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THE COUNTY ALMS HOUSE.

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It is reported on pretty good authority that Marion Wilkerson of East Prairie has cleaned up a good thing on the cotton market. According to our information last Saturday he was nearly \$20,000 ahead, and standing to clear up \$50,000 within a few days.

The cotton market for several weeks has been offering opportunities for investment for profits out of the ordinary.—Charleston Enterprise.

Doniphan, Ripley county, is the one town in Missouri that has music three times a day. An enterprising mechanical genius of that town has invented a steam whistle upon which he plays most anything, from Yankee Doodle to Near My God to Thee. Morning, noon and night as sure as the times arrive, this steam calliope blasts forth its welcome strains. A representative of the Department of Publication of the Missouri World's Fair Commission, who is collecting material for the volume being written by Walter Williams, was in Doniphan recently and was treated to "Home, Sweet Home," for breakfast, "Feed Them Me" for dinner, and "I'm Up Against the Real Thing Now" for supper.

By her marriage on December 30 to Aquilla Cole of Potosi, Mo., Miss

Two Prosperous Firms Incorporate. Commencing with the New Year two long established Farmington firms will cease to be partnership firms and become incorporated under the laws of Missouri.

The new letter-heads of Lang & Bro. announces that the old firm has been succeeded by Lang & Bro. Mfg. and Mer. Co.

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Hollie Higgenbotham, also of Potosi, admitted a sheriff. The office in this instance was her own brother, Howard Higgenbotham, whose domain is Washington county. Miss Higgenbotham was her brother's housekeeper, and her proposed marriage did not meet with his approval. Rev. Dr. J. W. Cunningham performed the ceremony which made Miss Higgenbotham Mrs. Cole at his residence, 1414 Locust street, St. Louis, Monday night.

LIBERTYVILLE ITEMS.

Robert Johnson, Jr., of St. Louis, county clerk, and is entering his claim.

County Court Proceedings.

County court met at 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday and transacted the following business: Statement of Luther Jenkins, receiver and receiver in district No. 10, filed and same is on file in the court room.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

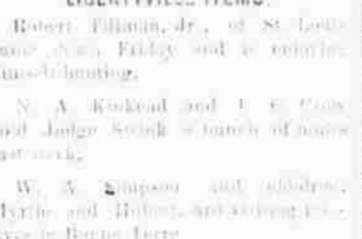
Statement of the City's Financial Condition Read—Other Important Business Transacted.

Last Monday night the City Council met in regular session with all members present. In several reports, recommendations and resolutions were presented.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, Mo., from July 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES, listing various items like amount from Treasury, interest on bonds, salaries, and other city expenses.

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A Word to the Public. In entering upon the New Year, I desire to thank the public and my friends and customers for their generous patronage during the year just closing.

BIG REDUCTION IN ALL WINTER GOODS. FOR the next 60 days we will give a discount of 20 to 25 per cent on all cash purchases of Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Heavy Suits, Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, Heavy Winter Dress Goods, and in fact everything in the line of winter goods.

ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY BANK CAPITAL STOCK \$30,000—SURPLUS \$4,500. THOS. STAM, President. V. G. BISHOP, Cashier. F. COVER, Cashier.

\$1.65 gets The Commoner The Farmington Times For a Whole Year Call Here.

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