

NOTICE TO TEACHERS—Public Examinations for the benefit of those persons desiring to teach in Bates county, will be held on the 3d Saturday of each month in the Ohio street school house, Butler, Mo., and on the 1st Saturday of each month in the West side school house, Rich Hill, Mo., the examination commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

J. H. HINTON,
County School Commissioner.

LOCAL ITEMS

W. TUCKER, City Auctioneer, does a general collecting business. All orders left at the TIMES office will receive prompt attention. 5-6m

J. K. Brugler wants a lot of good farm loans, running from 6 to 18 months. This is a good chance for farmers to get short loans, or sell short real estate paper.

What the Democrat lacked in enterprise in writing up the town scandal was made up in puffs for the Hon. W. J. Stone.

Ed S. Vance, has secured a position in Washington as assistant door keeper and messenger of the House of representatives. The TIMES is glad to hear of Ed's good luck.

The proposition to light Rich Hill with electric lights, we see from the Review, has fallen through. The papers of the Hill should congratulate the people of the Infant on being so fortunate as to escape the bludge.

We have no doubt the Democrat of last week was highly appreciated by the Hon. W. J. Stone and Butler nightwatch. They ought to present the P. M. with a chromo and diagram of room 17.

There seems to be no end to the rascals this year, and their tricks and schemes to swindle the people seem to be as numerous as the stars. Keep your eyes peeled or they will catch you on something.

Rev. Mr. Pointer and **Rev. Mr. Tate**, were robbed of their money and watches at Higginsville, a few days ago. A thief that would steal from a preacher is worse than a thief that would steal from a printer.

Sheriff Hill, of Vernon county, and the county court are in a wrangle on account of the courts refusal to allow the sheriff's bill incurred in hanging Stair. The court holds they are only liable for \$25 the amount allowed by law, while the sheriff claims \$121 the total amount of expenses incurred.

The entertainment given by the school of music at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, on last Thursday evening, was a grand success. A large crowd was in attendance, and the fine music was duly appreciated. The programme was very interesting, consisting of songs, duetts, trios, piano solos, etc.

Frank Eldridge, for a long time manager of H. C. Wyatt's lumber yard, (and alderman from the north ward) has accepted a similar position under the Hurlley Lumber Company and left Saturday to take charge of their new yard at Clinton. Frank understands the business thoroughly, and the TIMES congratulates the Hurlley Lumber Co., on their good management and good luck in securing such services.

The booming TIMES carried off the ribbon last week. Everybody called for it and everybody wanted it. Two hundred extra copies were printed and sold within twenty-four hours after publication, and two hundred more could have been disposed of. The booming TIMES needs the van. To get the news fresh and complete you must take the TIMES, only \$1.25 per year.

The elocutionary readings of Miss Scrafford given at the Armory Thursday night drew forth a large and appreciative audience. The lady acquitted herself to the entire satisfaction of all who heard her. "Bird Song" was a very fine piece of art and showed that she was among the first in her profession. She stops while in town and Mrs. Omar Powell. We say again.—Washington Register.

The bald head show at the opera house Monday night was well attended.

Clint Middleton, of the Harrisonville Democrat, one of the jolliest quill drivers in the state, spent Tuesday attending circuit court, and of course gave us a pleasant call.

Messrs. J. M. S. McMannama and **D. W. Cloud**, of Mingo township paid the TIMES a very pleasant call on Monday morning. These gentlemen are both substantial democrats and two of the best men of the township.

Both of the nightwatches spent half of Monday night in the opera, watching the show. What business had they there? Suppose that wag on load of burglars from Sedalia had robbed Bernardt's jewelry store while they were off their beat watching a bald head show. They may excuse themselves on the ground that they were trying to detect something.

An old gentleman from Mingo township, appeared before the county court last week and asked aid. The old man certainly must be in his dotage, as we understand he has a good team, two cribs filled with corn, six sons well to-do, living in the neighborhood and one at home 23 years of age, and a host of kind neighbors, who would not under any circumstances see him and his old lady suffer.

From the Nevada Mail of Saturday we learn that the large and elegant residence of **Wm. H. Robinson**, together with the contents, was destroyed by fire Friday morning last. The building was the largest and most handsomely furnished residence in the city. The house was insured for \$10,000, the contents valued at \$15,000 were entirely destroyed. The fire originated from the furnace in the basement, and before the fire was discovered the entire building was in flames.

S. M. Talbott, of Elkhart township, was in the city Saturday and gave us a pleasant call. Mr. Talbott informs us that he has sold his farm to **A. I. Talbott** for \$20 per acre, this is the cheapest farm in the county. Mr. Talbott will move to Kansas in the spring. He has a host of strong friends who will regret to learn that he has made up his mind to leave us, and none will regret his departure more than the TIMES.

What's the matter with the business men of Butler that they don't organize a board of trade. The life of a town depends upon the enterprise of its business men, all will agree. Show us a dead town and we will show you a lazy sluggish set of business men. Show us a live, wide-awake, thrifty town and we will show you an energetic, pushing, driving, prosperous set of merchants and a thorough going set of business men with everything on the boom. Let the business men of Butler organize a board of trade.

Col. J. B. Lane, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, spent several days last week in the city and county visiting his old friends here, among whom was **B. B. Bigstaff**. He came out in this part of the country with the intention of going over into Kansas for the purpose of looking at the country, but became discouraged and concluded to return home. Before leaving, however, he called at the TIMES office and had his name enrolled for the booming TIMES. We found him to be a most excellent gentleman, and are sorry he could not be persuaded to locate in old Bates.

The Emporia railroad company completed their turn table at the depot and are now turning their engines at this place instead of having to back to Kincaid. They have also purchased about an acre of ground around the turn table upon which they will build a number of switches and erect a round house sufficiently large to hold five engines. The ground for the round house has been staked off and a quantity of lumber has been delivered, and it is said work will begin as soon as the ground will permit. This looks very much as though Butler will be the end of the division, at least for a time.

Miss Mattie Nave, of Rosier, is in the city visiting friends.

President Cleveland has evidently stiffened up his backbone and given the republican members of the senate to understand they are not running the administration.

Miss Lucy Rief formerly of Rich Hill, but now of Lamar, and **Miss Sue Majors**, of Carnev, two charming young ladies are visiting **Miss Myrtle McBride**.

Mrs. J. W. Hannah, who has been confined to her bed for the past two or three weeks with a severe attack of pneumonia, is recovering slowly.

Will N. Southern, of the Independence Progress, spent a couple of days in this city visiting his Aunt, **Mrs. J. E. Arnold**.

Thos. Gault, assessor of Osage township, spent Saturday in this city. Mr. Gault is one of the Democratic wheelhorses of Rich Hill and a good friend to the booming TIMES.

H. M. Cannon, Esq., united in the holy bonds of matrimony **Mr. R. C. Brayton** to **Miss Sina Warren**, of Homer township, one day last week. The TIMES extends best wishes.

From the press notice in last week's Republic it was understood by many that **Miss Scrafford** would give a second reading in Butler on Wednesday evening. Such is not the case. Her only appearance will be at the opera house on Monday night.

We see from the **Adrian Advertiser** that **Sam Stonaker**, son of a widow lady living at Adrian, was caught in a snow-slide while crossing in Greenwood Basin in South Cottonwood on their way to St. Elmo, in Colorado, on the 22 of January, and perished. His brother and one or two other men were with him at the time and made their escape.

The friends of **Judge Gantt** of Henry county, are in earnest in their advocacy of his name as a suitable man to succeed **Mr. Stone**, in congress from this district. He is a worthy gentleman and as this paper first mentioned his name, in that connection we are gratified to see the suggestion so well received.—**Jasper County Democrat**.

The Island bridge, over the **Marias Des Cygne**, three or four miles above the **Bell mill bridge**, has been completed, inspected and received by the county court and thrown open for travel. The bridge is in three spans 245 feet long, and is considered to be the finest and most substantial structure of the kind in the county. The abutments which support this bridge, were built by **Henry Deitzman** and a better job of masonry is not to be found in the state. The whole structure is a master piece of work and will stand for generations to come.

Our esteemed fellow townsman **Wm. H. McBride**, informs us that he is one of the 126 heirs to the estate of **Robt. Edwards**, who died in New York City, leaving an estate valued at two hundred and five million dollars. The estate has been in litigation for a number of years and the heirs have a proposition to compromise in March at 40 cents on the dollar. If this compromise is made **uncle Billy** informs us that his share will amount to upwards of two million dollars. The TIMES is glad to hear of his good luck.

The sad news of the death of **Mrs. F. M. Wyatt**, which occurred at her home on Ft. Scott street, in this city Monday morning, of typhoid fever received with genuine regrets by the entire community, and expressions of heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved husband and children were freely expressed by all. **Mrs. Wyatt** was loved and respected by all who knew her and in her death Butler has lost one of her most valued and esteemed citizens, and the TIMES joins with the many friends of the family in extending sympathy. She was 50 years of age, a member of the First Presbyterian church and a devout christian lady. The funeral will take place at the residence, conducted by **Rev. A. Walker** at 2 o'clock to-day.

THE BUTLER DETECTIVES.

Some Additional Facts in Regard to their Detective Business at the Palace Hotel

The Truth is Mighty and Will Prevail, and the Handwriting on the Wall is Plain.

Gentlemen of the dark lantern and star brigade, the booming TIMES is on your trail, and proposes to get there Eli, or have the town board waste a bushel of time whitewashing your hands and filthy carcasses of the part you played in mashing your noses against the transom in room 17, and playing the part of the cat in the monkey fable, to assist **Capt. I. N. Davidson** in his watching the virtues and chastity of a lady boarder, whose name we withhold for the present, by request, on account of her connection with a prominent suit now pending before our circuit court.

The TIMES in its work of prosecuting these nightwatches for a dereliction and non performance of the duties for which they are hired and paid by the taxpayers of this town, has no desire to persecute them on account of their politics. Nor do we deem it our duty to hide behind the court house, like the balance of the papers of this town, and shield the night-watch by saying the case is in circuit court.

No sir, the light of the facts before us, and obedience to the indignation of the entire community, and publishing a paper for the people and in the interest of the people we deem it our duty to give them all information at hand in regard to this "bad break" of **Alderman Geo. Smith's** pet farm hand nightwatch, **Wiley Jones**, and his companion on the beat, **Decatur Smith**, who the Republican is trying to get rid of by saying he don't belong to us, he was appointed by a democrat board, and the Republican might have added that he kept straight and on his beat until contaminated with a republican board and the society of **Geo. Smith's** pet farm hand,

Now for scalps and facts, and we feel sure we will be able to weld the links in the chain so solid the entire community, with the possible exception of **Geo. Smith**, **Frank Eldridge** and **J. D. Parkinson**, aldermen, will bear us out that the nightwatch must go.

CAPT. JOHN W. HANNAH, You will please take the stand again and tell the reporter who rented room 17 from you.

Hannah. "Decatur Smith rented the room."

What did he tell you he wanted with it.

Hannah. "He said THEY were looking for a wagon load of burglars from Sedalia and that they had learned the burglars were going to tap **Bernhardt's** jewelry store and THEY wanted the room so they could see down the alley."

How long did Smith keep the room?

Hannah. "Six nights."

Who returned the key of the room to you, and paid you for the six night's rent?

Hannah. "Decatur Smith returned the key and Smith paid me for the room \$3 which was 50 cts per night."

Did Decatur Smith rent the room from you again after this?

Hannah. "Yes, he came to me some two or three weeks after he gave it up and said THEY wanted it again on same business, that THEY had heard the burglars had started again and that one of them had been captured at Harrisonville."

Did you let him have it again?

Hannah. "Yes, I let him have the same room."

How long did he keep it this time?

Hannah. "He kept it from Friday night until Monday morning."

Who returned the key and paid you for the room this time?

Hannah. "Decatur Smith returned the key and paid me the rent \$2. He still owes me \$5 for cleaning up the blood they spilt in the room the last night they had it."

Who did you hold responsible for the room?

Hannah. "Decatur Smith."

Captain Hannah also states that as **Smith** rented the room it was his

and he considered he occupied it. He also states that he saw **Jones**, **Welch** and **Davidson** go in the room. **Jones** says he was never in the room but one time. We leave the public to sav which of the two men they will believe, **Hannah** or **Jones**.

MORE EVIDENCE.
Dick Hurt informs us that a short time ago he hunted the square round about at 12 o'clock at night for the night watch for the purpose of getting into a drug store to get medicine for his sick child, and finally found **Smith** just waking up, sitting in a chair in the Palace hotel bar room, he asked him where **Jones** was and he said he was around there somewhere.

Ike Ellis says it has been his custom to have a lunch in the saloon about 11 o'clock at night, and that **Smith** was always on hand, with the exception of about a week about the time the detective business was going on, and that the boys began to enquire what had become of **Doc**.

W. L. Powell, who was rooming just across the hall from the detectives room, says while he did not see the nightwatches in the room, he knew they were there,

Tax payers, who do you hold responsible? The universal answer is, the nightwatch. The large and demonstrative meeting held at the council room Thursday night last said guilty and must go, **Judge Parkinson's** whitewash speech, that charges in blank could be made, and that the TIMES' attack on the nightwatch was sensation, to the contrary, notwithstanding. The TIMES article last week presented the plain facts from interested parties, nothing more, nothing less,

In a card in the Republican **Decatur Smith** says he assisted **Davidson** in good faith. We don't doubt it. He denies crying and blubbering. **Hannah** says he cried and **Davidson** said he blubbered. Take your choice. **Geo. Smith's** long eared farm hand nightwatch, **Wiley Jones**, has been subpoenaed along with **Davidson** as a witness in the case they were watching, and **Capt. Hannah** says he saw him go into the room. Immediately after the explosion in room 17 he took the mumps and now we fear we are pressing his corns. Better go back to the farm, **Mr. Jones**.

In justice to his guests and hotel, **Capt. Hannah** should appear before the council and enter his complaint and the board should dismiss them without delay. We have felt the pulse of the people and they, without an exception, say it was a dirty piece of business for the nightwatches to engage in and they ought to be discharged. The nightwatch must go, and **Geo. Smith** ought to resign.

A little prediction! We don't often indulge. Those democrats who are belittling **Mr. Cleveland**, because he is keeping his word as uttered in his letter of acceptance, and standing at the same time upon one of the planks of the democratic platform, will have to eat crow. The people are with the president on that question, and much disposed to overlook other differences of opinion with him because of his robust honesty and freedom from cant and demagogism.—**Lexington Intelligencer**.

"It snows and blows and stings your nose—makes all creation shiver; it bites your toes, doubles your woes and freezes fast the river. The frost nips all, both great and small, this dismal, dreary winter. It freezes tight, and bursts at night the steam pipes of the printer. So let her roll—we mean the cold—it takes the cash in winter. Now please be kind, make up your mind to settle with the printer."

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