

LOCAL NEWS.

Bad colds. Moonshine. Plenty of business. Guess those grasshoppers need overcoats by this time. That was a regular Waterloo defeat Tuesday night. The St. Joseph Insurance Companies seem to do a dividend business. "Three fingered Jack" is doing St. Joseph, Atchison and other up-river towns. Boonville has its work-house completed, ready for occupancy. State Auditor Holliday is absent in St. Louis for a few days. Hon. R. T. Van Horn, of the K. C. Journal, has gone to Washington. A new sheriff's sale—free of incumbrance—is to be had of the lessees' mules. "Thou wilt come no more gentle Annie" is the refrain of that insurance man's song just now. A line from Kemp G. Cooper informs us that he arrived at Denver on the 6th instant, safe and sound. County warrants are at par, and our people can as well afford to venture a little enterprise in the way of building roads as not. A Sedalia firm paid F. & J. Hurt farmers of Cooper county, \$1 per bushel for 600 bushels of wheat delivered at the depot on M. K. & T. R. R. State officers are preparing their reports to the Governor, as required by the New Constitution. Hereafter they will be made semi-annually. "Compliments of A. M. D., W. Q. D. and L. E. D." Here's your good health, your family's good health, and may you all live long and prosper. It is rumored that Jim Dodson the convicted forger whose motion for a new trial is now pending before Judge Miller, is willing to "square." By all means let the convicts work for any one that will work them. Better have them at work at 25 cents a day than idle. Better for them and the State too. "Honesty is the best policy, but it keeps a man very poor," said Craven, the grocer, whilst weighing out sugar without having put sand in or wetting it. We understand that the First National Bank and National Exchange Bank have each declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on their capital stock. Hiram Lawrence, a wealthy and highly respected farmer residing in Holt county, was found murdered recently. His worthless son was arrested as the murderer. We notice that up country merchants are providing themselves with corn-shellers to be run with power. Some Jeffersonian should take the hint. Transfers of real estate in Cooper county during December aggregated \$44,537 37; the transfers for the year, exclusive of trusts and mortgages, amounted to \$409,257 31. The directors of the Jefferson City, Lebanon and Southwestern Rail Road met Tuesday and elected the following officers; President, Maj. J. M. Clarke; Secretary, James E. Carter; Treasurer, Phil. E. Chappell. The following were re-elected directors of the National Exchange Bank Tuesday. George Wagner, Christ Wagner, J. L. Smith, H. Clay Fyning, H. E. Schultz, W. G. McCarty, Green O. Berry, P. E. Chappell and Joseph Obermayer. The officers remain as before, Phil. E. Chappell, Prest. Nick E. Miller, Cashier. From a democratic exchange we learn that if the Centennial bill is to pass the House of Representatives the Amnesty bill must go through also. Without saying aught against either it seems to us that it is the principle of the thing which should govern and to strike up a trade in the interests of either is inexcusable. D. E. Saunders, who was convicted at the last term of court for obtaining money under false pretenses, and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary, has received a further stay of execution, Judge Miller allowing him until February 16th, to have his appeal to the Supreme Court decided. He remains in our jail.—Boonville Advertiser. The St. Joe Gazette professed a doubt as to the Cole county grass-hopper. We are pleased to say that the present cold weather promises to rid us of the pests but that the "varmint" was here as stated is no joke. We would add that the JOURNAL is more fortunate than the Gazette. The JOURNAL does not have to tell its readers what is and what is not a joke—or true. The "Kansas City Times' Fast Newspaper Train" over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad was inaugurated Tuesday. The train is composed of a locomotive and postal car; will run during the session of the Kansas legislature, and is in the exclusive interest of the Times, which, by-the-way, is one of the most enterprising of Western papers. Its politics are miserable, but it has many good qualities, and gives its readers the latest news. Three Italians are to be hung in St. Louis, February 18. The men, Dominio Davina, Bastiano Lombardo, and Antonio Catalano, were tried for murder last October, having assassinated a countryman named Pariermo on the 13th of March, 1874. The history of their trial, conviction and final decision of the Supreme Court affirming judgment, makes quite a chapter in the history of crimes and criminals.

Miss Lizzie Sherman daughter of Gen. W. T. Sherman was riding out in the family carriage in St. Louis the other day, when the horses took fright and ran some distance landing Miss Sherman on the sidewalk with slight injury. A very fortunate escape. The Surrogate has decided in the Singer will case that Mrs. Isabella E. Singer, named in the will of Isaac M. Singer—of the sewing machine fame and who died possessed of enormous wealth—a lady whose character is in no way impugned by or involved in the matter, and which we are bound to consider as above reproach, is the widow of the deceased and her children his legitimate offspring. The application of Mrs. Mary Ann Singer, Miss Foster, the second wife, who claimed dower, was denied. The Governor has respited William Pents, of Bollinger county, sentenced to be hanged on the 14th of this month, until the 11th of February next. Pents was convicted of the murder of a little girl while gathering grapes in the woods, last fall. Judge, prosecuting attorney, 8 jurors and a number of citizens petition for a commutation. No doubt as to guilt but think Pents is crazy. Respite issued in order to examine evidence as to insanity, and if he has mind enough to understand the consequences of his crime when committed, he will hang, but if only an idiot, may commute sentence. On Monday last the children of a Mrs. Landon, residing near Independence, Missouri, left their mother alone for an hour or two to go to town. She was subject to epileptic fits, and when her son returned he found his mother lying on the stone steps leading from the house door, actually dead. Her clothing and the house were in flames, and a deep wound in her forehead had been inflicted by her fall. It is supposed that in some way her clothing caught on fire, and it communicated to the different rooms through which she passed, and in going out of doors she had fallen where her son discovered her. The husband was absent at work in Council Bluffs. The Courier-Journal thus classifies them: "Some engagements are of a short but rapturous kind, others of a protracted and platonic character; some are contracted for a fixed term of years, others are terminable after an indefinite period. The remainder may be considered terminable at pleasure." Yes, we have known a fellow and his girl hang on to the ragged edge for thirty years; take evening walks like a couple of disappointed book-canvassers, get hitched in the end, and quarrel ever after. Give us the short and rapturous. As a wife-market Louisville is said to be unmatched. That is bad.—St. Louis Republican. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Jefferson City Gas Light company, held at the office of the company, January 11, 1876, the following directors and officers were elected: Directors, James E. Carter, Phil. E. Chappell, Joseph L. Stephens and Joseph S. Ambrose. Officers, James E. Carter, President; Phil. E. Chappell, Vice President; Jos. S. Ambrose, Secretary and Superintendent. The board passed a resolution reducing the price of gas to four dollars per thousand cubic feet, dating from the first day of January, 1876. J. S. AMBROSE, Sect'y. As we were wending our way to the suburbs Tuesday night our attention was attracted to the mysterious movements of a band of men with queer looking instruments and led by a man having a lighted torch. They slipped into the front yard of the lower frame house below the bakery on Madison street and suddenly the air was rent by a blast which brought to the doors and windows of the surrounding buildings their respective inmates and seemed to stir up a mighty commotion inside the aforementioned "little frame." As we saw and listened, the door softly opened and through the space we imagined we saw a postmaster, clerk of court, school ma'ams and others going through evolutions which would have astonished and delighted some of the boys and girls who see them day by day. As we were not a member of the "Band" or an invited guest, we left the scene, since learning however, that Capt. H. T. Holmes, Mrs. Hattie Holmes and the father of H. T., Mr. Alexander Holmes were all born on the same day—of the month we mean—and that the party and serenade was in honor thereof. A Scene in the Sheriff's Office. The newly-elected Sheriff was sitting in his office sad-eyed and haggard. He held in his hand a stack of manuscript representing the applications of eight hundred and seventy-nine candidates for positions of deputy sheriff, each of whom said he had worked for him at the polls, and had gained him all the way up from two hundred to one thousand votes from their personal friends who did not vote the Democratic ticket. A man attired in a blue shirt, with a paper collar and a red nose, entered the office, and grasping the hand of the tired official, greeted him cordially. "Ah, Mr. Sheriff, but it's glad I am to see you looking so hearty; don't you remember me?" "I don't think I do," remarked the official, "although there is something in your face which is familiar to me." "Ah, Mr. Sheriff, I thought you'd know me. I worked for you all day election, and got you one thousand votes, and I come for that place." "Well, I am sorry to say that I have already promised all the places at my disposal." "Oh, give me a place; I don't care what it is." "Oh! by the by," said the sheriff, with a malicious grin in his eye, "there is a place, but it's not worth much, and I don't think you'd take it." "Ah! Mr. Sheriff, I'll take anything; I don't care what kind of a place it is. Tell me what it is, and I'll jump at it with my coat off." "All right," said the sheriff; "there is a Chinaman going to be hanged at the jail next month, and he wants somebody to take his place. I think it would suit you." The man with the red nose ceased to smile, and asking the sheriff for a quarter to pay for his lodging that night, he left the office and mingled with the throng of would-be deputy sheriffs on the outside.

State Treasurer's Report for 1875. STATE OF MISSOURI. TREASURY. To His Excellency, Charles H. Hardin, Governor of Missouri: DEAR SIR: In compliance with article 5 section 22, new constitution, I herewith submit statement of the expenses of this office, and also the receipts and disbursements of this Department for the year ending December 31st, 1875, as follows, viz.: Treasurer's salary paid.....\$3,000 00 Chief Clerk's salary paid..... 1,500 00 Book-keeper's salary paid..... 1,500 00 Janitor and Messenger's salary paid.. 180 00 Office furniture..... 187 25 Office repairs..... 61 85 Cash book and copying pencils..... 49 80 Gas fixtures..... 6 00 Express charges..... 14 35 Telegraphing..... 66 00 Postage stamps..... 139 20 Matches and burning fluid..... 2 05 Total.....\$6,706 50 STATE INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 363,882 69 Rec'ts for the year 1875..... 1,375,040 90 Total.....\$1,678,923 59 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$1,022,495 55 To transfer to sinking fund..... 250,000 00 To balance in Treasury..... 406,428 04 Total.....\$1,678,923 59 REVENUE FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 151,347 03 Rec'ts for year 1875..... 1,191,214 94 Total.....\$1,342,561 97 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$ 943,791 91 To wolf scalps certificates paid... 8,400 50 To transfer to seminary moneys.. 16,317 49 To " to State school moneys... 364,809 49 To " to Library fund..... 2,000 00 To balance in Treasury..... 7,122 58 Total.....\$1,342,561 97 SINKING FUND. Am't rec'ts from sale of bonds.....\$3,623,746 59 Am't trans'd from State int. fund. 250,000 00 Total.....\$3,873,746 59 DISBURSEMENTS. To bonds paid.....\$3,697,938 97 Balance in Treasury..... 175,807 62 STATE SCHOOL FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 32,754 63 Receipts for the year 1875..... 1,930,559 87 Total.....\$1,963,314 50 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$1,959,678 96 To balance in Treasury..... 3,635 54 STATE SCHOOL MONIES. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$101,184 51 Receipts for year 1875..... 91,708 36 To transfer from revenue fund..... 304,809 49 Total receipts.....\$557,697 36 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$466,306 27 To balance in Treasury..... 91,391 09 SEMINARY MONIES. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 3,639 32 Receipts for year 1875..... 4,108 84 Amount transferred from Rev. fund. 16,317 49 Total receipts.....\$24,065 65 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$23,768 61 To balance in Treasury..... 297 04 STATE LIBRARY FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 530 55 Am't transferred from revenue fund. 2,000 00 Total receipts.....\$2,530 55 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$ 808 65 To balance in Treasury..... 1,727 90 EXECUTORS' AND ADMINISTRATORS' FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$41,500 29 Receipts for the year 1875..... 2,400 33 Total receipts.....\$43,900 62 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$37,105 21 To balance in Treasury..... 6,795 41 SWAMP LAND INDEMNITY FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$16,414 92 Rec'ts for year 1875..... 10,565 14 Total.....\$26,980 06 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$21,089 38 To balance in Treasury..... 5,890 68 REDEMPTION LAND FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$4,442 88 Receipts for year 1875..... 840 00 Total.....\$5,282 88 Balance in Treasury.....\$5,282 88 INSURANCE DEPT. FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$22,452 75 Receipts for year 1875..... 9,393 17 Total.....\$31,845 92 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$ 9,192 22 To balance in Treasury..... 22,653 70 COUNTY REVENUE FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$919 19 To balance in Treasury..... 919 19 SOLDIERS' ORPHAN HOME. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$793 21 Balance in Treasury..... 793 21 ROAD AND CANAL FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$2,795 24 Receipts for year 1875..... 291 73 Total.....\$3,086 97 PENITENTIARY FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$3,682 75 Receipts for year 1875..... 779 77 Total.....\$4,462 52

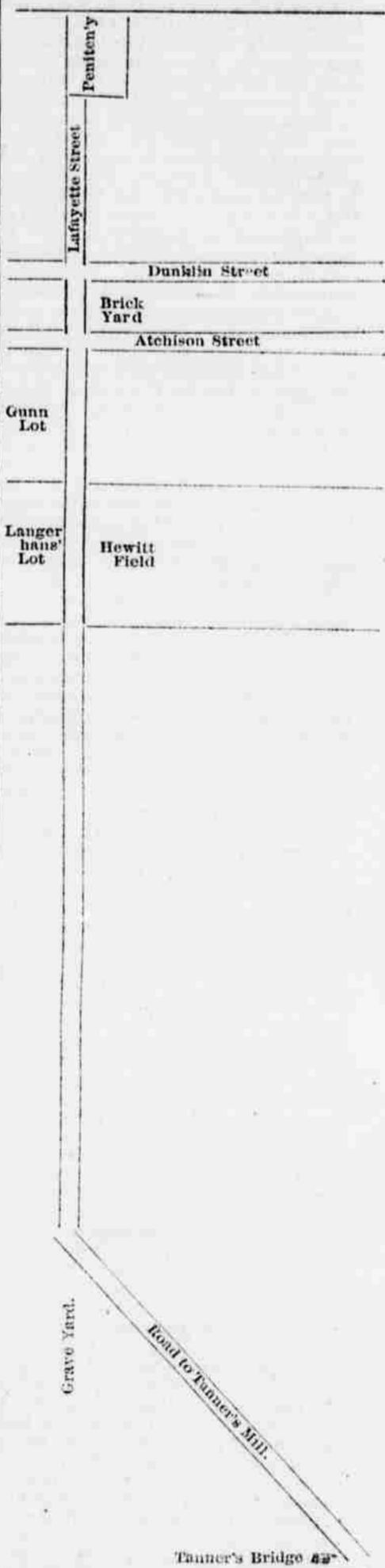
DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$1,637 99 To balance in Treasury..... 2,224 59 CENTRE TOWNSHIP, KNOX COUNTY, BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 352 00 Receipts for year 1875..... 1,613 00 Total.....\$1,965 00 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$1,965 00 WARRENSBURG, JOHNSON COUNTY, BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$2,913 01 Receipts for year 1875..... 2,788 90 Total.....\$5,671 01 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$5,650 00 To balance in Treasury.....\$ 21 01 PUTNAM COUNTY BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$ 16 32 Receipts for year 1875..... 2,000 00 Total.....\$2,016 32 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$2,016 32 WAYNE COUNTY BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$1,347 53 To warrants paid..... 1,347 53 DOUGLAS COUNTY BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$295 00 Receipts for year 1875..... 609 06 Total.....\$714 05 DISBURSEMENTS. To warrants paid.....\$714 05 PULASKI COUNTY BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Am't rec'd from Ex-Treas. Salmon.....\$1,997 50 To warrants paid..... 1,997 50 GLENWOOD, SCHUYLER COUNTY, BOND AND INTEREST FUND. Receipts for year 1875.....\$541 10 To warrants paid..... 541 10 All of which is respectfully submitted. JOSEPH W. MERCER, State Treasurer. Macadamized Road. The Tribune gives the following emphatic endorsement to our proposition for a macadamized road to the Moreau: "We heartily endorse the proposition of the JOURNAL for a macadamized road to the bridge at Tanner's Mill. The route indicated by the JOURNAL's diagram is by all odds the best natural approach to the city from that direction. Beginning at the penitentiary, Lafayette street to the city limits runs over ground as level almost as a house floor. The least possible amount of leveling will be required. In addition to this, material for macadamizing can be had for the asking. Right in the line of the street is all the refuse of the large quarries which have been used by the State for years, and also of what is known as the old Gunn quarry. In addition to this, any quantity of gravel can be obtained from the bed of the creek within the city limits. There is not a street in the whole city that can be so easily and cheaply improved, and when it is considered that Jefferson street is the only avenue by which the city can be approached from the south, the importance of improving Lafayette street will be acknowledged at once. We hope that the city and county authorities will consider this matter and see the importance of it. It is the more important as the beginning of the macadamized road to Tusculum, which the people of Miller county are seriously agitating, and very much des're to have, and if the road could be completed it would be worth as much to the local trade of this city as a railroad, while the advantages to the farmers would be even greater. A New Name. The Bodine and Lohman Manufacturing Company have made a most commendable change in adopting a new name for their works viz.: The Jefferson City Agricultural Works. The officers selected for the year are President, Fred Fisher; Vice-President, W. Q. Dallmeyer; Treasurer, C. F. Lohman; Secretary, E. T. Manchester. C. F. Lohman, W. Q. Dallmeyer, E. T. Manchester, L. C. Lohman, Fred Fisher, Chas. Dasehel, C. L. Bush and P. H. Standish are the directors. The Jefferson City Agricultural Works possess most excellent facilities for the manufacture of all kinds of agricultural implements, and for a general foundry business. Its officers are experienced in business and mechanics, and its workmen are skilled in the various branches in which they are employed. In spite of adverse circumstances, hard times, etc., the company has an established reputation and its future will, we trust, be full of prosperity and success. Let each and all of our citizens give the Company all the encouragement in their power. It's prosperity is our gain and we all know the value of having the Works firmly established in our midst. Thought It Was Another Man. An insurance agent called into an establishment on Fourth street the other day with a large account book under his arm, and walking up to the proprietor in a business sort of a way he inquired "how's business? How's stock?" "Oh, business is very, very dull," returned the tradesman. "Pon my word, sir, I haven't got \$900 in the house. Terrible dull!" And he paused and looked inquiringly at his visitor. "Only \$900?" said the insurance man, in surprise. "Pon my word, sir," said the dealer, "I don't believe there's a dollar more—look for yourself;" and the man looked sad and sighed. "Then, sir," said the insurance man, with a good deal of warmth, "how does it come that your stock is insured in our company for \$4,500, eh?" "Oh! beg your pardon!" exclaimed the dealer in great confusion; "I thought you was the tax-gatherer, or 'pon my soul, I wouldn't a-said that, when, in fact, my stock is worth fully \$8,000—Look for yourself, sir!"—Dispatch.

EMPLOYMENT FOR CONVICTS

Building County Roads.

While the good people of Cole are suffering all the disadvantages of the presence of the penitentiary and its mismanagement, it is no more than right that they should get some good out of it if they can. To this end we propose that the county enter an arrangement with the Warden and Inspectors for work upon our county roads. Nothing would aid in developing the county so much as a good system of county roads. A good MacAdamed road into Osage township, for example, would pay for itself in a very short time in the enhanced value it would give to the farms and farm products, and particularly the timber of that highly favored region. Hence as a states, we suggest a road, direct, to the bridge across the Moreau at Tanner's Mill as shown by the following diagram:

PROPOSED ROAD TO TANNER'S MILL.



It will be seen by those familiar with the country that the diagram proposes the opening and extension of Lafayette street to the range line, which forms the southwest Out-Lot line of the city, striking the line at what is known as KING'S GRAVE YARD, thence continuing down the range line to the Moreau. This would give three miles and a half of good road, with no heavy grades, and would be of immense benefit to all that section of the county. We commend the project to the attention of our county court and leading citizens. Any one with a practical eye will see at a glance that a greater benefit for \$1,500 or \$2,000 could scarcely be accomplished.

Knew 'Twas His Dog.

The Harford Times says: "A gentleman who had lost a black dog offered a reward for him. A boy brought in a large one—a yellow fellow, with one or two dark spots near the root of the tail. 'A dollar,' said the lad. The gentleman shook his head. 'It's yours,' said the boy. 'No, mine is black.' 'So is this one—he has black spots—his yours.' 'No,' said the gentleman. 'I know he is,' said the ragged urchin, 'gin me the dollar.' The gentleman declined. Next day he received a postal card, telling him where his dog was, in a distant part of the city. He went there and found the same yellow dog. 'It's yours,' persisted the boy, 'gin me the dollar.' But the gentleman declined—though he would have taken him had the boy hung a Christmas wreath on the pup's tail. A dollar for this dog would be less than 2 cents a pound, and pork is worth ten cents for sausages."