

# BLOOMINGTON PROGRESS.

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## The Second Annual Fair

Of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, will be held on the grounds of the Association, one-half mile west of Bloomington, commencing on Tuesday, August 31st, and continuing till September 3d, just one month from this date. The premium list has been carefully prepared, and the premiums, in many instances, are very liberal. With one of the best crop seasons in the history of the country, we should have an unusually fine display of Agricultural Products. The time track is one of the best in the State, and the early day at which the Fair is to be held, will insure fair weather; so that stock owners will have, it is hoped, none of the unusual difficulties to contend with that operated against the Fair last fall. Every farmer who has choice stock, should get it in readiness; and in the matter of garden or farm products, should endeavor to excel. Let the Ladies get up a friendly rivalry in their department—bread, butter, pickles, needle-work, &c., and try to make the Fair a success. The following, from the address of the Society, will be good reading just now:

"The object of the Fair is to create an increased interest among the people in all branches of industry; to give an opportunity for the exhibition of improvements of all kinds in Live Stock, Machinery, Manufactures, Farm Products, and Household Articles.

"If a person has an article of merit, let him bring it and show it to the thousands of his neighbors who will congregate upon the Fair Ground; if a farmer has a good breed of animals, let him take them to the Fair and advertise them; everybody in the County will then know where to find them. It will pay!

"The Grounds are in complete order for the exhibition of everything, to the best advantage.

"Two thousand dollars in cash, will be distributed among the exhibitors.

"Every man in the county should set apart two or three days of the Fair week for recreation, sociability, and instruction; let him take his whole family, and let each one take some product of their industry for exhibition.

"Our Fair Grounds are the most complete of any in the State. The land is owned by the County, and is leased to the Society for a term of years. The fence, halls and all the improvements belonging to the Society. The Society is a stock company.

"Two thousand dollars have been paid in. Each Stockholder is entitled to one ticket for each share held, free during the fair. The Farmers and Business men of the county are invited to subscribe for at least one share of stock. Persons may also become members of the Society by the payment of Three Dollars annually, which will entitle them, and their family, to a ticket during the Fair."

The Terre Haute Express, of July 21st, says: The trial of Oliver A. Morgan for the murder of John Petri was brought to a close last evening. Nearly the entire day was occupied in presenting the arguments for the State and the defense. Mr. Voorhees made the opening argument for the State; Mr. McLean for the defense; Mr. Allen followed for the State, and Mr. Forrest closed for the defense. The court delivered its instructions and the jury retired at five o'clock. At half-past eight o'clock a verdict was agreed upon, the court was assembled, and in a few minutes the room was filled to its utmost capacity. The prisoner was brought in and seated directly in front of the jury. He dropped his head upon his hand, and remained in this position until he was removed from the room to the jail. When all was in readiness, the Clerk received from the jury the verdict and read as follows:

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Oliver Morgan, guilty of murder in the first degree, and that he suffer death."

The suggestions of the Chicago Tribune, relative to the removal of the National Capitol, has created quite a sensation in the West. Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and several other aspiring interior villages, are contending for the prize. There is no doubt, but what they all need capital.

Some of the Vermont potato growers have harvested one crop of the Early Rose this year, and have a second ready for hoeing.

## CONT. IRON AND STONE.

On Tuesday, of last week, Prof. T. A. Wylie, in company with several gentlemen of Bloomington, visited the mineral region, directly west of our town, and the Professor sent an account of his visit to the Indianapolis Journal, from which the following is an extract:

There is no probability that the supply of iron will ever exceed the demand, for the more the furnaces yield, the more the purposes to which it will be applied. In old times it is said that Og, the king of Bashan, had a bedstead of iron. In his day, no doubt, such a bedstead was a piece of royal furniture; in these latter days, his very respectable namesake, of Solsberry, Green county, and all of his neighbors, if the mineral wealth of this region of country is developed as it ought to be, may have, not only bedsteads, but chairs and tables, and houses, and even books of iron, at a cost, not much, if any, exceeding that of the same articles now in use.

Without pretending to any practical skill in the working of iron or coal, you will at least give me credit for being able to state truthfully, what has come under my own observation. In our route we came across the sand-stone, which underlies the lowest seam of coal, about seven miles southwest of Bloomington. Here the indications of iron ore begin to present themselves in the color and quality of the sand-stone. About ten miles out, we turned aside to look at the old Virginia Furnace. Though long since closed, and now mantled with creepers, it should not be regarded as a monument of failure, but as an evidence that the ores of the neighborhood yielded iron. The iron it yielded was, too, of good quality, as is well known to many in the vicinity and in Bloomington, where are still to be found stoves and other utensils made from the iron of this furnace. The want of capital and skilled and experienced labor, and the newness of the country affording no facilities for transportation, fully explain the failure of this enterprise. It often happens that ingenious and enterprising men, to whom the country is indebted for inventions, and the development of its resources, incur both loss and ridicule, instead of the profit and honor to which they are justly entitled. The ore of this region is a sandy hematite, perhaps too rich in sand, and yielding, I would judge from an analysis of similar ore from another locality, in Martin county, (see Dr. Owen's report,) from 30 to 33 per cent. of metallic iron, though others estimate the yield as much higher. We visited also the place from which the ore was taken. From the outcrop presented there, it would seem to form the greater part of a bed or stratum at least thirty feet thick.

We now entered Green county, and proceeded to the farm of Mr. Laws, about four miles further on the road to Solsberry. In a field there, the abundance of detached pieces, and the large, firmly imbedded masses of many tons weight, indicated an inexhaustable supply of ore. In its general character the ore is the same as that of the Virginia Furnace.

On the next morning, having stopped all night with Mr. Jacob Thompson, near Solsberry, we visited the iron ledge on the Stewart or Heaton farm, situated about a mile south of the road. One large mass of ore, broken from the ledge by the undermining of a stream of water, is estimated to weigh thirty tons. This would represent ten tons of pure metallic iron, and something more of ordinary cast iron; its value would be about \$400. The ledge itself is about three feet thick and can be traced to a considerable distance horizontally, and looks as if it might be the outcrop of a stratum covering many square miles. Other strata, or layers of ore, are found immediately beneath this, ten feet downward to the stream of water, and some also thirty feet above the ledge already spoken of. It would seem to me that there is enough iron ore in this locality to make and pay for two or three roads from Bloomington to Solsberry, and to remunerate well those who undertake the development of the mineral resources of Wells, beyond that we do not see much in the election to delight any Virginian. For though there may be selections and choice between carpet-baggers, yet the fact that a great and noble people have been hunted down until they are compelled to make such a choice, is most humiliating."

Forty-six citizens of the late Confederacy who went to Brazil rather than again live under the stars and stripes, have returned in a very impoverished and generally used up condition. They are now in New York, seeking means to get to their respective homes in the South.

It is stated that Weston, the peripatetic and perennial bore, will shortly start on a walk to San Francisco. It is to be hoped that he will get through, and then immediately start on a pedestrian tour to China.

## NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE.

Many of the most affecting and most important scenes, described in the Bible, transpired under the splendors of oriental night. Sodom and Egypt, Beersheba and Babylon, Carmel and Gilboa, Olivet and Emmaus, Jerusalem and the sea of Galilee, have each, by night, been witnesses of the power and glory of the omnipotent Jehovah.

The author of "Night Scenes in the Bible," has followed the shadow of night—a landscape of divine revelation, and grouped together the sacred scenes which are made awful or impressive by the mantle of darkness.

He has succeeded in bringing to light "new and beautiful gems from the mine of divine truth," and has produced a delightful volume. The leading clergymen of the country have given it, the most cordial approval as a charming and instructive work.

The style in which it is published, excepting that it has been our privilege to examine the steel engravings by the best artists in the country, are perfect gems of art. We have space to describe but two of them.

The first is the "Night Watch in Mount Seir." Beside one of the mountain passes, with grand peaks towering, crag upon crag, on either side, stands the watch-tower with its solitary watchman. Just through the pass can be seen the first bright streaks of approaching dawn. At the foot of the pass, wholly shaded by the overhanging crags, a party of travelers are encamped. They cry out to the watchman: "Watchman, what is the night?" and down through the pass comes reverberating that cheering cry: "The morning cometh." Again we pass on down the aisle to the time when the long looked for morning had come, and the Son of righteousness had arisen with healing in his beams. Before us is a long mountain side, and a prostrate form kneeling on its unshaded rock. The pale moonbeams creep among the crags, just revealing their baredness, the stars shining dimly overhead; a huge night bird maps its wings and alone breaks the stillness of the midnight hour; but glory surrounds the lowly form—it is Jesus, for "it came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." It was a sublime scene, and the representation thereof tends to awaken the most devout reflections.

We love to dwell upon the scenes portrayed in these illustrations, and we feel that one can fail to be benefitted, both by these truthful and impressive pictures and by the earnest words of the writer. Let parents, who love to have their children love the Word of God, and understand its lessons of wisdom and love, secure this volume, and give them free access to its pages.

S. DUDLEY, Agent, Bloomington, Ind.

MONROE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute, for Monroe county, will be held in the High School edifice at Bloomington—commencing on Monday, 23d of August next, and continue until Saturday, 28th.

A general attendance of teachers, township trustees and friends of education, is earnestly solicited.

Prof. E. P. COLE, of known experience and success, has agreed to conduct the Institute, assisted by other competent teachers.

The aid of some able educator from abroad, may perhaps be obtained.

Experimental and professional lectures may be expected, from Prof. G. W. Hoss and Prof. T. A. WILEY of the State University.

Lectures on topics pertaining to education, will be delivered by Rev. E. BALLANTINE and Rev. H. R. NAYLOR.

Tuition fee for teachers, one dollar. Teachers will please bring with them a copy of McGuffey's Fourth Reader.

A public examination will take place on the forenoon of Saturday, 28th. Those who expect certificates of the higher grades, will prepare a brief essay on the topic: "The Vocation of The Teacher."

EDWARD WRIGHT, School Examiner.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed from the Clerk of the Monroe common plas court, I will expose at public sale, to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, August 21st, 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., of said day, at the door of the court house of Bloomington, Monroe county, Indiana, the rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Number One Fifty-two (52) in the Town of Stinesville, Monroe county, Indiana.

And on failure to realize the full amount of judgment, interest and costs, I will, at the same time and place expose at public sale the fee simple of said real estate.

Taken as the property of George H. Pugh, at the suit of T. B. Bickirk & Hunter.

Special sale will be made without any relief whatever from valuation or appraisement laws.

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The west half of the southwest quarter.

Also, the southwest fourth of the northwest quarter.

Also, all that part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, commencing at or near the southwest corner of said quarter section, and down the ridge in a northeast direction, until it strikes the east line, all that part lying on the west of said line, and all in section thirty-four.

Also, the southeast fourth of the southwest quarter, section thirty-three, all in township No. 10, ten, north of range one east.

Also, the northeast fourth of the northwest quarter of section number four, township number nine, north of range one east, supposed to be two hundred and twenty-six acres, more or less.

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