

THE HANNIBAL CLIPPER.

VOL. II.

HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31, 1874.

75

THE DAILY CLIPPER

S. D. RICH, Editor.

OFFICE—Corner of Main and Church Streets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

To the Voters of Rails, Shelby and Marion Counties.

GENTLEMEN:—In response to calls elsewhere published, I announce myself, subject to the decision of a Democratic Convention of the 12th Senatorial District, a candidate for election as one of the two delegates to the State Constitutional Convention, to be held at Jefferson City, Missouri, May 5th, 1875.

THOMAS H. BACON.
Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 15th, 1874.

We are authorized to announce EDWARD MORGAN, Esq., as a candidate for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention, from the 12th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Marion, Rails and Shelby, subject to the action of the Democratic District Convention. Election on the 25th day of January, 1875.

THE DAILY CLIPPER.

Thus far we have met with much better success in the publication of the daily CLIPPER than we anticipated. Our subscription list has steadily increased, and our advertising patronage has been very liberal from the best business men of the city. We hope to merit a continuance of a similar support, and we shall begin the new year with the determination of making THE CLIPPER as good a paper as we are capable of with the means at our command. Thanking those who have thus far extended to us a generous patronage, we shall continue THE DAILY CLIPPER, in the hope of contributing to the advancement and prosperity of Hannibal, and of building up a business which will afford a suitable return for the labor and attention which we bestow upon it.

A GLANCE AT THE PAST AND FUTURE—1874-5.

The people of northeast Missouri have been peculiarly blessed during the year now expiring. The general health has been remarkably good, the soil has yielded bounteously of its rich abundance to reward the industrious husbandman, and business of all kinds has been very good—in fact remarkably good when we consider the terrible financial depression which bears so heavily upon every industry. The close of this year finds the farmers of Marion and most of the adjacent counties in much better circumstances than the close of last year, with their indebtedness paid off or greatly reduced, and a much larger surplus on hand.

During the year 1874, Hannibal, the railway and commercial metropolis of northeast Missouri, has more than held its own in the race for supremacy with its rival and competing neighbor, Quincy. The improvements here have been of the most substantial and costly character, and include some large and very elegant buildings, among which might be mentioned one of the largest flouring mills in the west, the handsome bank building of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, the business block of Mr. W. B. Drescher and Messrs. Bowles & Payne, besides several other business houses all of brick and all very creditable buildings. Besides these are new residences in different parts of the city, many of which are very handsome and which reflect credit upon the enterprise and good taste of those erecting them.

Most of our important industries have prospered. The halt in railroad building and the general prostration of railroad enterprises throughout the west, has affected our car works disadvantageously, but aside from this, business has progressed very favorably. And this interest has by no means been affected as seriously as many have been led to believe. The Hannibal & St. Jo. Railroad Company are employing now in their shops here nearly three hundred men and are building and rebuilding a large number of cars and engines.

The lumber interest has just about maintained itself as compared with the previous year. There may possibly have been a slight increase this year. During the spring there was

promise of a large increase, but the withering drought and devastating grasshoppers in the west and southwest, stopped improvements there and interfered very seriously with the trade. The dealers, however, have sold on a little closer margin, and while the sales as a usual thing have been smaller, they have been more frequent, so that they aggregate as we have stated, about the same as last year.

The lime interest has been affected the same as the lumber interest, but has held its own. A larger scope of territory has been supplied, but generally the demand in the different places has been less. Munger & Bro., of the Hannibal Lime Company, have done about the same business as last year.

The milling interest of Hannibal has prospered handsomely. The mills have run during a good portion of the time night and day, and large shipments of flour have been made to the eastern, western and southern markets in all of which Hannibal flour bears off the palm. The millers have done an immense business, have made good profits, have disbursed a large amount of money here and have furnished a good market for the wheat of the surrounding country.

The mercantile interest of Hannibal, taken as a whole, has maintained itself splendidly considering all the circumstances. Two or three firms have quit business, perhaps, but their places have more than been filled by new establishments. Probably not many of our merchants have made much money during the year, but some of them have extended their trade and have contributed greatly towards increasing the trade of the city. It is a very gratifying fact that the close of the present year finds Hannibal a market and a supply point for a much larger extent of territory and a much larger number of people, than at the close of the year previous, and we think we are correct in saying that this result has been brought about chiefly by THE CLIPPER and the live business men who advertise.

The manufacture of brick has been carried on more extensively than at any previous year, and a market has been found for most that have been made.

A greater ice business was done here than ever before, a large amount having been shipped to Texas and intermediate points in the southwest, and arrangements are fully completed for making this the great ice supply point the coming season for all points in the southwest reached by the different railway lines leading from here.

The Hannibal stock yards, in the hands of the enterprising owners, Messrs. McBeth & Myers, have been enlarged and greatly improved until they are decidedly the best on the Mississippi river, and a very extensive stock trade is already carried on here, which will be largely increased during the approaching year.

The number of hogs slaughtered is about the same as previous years. It is a little singular, that with the superior advantages existing here for pork packing, that the business is not carried on more extensively. It will be undoubtedly another year. We have only attempted a brief reference to the business of the year just closing, which upon the whole is very satisfactory. But we think there is a far greater promise for the year soon to be ushered in. Our great railway facilities, now superior to those of any other city in the Upper Mississippi Valley, together with the mighty and magnificent river coursing its way past our doors to the ocean, furnish the opportunity for making Hannibal one of the great manufacturing and mercantile cities of the West. We have live business men here already, but we want more and the moneyed men here want to put their shoulders to the wheel of progress a little more vigorously and lift the city completely out of the old ruts. It can be done easily if all hands say the word. With the valuable improvements

completed this year, and with a magnificent union passenger depot to cost not less than fifty thousand dollars certain to be erected early the coming year, we think the foundation well secured for witnessing a far more rapid growth and development for Hannibal in 1875 than during any previous year of its existence.

THE NEW YEAR.

The beginning of the New Year, despite our efforts and desires, finds us just where the old year left us—no better, no worse—but with stout hearts filled with high and noble resolves for the future, as we turn over "a new leaf of Time's great ledger, and write with a bold hand—1875! Here we resolve: some of us that we will make wise use of the experience of the past year—that we will work out this or that financial problem by which wealth is accumulated—that we will complete the magnificent residence; the foundation of which was laid—in the mind's eye, at least—during the last year; that we will, ere the end of the year, at any rate, own the fine carriage or the fine piano, upon which we have so long had our hearts fixed—yet how few—how very few of us have resolved to be better than we have been heretofore—how few of us have resolved to follow closer the teachings of the meek and lowly Jesus, who "went about doing good," and "when reviled reviled not again." How many of us have resolved that "with charity toward all, and malice toward none, with convictions of right as God gives us to see the right," go forward to the work of healing the wounds that strife has engendered. Let us approach this work with hate not smothered, but dead—with hearts alive with christian charity, mercy and forgiveness. It is now time that we should discipline ourselves of the rays of self-righteousness and put on armor of genuine christianity, which implies even a love of our enemies, and doing good to those that despitefully use us. Let such sentiments as the above animate us, and peace, with its blessed retinue of prosperity and happiness, will abide with us forever. In this hope, we bid one and all of our readers "A happy New Year."

The Courier says: "Some of the politicians hereabouts, 'with speculation in their eye,' are offering to wager that our friend Thomas H. Bacon, will be defeated for the Constitutional Convention, basing their opinion on the fact that he has the support of the CLIPPER. Remembering the fact that his advocacy has slaughtered here in Hannibal every man and measure it has espoused, the wisecracks claim that it has more 'back-action power' than any other paper in the state." But the Courier predicts that Bacon is the coming man, the CLIPPER's support to the contrary notwithstanding."

In the first place we desire to say that the Courier has no authority whatever for saying that Mr. Bacon as a candidate for the Constitutional convention has the support of THE CLIPPER; and in the next place that the "politicians hereabouts" referred to are undoubtedly those "with speculation in their eye," and who are ready at any time to work for any body in any party, and at any price ranging from a drink of whisky to a

five dollar bill or a suit of clothes from some "cheap John" clothing establishment, and whose organ the Courier seems to be. The CLIPPER has spoken of Mr. Bacon, as it thought proper to speak of him, as a gentleman well qualified for delegate to the Constitutional convention, but it has never indicated a preference for him over other gentlemen who have been named for the same position. As to the influence of THE CLIPPER, it is quite satisfactory to us however it may be to the "politicians hereabouts" or their organ, and if it has afforded a laughing stock to any man or measure we have no doubt they deserved it. Very fortunately however every man and measure it has supported since the city election have been successful.

SUMMARY OF MORNING DISPATCHES.

Ex-Senator Morgan declines the Russian mission.

Yesterday Judge Caldwell, of Cleveland, sentenced John Johnson, the murderer of Andrew Johnson, to be hanged April 25th, 1875.

Three notorious desperadoes, J. T. Beamer, Thos. Cox and Frank Kansine, were killed on Preon's creek, Indian Territory, yesterday.

Robert J. Dallas, late Cashier of Molson's Bank, Toronto, who robbed the bank of 43 \$1,000 bank notes and fled, was arrested in Elizabeth yesterday, and \$12,700 found in his possession.

John Goodman, convicted of the murder of the Haywood family, in April last, was hung at Ottawa, Putnam county, Ohio, yesterday morning. He made a confession and said that the punishment was just.

At a secret meeting of operators and miners held in Philadelphia they decided on a reduction of 15 per cent. on contract work, and about 10 per cent. on miners' and laborers' wages, to take effect January 1st, 1875.

Mr. French, Chairman of the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Reservoirs, has visited Haydenville, and he reports that the cause of the late disaster was faulty engineering and material, and that the dam was not wide enough.

During a ball, at Centerville, Anoka county Minn., Monday night, a quarrel arose between a party of Frenchmen. Felix Rosin, an old French half breed, was killed. His body was brought into the ball room, and placed in one corner, and the dance continued for an hour or more.

Coroner DeBlanc made affidavit against Warmouth, charging him with murder. The case was tried yesterday, before Judge Stokes. Several witnesses were examined, whose testimony agreed with the account of Warmouth. After hearing the evidence the Judge decided that the charge of murder was not proven against Warmouth and he was discharged.

A special says Gen. Morgan L. Smith, formerly of Bloomington, Ill., died at Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, last night. His wife received the news while at a theater in Washington. It gave her a terrible, and possibly fatal, shock. Gen. Smith was widely known as a brave and able soldier during the war. He has lived in Washington several years, and was an intimate personal friend of the President.

In the case of Ford vs. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company, Judge Dillon, of the United States Circuit Court, has appointed William Bond, of New York, provisional and temporary receiver of said Company, and to stand as confirmed if no objection be made within twenty days, and reserving the right of the Union Trust Company of New York, trustee for all the bond-holders, to move to become a substitute as complainants in the case, with the right reserved by the Trust Company or any bond-holder, on ten days notice, to move to vacate the order appointing the temporary receiver. This appointment was made with the consent of the Railroad Company's attorneys and upon a showing that a receiver was immediately necessary to protect the mortgaged property.

BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

110 NORTH MAIN ST.

Books **Elegant** **Books**
Desks **Imported** **Desks**
Bibles **Morocco** **Bibles**
GAMES **AND** **BLOCKS**
Pocket-books **Russia** **Pocket-books**
ALBUMS,
Kaleidoscopes, **Graphoscopes,**
H IROMAGIA,
Within the Means of All.
110 NORTH MAIN STREET.

SIGN OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

No. 311  Broadway.

J. M. GIBBS,

DEALER IN

Fine Watches, Jewelry,
SILVERWARE, CLOCKS, SPECTACLES.

MY STOCK CONSISTS OF THE

Best Goods in the Market,

Made by the most celebrated Houses in the United States. No Gold Goods Lower than 14 Carats.

WATCH REPAIRING MADE A SPECIALTY.

Those having Fine Watches should bear in mind that my facilities for repairing and regulating are superior to any other house in this section.

Old Gold and Silver Wanted in Exchange for Goods.

ALL GOODS ENGRAVED FREE.

J. M. GIBBS.

W. S. SPARROW,

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| WHOLESALE: [AND RETAIL DEALER IN BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY, | STAPLE AND FANCY Grocer. | GAME AND All Kinds —OF— Country PRODUCE. |
|--|--|---|

Storage, Forwarding AND Commission

DONE ON REASONABLE TERMS. Liberal advances when required.

110 Third Street, HANNIBAL, MO.

L. B. SEATON,

—DEALER IN—

China, Queensware, Glassware,

Chandeliers Brackets Lamps, &c.

Also all kinds of Fancy China Toys, Bohemian Glass and China Vases, Parian Goods, Notions, &c. Also Table Cutlery, Plated and Japanned Ware. The greatest variety of LAMP-CHIMNEYS, among which are Fire Proof Chimneys—warranted.

ALL THE ABOVE GOODS JOBBED AT ST. LOUIS PRICES.

To be sold at the regular prices, with a Discount of 20 per cent. on Fancy Goods and 10 per cent. on Staple Goods, when bills made amount to \$5.00 or upwards. Proportionate discounts on smaller bills.

At 110 North Fourth Street East Side of Public Square.
—dec. 2—ms

CASE

PAID BY

G. H. BAILEY & CO.,

No. 314 North Main Street, Hannibal, Mo.

LIVE POULTRY,
Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Game
AND PRODUCE.