mammoth Seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., the most extensive seed dealers in the country, whose business has been built up entirely through the quality and purity of the seeds they supply, and who have thus obtained the confidence and patronage of the public as reliable Seedsmen. Their annual Catalogue for 1881, containing a vast amount of useful information suited to all who have a flower or vegetable garden, can be obtained from them free on application.

—We have received a sample copy of the large type edition of the Cyclopaedia of Universal Knowledge, and those persons who have recently called at our office to see it can now be accommodated. The price of the Cyclopaedia in fifteen large volumes is \$15, exclusive of postage which amounts to \$3.15 more, making a total of \$18.15; but we have made arrangements whereby we can offer a copy of the Cyclopaedia delivered at our office, and a year's subscription to THE COUNTY PAPER, for \$15. This edition includes the American Additions. We doubt whether any one will ever have an opportunity to obtain this valuable work on more favorable terms than this.

—We can give employment to one more agent to solicit subscribers to THE COUNTY PAPER. Big wages can be made by those who will put a little energy in the work. There are about a hundred young men in Holt county who spend their whole time sitting by the fire, toasting their shins, who, if they would go to work for us and work as energetically as they should, could make from three to twenty dollars a day. We can also give a few days employment to one lady in each town in the county, and we will guarantee them good wages in every case. The employment is light and pleasant, and is very suitable for ladies. Any one, male or female, who wishes to engage with us, will be furnished full particulars by applying to the editor.

—An exchange utters the simple truth, which every experienced editor will recognize as such, when it says: "Our experience as an editor and publisher for several years has taught us that no matter how many good things you say about people and the enterprise in which they are interested, you seldom hear from them words of approval; but, if by chance, something should get in their way, you will be quite sure to have a storm of abuse come to you that will foretell you of an approaching tornado." In our earlier editorial days we were quite sensitive over ill founded blame. But we've grown out of that now, and, in fact, rather like it. We don't shun being found fault with, and a say to one and all who get mad at us for nothing, (for we would not intentionally injure any) just get mad as often as you like—stay mad as long as you like—it is all the same to us. If however you should prefer (having as you think some just cause of complaint against us) to come to us in a manly or womanly way, and say so, we will make amends if to blame, just as sure as the sun shines or grass grows. But for the grum dumpers we don't waver a hair. We weren't made to please everybody and have long since learned the futility of trying to do so.

—A man who is worth \$100,000, but who is too poor to take his county paper, certainly never thinks that he will die some day and the editor will be called on to write his obituary.

—The cattle feeders of Nodaway county have recently lost a great many animals from bloody murrain. They have now found that the disease can be conquered by reducing the feed and giving saltpeter and salt. The medicine is composed of two-thirds salt to one saltpeter; mix and put in feed troughs.

—We hope to distribute not less than a thousand packages of Vegetable and Flower seeds among our subscribers this spring. As every one who pays Two Dollars in advance for a year's subscription receives a choice of these packages, we expect to scatter them everywhere. The seeds are all raised in the Mohawk Valley Seed Gardens, Canajoharie, N. Y., and are warranted fresh and true to name. THE COUNTY PAPER has the exclusive control of their distribution in Holt County.

—THE COUNTY PAPER contains nearly fifty columns of reading matter, which is more than is furnished by any other county paper in the State. In fact THE COUNTY PAPER is the banner county paper of the State. And don't you forget it! Moreover, since we have done our part in making this the best paper in the North W. don't forget to do your part by increasing our subscription list. We intend to keep harping on this until we get the number we are determined to have. Subscribers! Subscribers! More Subscribers! That's what we're after now! Roll'em in!

—The Boileau Herald of last week contains a three-column editorial urging the Republicans of the Ninth District to arise en masse and demand that F. M. Tracy, of the St. Joseph Herald, be made postmaster of St. Joseph. The article contains several mis-statements in regard to Col. Tracy and his paper, which are not calculated to help his cause. THE COUNTY PAPER does not propose to take part in the squabble over the St. Joseph Postoffice, unless Jim Beach should loom into prominence as a candidate. Tracy is a good man; so is Postgate. But our Boileau contemporary has overdone the matter in its advocacy of the former.

—When we determined to change the name of the Sentinel to THE COUNTY PAPER we expected it would cause us many annoyances, and we have not been disappointed. It seems next to impossible to make some people understand that the paper has simply changed its name and been enlarged and improved; that there has been no change in the ownership or editorial management; that we do not intend to issue two papers—the Sentinel and THE COUNTY PAPER—every week; that we will send THE COUNTY PAPER to all who are taking SENTINEL, and that those who paid in advance will receive THE COUNTY PAPER until the expiration of the time paid for and will not be charged any increased price for that time. We repeat these assurances again now, but we dare not hope that everybody will yet understand them.

—We regret to notice that the Oregon editor of the Corning Herald has had a conception fit because this paper recently suggested that it would be a good idea to "string up" some of the rascals who have lately been committing burglaries in this city. We hope the nerves of the Herald man will be quieted by our assurance that we never meant that any one should be murdered—hanged until dead—nor do we think any one else so understood us. The idea in our mind was simply to inflict a punishment which would carry with it ineffaceable disgrace. Perhaps if we had said "string up awhile" it would have better expressed our meaning; and, in fact, we supposed we had written that way until our attention was called to it by the Herald. Still, we think the Herald should not prate of the beauties of mercy when it carves us to the heart by calling us "Devilport." The barbaric cruelty of designating us by this irreverent title can only be appreciated by such on tured and refined minds as the Herald justly attributes to us the possession of. The agony we endure therefore would be mitigated to some extent, if he had even called us "Mr. Devilport"; but to omit any ameliorating prefix or suffix and crush us into smithereens by that one sardonic appellation is enough to make the clouds weep blood and the winds cry out in remonstrance. Better that a thousand despoilers of hen roosts should be "strung up" than that one "highly cultured, refined and elevated" gentleman should have his vanity wounded by being called "Devilport."

—Mr. J. D. Thomas, living on the Perkins place, 1-1-2 miles north of Oregon, will sell off all his personal property at public auction on the 5th of February, and will start in a few days after for Texas, to make that State his home. Sorry to lose him, but hope he will do well.

—We have received from Messrs. J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass., a bound volume containing specimens of the various issues of Ayer's Almanac for 1881. We find in the book sample Almanacs complete, including the bright yellow cover so familiar to everybody in this country, in each of the following languages, viz: English, French, German, Spanish, Holland Dutch, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish, and Bohemian; also a page or two of Chinese, with specimens of the firm's advertisements in Greek, Arabic, Armenian, and Bulgarian, the whole forming a book of about four hundred and fifty pages. The work is really a literary curiosity in itself, and when we consider the fact that the various editions of Ayer's Almanac aggregate ten million copies per annum we can but wonder at the gigantic proportions of a business which employs this Almanac, gratuitously distributed in such vast numbers, as one, only of the many methods of bringing to public notice the merits of the medicines compounded by this firm.

—The Teachers' Institute to-morrow. The following is the program of the Holt County Teachers' Institute, which will be held in Forest City to-morrow, Saturday, January 15, 1881.

MORNING SESSION. Religious exercises, conducted by Rev. G. A. McKinlay. Classification of Graded Schools, W. F. Drake; discussion opened by S. M. Rubeley. Routine in school room, Miss Sallie E. Bennett; discussion opened by Miss Nesbit.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Discrimination on account of sex—or unequal pay for equal work, Miss Ella Evans; discussion opened by Miss Gardner. Public school and public library, Rev. Duncan Brown; discussion opened by Mrs. Thomas.

The method of teaching reading to beginners, Prof. O. C. Hill; discussion opened by Chas. Coursen. Object of American Education, Ssm. O'Fallen; discussion opened by Mr. Foster.

Triumph. Health of the neighborhood is quite fair at present. There have been four deaths out of twenty cases of diphtheria. Colds seem to be an epidemic. We also have plenty of cold weather, and snow, giving the farmers good opportunity to sled their summer's wood in. And we also notice the young men embrace the opportunity to sleigh their girls out—with sleighs, sleds, bob sleds and jumpers. (School Teachers use the last named.) It is probable that some of these instruments may be the cause of your printing some wedding cards.

Our School is doing fine. The young people in this neck of the woods are enjoying themselves at parties. We would advise them to dispense with the old play of "Sister Phoebe" and "Button", and if the folks are so unfortunate as to have a Mound City News to fold it up, so as to cut strips one inch wide by eight long; commence at one corner and fold it up in the shape of a coronation; they make tip top pipe lighters and save matches.

Endorsed by the Faculty. The reputation of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has been solely achieved on account of its merits. Physicians prescribe it.

Benton Neighborhood. EDITOR COUNTY PAPER:—If you are not too much crowded we would like to see in your columns an item from our neighborhood.

We attended a very nice party at the residence of Alfred Murray on the 7th inst. We have attended Candy Pullings and Play Parties but they are nothing to compare with our dance at Mr. Murray's.

Among those present we noticed Miss Libbie Norace, Misses Jennie and Doris Meek of Mound City; Miss Laura Wilson, Miss Annie Rino, Miss Minnie Noland, Mrs. Emma Miller, Mrs. Della Gibson, and the gents were Mr. Wm. Norris, Mr. Joe Rine, Mr. Pat Horan, Alf. and Charley Miller, Will Carby, James Miller, Press Gibson and the Murray boys. Mr. Laura furnished the music, and did his part well. At half past eleven supper was announced and every thing that could be wished for, was on hand. Mrs. Murray deserves praise

for the supper. At three o'clock the crowd parted for their respective homes. We think there is something nicer than a civil dance. C. M.

Assessment of Holt County. We are indebted to W. H. Richards, Deputy County Clerk, for the following abstract of the assessed valuation of Real and Personal Property in Holt county, as shown by the recently completed Assessor's Book:

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT: No. Horses, 5,978 valued at \$217,335; Asses & denizens, 17 " 975; Mules, 1,539 " 81,539; Cattle, 18,669 " 269,845; Sheep, 4,319 " 6,545; Hogs, 41,785 " 151,250; All other live stock 100; Money, notes and bonds 518,550; All other Personal Property 418,005; Total Personal, \$1,733,234.

LAND ASSESSMENT—1881. Total No. of Acres, 271,768 \$1-100. No. Tracts of Land, 4,359, \$2,461,425; No. Town Lots, 3,910, 208,630; Total Land, \$2,748,055.

Total Land and Personal, \$1,481,299; The above shows an increase of \$853,630 over the total assessment of the previous year.

No more Hard Times. If you stop spending so much on fine clothes, rich food and style, buy good, healthy food, cheaper and better clothing; get more real and substantial things of life every way, and especially stop the foolish habits of employing expensive, quack doctors or using so much of the vile humbug medicine that does you only harm but put your trust in that simple, pure remedy, Hop Bitters; that cures always at a trifling cost, and you will see good times and have good health. See another column.

WM. EVERHART of Mattland, wishes to inform the public that he will furnish outfits of Furniture to those who may need them, cheaper than any house this side of Chicago, Kansas City or St. Joseph. He means just what he says and asks every one to call and be convinced by examining his stock and learning his prices.

Farm for Sale. I desire to sell my farm of 130 acres; 70 acres in tame grass, balance under cultivation. Good well and cistern; plenty of stock water; abundance of timber; young orchard of 250 bearing trees; one-and-a-half miles Southeast of New Point. Call on or address M. S. Modie, New Point, Holt county, Mo.

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etc., to be found in Holt County. KING & PROUD'S OREGON, MO.

Final Settlement. All creditors and others interested in the estate of Thomas Kansas, deceased, are notified that Holla T. Kamsay, the undersigned, administrator of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Holt county, Missouri, to be begun and holden at Oregon, in said county and State aforesaid, on the 14th day of February, 1881. HOLLAY T. KAMSAAY, Administrator.

STRAY NOTICE. Taken up by F. M. Sloan, and posted before W. D. Callaway, a Justice of the Peace in Clay township, Holt county, Mo., on the 5th day of Nov. inst., 1880, one red and white border calf about eight months old; marked. Appraised at \$7.50. Also, one yearling heifer, mostly red, about the head, which is nearly white; marked with a crop and split in the left and a crop and under bit off of the right eye. Appraised at \$10.00. C. W. Nute, J. H. Eagles and S. D. Campbell, Administrators.

A true copy from my Stray Book. W. D. CALLAWAY, J. P. For Clay Township.

It is now generally urged in extension of Annie's offense that he was raised, with no other playmates than a couple of gas meters.