

Local Items.

Fall trade is looking up. Get a good ready for the Fair. The Institute closed yesterday. The melon-choly days have come. The Masons of Platteville are about to erect a new hall. School ma'ns to the right of us; school ma'ns to the left of us. Public schools of this city commence on the 9th of September. Two balloon ascensions from the Fair Grounds next week. Hog cholera is raging among hogs in the western part of the county. Greenback county convention at Dodgeville on Saturday. Mr. Thos. Beach is here on a visit to his brother, Delos P. Beach. State Fair at Madison, September 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Gundry & Gray have put in a new plate glass front. It's immense. A M. E. camp-meeting will be held at Belmont, commencing Sept. 5th. President Hayes will be in Madison Sept. 10th. The re-building of Gillman's brewery is nearly completed. John Spensley advertises for sale, some first grade Short Horn calves. There are 1085 persons in the city between the ages of four and twenty. The Democratic Caucus at the City Hall on Tuesday night was largely attended. Be sure and attend the Fair of the S. W. Wis. I. A. in this city next week. Mineral Point can furnish candidates to order—Democrats, Republicans, or Greenbackers, as desired. LaFayette county will hold her annual Fair, September 11th, 12th and 13th. "Jonah's Gourd" never sprung up half as fast as some of our Greenback politicians. Adam Eulberg has bought the Wisconsin House property in this city from the proprietor, George Chanley. T. Kennedy, Sheriff, and M. J. Casey, of Dodgeville, called on the Democrat on Tuesday. About \$8,000 has been paid out of the State treasury during the past year for bounty on wolf scalps. Quarterly meeting will be held in the M. E. Church of this city on Sunday next. Gen. Kilpatrick will speak at the Fall meeting of the Boseobel Driving Park Association. The sale for choice of stands will take place on the Fair Grounds to-day, at 9 o'clock, p. m. Rarus trots against time for a purse of \$1,000 at the Dubuque fair on Wednesday, the 11th prox. There is one thing pretty certain, and that is, that the Greenback Convention on Saturday will not go by default for lack of candidates. The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a festival and bazaar, in the Lecture Room of the Church on Thursday next. M. J. Briggs is rushing narrow gauge matters. It now looks as though Dodgeville will have a railroad before very many moons. Mexican and Trade silver dollars are worth only about ninety cents, and should only pass current for that amount. Devlin & Prideaux have removed their stock of hardware, stoves and tinware to Lenahan's block. See announcement elsewhere. Mr. Fred. Branger will remove his stock of goods to Coal's block, on the corner of High and Chestnut streets, as soon as it is vacated by Mr. Deller. He and Birely & Son will occupy the same room. Tribune: One day last week a young man, son of Joseph Mitchell, residing in Dodgeville township, got caught in a threshing machine and had his arm taken off close to the shoulder. Dr. Cutler was soon on hand and did all he could for the sufferer. Fred. Shepard and Charley Terrill, with S. E. Shepard, have our thanks for a beautifully engraved paper weight. We were shown some of their work, and have no hesitation in pronouncing it first-class. The funeral of Mr. Peter Bowers, a well known farmer, of the Survey, took place on Sunday last. The body was interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Dodgeville.

Constable Samuel Jacka gave the Tribune office an official call last week. The same is why the Tribune abuses him this week.

To-day Lanyon & Bro. will ship one of their patent crushers to Deadwood, Dakota. The machine weighs about 4,000 pounds, and the cost of transportation will be over \$300.

M. J. Briggs, of Dodgeville, and Aldro Jenks, of Highland, have formed a partnership in the law business. Office over Jones & Owen's store, Dodgeville, Wis. Both are good lawyers, and they will make a strong firm.

The plate-glass windows in the new building to be occupied by J. Deller; in Gundry & Gray's block; the City Store; and R. D. Pulford's drug store, are great improvements.

The Union goes for the managers of the Crawford County Fair for not offering higher premiums, and says that the average citizen does not care to take animals or articles to the fair at considerable expense unless there is a prospect of receiving fair remuneration therefor.

It would be well could members of district boards, as well as teachers, attend the Institute, and listen to the wholesome advice given by Prof. McGregor, in regard to school matters. Without the co-operation of school boards country teachers are powerless to institute any considerable reforms in their schools. In regard to the courses of study for common district schools—the power to prescribe which is alone vested in the board—the Professor would recommend only, the teaching of the three "R's"—reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, together with grammar and geography and exercises in book-keeping. He would exclude the teaching of such branches as Algebra, Physiology, and Philosophy; also all readers higher than the Fourth. He would grade all classes according to the readers—having all pupils reading in the same readers belong to like classes in the other branches. This would tend to create among the different classes a rivalry, highly beneficial to the school. Strict adherence to a good programme, he holds is indispensable to the teaching of any school, and that any teacher who fails to practice this is far behind the times and should not be tolerated.

The lecture given on Wednesday evening by Prof. McGregor on Robert Burns was a rare treat to those who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. To say that it was scholarly, would be to speak of a part only of its merits. It was, as to its theme, and as to the manner of treatment, throughout, most happily adapted to the ear of a cultivated audience. Its quotations from the great poet of Scotland were rendered with an exactness, we presume, which few not born to the brogue, would be able to attain; yet it was not these, pretty as they were, which engaged the thought of the audience, so much as the points of criticism made by the lecturer, which they were brought to illustrate. Among these points prominently was it, that Burns was the embodiment of honest independence, and just pride of character, under circumstances in many respects adverse. The poem whose refrain is, "A man's 'a man for a' that," etc., was recited in this connection, with excellent effect. The poet's close adherence to nature, an adherence begotten of exquisitely fine perceptions, joined to a broad sympathy with everything sentiment, was becomingly extolled. Burns, as the poet of nature, as the mouthpiece of the popular heart in matters pertaining to every day life, was the character held up for admiration. The blemishes which marred the perfection of the image so presented, were touched with a truthful, but at the same time charitable hand; extenuation for them being sought in historical fact, that the manners of his class and of his time, were such as naturally led to such failings.

Though very few of our citizens have to claim kinship with Burns specifically as to nationality, yet, were the whole audience so effectually carried along with the lecturer, in his critical estimates, and in his fervor of praise, alike, that in the end, speaker and hearers, all were, if we may so say, worshippers together. The touch of nature which makes all the world kin, having been felt by every one. The only regret which came to the minds of any was, that a larger audience room was not accessible, that a much larger proportion of our resident population might be partakers of the wholesome literary feast.

On Sunday last a son of Mr. James Hamlin, who lives about four miles south of town, had his arm broken by being thrown from a horse. Dr. Eastman set the bone and the boy is getting along very well.

Arrangements have been made with the Mineral Point Railroad to carry passengers to Dubuque and return during the Dubuque Fair, Sept 9 to 13, for \$1.75 fair for the round trip. Stock will be shipped there, if prepaid, and returned free. The entries of trotting horses cannot be equaled in the world. Among the number are, Rarus, Lulu, Edwin Forrest, Albermarle, Calmar, and a number of others well known to the turf. Rarus trots on Wednesday of the Fair, for a special purse of \$1,000, and Lulu on Friday for a special purse of \$500.

Republican Caucus.

The Republicans of this city met in caucus last evening, at the City Hall, and selected the following delegates to represent the city in the county convention which meets to-day, at Dodgeville, for the purpose of sending delegates to the Congressional convention: First ward: John Gray, E. Y. Hutchinson, Calvert Spensley, John Lanyon, Robert George, J. B. Moffett, and John Dale; Second ward: J. H. Vivian, William T. Coad, John Dawe, William Smith, N. T. Martin, and Josiah Jacka. On motion of W. T. Coad, the president of the caucus appointed Calvert Spensley, W. T. Coad and N. T. Martin as a local committee.

Market Reports.

A little more life has been noticeable on our streets during the past week, although prices have changed only a trifle now and then, notwithstanding the fact that farm produce of nearly every description has been offered quite freely at daily quotations.

Flour.—We have had very few changes in our Flour market since this day last week. The fluctuations in Eastern Wheat markets from day to day fail to exert any noticeable influence with our dealers, probably owing to the fact that Flour is relatively ten per cent, lower than wheat, and stocks in store quite ample to supply daily wants.

Patents, \$4.00 Standard Grades, \$3.00 to 3.25 XXX, 2.75 XXX, 2.50

Wheat.—We left our Wheat market this day very quiet and weak and since then the weakness has been more noticeable. This is due largely, according to Eastern reports, to the large present and prospective arrivals, and to the more favorable reports from this state and Iowa. Spring wheat is not plentiful and of a very inferior quality. No. 2 selling from 70c to 72c. Two loads of Winter reported as having been sold yesterday, at 77c.

Corn.—25c to 35c.

Oats.—Were moderately active and a trifle stronger during the early part of the week, but at present dull and weak. Receipts fair. No. 1 White, 14c to 15c. Mixed, 13c to 14c.

Barley.—Quiet and scarce. Old, 20c to 50c. New, No. 2, 50c to 75c.

Flax Seed.—Has been quite firm for some time, but is weakening slightly in Eastern markets, owing perhaps to the marked advance in Eastern freights, and the quantity and quality of seed in transit.

Although this slight weakness is apparent in eastern markets, yet there has been no change in prices here. Prime Seed sells at \$1.07.

Wool.—Nominal; Unwashed, 19c to 21c. Washed, 23c to 24c.

Hogs.—Are still in fair demand and sellers quite free to accept prices offered. Good shipping grades from \$3.00 to \$3.25. Choice lots from \$3.30 to \$3.35.

Cattle.—Weak and Nominal, at \$3.00 for good shipping grades.

The following is a correct price-list: Gold, \$1.00% Graham Flour, per cwt., 3.50 Shorts, 1.25 Cornmeal (bolthead), 1.60 Bran, .70 New Potatoes per bus., .42 Butter, per lb. (cash), .05@.12 Eggs per doz., .08 Eggs per doz. (cash), .07 Hides, per lb., .04 Tallow, .05 1/2 Lard, .07 Salt, per bbl., 2.80 Lime, per bbl., 1.00 Cement, per bbl., 2.70 Lead Ore per 1,000, \$11@13 Dry-bone, per ton, 10.00 Black-jack, 15.00 Hay, 6.00 Lumber common four, per M., 18.00

From Highland.

HIGHLAND, Wis., Aug. 27th, 1878.—Editors Democrat:—Perhaps a few notes from this place may be appreciated in the local columns of the Democrat. Times are very dull all over the country, and Highland is having her share of them. In the memory of the oldest settler times never were so dull here as now. Mining, the main pursuit here, has entirely ceased except in the mines owned by Bennett & Hoskins, and these are not paying the expenses of working them.

Messrs. Editors, why is it that in a country like America, where we produce so much, and have such vast resources, that so many of our people are unable to obtain even the necessities of life? We are not one of those who have axes of their own to grind, nor have we any pet theories to advance; but with your permission we would like to say a few words upon what we believe to be the causes of the hard times. We believe that times will be hard so long as interest on money is high. It is impossible for the manufacturer or the farmer, whose average annual profit even in the best of times is small, and who is working on one-half borrowed capital, at six to ten per cent,—it is impossible for him to pay such high rates, except by cutting down the wages of those in his employ to starvation rates. When wages are reduced the people consume less; production decreases; and the nation becomes poorer. By our present system, fourteen to fifteen cents are paid by the government and the people annually to the National Banks for every dollar issued by them to the people, while the National Banks pay only one per cent. to the government for this money. Let the government have no favorites, but loan money to all who have good security, at one per cent per annum—the rate at which it now lends it to the so-called National Banks—and we sincerely believe that business will revive and flourish.

These are times of thought and action. Great reforms are on foot for solution. One of them, and by no means the least, is the Temperance Reform. All must admit that the temperance movement is deserving of encouragement and support. The facts that warrant the movement are too many and too terrible not to be apparent to everyone. It is not enough that we believe that the agitation for total abstinence is worthy of our support,—it is our duty to give it support. Personal influence and example count for more in this temperance movement than anything else. "Greater love than this no man hath; that a man lay down his life for his friends," saith the Bible;—and akin to this great love is that of the man who will give up the transient pleasure of the social glass, in order that others may feel the force of his example and follow it to peacefulness, sobriety and prosperity. On the evening of the 22d inst. we had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on temperance by M. M. Cothren. The Judge delivered the lecture in the school house, which was well filled. The friends of temperance reform in Wisconsin may well feel proud of the accession of Judge Cothren to their number. The result of the lecture here was the formation of a Temperance Reform club, with a membership of twenty-five, which number will soon be doubled.

OBITUARY—MR. JAMES KENNEDY.

We have to record the death of one of our most respected and honored citizens—Mr. James Kennedy, who departed this life on the morning of the 24th inst. Deceased was aged sixty-six years, and was a resident of this town for over thirty years. By occupation he was a farmer, in which pursuit he was eminently successful. In talents he was above mediocrity. Possessed of considerable intelligence, he endeavored to make a right use of that intelligence. In all the works undertaken for the social and moral improvement of our town he always bore a prominent part. For the erection of the Irish Catholic Church here, of which he was a regular member, he did more than any other member of the church. In politics, Mr. Kennedy was always identified with the Democratic party until the formation of the Greenback party, of which party he was a member at the time of his death. As an evidence of the high respect in which he was held by the community, the funeral which followed his remains to their last resting place was the largest ever seen in the town. More anon. HIGHLANDER.

Packing house meats, hams and shoulders at J. T. Pridman's.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Convention to send delegates from this county to the Congressional Convention at Muscoda, Sept. 10th, was held at Dodgeville, yesterday. A good delegation was present from the several towns, and a very harmonious convention was held. Dr. Van Dusen was chosen chairman, and Charles Ohlberking and M. J. Casey were chosen secretaries. The following staunch Democrats were selected to represent the county in the Congressional convention: Dr. Van Dusen, R. D. Pulford, W. E. Rowe, Charles Ohlberking, and J. M. Smith. Mr. Charles Ohlberking, of Highland, introduced a resolution, which had been adopted at the Highland Caucus, to the effect that the delegates be instructed to vote for the nomination of only a sound Democrat for Congressman, which was adopted unanimously by the convention.

Theatre—Fair Week.

Mr. Geo. W. Walters will be at the City Hall during Fair week, commencing Monday, Sept. 23, with one of the best dramatic companies on the road. Mr. Walter's needs no introduction in Mineral Point. He is well known here as a good star, and as he will be assisted by Mrs. Walters and a company which he highly recommends to the public, he will be sure of a good house while in the city. Special attention is called to his orchestra, which will play some of the most popular overtures. He should be given a good reception the first night.

S. W. Wis. I. A.—Races.

Race No. 3—Purse \$75, is declared off and books open for new entries until 9 o'clock p. m., the day previous to the race.

Race No. 8—Free for all—Purse reduced to \$100. Entrance to be open until the night previous to the race.

All other races filled and books closed.

Notice of Meeting of Southwestern Wis. Industrial Association.

Members of this society in good standing are hereby notified that a meeting will be held for general purposes in the Secretary's office, on the Fair Ground, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday Sept. 3, 1878.

Fair Next Week!

By All Means Visit Mineral Point during the

GALA DAYS!

and also

DELLER!

at his High and Chestnut Street Store.

REMEMBER

That there you can purchase goods at LOW FIGURES for he will reduce his stock before removing to new store opposite City Hall.

REMOVAL!

HARDWARE!

DEVLIN & PRIDEAUX

Have removed their stock of

STOVES, TINWARE, CUTLERY & SHELF-HARDWARE.

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Lenahan's Block,

Opposite W. T. Henry's Bank,

And will be on hand as usual to wait on their customers, and will be ready at all times to perform promptly and satisfactorily all work intrusted to their care.

Call and see for yourselves.