

Announcement.

We desire to announce to the public, that we have purchased the interest of James T. Umstätt in the drug firm of Wood & Umstätt, and in the future the business will be run under the firm name of Wood Bros. It is without any degree of apprehension whatever, that we take charge of this important business, as we feel that we thoroughly understand the wants of the people in this line. It shall be our studious care and aim to maintain in every respect the reputation of the OLD RELIABLE DRUG STORE, which for thirty-four years worked with zealous care to build up an honorable business by dispensing the purest of drugs and selling everything else in the drug line at reasonable, popular prices. Trusting that we shall be permitted to serve you when anything is needed in our line, we remain,

Yours Respectfully,

**Ferd Wood,
Lamar M. Wood.**

Miss Hattie Watson, of Hannibal, has been visiting relatives in this city.

Highest prices are paid for poultry and eggs, hides, etc., a —BALZER & DIRIGO'S.

Miss Anna Mae Boulware left Tuesday for Perry to visit relatives.

Miss Maude Wood, of Lenton, came down Saturday to visit her brothers, Ferd and Lamar Wood.

Mrs. M. Lighter has returned to her home in Burlington, Iowa, after a pleasant visit with the homefolks.

Miss Fannie Randall has returned to her home in Kansas City, Mo., after a pleasant visit here with relatives.

For Sale Bills, Dodgers etc. go to the DEMOCRAT OFFICE and for a Jim Dandy Auctioneer see Col. W. T. Youell.

Marvin Kincaid and James Webb left Tuesday for Palmyra to attend the Marion County Court of Honor Convention.

We want your work and want you to remember it is cash—Monroe City Steam Laundry.

Miss Kate Porter, one of the pretty and delightful young ladies, of Palmyra, has been the charming guest of her friend, Miss Pansy Hayden.

Whenever you want to find a date, refer to the calendar in the DEMOCRAT, but if you want to make a date, then see your best girl about it.

No work is superior to that of the Monroe Steam Laundry. We are on the cash basis. Don't forget that fact.

When the day comes and U. S. Senators are elected by the popular vote, the day will have already arrived when a man already partially discredited, will not be sent to the Senate.

One of the most pleasant callers at the DEMOCRAT office during the week, was Harry Norman, of El Paso, Texas. He is a smooth, easy, interesting talker and his adopted town will lose nothing from his glowing description.

Coupons given on Purchase at Levy's.

Hon W. S. McClintic was a business visitor in Fulton, Tuesday.

Dress Goods at Big Reductions at Levy's during his mark down sale.

R. E. Caldwell, of Higginsville, is the guest of his son, William.

Charles M. Sullivan was a business visitor at Camp Point, Ill., Friday.

Hon. Robert Bodine, of Paris, was in the city with friends yesterday.

A Chicago woman has secured a divorce and the custody of her pet dog.

Mesdames M. C. Upton and R. J. Crigler went to the Bluff City yesterday.

The beet sugar trust has withdrawn its fight on reciprocity for Cuban sugar.

Several of the churches in Palmyra had no services Sunday on account of shortness of fuel.

After a pleasant visit with the homefolks, Mrs. James Baldwin, left Friday morning for her home, Dallas, Texas.

Mesdames W. O. L. Jewett and Lizzie Reid, were the guests of relatives in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Brown, a newly married couple, of Delores, Col., have been the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Ye Gods and little fishes. A chorus girl in New York is suing an other woman for having alienated the affections of her dog.

W. L. Bond and Master Baxter will leave this week for Lathrop to visit his mother. Mr. Bond will go from Lathrop to Kansas City and take a short course in architecture.

Mrs. R. S. McClintic is visiting the homefolks in the Bluff City. From there she will go to the Future Great to visit relatives and then join her husband in Jefferson City.

Attend Levy's Mark Down Sale.

The Century Club will meet Wednesday 2:30, Jan. 21, with Mrs. A. Jaeger, Jr.

Thomas Findley, of Renesse, laer, was a business visitor in the city Saturday

H. M. Clark, of Midland, Texas, is in the city with friends.

J. B. Fick, the traveling auditor of the Burlington railroad, was in the city Saturday with friends.

William Cearfoss, of Chicago, has been the guest of his brother, C. M. Cearfoss, of Warren.

Lee B. Hixon has secured a good position with a hardware house in Mounps I T. He left yesterday morning to assume his new duties.

William M. Patterson and family will move back from Quincy, as soon as they can find a suitable residence. They don't like the Gem City.

Jeff Crigler has bought a half interest in the Frank Christian barber shop. This makes a strong team. Both gentlemen are good workman and their patrons will get good work.

Teddy Roosevelt, the "bronco buster" has put himself on record as: Refusing the right to American citizen to petition him for any purpose. He looks upon it as a crime to be rebuked.

We make choice farm loans at 5 per cent interest.
Davenport & Co.

The little birds say: President of State Senate, Hon. John A. Lee and Speaker of the House, Hon. J. H. White, cotton are grooming for the gubernatorial race.

Will Losson is now tripping the keys at St. Kate. He came down, yes he came down with a bump Sunday morning. When he jumped from the morning train at this point, his heels struck the snow and then went star gazing, while the balance of him sank into the beautiful white mantle.

Elias Day, the Characterist, pleased those who were at the opera house Friday evening. This was the second number of the P. E. O. and Century Club lecture course. Dr. A. A. Willets will be here Feb. 23. This will be the best number. The ladies are to be congratulated on securing such high class entertainments.

Rural Routers.

During the past two weeks the mail agents on the R. F. D. out of this city have learned to their sorrow the horrors of mud roads. And at the same time the farmers on those routes have to a large extent forgotten what real nasty roads are.

Now is the time for the mail agents to talk good roads. Do it today, tomorrow, persistently do it until the purpose is accomplished.

Roads mean saving of temper, of clothes, of horse flesh and wagons. It means marketing produce when ready for market, and last but not least, it means enhanced value of farms. Indian Creek road.

Dissolution Notice.

The co partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Wood & Umstätt, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, James T. Umstätt retiring. All accounts due and all bills against said firm will be settled and receipted for by Wood Brothers

Ferd Wood,
JAS. T. UMSTÄTT.
Jan. 14, 1903.

Kindly Act.

Pope Leo XII took the time and interest in a three year-old child, Elizabeth Benoist, of St. Louis, to show her the apostolic ring, the seal of the pontiffs sacred office, because the child was attracted by it. And yet some people who do not rule one half of christendom, think children's letters foolish.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in post office, Monroe City, Mo., on Jan. 13, 1903.

Herman Jasper,
James O. Lawrence,
Wiley B. Logan,
Ed O'Daniel,
T. F. Ward, 2,
Christian Wunger.

To obtain any of these letters persons must say advertised.—J. P. PATTON, Postmaster.

Sold Out.

Having sold out to A. M. Earel, I now want all who have been accommodated by me to call at the old stand and settle their accounts and notes. If I am not present when you call, you can settle with Ed. Fink.

Yours Truly,
CHARLES M. SULLIVAN.

Little Giant

Senator G. G. Vest, the Little Giant, from Grand Old Missouri has put the Republican party in the mire here. He has proven beyond the cavil of a doubt that McKinley—Dingleyism is directly responsible for the immense and intense suffering in the east through the coal famine. Also that Mr. McKinley had admitted that the outrageous tariff on coal was not intended to be permanent, but, was for the purpose of forcing reciprocity between Canada, New Foundland and this country.

Ladies Skirts at 1/2 off at Levy's during his mark down sale.

"Possum" Dinner.

It Jim T. Umstätt is noted for any one thing more than any other one thing, it is his love for a "possum" dinner.

Friday he spied and crimped two fine fat and juicy "Possum" and took them to the Christian Cafe, where he ordered them served as a center piece for a dinner for seven.

When the hour of 6 p.m. arrived Jim lead his guests to the feast. There was the two possums, sweet potatoes, corn bread, glasses filled with an amber liquid capped with a silvery foam and the appetites such appetites, that the platter was cleaned of every thing but the bones. While the kindred spirits Maj. R. D. Bristow, councilman J. H. McClintic, J. L. Owen, J. L. McElroy, L. Wood, Tip Marshall and J. W. Streat and the host demolished the savory dishes, they sanwiched the —some more possum with reminiscences, finely span yarns, repartee and jests till their sides expanded from mirth and gave room for more possum.

Indian Creek.

The greatest snow of the season fell Saturday.

Geo. Smith has returned to Chillicothe to resume his school work.

Amon Miller left Saturday for Nebraska, after a short visit with relatives and friends here.

Bede Williams delivered five hogs at Clapper, last week.

Will Vanmarker is the proud father of a new boy born Jan. 7.

We are glad to report Jas. Smith very much improved. He is able to be up and about the house now.

Mashed Hand.

While at work at the corn sheller Tuesday afternoon, Ambrose Noland got his left thumb tangled in the cob elevator and lacerated it badly. Dr. W. B. A McNutt treated the wounded member and left his patient resting easy.

Senator Geo. G. Vest has finally succeeded in putting knobs on the tariff's horses, of not in sawing them off. The tariff will be inoperative on coal for one year. That is the amount of tariff on coal will be returned as a rebate for one year.

Monroe City, Mo., Jan. 3, 1903.

Dear Sir: I wish to settle my accounts of 1901 and 1902. The people that I owe want their money. The only means of paying them is for you to pay me. If you haven't the money, please come in and give me a bankable note, as I want to be in shape to do business with you in the future.

Yours Respectfully,

E. L. Anderson.