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Probate Court Notice.

Monday, the 1st day of January, 1866, being the day prescribed by law for holding the next regular term of the Probate Court, and that being New Year's Day, the Court will be convened and adjourn, and no business will be transacted until Tuesday, the 2d day of January and of the term,

JOHN W. DAY, Judge.

Robbery—Co. Treasurer's Safe Blown Open.

On Wednesday night of this week the safe of the County Treasurer of this county was blown open and the contents abstracted by some villains, as yet unknown. Fortunately there was not a large amount of money on hand, the Treasurer, Mr. Gephart, having brought up his accounts and cleaned every thing out on Saturday evening last. The exact amount on hand is not ascertained. This is a bold robbery, and only by good luck the county is saved a heavy loss. But until the county has proper buildings and a reliable fire and burglar-proof safe, such things may be expected to befall us. The wisdom of providing against such attempts is so manifest that only the willfully blind can fail to see it. It is not only a work of economy, but of necessity. This thing of getting along without proper county buildings is, emphatically, "penny wise and pound foolish."

Another thing. So long as men are tolerated in a community who are known to get their living by dishonest means, who are known to engage in unlawful transactions, these things may be counted on. Every effect has its cause; and while dishonesty is rampant and the lawless acquisition of property is not punished, but the outlaws left unmolested, it is folly to expect any thing better than such events as this one. Public sentiment must not only disapprove of such outlawry, but the public must protect itself against it. Without such action as will secure the ends of justice in the punishment of the criminals, it is useless to hope for better things. If the guilty can be reached by law so reach them; if not, community must be protected by its own reserved rights. "Self-preservation is Nature's first law."

Anti-Thief Meeting.

Citizens composing the very "bone and sinew" of this township, met at the Treasurer's office to day (Friday) to take into consideration the robbery committed on Wednesday night. W. C. Ball was called to the chair and H. F. Woolley appointed Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cooper, Gephart, Day, Critchfield, Allen, and others, and a determination to put away the thieves out of the community was resolved upon. Some of these are known, and have been and will be arrested.

It was resolved that all who are no with the honest part of community, are against it, and that any man who defends the thieves or denounces the movement to "clean them out," shall be considered one of them and be dealt with accordingly.

A long series of crimes and threats led to this action of our citizens, and the robbery only led public sentiment to a focus. Every man must now show his hand. The people are determined that right shall prevail.

Our School House.

The bonds have been voted for the erection of a suitable school house in this district, but the work is not going forward. What is the cause of the delay? Is there lacking anything to make the work go? This is a matter of vital importance, and those who have it in charge are responsible to our citizens, and to the youth of the district, for the faithful and speedy performance of their duty. If any further action is needed on the part of our citizens, let such action be called for and had at once. There should be no unnecessary delay in this business; no dallying with an interest of such great importance.

So far as we know our board of trustees desire anxiously to see this matter pushed forward, but it seems, nevertheless, to drag. A little life and energy would probably do much to further the good work. Every possible effort should be put forth at once to accomplish this much desired object.

We direct particular attention to the advertisement of William Hall & Son in another column. They publish the most extensive assortment of music of any house in the country, and can always supply the wants of the musical world in this respect.

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Man Hung.

We learn that on Tuesday night a man living in the vicinity of Mt. Florence in this county, got into a quarrel with some returned soldiers over an accusation they made against him of running off from the draft (after being drawn) to Kentucky. Growing angry, he drew a knife and stabbed one of the soldiers, and attempted to flee, but was arrested by the authorities, from whose custody he was taken by the soldiers and hung. We did not learn whether the stab inflicted on the soldier was fatal or not. Nor did we hear the name of the man who was hung. Such scenes are both unfortunate and hurtful. They create an impression that lawlessness prevails in Kansas, and tend to discredit us as a State, whereas, in other places such things occur, and are scarcely noticed. Every thing relating to Kansas is made prominent, and always has been. Hence, a row in this State will be regarded as a great thing.

HUNTING.—Messrs. Fortner and Olney, of this place, recently went on a hunting expedition into Missouri, and returned at the commencement of the cold weather with fourteen deer and a lot of turkeys and smaller game. They sold \$150 worth of meat—principally venison, we believe—at one time, for the Leavenworth market, to our friend Jos. Evans, who has made some pretty extensive drafts upon wild game himself, this winter. We call this pretty fair work for a short trip. Who can beat it?

THE WEATHER.—Since our last issue, the sleet has disappeared after remaining for about a week on the ground. We had several days of quite pleasant weather. On Wednesday evening it turned cold, and before morning on Thursday the mercury was down to zero. We have had an unusual amount of cold weather this winter.

MARRIED.—On the 19th inst., at the residence of Samuel Tibbet, by Rev. P. M. Buck, Mr. John Adams of Johnson Co., Kansas, and Miss Sarah E. Tibbet, of Jefferson Co., Kansas.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for January is on our table, richly freighted with choice literature. The articles are: "Passages from Hawthorne's Note Books; Castles in the Air; Beauty and the Beast; The Wilderness; The Bells of Lynn; The High Tide of December; Lucy's Letters; Doctor John; Wind the Clock; The Kingdom Coming; The Chimney-Corner for 1866; Griffith Gaunt, or Jealousy; Reviews and Literary Notices. If you have not already subscribed for this work, now is the time. \$4 a year; 2 copies \$7; 5 copies \$16; 10 copies \$30. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, Mass.

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Order of Publication.

STATE OF KANSAS,) ss. COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,)

In the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Kansas, sitting in said County of Jefferson.

James S. Townsend, Plaintiff, vs. James Sewell, John Sewell, Robert Sewell, Mary Ann Sewell, Alexander Sewell, Malinda Sewell, and Thomas Sewell, Defendants.

It appearing from affidavits on file, that James Sewell, John Sewell, Robert Sewell, Mary Ann Sewell, Alexander Sewell, Malinda Sewell, and Thomas Sewell, defendants, will take notice of the said order of publication in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District, within and for the County of Jefferson, State of Kansas, on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1865, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to wit: Commencing at a point on the western boundary of the north-east-quarter (1/4) of section eighteen (18), township eleven (11), of range seventh (7), forty-one and one-third (41 1/3) rods south of the north-west corner, thence south one hundred and eighty and twenty (180) rods to the place of beginning; that on the said 25th day of December, A. D. 1865, said James Sewell, and said defendant, James Sewell, sold and agreed to convey to the said plaintiff by good and sufficient deed the land a-bove described, and that plaintiff then and there paid said James Sewell the full and entire purchase money therefor, and has ever since held possession thereof; that since that time and prior to the commencement of this suit, said James Sewell died intestate, leaving as her sole heirs said defendants, James Sewell, John Sewell, Robert Sewell, Mary Ann Sewell, Alexander Sewell, Malinda Sewell, and Thomas Sewell; that the said James Sewell did not, prior to her death, nor have the said defendants at any time, conveyed said land in pursuance of said agreement to said plaintiff, and praying that the Court would decree a title, and for such other and further relief as in equity he is entitled.

Said defendants are bound to answer or demur to said petition on or before the 26th day of January, A. D. 1866, or said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1865.

R. EES & HOWSLEY, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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