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Dec 31-1m

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March 31—tf

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Between the hours of 10 A. M., and 4 P. M., for the purpose of choosing Directors to serve the ensuing year. GEO. E. SIMPSON, Secretary.

March 10-td

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July 15 tf Westport, Mo.

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April 1 1y

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May 6—1y

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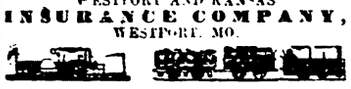
INSURANCE COMPANY,

WESTPORT, MO.



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Geo. E. Simpson Sec'y. March 3 tf

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I have on hand a large assortment of CHAIRS to which I invite the attention of purchasers. Call and examine. H. SAGER.

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OF

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All sorts of work in Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper.

GUTTERING done on short notice and at reasonable prices. October, 29 6m

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March 10-3t

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A GREAT GOSPEL PICTURE.

The Cheapest Engraving ever Published.

Dayton & Co.'s Magnificent Engraving of Thorwaldsen's

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In the Cathedral of Copenhagen, representing

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Is now ready, and orders for it are pouring in by every mail, both from the

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This great Work of Art is the only monument now existing in this country of those

MIRACLES IN MARBLE,

Which divide with the classic sculptures of Ancient Greece and Rome,

THE ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD.

Although the original models sent to this country in 1850, have been unfortunately

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The "Sacred Group," depicted in bold relief, and occupying a space of two feet by three,

STILL SURVIVES

In this Grand Engraving, modelled by

Permission of the Danish Government,

From the Copenhagen Statues.

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Of Gospel History, are portrayed in the Architectural Border that surrounds the main picture, viz:

JOHN PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS.

"He that cometh after me is mightier than I; whose shoes I am not worthy to bear."

JESUS BAPTIZED OF JOHN.

"Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

CHRIST BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN.

"Suffer little Children to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of God."

THE LAST SUPPER.

"This do in remembrance of me."

THE THREE MARYS AT THE SEPULCHRE.

"They have taken away the Lord out of the Sepulchre and we know not where they have laid him."

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An engraving of which, superbly tinted in oil, and a true copy of the original, in outline, expression and coloring,

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Titian's Roaming Venus is immeasurably superior to any and all others of finish, and contains more of womanly grace and loveliness than any other picture. The Goddess, ancient or modern, and this fascinating engraving is pronounced by those who have seen it,

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"Such a fleshly goddess," says a distinguished artist "I never saw before in an engraving; it might have come from the palette of Titian himself, it is so warm, so real, so transparent."

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Wm. Crowell & Co.,

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March 3-6m

JOSEPH H. THOMPSON & CO.,

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BOOT AND SHOE

WARE HOUSE.

No. 314, MARKET STREET,

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We recommend our friends to call and examine their stock. March 3-1y

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Hosiery,
Gloves,
Small Wares,
Combs,
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March 3 1y

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March 10-1m NEW YORK

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Look for the X.

A cross (thus X) immediately before the name signifies that the time paid for has expired.

☞ We wish to guard the delegates from this section of the State to the Jefferson Convention against certain schemers and wire-workers who will be there for the purpose of committing Missouri to Mr. Dickinson, of New York. There has been a persistent effort for some weeks past to manufacture public sentiment in favor of Dickinson, and resolutions have already been cut and dried to be presented to the convention, the object of which is to instruct our delegates to vote for Dickinson at Charleston. We advise our friends to beware; Dickinsons record is is not half so clean as the record of Douglas, and we are convinced that Bates could poll a bigger vote in Missouri than Dickinson could.

If any instruction is given at Jefferson, let it be for Green, Breckinridge, or some good Southern man. How can we ever expect to have a southern President if southern and western States invariably lead off for Northern men?

☞ Bruckman & Pulte, Kansas City, have now one of the largest and most complete assortments of fancy dry goods ever brought to this market—with all the novelties and designs of which this season is noted—for beauty and newness of style surpassess those of any former season; consisting in part of rich silk robes, double jioupe and volants; pointella brochea silks, bayadere and chena silks; taffeta regina poult de soie; a fresh arrival of those seventy-five cent silks; pine apple grenadine tissues; bereges; anglais robes; Isabellas; grenadine robes; organdies; poplins; traveling dress goods; plain and plaid nainsook muslins; jaconet embroideries; kid gloves; parasols; silk and lace mantels; linens; extra bleached cottons; a large stock of domestics. All of which will be sold very low.

☞ The Bloomington (Ill.) Flag says that "the Border Star is one of the very best papers in Missouri," and that its editor is "a remarkably good-looking man on the sunny side of forty."

As to the good-looks, we can't make any boast, *now*,—in fact if indicted for homeliness, we don't know but we would confess judgment—but in regard to our years, we are not only on the sunny side of forty, but also on the sunny side of thirty-eight, and extremely juvenile for our age. This much we consider necessary to say in order to vindicate the truth of history.

☞ Balmily and softly the gentle South winds begin to blow and the sun again, from unclouded skies, shines brightly and warmly. But a few days more and "the flowers will appear on the earth—the time of the singing of the birds will come and the voice of the turtle be heard in our land." After the long reign of the Frost King, the buds will burst and the grass grow green. But all seasons are the same to *Ticknor Robbins. & Co.*, of St. Louis, who continue to sell goods lower than any house in Missouri

☞ Mr. Louis Vogel is about to make an addition to the Commercial House, fronting forty feet on Fourth street and running back thirty feet—to be three stories high, and contain twenty-three rooms. This will make the Commercial one of the most commodious houses in Kansas City.

☞ Candidates will please come forward and settle their announcement fees previous to the meeting of the convention. After that interesting occasion some of them may not feel like paying for a dead horse.

☞ John J. Mastin, Esq., of this city, was elected Attorney and Notary for the Kansas City Branch of the Union Bank—and not John J. Martin, as erroneously printed last week.

☞ Blacksmiths, hardware dealers, farmers, and others will do well to read the advertisement of Chamberlin & Carpenter in this paper. They are good reliable men, and we recomend them to the public.

☞ The only Railroad now advertising with the Border Star is the North Missouri, which road we take particular pleasure in recommending to the public.

Garden Seeds.—See advertisement of Thos. H. Rosser.

☞ St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth is said to be one of the best institutions in the West. See advertisement.

☞ Geo. E. Simpson has been appointed agent for the Hope Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Louis, Mo.

Have you got a sister? Then love and cherish her with a holy friendship.—(Warnock.

If you have no sister of your own, we advise you to love somebody else's sister.

☞ This is the last day of March, consequently Sunday will be All Fool's Day.

John C. Breckinridge.

Although Mr. Breckinridge is not a candidate for the Presidential nomination, and although *we know* that he has discouraged movements for an organization in his behalf, yet *the people* will speak of him and look to him as the man for the crisis.—Although Kentucky is put down for Mr. Guthrie, everybody knows that Kentucky's idol, since the death of Clay, has been John C. Breckinridge, and that he is today her first choice by long odds. In Louisiana, it was as much as Slidell & Co. could do to prevent an expression for Breckinridge at the recent State Convention. In Illinois Breckinridge is the next choice after Douglas. In Pennsylvania he is very popular, having canvassed that State in 1856. In New York he is today stronger than Dickinson, for the reason that he has never meddled with the local dissensions among the democracy of that State, while Dickinson has always been an ardent partisan of one faction or the other. So far as our own State of Missouri is concerned, notwithstanding the labored efforts in behalf of Dickinson, we believe that Breckinridge is the stronger by five thousand votes.

A late letter from an intelligent Washington correspondent says:

The southern delegates are entitled by courtesy and custom to choose the Charleston candidate. If they wish to exercise their privilege in favor of a Southern man, I anticipate that John C Breckinridge will unite their ultimate votes. The all important object will be to ascertain who of the faithful can most certainly gain the popular support of either New York or Pennsylvania, or both. No southern man can be better entitled or more likely to receive the Democratic vote of the North than Major Breckinridge. The strongest objection ever heard to such a nomination is the future loss to the public of the active service of so able, so pure and so patriotic a Democrat as he would in a few years retire as Ex-President Breckinridge.

For Sale.—A beautiful little Cottage in Westport—nearly new—will be sold at a cheap price, as the owner desires to build on another lot. Large yard, good cistern, stable, etc. The cottage contains 3 nice rooms and a kitchen—is on high ground, and in a fine neighborhood. Price $1,000—one-third down, the balance in six and twelve months. Apply at the "Star" office.

Blooded Stock.—Mr. Cassius M. Clay, of White Hall, Madison County, Kentucky, sends us an engraving of two of his premium cattle. One is Pixy, the second winner of the sweepstakes at the Madison Ag. and Mechanical Association, 1859, four years old; and the other is the Duke of Madison, seven months old. They are beauties.

Mr. Clay writes us that he at present has none of the Essex Hogs for sale—an animal now greatly sought after—but he has some fine Spanish Pigs that may be obtained at $10 apiece.

Spring Trade—Large Importations.

From all the indications we see in the business portion of our city, we are confident our merchants will do a larger business the present season than they have ever heretofore done. The receipts of all description of goods are large, varied, and well suited to the trade of this and the surrounding country. Possessed of ample means, our merchants are enabled to offer liberal and satisfactory terms—some of our larger houses being direct importers of their own goods. Merchants from the interior who have heretofore made their purchases in the Eastern markets, have discovered that inducement are offered in Westport quite as favorable as can be offered elsewhere.

In all the grades of fancy dry goods, &c., we have never seen a larger or finer display than the stock now being received by our neighbors, *Street & Baker* and *G. D. Foglesong*. The dress goods for ladies, shawls, lace goods and other styles, with robes of silk, flounces, &c., surpass anything we have ever seen.

One little word in kindness spoken,
Will fill the soul with gladness;
'Twill cost thee little—give it free,
The blessing shall return to thee,
When in thy hours of sadness.

There is as much truth as poetry in the lines above. There is no power, no charm, more potent than kind words. Give them freely—they cost nothing. Nothing more beautifully adorns us, nothing tends more to real pleasure in this world than kind words freely given.

The *Valley Farmer*, for March, is at hand, replete with interesting matter for the farmers and stock raisers. This valuable monthly should be a regular visitor to the firesides of every Missourian.—Terms—$1 per annum.

☞ Some friends who happened in at our house the other evening gave it as their unbiased opinion that the "Cabinet Wine," from the house of *Thatchers & Wheatly*, is the best brand in the county. If anybody thinks he has a better brand, let him send us a half-dozen or a dozen on trial.

☞ Mayor Payne, of Kansas City, declines a re-election. We hear that his friends are soliciting him to come out for the legislature.

"Mrs. Smith, the court would ask, have you a marriage certificate?" "Yes, your honer, three on 'em—two gals and a boy."

To Correspondents.

Politician, Lexington.—If you are extremely anxious to know our preferences, we will inform you that John C. Breckinridge is our first choice for President.—If we are to have a southern man, we prefer Breckinridge, but if a Northern man is selected, we are for Douglas before any other. We deem Douglas by far the soundest man on the slavery question that is to be found at the North.

J. Darnall, Leavenworth.—There are no Dorking fowls in this county, so far as we know, and no pure blooded games. The fine chickens hereabouts that are not tainted with crosses on meaner stock, are the White Shanghais and Golden Pheasants which you can get at $3 per pair.

Wm. French, Glasgow.—If you will look in the first Star you received you will find yourself credited by $2 under the head of receipts. We give no written receipts for subscriptions, but—to save time trouble and postage stamps—we give a receipt in our paper, which is equal to twelve hundred written receipts.

Ticknor, Robbins & Co., St. Louis.—Sorry we can't accomodate, but not a copy of that No. of the Star was left over.

Dr. Hunter, New York.—You ask us if we will insert your medical advertisement, (half a column,) one year for $20. In reply we have to say that we would see you d——d (diddled) first.

A "Keerful Shepherd."

Mormonism is still in practical operation amongst us. A few days since, a tall, rawboned Saint, with a complexion very strongly resembling that of boiled tripe arrived here from Pittsburg with a couple of wives, but deeming his flock too small to start Salt Lakeward with, held forth as follows to an admiring audience, at a house over the canal, with a view to the completeness of his domestic felicity. His text was:

"Men is Skeerce and Weemen is Plenty."

"Brotherin and Sistern—pertickler the Sistern—I want to say a few words to you about Mormonism—not for my own sake, but for yourn, for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*.

"Mormonism is built on that high, old principle which sez that it aint good for a man to be alone, and a mighty sight worse for a woman. Therefore, if a man feels good with a little company, a good deal ought to make him feel awful sight better.

"The first principle of Mormonism is that woman ate a good thing, and the second principle is, that you can't have too much of a good thing. Woman is tenderer than man, and is necessary to smooth down the roughness of his character, and as man has a good many rough pints in his nater, he ought n't to give one woman too much to do, but set each one to work smoothin' some pertickler pint.

"Don't think I'm over anxious for you to jine us, for I aint. I'm not speaking for my good, but for yourn; for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*.

"I said woman was tenderer than man, but you needn't feel stuck up about it, for so she ought to be; she was made so a purpose. But how was she made so?—Where did she get it from? Why, she was created out of the side bone of man, and the side bone of man is like the side bone of a turkey—the tenderest part of him. Therefore as a woman has three side bones, and a man only one, of course she is three times as tender as a man is, and is in duty bound to repay that tenderness of which she robbed him. And how did she rob him of his side bone? Why, exactly as she robs pockets now-a-days of his loose change—she took advantage of him while he was asleep.

"But as woman is more tenderer than man, so is man more forgivener than woman—therefore I won't say anything more about the side bone, or the small change, but invite you all to jine my train, for I'm a big shepherd out our way, and fare amptuously every day on purple and fine linen.

"When I first landed on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, I wasn't rich in weemen, I had but one poor old yoe, for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*, and like a keerful shepherd I begin to increase my flock. Weemen heerd of us and our lovin' ways, and they kept a pourin in. They come from the North, and they come from the South, they come from the East, and they come from the West, they come from Europe, and they come from Asbey, and a few of 'em from Afrikey, and from bein' the miserable owner of one poor old yoe, I become the joyful shepherd of a mighty flock, with a right smart sprinkling of lambs, frisker and fatter than anybody else's, and I've got room for a few more.

"As I said before, I'm not talkin' pertickler for my benefit, but for yourn—for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*. Still I'd a leetle rather you'd go along with me than not, pertickler you fat one with the caliker sun-bonnet. Don't hesitate, but take the chance while you can git it, and I'll make you the 'bell yoe' of the flock.—I'll lead you through green pastures and the high grass; show you where you may cuper in the sunshine, and lay down in pleasant places; as you are in prety good condition already, in course of time you shall be the fattest of the flock. Jine in, jine in; jine my train; jine it now; for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*."

The appeal was irresistible. At the last account "the fat woman with the caliker sun-bonnet" had "jined in," and two or three others were on the fence, with a decided leaning toward the "Keerful Shepherd."

We have just received a large assortment of new type, papers, cards, envelopes, &c., and are prepared to do every kind of job work in better style and twenty five per cent cheaper than elsewhere in Westport.

All Round the Table.

A NIGHT IN RANSON'S ADDITION.

A jolly friend of ours, (he lives in Westport, but we are not permitted to tell his name,) went down to Kansas City last week to see the Railroad celebration.—He came back next day looking melancholy,—down-in-the-mouth and terribly fagged—and we considerately asked what had gone wrong? In his own felicitous and emphatic manner he responded:

"After my arrival in Kansas yesterday, I felt a little bad, and mark you, I went and took a small drink, and then not improving my feelings, I took another and another, don't you observe; and finally I got a little tight. In the evening I went out to Ranson's Addition with a friend, mark you, and thinking I would cool off, I took several more drinks, don't you observe; yet strange to say, the more I drank, the tighter I got, until, mark you, I was decidedly inebriated when I went to bed.

"During the night I woke up, don't you observe, and I could not imagine where the d—l I was, mark you. The room was dark as Egypt. I heard a clock strike two in some part of the house, mark you. I became very anxious to learn my whereabouts, don't you observe.

"Finally, I determined to explore the room, don't you observe, and for that purpose arose from my bed, mark you, and after stumbling over about half a dozen chairs, don't you observe, I came to a table. Now, mark you, I reflected that the generality of apartments are a perfect oblong square, don't you observe, and moreover, that the generalty of tables are square, and I deduced from this, mark you, that by feeling the table until I came to a corner, I could get off at right angles and reach a corner of the room, and by that, guide by the wall to a door or window, don't you observe. Following out the idea, mark you, I began to feel along the edge of the aforesaid table, and finally gaining confidence, I went a little faster; the idea struck me that it was a d——d long table, that I could not get to a corner, don't you observe; yet I persevered, and finally day broke, and when sufficient light penetrated the apartment, I saw, mark you, that I had been following a d——d round table all night, looking for a corner, don't you observe. Now, Mac, I have swore in my wrath never to sleep in a house where there's a round table, and I've a notion to have old Henning indicted for bringing on and introducing the d——d things into the neighborhood."

Another Attempt to Break Jail.—Yesterday, the prisoners confined in the county jail made another attempt to break jail. They took the iron sash from one of the cell windows, and removed the glass, and using the sash as a ladder, commenced to work through the arch over head. Mr. Buggler, with his usual watchfulness, ferreted out their purpose, and gave them a surprise. Some one on the outside had furnished them an iron punch. Last night they were more securely ironed, and this morning, no doubt, think Mr. Buggler the most inevitable jailor extant.—[*Independence Herald.*

Putrid Sore Throat.—This disease has consigned a large number of the children of this community to, as I consider, a premature grave. In the first place, it is nothing more or less than what was called, twenty-five or thirty years ago, Canker Rash, and the old ladies of those days, in most cases, would cure with their herbs, without the use of caustics, or mercury; and I ask parents to investigate the treatment their children have received in this disease, and see if it is in accordance with reason, philosophy, or commonsense.—I speak as unto mere men and women: judge me what I say.

Salem, Jan., 1860. W. W.

Westport Turnpike.—A few days since we were out to take a look at the progress of this work. We found the road completed in good style from the limits of Westport to the gate of the Cemetery, and rapidly progressing. The Steam Rock-crusher is literally chawing up and spitting out its granite food in a manner that would tickle the most voracious Digger Indian. The rock is ground to the right size with the greatest regularity and spread in good order. The bridge over McGee Creek is, we believe, completed, and the road will be completed to our city limits at an early day.—[*Metropolitan.*

To make good Vinegar.—Take forty gallons rain water, one gallon molasses, and four lbs. acetic acid. It will be fit for use in a few days. Acetic acid costs twenty-five cents per pound. This is the receipe by which most of the cider vinegar is made, which is sold in the country stores.

"Boss, want twenty-five cents," said a your printer to his Kansas employer.

"Twenty-five cents! How soon do you want it, Jake?"

"Next Tuesday."

"As soon as that. You can't have it—I've told you often that when you want so large a sum of money, you must give me at least four week's notice."

The most potient man that ever breathed cursed the day he was born, and the meekest man murdered an Egyptian.

Dick told his wife when he saw her out walking in her new silk dress, that he never before fully realized the force of the novelist's remark of his heroine—"that she *swept* gracefully along."

☞ It is undeniable that Mr. Breckinridge has a fair chance of receiving the Charleston nomination.

To spin and weave, to knit and sew,
Was our grandma's employment,
But now to dress and catch a beau,
Our girls they call enjoyment.

Why is a woman's tongue like a planet? Because nothing short of the power that created it can stop its regular course.

"Mr. Smith, the court would ask, have you a marriage certificate?" "Yes, your honer, three on 'em—two gals and a boy."