

WEEKLY GRAPHIC

KIRKSVILLE, MO.
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POLITICAL SCHEMING.

Every year it becomes more and more apparent that scheming is the lever by which unworthy men are raised to places of honor and profit in the political arena. The scheming is worked by a combination in the party that happens to be in power, and sometimes by a combination of both parties. So important a part has this scheming come to play in a political campaign, that the great principles, which are supposed to make parties, are being lost sight of, and the schemes of political combinations engage the attention of the aspirant for political favors. These combinations exist in our counties, our states and our nation, and in understanding how the political affairs of the county are managed, we have an idea of the work that makes and unmakes governors, congressmen and even presidents. Yet as powerful as these combinations have become, they could wield but little influence did they not manipulate affairs so as to deceive an unsuspecting public, men who are too much engaged with the business affairs of life to study the workings of political combinations. The head of the combination is usually a man of elastic conscience who cares nothing for party and but little for his fellow man, yet by loud pretensions of loyalty, manages to have himself looked upon as a leader of political affairs. As soon as he is able to fix his claims for leadership, like the confidence man, he begins laying his plans to obtain a hold upon the voters, for their support he must have to accomplish anything. With the eye of an expert he selects the victims, who are to do him service and go at his bidding. First, there are the influential farmers in various parts of the county. He informs these that they have the smartest children, that their wives are the best cooks, that they keep the finest stock and, in short, that they would make excellent candidates for any office within the gift of the people. Of course these farmers care nothing for office but he gains their friendship, as no man is lost to the influence of the mectious words of the wily politician. There is another class of men who are a perpetual delight to the leader of a combination. It is a class of men who were in their dotage when born; they are aspirants for office from the time they know what an office is; they discuss every question that comes up, through the public prints, to the utter disgust of intelligent readers. These individuals are Egyptian flesh-pots for the politician and are always employed to do the dirty work, off of which they fatten. When the combination has received an exposure they rush into defend them by crying "insult to honest voters," and other similar expressions. Sometimes, though not often, the leader of the combination is a newspaper man. But when this is the case they usually grow so bold and their violations of political decency so public, that they are soon cornered and exposed. The combination then meets and it is wisely decided that the newspaper responsibilities should be shifted from the leader to some other personage. The best man to fill a vacancy of this kind, is one who never has a decided opinion of his own, but who thinks that circumstances compel him to stultify his manhood by uttering, like the parrot, the words that are put into his mouth by his master. This new man goes upon guard with a feeling of the greatest security, thinking that he has nothing to do but obey orders, and that there is no danger lurking about him. Sometimes, however, there is an explosion in his immediate neighborhood that well nigh takes his breath. As soon as he is able to speak he rushes to headquarters to know what is to be done. The answer is, "Back to your post you hireling, and say to the public that he, who uttered the words that caused the explosion, is a falsifier, without brains or reputation!" The parrot returns to his post and makes the statement, which he publicly receive with the sneers it justly merits and look upon it as the expiring effort of one who has been wounded unto death. And thus closes the last act of a political combination.

—Only a little while ago the great big trade dollar was worth but 80 cents, in the hands of the farmer. Now they are a "sure enough" dollar. But where are they? They are not in the hands of the farmers and mechanics. If we could find out their present location we might be able to tell why they have had 20 cents worth of legal tender voted in to them.

—Last year the State Superintendent of Public Schools named April 16th as "Arbor Day," a day which the teachers and pupils should devote to the planting of trees in the school grounds and to the consideration of questions relative to beautifying not only the school grounds, but the home and farm as well. The planting of trees for shade and ornament, about our churches, school houses and homes, has been sadly neglected. This work should be an important part of the children's education and when they grow up, their love, for beautiful and artistic surroundings will be so indelibly implanted in them, that our school houses, churches, homes and highways will become objects of pleasure and admiration.

The name of Mrs. Cora Stuart Wheeler now appears as literary editor of the Yankee Blade. For some months Mrs. Wheeler was art critic of the Boston Daily Transcript and a contributor to many other journals. Mrs. Wheeler is not only a gifted writer, of both prose and verse, but a reader of rare ability. The Yankee Blade is to be congratulated, and we imagine that it will not grow dull during her service with it. Mrs. Wheeler's nom de plume is "Trebler Ohl." The Yankee Blade has under the management of Mrs. Wheeler been roused into a new and active life, and we predict for it a long and prosperous career.

Sperry Items

Ed GRAPHIC: Seeing nothing from this part of the country I thought I would send you a few items:

Weather fine, roads drying nicely.

There is considerable sickness through the neighborhood at this writing

Miss Jessie Bell is reported quite sick with diphtheria.

Rev. D. R. Evans, preached at New Prospect Baptist Church the first Saturday and Sunday in April; also Sunday night with a large attendance.

Farmers are about done sowing oats and are getting ready to plow for corn, and their wives and daughters are making garden.

Geo. A. Reynolds is still on the sick list.

Miss Emma Reynolds who has been staying in Kirksville with Mrs. Frank Douglas this winter, spent Saturday and Sunday at home with her parents.

Our school at the White School House commenced Monday, April 4th, Miss Mary Burgess teacher.

The literary met at the White School House last Saturday night with a good attendance.

Mr. Jesse Green will preach at the Bryant School House next Sunday at eleven o'clock, April the 10th, also the following Sunday at New Prospect.

Our store at Sperry is doing a flourishing business, conducted by D. E. Williamson. A CITIZEN.

Greentop Crumbs.

Weather a little cool.

Farming has had a check on account of the late unpleasant weather.

Mrs. John Lee is quite sick, Dr. Parish of Queen city is attending physician. Evan French does not improve much. He is still unable to be up. Mrs. Lizzie Henry is convalescing slowly.

Married Sunday, April 3d, 1887, by Eld. F. M. Rose, of Glenwood, Mo., Mr. Martin Heiliger, of Greentop to Miss Paulina Burkhardt. Mr. Heiliger is one of Greentop's enterprising blacksmiths who, recently located here. We wish him and his young bride a happy and prosperous journey through life. We hear it whispered around, slyly, that there is to be another wedding soon. Let the good work go on; for we need more married people anyway; in fact Mr. Editor I believe in people getting married, I can't see why all of them do not enter the state of matrimonial blessedness. We have quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen who ought to marry, for I am quite sure they are as intelligent and pretty, (es-

pecial reference to the young ladies) as you can find any where; and being possessed of these important qualifications we can't understand why they do not have cupid come around and shoot them "right square" through the heart and then clinch the arrow on the other side.

The 67th Anniversary of the I. O. O. F. will be held at this place Tuesday, April 26th, 1887. Address of welcome by Dr. Wilson and the Address proper by H. A. Northcutt, of Knox City, Mo.

School election to-day passed off quietly. Wm. Wayman and R. M. Buckmaster, were elected directors. We understand a nine months school was voted for the next school year.

We notice our last week's crumbs did not materialize. What was the matter? Did you break your press trying to get them through? If you did you need not try these for fear you smash things all to finders.

UNCLE TOM.

Calamity Row or the Sunken Records.

The new story by John R. Musick which began in the Detroit Free Press, April 2d, '87 has been highly praised for its excellence in description, plot and character drawing by some of the best critics in America.

Miss M. C. Brown, of Boston, formerly of the Riverside Press, Cambridge says of "Calamity Row, or the Sunken Records," "I have read the manuscript of "Calamity Row," and think it undoubtedly the best Mr. Musick has ever written. "The story is sure to succeed."

"Dr. Titus Munson Coan, the well known New York critic, says of "Calamity Row:" "I have carefully read this very interesting novel in manuscript, and can say it has go in it. The plot is very original and well handled. I was particularly interested in the disecting scene, which is very telling. So is the Wall street scene, which I read to a member of the Board of Exchange. The descriptions are vivid, the character drawing excellent, and the story cannot fail."

Millard Items.

Having seen nothing in your valuable paper from this vicinity for some time, I will send on a few items this week.

Farmers are done sowing oats and are ready to plow for corn.

Jack frost made us another call last night which makes us think more about filling the wood and coal houses than planting corn.

The Millard beer saloon and the appetizer company have both left and still the boys get their "consumption water" just the same.

The most pleasant entertainment of the season was the concert given last Saturday night by Prof. J. R. Howey of Brasher, and his class here in vocal music. All executed their parts well, acquitting themselves creditably, which speaks much for their instructor. We felt that it was good to be there, and can heartily recommend Prof. Howey to any one desiring instructions in music—either instrumental or vocal.

Mrs. Judge Hawkins has been quite sick for several days, but Dr. Saunders reports her as slowly improving. Also says that the little daughter of Wm. Morris of Wilson township, who has been sick for some days, is better. He reports a baby at the residence of John Wise and one at Lon Heron's.

The genial face of Mr. S. L. Grady is again seen on our streets. He is still in the Organ business.

Mr. N. O. Minear is still booming the dry goods, grocery, boot and shoe business.

Mr. L. T. Kearns still drives the boot and shoe shop and hardware store.

Mr. James Wheeler has bought and moved into the Wm. Emert house. Has also bought forty acres of land from Able Stuckey.

Many of our farmers are leaving their farms to work on the railroad. Am afraid they are making a mistake.

The Sabbath school is still doing good work with S. W. Dennison as Superintendent. S. S.

"DIXIE."

At the Opera House Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th 1887. Reserved seats 35c; Gallery 25c; Season tickets (with reserved seats) \$1.00.

"DIXIE."

The members of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and Manager Miller are alike pleased at the large and appreciative audience that greeted the first performance of the great war drama "Dixie" at the city hall. It is seldom that so large an audience are universal in bestowing praise and showering encomiums upon each scene and act, as the rapidly changing panorama was presented to view last night. Not one word of disapproval was heard—all pronounced it the grandest drama ever witnessed in this city. To have undertaken to improve on the cast would have been folly, while the stage "make ups" were perfection. Bert Miller who has been raised on the stage, made numerous hits in his several characters of "Mikel O'Honey," "Elijah Jamerson" and "Biddie Mahoney," the Irish scout and spy of the Chickamanga, while Miss Zeffie Greene as "May Meriton," a southern belle and again as "Mary Ann McGinty," the female spy of Tennessee, is a most clever and captivating lady, whose appearance on the stage is always greeted with loud applause. C. Maynard as "Ned Pelton," a young Southerner, could not have been cast better, his voice is distinct, his accent excellent and his representation of character true to the letter. Nelson Boyd in his representation of the character of "Tom Markham," a steward and again as lieutenant and scout, is clever and well received. The six tableaux are simply grand, nothing ever seen on a Chillicothe stage can compare with them. They are "The Soldiers Farewell," "Prayer of Vengeance," "Emancipation," "The old Flag," "Columbia Weeping for the Nation's dead." The sixth and last is "Peace," which is the closing scene each evening—Chillicothe, Daily Tribune.

Beyond the River.

Most of the farmers are through sowing oats over which nature spread a beautiful mantle of snow.

Centre school closed a few weeks since with a dinner on the last day and a spelling school at night. The teacher Mr. Riley Draper departed for his home at Luray the following day.

Mr. Draper is a faithful and conscientious gentleman and teacher and deserves the well wishes of the entire community.

Sunday school was organized a few Sundays ago with J. O. Truitt, Supt., to meet at 9:30 o'clock A. M. every Sunday.

Mr. A. U. Hane, of Radical district has been doing some carpenter work for Godfrey Sprang. He went home this week but will return in the near future to do some work for Mr. Geo. Young.

Mr. John Sprang, of Londonville, Ohio was visiting his brother, Mr. Godfrey Sprang, last week. They had not met for sixteen years.

Our society at Center will close on Saturday night the 9th of April. A good time is anticipated.

Your correspondent recently visited the beautiful and thriving little town of Brashear and was well pleased with the business energy of the place. While there he met many old acquaintances and formed a number of new ones.

One of the notable features of the town is the Academy which he had the pleasure of visiting and of forming the acquaintance of the Pres. and Vice President Messrs. S. B. and S. P. Barr, both of whom were found to be courteous and scholarly gentlemen. They are conducting a splendid school.

Our county court is making a record of which the voters and citizens feel proud.

Wheat looks well in this section and a large yield is expected.

Mr. M. L. Wimber left this morning for the West to look for a location for himself and family. March 29th. J. O. T.

Wilson Waifs.

We have been having very fine spring weather for some time. However yesterday evening we were visited by a small cyclone which is being followed by a cold windy spell of weather.

Oat sowing is over, and farmers have returned to winter quarters to await further developments.

Since our last, Dr. Rice's family have arrived and gone to house-keeping.

We learn that Mr. Willis of Bullion will shortly take charge of the store here.

The literary has adjourned until September.

An entertainment will be given at the school house Saturday eve the 16th inst for the purpose of raising funds to help pay for the organ. Admission ten cents. Programme good. Every one come and enjoy a treat.

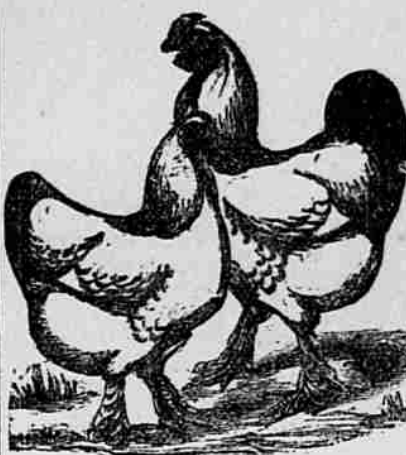
Contagious diseases seem to be pretty well through, except railroad fever, which is on the increase. New cases are daily reported, several recent attacks, unusually severe. Only a few cases of mumps and measles reported.

The spring term of school opened this morning. Miss Stella Hopkins, of Brashear, teacher.

Final Settlement.
STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of W. P. Conner, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of W. P. Conner deceased that I, Washington Conner administrator with the will annexed of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the term of the Probate court of Adair county to be held at Kirksville on the 25th day of May 1887.
Adm'r with will Annexed
WASHINGTON CONNER.

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STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of George O. Grim, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of George O. Grim deceased that I, Adm'r O. Grim, Executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Adair County to be held at Kirksville, on the 9th day of May 1887.
Adm'r O. GRIM, Executor.

POULTRY WANTED!



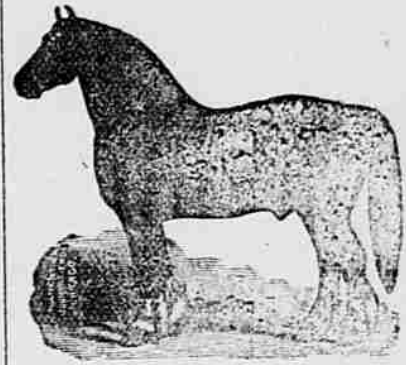
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EL PASO.

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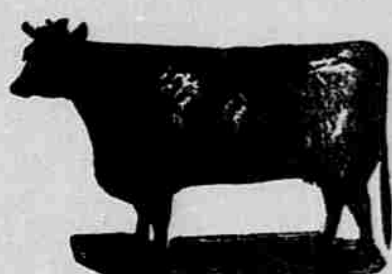
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Dr. T. W. SHAW, a prominent physician, formerly of Macon City but now of Philadelphia says: "The prescription from which Maynard's Cough Candy is made, is a better remedy for throat or bronchial troubles than the many troches and lung balsams now in the market."

Dr. F. A. GROVE, of Kirksville, says: "I cheerfully endorse the above."

Dr. Goodson, of Macon City, says: "It is a tonic and expectorant and very strengthening to the lungs."

Dr. T. S. RUBY, formerly of Macon City, but now of Lebanon, Tenn., says: "This candy undoubtedly saved me and my son from a spell of pneumonia. I will further give you privilege to sign my name to anything in commendation to your Cough Candy."

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Kirksville, Mo

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