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WE'RE FOR AMERICA & AMERICANS!

The fact that everybody is expecting good times to come early is one reason why they are going to come. This feeling denotes a restoration of confidence, which is an essential preliminary to a business revival.

SILVER is down very near the lowest point which it ever touched, while wheat is at a high level, and is likely to go higher. Nobody hears the parrot talk now of silver and wheat being yoked together, but this is because the silver issue is dead, temporarily or eternally.

THE Democratic orators and editors who are shrieking that the new Tariff Bill, based on the McKinley Law, will not produce revenue should take a look at the record of that Law before committing themselves on the subject.

Wanted, a young or middle aged man as partner in an established and rapidly growing stamp trade; big profits and quick returns guaranteed.

SECRETARY WILSON, the new head of the Department of Agriculture, is receiving the highest encomiums from members of Congress of all parties for the intelligent and practical way with which he has taken hold of the work of his Department.

THE Bryan "gang" in the Democratic party has accumulated a very black eye. Congressman BAILEY of Texas declined to run for Congress last fall, because he could not agree with Mr. BRYAN's political vagaries, although himself a confessed friend of silver.

THE Dispatch, the proposed new Free-silver daily which proposes to be born in Louisville in a few days, proposes to do business on a purely Free-silver business basis. It will require all Agents who sell it to be Free-silver Democrats, and each Agent must be a stockholder at not less than \$25 a hold.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY's first message to Congress, like his inaugural, is commended at every hand both for its clearness and brevity, and for the bold stand which it takes in favor of Protection and revenue.

Don't fail to place your "ad" in THE LEDGER if you want the most for your money. Commencing Monday, March 15th, you can get a regular meal at Roper's New Era for 25 cents.

The sales of wool at Boston last week aggregated 48,000,000 pounds, as against 23,000,000 pounds for the previous week.

The Bluegrass Tournament, the outgrowth of the Bluegrass Declamatory Contest League, will be held in Harrodsburg the latter part of May.

Taylor Bros. at Washington are selling 22 pounds of Havemeyer's Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1 and 8 pounds of either Arbuckle's or Lion Coffee for \$1.

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Rheumatism Quickly Cured. After having been confined to the house for eleven days and paying out \$25 in doctor bills without benefit, Mr. Frank Johnson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was cured by one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

NOTICE. All persons having claims against the estate of F. H. Traxel, deceased, are requested to present them at once, proven according to law, and all persons indebted to the estate will please come and settle.

Contractors Wanted! Proposals will be received until Saturday, April 24, 1897, by the Mason County Turnpike Commissioners for building about two miles of turnpike road from the North Fork of Lick river to the old Buckle road to the James M. Mitchell residence, and for one mile of turnpike road in Charleston Bottom.

No Charge! Advertisements in the heading of "Wanted," "Situations," "Lost," "Found," etc., of an exactible nature, and not to exceed three lines, on this page, are FREE to all.

WANTED. To borrow \$2,000 at 5 per cent. interest for two years, payable semi-annually. Apply at this office. mar17 1w

WANTED—Housework, in city or country. Address MARTHA BERVES, Aberdeen, O. mar17 1w

WANTED—To loan on improved real estate \$1,000 for 54 years at guaranteed net cost of only \$100, or for 15 years at 400, and other sums in proportion. A. E. COLE & SON. feb17 1w

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FOR RENT—The late Champe Farrow Farm of 50 acres near Orangeburg, containing a brick dwelling-house with six rooms and outbuildings; also a fine apple orchard and distillery. Apply to A. E. COLE & SON, Attorneys for Columbia Finance and Trust Co. mar20 1w

FOR RENT—Frame Cottage on Lee street. Apply to CRAWFORD & CADDY, No. 10 East Third street. mar17 1w

LOST—Saturday morning, a \$10 bill, between M. C. Russell's corner and second and a portion of Third streets. Finder, please return to A. T. THOMAS, C. and O. Depot, and receive reward. 21 1w

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing that will bring you a profit? Send your ideas, they may bring you wealth! Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their free price offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

THE LEVEES

At Many Points on the Mississippi Give Way.

Work on Levee Barriers in Arkansas Practically Abandoned.

Disheartening Reports Come From the Iowa and Dakota Valleys—Government Relay Boats Busy—There Are Rumors of Great Loss of Life.

St. Louis, March 22.—Latest advices from the flooded country south of here state that the situation is hourly growing worse. Walls of water have beaten down the levees at many points and riparian dwellers are at the mercy of the flood.

It is feared the river will seek its old channel through the lake, which was shifted 20 miles west by the earthquake of 1812. South of Helena, Ark., the levee breaks are most numerous and the damage greatest. The five steamers employed by the Memphis relief were reinforced Sunday by two government boats towing barges.

Gov. Jones, of Arkansas, Saturday sent a company of militia to guard the levees of Desha county, as there were fears that Mississippi cut might try to save their own homes by cutting the levee on the Arkansas side.

Unconfirmed rumors of great loss of life are met at every hand, but the death-roll can not even be approximated till the flood subsides. The situation is indeed gloomy, with small prospect of immediate betterment.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 22.—The levees of a stretch of 15 miles from and south of Osceola, Ark., went all to pieces Sunday.

Senatorial reports were current Sunday night of a series of big cutoffs on the Missouri above Sioux City. The stream is said to have shortened itself a score of miles and to have swallowed up much farm property.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 22.—The Des Moines river has risen three feet since Saturday night, and is now over sixteen feet above normal and still rising. About three hundred families have been driven out of their homes by the water, but aside from this the damage thus far is not heavy.

A Blizzard in Western Nebraska. OMAHA, Neb., March 22.—Reports received here Sunday night from Western Nebraska indicate a very severe snow storm prevalent. The blizzard extends from Schuyler, 60 miles west of here, to North Platte, in the further end of the state.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE at Ottumwa, Ia. OTTUMWA, Ia., March 22.—A fire which started at 5:30 Sunday afternoon in Cullen's dry goods store had destroyed a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property at 9 o'clock and was still having its own way.

THE Ice Went Out. DURQUEE, Ia., March 22.—The ice above the bridge went out Saturday morning. The river is rising over an inch an hour for the past two days, and is now standing nearly ten feet above the low-water mark.

Trouble at Tokat. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22.—It is officially reported that there has been serious trouble at Tokat, 55 miles northwest of Sivas, in Asia Minor. Beyond stating that 15 Armenians and three Mussulmans were killed, no details of the affair are given.

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Begin Now! to make the year 1897 the most successful one of your business career by placing your ad. in a paper where it will reach the largest number of people, and thus give you the most satisfactory returns for your investment. You can find

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CITY COUNCIL. Meets First Thursday Evening in Each Month. William H. Cox, President.

MEMBERS. First Ward, R. H. Frost, John Dersch. Second Ward, C. B. Pearce, Jr., George H. Heiser.

MASONIC LODGES. Confidence Lodge No. 55—Meets first Monday night in each month. Mason Lodge No. 342—Meets second Monday night in each month.

COLORED SOCIETIES. Masonic. Ancestral Lodge No. 24, F. A. M.—Meets second Wednesday night in each month.

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