

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.

LOCAL ITEMS

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.

We will guarantee "our clearing sale prices" to be lower than elsewhere or refund the money paid for them. See prices in this paper. American Clothing House.

The Record's dirty slurs at Judge Sullins will amount to just about as much as a small boy throwing stones at the moon.

T. S. McHenry and Miss Bettie Woodfin, of Walnut township, complimented the TIMES sanctum while in the city Friday.

An ordinance compelling our citizens to keep their cows up night and day within the city limits passed its first reading before our council at their meeting last Wednesday night. The ordinance will be read twice more and then become a law. Prepare to pen up your cows.

A little stranger (girl) arrived at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Bewley by the name of Janette Allen Bewley. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bewley will call it theirs, and we know it will be proud of its papa and mamma. We extend congratulations. —New Home items in Review.

S. S. mass convention will meet at old school Presbyterian church on the 1st Sunday in August, at 3 p. m., Rev. Bewley, chairman. Subject, "Method of teaching Sabbath School lessons," J. T. Smith to open. Address of fifteen minutes to children by Rev. R. R. Pierce.

The dog law is in full force and effect in Butler, and the marshal, armed with a shot-gun, is shooting all dogs not muzzled and running at large on our streets. Our farmers who have dogs in the habit of following them to town had better leave them at home if they don't want them to turn their toes up to the daisies.

Uncle John Atkinson will accept the thanks of the TIMES office for a fine watermelon Saturday. He and Mr. Warder have a fine patch of about three acres and reports his melons as doing well, some of them being as large as a half bushel, and in a short time, in addition to presenting us with another melon, they expect to supply the Butler market.

From the dispatches in the city papers the rain which fell Saturday seems to have been general throughout southwest Missouri and a large portion of Kansas. In Missouri the crops in many localities were beginning to suffer greatly and stock water was needed badly. If reports are true many sections in Kansas were in a much worse condition than with us, the corn and grass being entirely burnt up beyond redemption.

All summer goods at cost, and even less. This is no advertising dodge, but a genuine clearing sale. Come in and see for your-self. American Clothing House.

Mr. Oliver Freeman has forty acres of corn just west of town which he thinks will make him 30 or 40 bushels to the acre.

Mesdames Walton and McFarland, who started for Colorado several days ago, have been detained at Cooleidge, Kansas, on account of high water.

The dry weather of the past month seriously effected the cattle market, and had it continued much longer many of our farmers who are feeding would have lost largely.

Owing to the state of the court house yard there were no services there last Sabbath night, but matters will be in good shape by next Sunday evening when Rev. Alex Walker will preach. Service at 7 p. m., sharp.

Major J. N. Bradley was in the city Monday on business and attended the meeting of the central committee. The Major is enjoying better health than for some time. He speaks of taking a trip to the Pacific coast soon.

The men who wrecked a freight train April last, in Wyandotte, near Kansas City, during the strike which resulted in the killing of two train men, have been captured, and it is said all are prominent members of the order of Knights of Labor.

Sam Jones said all the Clinton court house lacked was a handle, so the judge could take it home with him. If he would make such a remark about the Clinton court house, what do you think he would say if he was to see the Butler jail?

A man whose name the Advocate failed to give, was prevented by bystanders from committing suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver Friday night in Clinton. The cause of his rash act is attributed to loss of money by security debts.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Monday evening, Mr. Elsworth Cathers, of Topeka, Kansas, to Miss Belle Sec, the Rev. W. A. Walker officiating. The happy couple leave for their future home in Topeka to-day, attended by the best wishes of their many friends.

Our young friend Lewis Hoffman who has been on a pleasure trip of several weeks among the lakes of Minnesota, returned home Sunday night. He looks the very picture of health and reports a most excellent time. All Lewis lacks to make him the happiest man in this world is somebody to pour out his coffee and sew on buttons.

We understand from parties who have been up to Warrensburg that the citizens of that place pay Sam Jones \$1,000 to deliver ten lectures in that city. Samuel seems to be no small fry when it comes to charging for his services, and, on his return to his native state, will be able to start a Sam Jones bank with a capital stock of a hundred thousand dollars of Missouri greenbacks.

One of the main points in Dr. Brooks temperance meetings over the country to be a good big admittance fee to the show grounds. If the doctor can succeed in retaining the services of Sam Jones, St. John and Mrs. Hoffman for drawing cards a short time longer and get large enough crowds at his present charges for admittance, he can soon go home calling his pocket book a bloated greenback holder.

Sam Jones, while in Clinton last week, called on Leabo at the jail and spent a half hour with him. He was also visited by Rev. Criss, of Appleton City, the preacher that officiated at his marriage. Major Freeman, of East Lynne, special correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer and Missouri Republican, also called on him the same day and took his statement in full for both papers. Leabo was delighted to meet these distinguished visitors and also more than glad to receive the good news of his respite until August 6th.

Several good farms for sale at a bargain. Can see me on the street. JEFF ALDRIDGE.

ANOTHER FABULOUS FORTUNE. In Which Bates County Citizens Are Interested.

The clippings below from other papers will explain themselves. Our fellow citizens, John M. Catterlin and Mrs. Ino. Atkinson are great, great grandchildren of the William Mercer referred to, and will get a big slice of the good things if any is forthcoming.

H. W. Mercer, of Winterset, is anxious to know the whereabouts of the Baileys, Stewarts, Chapmans, Binegers and Catterlins, who are descended from the John Mercer who owned the land occupied by the government for forts at New York harbor, something over one hundred years ago. The estate in New York and New Jersey is worth \$500,000,000. "Call early and avoid the rush.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 22.—Information is received regarding the the famous Mercer estate, which makes it probable that the heirs will receive \$400,000,000 by a compromise with the parties occupying 100 acres in New York City and Jersey city. William Mercer, 120 years ago, leased for ninety-nine years a farm on Manhattan island and several hundred acres on the Jersey shore. Suit has been brought by the heirs—200 of the first generation—to recover. Roscoe Conkling is one of the attorneys. The prospects are good for a compromise on a basis of one-half the present valuation, which is \$800,000,000. A. S. Mercer, one of the heirs, resides in Cheyenne and publishes the Northwestern Live Stock Journal.

If you are in want of dry goods clothing Boots & Shoes, be sure and see our Spot Cash prices, S. Levy & Co.

Governor Marmaduke gave Leabo a respite until August 6th, 1886, in order to have more time to examine the papers in his case. Sheriff Hanks has the rope and black cap on hand to be used in the execution. He expects to use the same scaffold on which Stair was hanged at Nevada. No word has yet been received from the Governor of his intentions.

Buy your goods from the men that sells them for the least money. S. Levy & Co.

The Walnut (Bates county) Journal, pulls down the name of Gantt and hoists that of W. J. Stone for Congress. Roll Jordan roll.—Nevada Democrat.

Not too fast, Bro. Crockett. The Walnut News states emphatically it is for Judge Gantt after Parkinson.

ONE DOLLAR will buy 8 yards of black union cashmer at S. Levy & Co.

The next thing after the fall election is a county School Commissioner. In looking over the field, we know of no better timber than Prof. W. W. Graves, if he will accept the candidacy. Mr. Graves is a young man of sterling worth, morally and intellectually the equal of any in the county. If Mr. Graves wants the position the Enterprise will be glad to support him.—Rich Hill Enterprise.

Within the past few days a large break has made its appearance in the front of the west school building. The crack is an ugly looking one and extends from the foundation to the roof, and puts a more serious aspect to the security and safety of the building. The school board, before they crowd three or four hundred children into this building should be thoroughly satisfied it is all right and sufficiently secure to stand the pressure. Our advice to the board, is, take no chances for the saving of a few dollars, as the building will sooner or later have to be taken down.

For Sale or Trade A nice stock of drugs in Butler. Will sell or trade for real estate. Address or call at this office. 35tf

The trustees Redmond school house have employed a teacher for the coming year.

We heard a farmer Saturday offering to bet two to one corn would be selling on the streets of Butler by January at 25c per bushel.

The fine rain of Saturday and Sunday put a broad smile on the faces of our merchants and farmers. It came just in time and will be worth untold dollars to our county.

A farmer living west of town has made \$1000 off cheese this summer. He had a few cows and got milk of a few of his neighbors. Why won't a cheese factory and creamery pay in Foster.—Walnut News.

R. P. Lemasters, living four miles southwest of this city, is elated over his prospects for a corn crop this season, and expects each acre planted to garner him forty bushels. Its a pleasure to hear these encouraging reports.

ONE DOLLAR will buy 12 1/2 yards of lonsdale 4-4 muslin at S. Levy & Co.

T. L. Harber, of Lone Oak township, democratic nominee for county clerk, spent Friday in the city and took the evening train for St. Louis, where he goes on business. Before returning he will visit old friends in Illinois. He expects to be absent about a week.

One good effect of the president's veto of the fraudulent pension bills is already manifest. No more of such bills were passed at Friday night's session of the house. The pension mill, in fact, has stopped for repairs till it is seen whether or not the veto can be over-ridden.—N. Y. Star.

The Moundville Enquirer, in its raptures over the situation, says that "even Jasper county is enthusiastic for Colonel Stone's re-nomination." We have, from youth up, heard that we should go from home to learn the news. We invite the Enquirer man to come down and count the enthusiasm.—Carthage Patriot.

ONE DOLLAR will buy 15 yards of hope 4-4 bleached muslin at S. Levy & Co.

The second annual tournament of the Butler Gun club will be held at Butler on the 17, 18, 19 and 20th. of August next. The members of the club are making great arrangements for the shoot, and we have no doubt that it will be one of the grandest affairs of the kind ever held west of the Mississippi River. A general invitation is extended to all nimrods and sportsmen throughout the United States.

Capt. Tygard and lady who have been sojourning at Colorado Springs for the past two or three weeks for health and pleasure, returned home Saturday evening. He reports a most pleasant time, and had it not been for the constant rains in that section would have remained longer. He saw Tommy McFarland at the springs and reports him as getting along all right with the exception of his throat, which has been bothering some little of late.

ONE DOLLAR will buy 20 yards of good 4-4 brown muslin at S. Levy & Co.

The old plank fence around the court house yard has been removed by order of the county court. For the present and until a new fence and hitching posts can be put up, our farmers will have to hitch to their wagons or in the alleys, as they will not be permitted to tie to the trees in the court yard. We understand the court will, in place of the old hitch rack removed, put in iron posts and stretch a chain around the square. This will be a big improvement over the old hitch rack.

Silk Umbrellas at cost, \$2:00 to \$3:00. American Clothing House.

A HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

Sheriff Hanks and John P. Willis Land Fred James Behind the Bars.

Sunday evening word was brought sheriff Hanks that one Fred James, wanted for stealing a horse from Mrs. Morris two weeks ago, could be found at the residence of Mr. Moss, living seven miles southwest of Butler. In company with John P. Willis, deputy U. S. marshal, the sheriff hastened to make the arrest. When near the place they were met by a number of the best citizens of that locality who were anxious to see the law vindicated and offered their services. Although cautioned that James was a very bad man, it was not long before he was in the clutches of the law and given quarters in the hotel a la Hanks. James hails from Iowa, and is a tough looking citizen.

The President yesterday vetoed twenty-one House pension bills, making a total of 109. Out of this large number of disapproved bills, it is very probable that some have been vetoed which should have been signed; but there can be no doubt that the President has, on the whole, made a just and timely use of the veto power. Many of the vetoed bills have been so notoriously improper, or so negligently framed, that it was a disrespectful reflection on the President's intelligence to send them to him: and some of the unexpected critical comments which he has made in returning disapproved bills, finds at least a partial excuse in the extraordinary nature of the bills themselves.—Post-Dispatch.

15 CENTS will buy a mans under shirt at S. Levy & Co.

Frank James Latest. According to the New York Sun, in its Ft. Worth, Texas, correspondent, Frank James has made arrangements, in conjunction with James Courtright, ex-city marshal or Ft. Worth, to bring out a drama for the stage. In the case of Frank James and Annie Ralston, it may be remembered that James met the girl under an assumed name as she was visiting at a friend's. She played croquet with him and became so deeply interested in the stranger that he at length declared himself and was accepted. He then told her who he was, and in her girlish sympathy for him she loved him more passionately than ever. Her father would not permit James to call on his daughter, but she managed to see him frequently, and finally on the pretense of visiting relatives in Nebraska, she went away from home, and was not again seen for two years. At the end of that time James presented himself at the Ralston place and asked permission to send Annie home for the summer, but the old man refused, whereupon James told him that he would not see his daughter again for ten years. He came very near keeping his promise. None of her friends saw her until eight years had elapsed, and then James was a prisoner. All this, it is thought, will do to start the play, and give an adequate motive for the vast amount of indiscriminate killing which will take place in the third, fourth and fifth acts.

We are offering goods for less money during our CASH clearing sale, as ever before but want spot CASH S. Levy.

For Sale or Trade A nice stock of drugs in Butler. Will sell or trade for real estate. Address or call at this office. 35tf

Our doors are wide open and our shelves & counters loaded with bargains, S. Levy & Co

Our Jasper Correspondence.

Jasper, Mo. July 5th, 1886.

PATRIOT.—The great political contract entered into by and between W. J. Stone and a few bosses and pharisees last December was ratified to-day by the removal of the post office from a spacious, well-lighted room to a smaller, darker, and less conveniently arranged building. But the public weal is not so much a matter of concern as that the contract should be faithfully carried out. We understand Hon. W. J. Stone is a candidate for renomination. It is in order now for the bosses to whoop it up for him and thus return the compliment due him for official favors granted in the face of an almost unanimous protest of the democratic party of Jasper precinct and the northwest part of Sheridan township. A succinct certified history as to how the present incumbent became ensconced in the post office would be interesting reading and fill a long felt want. Perhaps "a voter" (who is, we presume, the only one left of that brave and devoted four who voted at Crume's hall in accord with the policy pursued by Mr. W. J. Stone) can and will favor us with the desired information relative to his positive and unequivocal resignation and his subsequent appointment and induction into office. Stone fences in and around this vicinity are badly in need of repairs, and only await the cyclone of public indignation in November to utterly annihilate and wipe them out of existence. Vive la cyclone!

A Reconstructed Southerner.

General Tillman, of South Carolina, is one of the characters of the House. He is sixty years of age, tall, well-proportioned, and like Hannibal Hamlin, has never worn an overcoat. In the coldest days of the winter the General comes up to the Capitol usually with his coat unbuttoned and looking as though the weather rather suited him than otherwise. One day General Tillman was coming down Pennsylvania ave., accompanied by a friend. Walking in the opposite direction was a one-armed ex-soldier who wore a badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. Tillman, who fought in the Confederate army, and who is even now fond of talking of the "lost cause," stopped the veteran and said in his peculiarly suave and genial manner: "Good morning, sir; I take off my hat in recognition of true manhood." He chatted with the veteran for a moment, inquired about his health and then resumed his walk.

Later he said to his friend when questioned about the affair: "Yes, sir, I will take off my hat to any soldier, black or white, ex Confederate or Union." These veterans are the types of true manhood, and they shall have my homage and respect." General Tillman was one of the bravest officers sent into the field by South Carolina to fight for the life of the Confederacy.—Washington letter to Boston Traveller.

ONE DOLLAR will buy a No. 1 white shirt at, S. Levy & Co.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.

To All Wanting Employment. We want Live, Energetic and Capable Agents in every county in the United States and Canada, to sell a patent article of great merit, on 175 MERITS. An article having a large sale, paying over 100 per cent profit, having no competition, and on which the agent is protected in the exclusive sale by a deed given for each and every county he may secure from us. With all these advantages to our agents and the fact that it is an article that can be sold to every household, it might not be necessary to make an "EXTRAORDINARY OFFER" to secure good agents at once, but we have concluded to make it so, not only our confidence in the merits of our invention, but in its stability by any agent that will handle it with energy. Our agents now at work are making from \$50 to \$500 a month clear and this fact makes it safe for us to make our offer to all who are out of employment. Any agent that will give our business a thirty days trial and fail to clear at least \$50 in this time, ABOVE ALL EXPENSES, can return all goods unsold to us and we will refund the money paid for them. Any agent of general address who would like ten or more counties and work them through sub-agents for ninety days and fail to clear at least \$750 ABOVE ALL EXPENSES, can return all unsold and get their money back. No other employer of agents ever dared to make such offers, nor would we if we did not know that we have agents now making more than double the amount we guaranteed; and but two sales a day would give a profit of over \$25 a month, and that one of our agents took eighteen orders in one day. Our agents receive circulars explaining our offer fully, and these we wish to send to everyone out of employment who will send us three cent stamps for postage. Send at once and secure the agency in time for the boom, and go to work on the terms named in our extraordinary offer. We would like to have the address of all agents in the country, and ask any reader of this paper who reads this offer, to send us at once the name and address of all such agents. Address at once, or you will lose the best chance ever offered in the history of employment to make every cent of employment to make every cent of money. RAYMOND MANUFACTURING CO., 215 South 3rd St., Philadelphia.