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Franklin County Guard.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

- Hot!
- Mr. — thinks so.
- Sol. is renovating.
- The Fourth is now over.
- A little shower this forenoon. More anon.

Read Mr. Kinnear's communication on 4th page.

Local ads. 3 cents per line each and ever insertion.

"Live and let live," is the motto of the new store.

A large number of hands are going eastward to harvest.

Mr. Ernest Argo, brother-in-law of F. M. Vancill's, arrived yesterday.

McGowen took a trip to Lowell this week. He returned yesterday.

\$400 raised for the purchase a forty acre county seat. Verily the ball moveth.

The best stock of tobacco in the county at Vancill's.

Immigrant teams are moving back and forth upon the road quite lively.

Keep bushels, peck measures and baskets at Vancill's.

For Sale—A nice young cow 3 years old, giving a large quantity of milk. Enquire of J. J. Thompson, Rebecca Creek.

Tried very hard to rain last night but didn't succeed. We'll probably get it during the day or this evening.

Those interested in the county

will find a call for a

~~ANNOUNCEMENT~~
W. R. Kizer is now associated with J. R. Huffman in the publication of the Franklin County Guard, and under the new arrangement we hope to be able to give our patrons a better paper than heretofore. Just exactly when we shall change the size of the paper, will depend on the turn events take in the future. We propose to make the GUARD live, and we shall do just what we think best to maintain its existence, and give our patrons a paper regularly once a week. If it is not quite so large and boasting as some of its neighbors.

OUR PLATFORM.

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- 2nd. Will advocate Temperance
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- 4th. The greatest good to the greatest number.
- 5th. A good word for all worthy actions.

The reasons for making this change are various. First of all our late campaign experience of last year, gave us but little encouragement or faith in party principles, at least as regards local affairs in this county. Consequently we decline tying ourself up to any stake as a mark to be shot at without having the privilege of firing in return; and another. It is not consistent with our new arrangement to do so.

THE FOURTH.

The morning dawned bright and clear, and long ere the orb of day arose above the eastern horizon, the artillerymen were at their post of duty, and the thundering of their cannon (anvils) was heard abroad the land, rousing the inhabitants from their quiet slumbers. A cooling breeze fanned throughout the day the heated atmosphere of a July sun, and the shaded arbor upon the fair grounds afforded a pleasant resort for the assemblage.

The first appearance of any particular note, was a delegation of three or four wagons from Rebecca Creek on their way to Franklin. Immediately afterward, Messrs. Mundell, Moulton, and others appeared with the flag and band wagon rigged up in good style, which was crowded with the young and fair of Rebecca creek. By this time teams of every description and from ever quarter, men and women horseback, afoot and walking, began to congregate.

The principal attraction of the day in the way of delegation, was the Turkey Creek Grange, out in colors, being the first. and as yet the only organization in the county, and the order having sprung into existence since the earlier settlers of the valley came here, it was something new and interesting to them.

As the Grangers made their appearance Marshal J. W. Deary formed a procession, and met and escorted them through town and to the arbor, while the band played a number of national airs, marches, etc. The procession, when completed, was a very respectable one especially for a new country, and would have honored three-quarter mile space in any other.

The ball that commenced at an early hour in the evening, was also a grand success. There were just 45 numbers out, altogether there was a general attendance of 150 persons. A single individual created the only thing in the way of sensation out of the usual smooth channel, by getting over ballasted with a cargo of imported bad whiskey. The supply was taken from a foreign port, smuggled in and kept on hand for private use, but at a later hour in the evening slopped over, and leaked out a little, doing no particular harm, except the disagreeable odor inhaled.

With this one trivial exception, the 4th was nowhere better enjoyed than here. People were generally rather pleasantly surprised to witness such a turnout, and was the occasion for many remarks both from the speakers and the audience. The county being but three years old, and considering the fact that there were two other celebration of no mean pretensions held within its limits at the same time.

Correspondence.

RIVERTON, July 7 1874.

ED GUARD,

Sir: In sober earnest let us ask the question, why it is, that our county is obliged to suffer through the conduct of men who have no interest whatever in its welfare, except where they themselves are directly concerned, and whose only aim appears to be, to make capital out of its sufferings.

In the early part of October 1872, there was an election held in this county, for the purpose of locating the county seat thereof, and two weeks ago, the Lowell Register very pertinently asks the question: "Where that county seat was." The people of this county ask the same question. Has Judge Gantt put it back in his pocket again, and if so, people naturally ask who is responsible—why this litigation? Who is going to pay Franklin county damages to the amount of \$50,000 or \$100,000, which it has or will have sustained, when this drag

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Those interested in the county seat removal, etc., will find a call for a convention, in another column.

Those owing us on job work or advertisement, will confer great favors by remitting the amount soon.

Two new precincts have been created in this county, making now seven in all. Ash Grove precinct is the north half of Sheridan; Buffalo precinct is made of the south half of North Franklin.

Chas. McPherson passed through town yesterday aboard the stage on his way back from Lowell.

A number of new machines have been put in operation in the wheat fields of this county already.

Wanted.—5,000 men, women, and children to call and see Vancil's choice stock of staple and fancy groceries.

In Brutus' communication, the idea of a two-third majority vote at such a convention is suggested, as well as required at the election this fall.

The farmers in the vicinity of Bloomington will meet Saturday July 18th at 3 o'clock P. M., at the school house in Bloomington for the purpose of organizing a grange.

J. H. Painter, State Deputy for the Patrons of Husbandry, passed through town Tuesday, on the stage on his way up the Valley. He presented us with the initial number of the "Nebraska Patron," as semi-monthly devoted to the interests of the Grangers of the State, conducted by

arrangement to do so.

CARD.

When I assumed the control of this paper some eighteen months ago, the country was then comparatively new to what it now is, and being placed under embarrassments and disadvantages of much greater magnitude than I was at the time able to comprehend, if I could, I should undoubtedly have hesitated; but I believe the time is near at hand, when it will be better for us all, and with anything like as liberal patronage in the future, in proportion to that of the past, I have no fears for the GUARD. In view of the fact that the people of this county were, as a rule, but in limited circumstances, and everything to buy, I put the price on subscription advertisements, etc., as low as possible and buy stock to print with, expecting relief in some other shape, none came, and by very strict economy and close application, the GUARD has supported itself through a long weary season of as stringent times as seldom ever befalls the profession and still live through it, and it is with no little pride, that I can say that the GUARD did it.

Now, as I have seen fit to make some change in the paper, in associating Mr. W. R. KIZER with myself, I have every reason for believing will be met with general approval. He is a young man of steady habits, good taste and ability, and in every way worthy of trust and confidence.

Hoping to retain my old patrons and gain many new ones, and that the GUARD will always be a welcome visitor to every household, I still remain

Your obedient servant,
JNO. R. HUFFMAN.

quarter mile space in any other.

The exercises were opened by a neat, appropriated and heartfelt prayer by Elder Townsend. After which the Declarations were read by Mr. J. W. Cleavenger, in a loud and distinct tone and voice. The Glee Club, under the able direction of Mr. S. L. Fish, evidently did credit to a number of well selected pieces which alternated with the String Band in furnishing music.

Mr. A. M. deClercq, President for the day, conducted the exercises in an able and highly creditable manner.

The principal oration was delivered by Rev. A. H. Bush, of Turkey Creek, of which we desire to give more than a passing notice. As a settler and a citizen in common with the rest of us, Rev. Mr. Bush spoke with a feeling that could be in no other way prompted than that of the deep interest in the welfare of the community in which he has chosen his home. He used no spread-eagle style, but dwelt upon facts, plain in their reality for beauty and grandure or as they may have been hard and stubborn; his long experience ably assisted him in his efforts, which was pronounced to have been the best ever delivered in the Valley upon any occasion. We venture the assertion, that throughout the length and breadth of the nation, there were few as good, none better, as far as patriotism, depth and pathos was concerned, while at the same time it possessed the double merit of being uttered in a at homelike and honest manner.

Mr. Willard Weston, next follow after usual interpositions of music, with an able address, in which some curious and interesting statistics were given.

of \$50,000 or \$100,000, which will have sustained, when this drag which clogs the wheel of our progress has been removed from the tier?

On that October election, Bloomington obtained a majority, and common prudence, if not reason, would dictate, to men who had the welfare of the county at heart, rather than self interest, that it was entitled to the result. If then, as men should do, the opposition submitted to the voice of the majority of the people, to-day Bloomington may make as creditable a showing in the Valley as Red Cloud, and the supporters of Franklin, in place of chasing a "rain law," could have applied their money to the building up of their town in place of buying law, while the act would appear better in the eyes of the public, and create such a sympathy in its favor, that whenever the question of relocating the county seat came up, Waterloo would stand just as good a chance as anywhere else to win the prize. But in place of all this, law is had recourse to, and law decides with the people—they are jubilant that the vexed question is decided—but—here again, selfish ambition steps in, and snatches up the gauntlet to prolong the litigation, and make the county suffer still longer.

Mr. Editor, I think we have had enough of this. It is high time the people ignore the conduct of men whose aims cannot be mistaken. The Bloomington town company is not to blame, it stands on the defensive to maintain its right to that which the people gave it.

INDEPENDENT

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Dated this 8th day of January, 1874.

CYRUS B. CHILDS,
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Orders should be sent in in July and
August. Respectfully,
38. J. F. ZEDIKER.

To those contemplating going
west for the purpose of securing land we
have a word or two to say, especially to
those who are undecided whether to go or
not. If you already have a good farm
and well prepared to live in good style,
perhaps you had better remain where
you are. To such we do not care to of-
fer any advice whatever, as circumstan-
ces, the nature of which we know nothing
of, control their actions. But if
you have no land of your own, and are
a farmer, and have to work on rented
land, to such we wish to say, go where
you can secure a homestead; convert
all your availables into ready cash and
a team, and start at once. And when
you get on a homestead, trust in provid-
ence, a wholesome amount of industry
well seasoned with economy, for the re-
sult. You can thus secure a home and
farm of your own.

THE HARVEST.

The harvest is now at hand, and the
husbandman is busy. The wheat in this
locality is, comparatively speaking, very
good. Wet rather than dry weather af-
fected the wheat crop here and west of us,
this year; but the wheat crop is not going
to be as short as we were at first led to be-
lieve. It is generally well filled, and stands
at a fair height though not overly tall.

During the latter part of May and first of
June, several very heavy rains fell, by
which the ground was packed or beaten
down so, and was in no fit condition to
resist the severe dry spell immediately fol-
lowing. Notwithstanding all this, the
wheat as well as the corn is doing fine, and
bids fair to realize all reasonable expec-
tations.

At a meeting held at the Davis School
House, on the 30th day of June, 1874, J.
R. Shanafelt was elected chairman and E. A
Glen secretary.

The object of the meeting was to take
such action as may be deemed necessary to
secure a permanent location of the county
seat of Franklin county.

After some discussion, the following res-
olutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a convention be called to
meet at Macon on Saturday the 1st day of
August next, at 11 o'clock a. m., to select
a site to run for the county seat at the com-
ing fall election.

Resolved, That the precincts in the Co.
be invited to elect 5 delegates to attend
said convention:

The following delegates were elected for
Macon precinct: C. C. Dake; D. W.
Stevenson, R. F. Miller, J. Burton and
Amos Barker, with H. Jenkins and Joseph
Willis as alternates.

C. C. Dake, S. C. Horton and David
Patton were appointed as a committee to
notify the several precincts in the county,
of the action taken at this meeting, after
which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of these resolu-
tions be sent to the Franklin County Guard
and Red Cloud Chief with a request to
publish.

On motion adjourned;
J. R. SHANAFELT, Chair,
E. A. GLEN, Sec.

The time for dinner having by this
well advanced, the different parties, upon
the announcement, at once began to spread
out the good things prepared for the occa-
sion, in regular picnic style. That there
would have been an abundance, and that
it would have made a much nicer showing,
if spread upon a general table, we in com-
mon with every one admit, but the picnic
style was preferred by nearly every one,
and we have every reason for endorsing
that as being the handiest and best.

We had near a dozen different invita-
tions to as many different dinners, but of
course could but accept of but the one at a
time. If the fourth dinners could have been
distributed in a series of set times for a
week, we probably could have got around
to the majority of them.

In concluding the third paragraph on the
dinner subject, we will say that every one
on the ground enjoyed a tip-top dinner,
and for the Great American Desert, if it
was true people are in a starving condition,
there is at least a remedy.

After dinner was disposed of and order
restored, toasts were announced and re-
sponded to.

Mr. J. F. Pugsley, responded to "Frank-
lin County;" D. Van Etten, to "The Re-
publican Valley;" J. W. Cleaverger,
"Heroes of the Revolution;" John Her-
bison, "Education;" "The Ladies;"—
Mr. — Thomas; "Women of the Revolu-
tion, A. H. Bush; "Flag of our Country,"
L. M. Moulton, and "The Press," by J.
R. Huffman.

W. S. McGowen read "Micheal O'Flan-
gan's address to his Countrymen," in
good style and effect.

During the toasting season, the funny
boys put in their appearance, which at-
tracted everybody's attention instantly,
and caused no little amusement.

The day and the celebration at this place,
at least, was a grand success. Everybody
was well pleased with the arrangements,
and everybody was pleased with everybody
as nearly everybody did pretty much all
promised, and did it well, and it is very
seldom we see where harmony was more
complete and at this celebration.

The county is suffering never before, in
this, its present state of uncertainty.
Enterprise and capital keeps aloof, and
business buildings which to-day should
be seen in some village of this county, are
decorating the county seats of others
around us.

This fall we are to have the question
of relocating the county seat laid before
us, and to provide for this emergency,
I would suggest that the GUARD would
appoint a day for each precinct to call a
meeting of its people for the purpose of
appointing delegates and also a day and
place for the delegates of the several pre-
cincts to meet, and decide on a place to
be voted for by the people for county
seat. The people of the several precincts
pledging themselves to abide by and sup-
port the place for county seat, selected
by a two-third majority of such delegate
convention, and unless a two-third ma-
jority was attained in favor of a reloca-
tion of the county seat at such conven-
tion, then in that case, let Bloomington
be county seat and the people support it
at the coming election. This thing can
not be attended to too soon.

BRUTUS.

one middle of March last, for a kidney dif-
ficulty that I have had since I was six years old, (I
am now twenty), and I must say that it has had a
terrible effect upon me. I have been a great sufferer
with the region of the kidneys for years. It has
been the greatest difficulty that I could urinate,
and that I have not been able to labor but a part
of time for years; but since I began to drink
Rock Spring Water my health has steadily
improved, and I can now do a good day's work with-
out fatigue, and I consider myself well on the road
to health and happiness. I would recommend the
use of this water to all those that have been
troubled with the kidney difficulty, as a sovereign
remedy for that obstinate disease, as it has done for
me, and will do for you.

Respectfully yours,

HARVEY CLARK.

To certify that I am the father of Harvey
Clark, the above named, and I am knowing to
the fact that he has undergone during almost all
of his life the kidney difficulty, and I fully cor-
roborate all of the above statements, that I have
believed and knowing them to be true.

LUCIAN CLARK.

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nearly six years with disease of the kidneys,
and the recommendation of a friend who was
to come to Waukesha for a drink of its healing
waters. We tried the Mineral Rock Spring Water,
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fact, feeling that in time it will make a per-
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