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Virginia Items.

In writing news for the TIMES this year.

It will be things we see and hear, And if we get them wrong or mixed Friends forgive us for this is '96. Miss Sadie Whinnery spent Saturday at home with her parents.

John Asher will move to near Springfield, Mo., this week. Mrs. Clouse and daughter, Mrs. W. A. Ephland, of Foster, visited Mrs. Joe Whinnery Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Fairchild of Butler, attended church at Virginia Sabbath night. Uncle Billy Drysdale's back has been hurting him for several days; Grandma Drysdale had a sick spell Sunday night but is better now.

Grandma Craig left for the Nation on Friday, accompanied by Mrs. W. R. Craig, who has been to St. Joe having her eyes treated. Grandma thinks the winters milder there, but she hates to leave her baby girl, whose home is there.

Monday of this week was court day in Virginia; Cole Hensley against E. Morewood of Mulberry, cow and calf in dispute; witness from Anoret, Robt. Barton and wife, Thos. Lockey. The suit was decided in favor of Hensley. During the time waiting for the lawyers to come Thos. Lockey and Chas. Morrison had a little round on politics. Mr. Lockey asked Morrison if Mark Hanna did not have the money? Charley said, yes. Lockey asked him if he did not believe that all the parties were a little dishonest and Charley said his party was not.

Mr. Lockey said Hanna having all the money and buying votes he must have bought them of Morrisons party. The Virginia Literary was reorganized last Friday night and will meet every Friday night in McFadden's hall.

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KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

They Indorse Free Silver at 16 to 1 and Insist That Government Only Shall Issue Money.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The general assembly of the Knights of Labor declared to day for free silver. The action taken was in the adoption of a national clause to the seventeenth plank in the declaration submitted by the committee on Law. As originally framed this plank held that interest bearing bonds, bills of credit or notes should never be issued by the Government, but that if need arises the emergency should be met by the issue of legal tender non-interest bearing money.

To this was added the following: "And that gold and silver when so issued shall be the free and unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1, regardless of the action of any other nation."

The General Assembly voted down the proposition to reduce the ratio of representation of District, State and National Assemblies.

A proposition granting representation to isolated local assemblies attached directly to the General Assembly on a basis of a delegate for the first thousand members, and one for each additional thousand, or majority fraction thereof, was adopted, which gives representation to between 50,000 and 60,000 members who are now entitled to representation.

A resolution was adopted that the General Assembly denounce the attempt soon to be made to take from the Government of the people the sovereign right to issue money and leaving it entirely under the control of the national banks, and call upon the people everywhere to watch their representatives in Congress and demand from them such legislation as will continue the issuance of Government money in preference to money of national banks or corporations.

Lewis' Home District.

Clinton Democrat. Grand old sixth district! How nobly she rallied to the support of Lon V. Stephens! He carried every county in the district, and his total plurality in the seven counties is over 6,000. Here are the figures:

	Stephens.	Lewis.	Majority.
Bates	4,297	2,734	1,563
Cass	3,949	2,392	1,557
Cedar	2,237	1,838	399
Dade	2,128	1,812	316
Henry	4,236	3,229	967
Johnson	4,128	3,284	844
St. Clair	2,550	1,903	647
Total	23,478	17,292	6,216

Round Prairie Items.

Miss Grace McDavitt is on the sick list this week.

It is rumored that we will have three weddings to write about next week.

Engene Wilson of Calaway county, is visiting relatives on our beautiful prairie this week.

Jim McDavitt bought 500 bushels of corn of his father last week at 15c per bushel.

Clarence Dean was kicked by a mule on the side of his face and leg Thursday evening.

Mr. Gosse of Vernon county, was talking with friends on our prairie last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Housley of Appleton City, St. Clair county, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. B. F. Sharpless.

It is rumored that one of our young men, who took a young lady to the supper Wednesday on account of bad weather or something he hasn't taken her home yet.

C. C. Wilson moved his brother and sister to Butler Tuesday.

Several of our young men went to Vernon county last week to seek employment in the coal mines which opened Tuesday morning.

The old Valentine house, one-half mile west of Rockville, caught fire from the fire Saturday Nov. 14, and burned to the ground.

John Gilbreath purchased a span of mules, wagon and a set of harness in Appleton City Monday.

Last Wednesday night the Christian church gave a supper at the residence of Chas. Meyers for the benefit of the Christian Sunday school at which oysters and peaches were served at ten cents a dish; a large and glorious crowd present, and a profit realized.

Dr. B. F. Sharpless is having a six-room residence erected in Rockville, where we understand, he will engage in the drug business.

J. A. Hall of Vernon county, spent Saturday night and Sunday on our beautiful prairie.

CLIMAX.

HANNA CHARGED WITH BUYING AGRICULTURAL PAPERS IN THE WEST.

The "Homestead" a Des Moines Publication, to Make Sensational Disclosures.

IT DEFIES LIBEL SUITS.

DECLARES THAT \$200,000 WAS SPENT TO INFLUENCE FARMERS' PAPERS IN MANY STATES.

AN ALLEGED OFFER DECLINED.

Des Moines, Io., Nov. 20.—Homestead, an agricultural paper published here, will to-morrow, in a special edition of 100,000 copies, expose the methods of Mark Hanna in purchasing the agricultural papers of the central west, particularly in the doubtful states, to influence the farmers away from silver. The article, consisting of 15,090 words, makes direct charges that papers were bought, and challenges those implicated to sue for libel. It directly charges that Wallace's Farmer, published here, was purchased, and estimates that fully \$200,000 was spent to buy other papers in Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio and Michigan. Although names of the men who carried on the deal are not given, they are described. The descriptions fit a United States senator, national committeeman and several Iowa politicians.

The Homestead says it was itself invited into the deal and gives the entire transaction away. It tells of conferences with republican leaders held by James M. Pierce, manager, and S. F. Stewart, editor, both here and in Chicago, and says that the price offered was about \$12,000. In return for this the Homestead was to publish articles, disguised as non-partisan, to be furnished by writers in the employ of the republican committee, and to refuse to publish communications from silver men until the close of the campaign. Thousands of sample copies were to be sent to the addresses of doubtful farmers, gathered by the county committeemen in the central western states. Pierce and Stewart say they led the republican managers on until they understood the whole deal; secured the names of papers bought and the prices paid, and then broke off negotiations.

The article exposing the alleged deal opens with a statement that agricultural papers should be non-partisan; that they should be unpartisan because they are depended on by the farmers to tell the truth, free from party bias. It says that different sets of republican workers operated with different papers, so that exposure would be more difficult if anything went wrong.

Mr. Pierce, in his part of the article, says he was summoned by a prominent politician to a conference early in July; that he was asked to go into the deal and that it was explained to him that at that time Iowa was for silver by 36,000 votes, and that something must be done to get the farmers in line. Partisan papers could not do it, he was told, because the farmers were suspicious of partisan papers, and that what was wanted was an apparently non-partisan discussion of the question without reference to republicans or democrats. It would take time to bring them back into line.

Then follows a long explanation of the methods used to get the Homestead into line. Editor Stewart went to Chicago, where he held a conference with the republican managers. He was told, he says, that similar contracts had been made with many other agricultural papers and the conditions were made plain. Letters and telegrams explaining the minor details follow. Then, the

OFFICERS.

D. N. THOMPSON, Pres.,
E. A. BENNETT, V. Pres.,
E. D. KIPP, Cashier,
G. W. Newberry, Assistant,
G. Pratt Wyatt, Assistant.

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JAS. M. MCKIBBEN.

Homestead says, the plot having been fathomed negotiations were broken off.

The next chapter takes up the record of Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer and formerly editor of the Homestead, and shows that he was a silver man. Then it prints from the farmer an article in which notice is given, August 14, that a series of "non partisan" articles on the financial question were about to appear. The Homestead charged that these are the articles furnished by the republican committee. It prints a table of the circulation of the Farmer previous to and during the campaign. Before the articles commenced to appear, it asserts, the circulation was but 7,000 a week, but that during the time the alleged deal was in progress 20,000 copies a week were sent out. Advance proofs of the articles have become public and have caused a big stir in political circles. The republicans threaten to join with Wallace in a suit against the Homestead for libel. The Homestead editors say they court this, as it will give them a chance to produce their evidence, and promise to drag into court scores of prominent politicians.

One Trust Has Collapsed.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22.—The wire nail trust has collapsed and will endeavor to wind up its affairs December 1st. Sale agents representing mills within the pool were to day scrambling to sell nails at \$1.70 per keg in Chicago, which is a dollar per keg lower than the trust's circular price, and jobbers were selling in lots of from one to 1,000 kegs from store at \$2 per keg. Before the end of the present week the price, it is said, will be down to \$1.25 per keg, or within thirty cents of the lowest price they ever sold here. The trust in a circular to the jobbers gives them liberty to sell at any price they please.

Five Cremated.

Hamilton, Mo., Nov. 23.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Neal, living five miles north of this city, were burned to death. The Neal dwelling was burned while the parents were attending a dance.

Soon after starting home, the Neals and those accompanying them discovered that the Neal residence was on fire. When they reached the burning building the father saw his 11 year-old girl lying burning in the front door, clasping her 3 year-old brother in her arms. The father fell in a swoon, and has been a raving maniac ever since.

The mother is prostrated with grief and it is feared that she will die. It has been ascertained that the fire was an accident and was not of incendiary origin, as at first supposed.

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Royal Baking Powder

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Trustee's Sale.

Whereas Casper Stammen and Mary Stammen his wife, by their deed of trust dated November 5, 1894, and recorded in the recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 117, page 361, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-three (23) in township forty (40) of range thirty-one (31), ranging thence north two hundred and ten (210) feet, thence west three hundred and fifty (350) feet, thence south two hundred and ten (210) feet, thence east three hundred and fifty (350) feet to place of beginning, which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain note fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note, and the same is now past due and unpaid. Now therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Monday, December 21, 1896.

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day for the purpose of satisfying said debt, interest and costs. C. A. ALLEN, Trustee.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas John C. Hiral and Olivin D. Hiral his wife, by their deed of trust dated December 20th, 1894, and recorded in the recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 105, page 489, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section twenty (20) in township thirty-five (35) of range thirty (30) containing (160) acres more or less, which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain note fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of the principal and accrued interest thereon, now past due and unpaid. Now therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Tuesday, December 22, 1896.

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day for the purpose of satisfying said debt, interest and costs. R. G. HARTWELL, Trustee.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas Filer Sackett and Caroline S. Sackett his wife, by their deed of trust dated May 15th, 1891, and recorded in the recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 102, page 169, conveyed to the undersigned trustee, the following described real estate lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit: Lot No. Three (3) in block five (5) in Warren's addition to the town, now city of Butler, which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain note fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas default has been made in the payment of the principal and five years interest thereon, now past due and unpaid. Now therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

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