

Don't buy an Overcoat when you can get one for Nothing!
WE CHARGE ONLY FOR TYING UP. Come and see us NOW
 While the Stock is full. Take home a Suit for next season.
YOU WILL NEVER BUY AS CHEAPLY AGAIN. WE MUST get rid of them.
QUEEN CITY CLOTHING HOUSE,
C. P. Tourner & Co. Proprietors.

MORAL SENTIMENT.
 It is under the ban of the law.
 We have no licensed saloons.
 While, in a moral and temperance view, we are better than any other town in Indiana that we know of, and immeasurably better than any other college town, we have yet much to detract from our praise. It is commonly asserted and believed, in fact generally known—that liquor is constantly and openly sold in our city in flagrant violation of law. All citizens know that it is a curse to the community. Opposed to all that is good, it defiles our streets, increases our taxes, corrupts our morals and ruins our youth. An old Persian proverb declares woe unto that people where "the young have already acquired the vices of age, and the aged retain the follies of youth." Shall we lead our youth to such vices, and retain this folly and curse of other days? It is for our Christian people, and our solid business men, the men who have money and interests here, and who have made the town what it is, to say. If they say the drink business must go, it will go.

No doubt persons will notice that we have omitted many things worthy of mention. We have space barely to name several

MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS, or acquisitions, within this short period.

The *First National Bank* was established in '71. It has a capital stock of \$120,000, a surplus fund, at present, of \$21,000. The condition of its stock is a sufficient comment on its management.

The *City Building*, just being completed, at a cost of \$3,000, is creditable to the city management.

The *Town Clock*, which gives to every family in town a uniform hour, was bought, at a cost of \$600, from the proceeds of the Hardee and Weston concerts, in the summer of '75, under the management of Mrs. Taylor. It is one of the best tower clocks anywhere, and strikes with a ring that can be heard for miles.

Even the *Old Court House*, with its fish and ball, which, half a century ago was the wonder of surrounding counties, and in its additions, its new tower, clock, and its fresh paint, has put on a changed appearance. Rock Cutters, durable as granite itself, have been built in various parts of town, at large expense.

We hope our *Arizona Well*, costing \$3,000 or more, will give us in all kinds of weather, an unfailing water supply.

An item in the *Indianapolis Journal* of last Saturday, in speaking of the improvements in Attica, during the last year, tells us that "evidently Attica's boom is on."

It sets forth, in a large degree of astonishment, that the improvements in Attica during 1883 aggregate \$67,000. We can cover that for '84 and have \$30,000 to spare.

And the wonder is that, as sure as a future event can be, we are going to do the same in 1884.

In all that we have said in this retrospect, or prospect, we have tried to avoid exaggeration. We believe conscientiously that we've been truthful, and if we are in fault, it is rather because all has not been told. If a stranger should make inquiry he would not find a citizen of Bloomington but what would verify our representations. Our friends who have moved away will be glad to hear of our prosperity. If you have an acquaintance, who has heard of Bloomington and wants to know more about it, send him this paper. Whoever should become interested need take no one's word for it; he can look at the figures, or come and see, and find that these things are so.

The Progress offers its congratulations to the people of our city and county that 1883 presents such a glowing condition of our material interests. Citizens of public spirit, let us see to it that we keep moving.

\$95,430
IS THE AMOUNT
OF
Reported Improvements for 1883.

A Quiet Boom in a Town of 8,000 Inhabitants.

IT WILL BE GREATER IN 1884.

For several weeks, at the request of the Progress, Mr. Alex. Robison, contractor, has been laboring to secure from the various contractors and builders of the town, a statement of the work done by them during the year just closed. How well he has succeeded is indicated by the report printed below. There are a number of buildings and extensive improvements omitted in this report, notwithstanding the apparent fact that it is uncommonly full—the Hoop Factory building is one instance of omission, and its cost was \$1,500. There are others, doubtless, that, if secured, would have swelled the grand total to \$100,000 or more. During the season there have been some twenty or thirty first-class farm houses built in the country, near by, two of which may be seen from the town, notably the houses of Sam'l Smith and Thos. Randall.

The improvements now contemplated, and under contract for next season, will doubtless swell the figures to \$200,000. The new College buildings and the new Christian Church alone, will probably involve an expenditure of \$100,000. So that the outlook was never better in Bloomington than now. The improvements made during the past year, and at present contemplated, are of the most substantial character—such as would reflect credit upon a city of much greater pretensions than ours. And the fact that there is nothing speculative about this movement gives citizens and new-comers greater confidence in it—no one is building for speculation—men are building and improving property for their own use and occupancy, or for others with whom they have closed favorable leases.

Every farmer in Monroe county is as deeply interested in the growth and prosperity of Bloomington as the citizens of the place. The value of farming land is gauged by the importance and wealth of the county seat. All intelligent men will readily see that the value of farming land is enhanced by the fact that it is easy of access from town; and that the larger the town, the greater the number of manufacturers, and the larger the number of men employed in them the greater will be the demand for the farmer's produce. There ought to be no jealousy between country and town—they go together to build up and sustain each other, and are mutually dependent one upon the other.

The Progress believes, then, that every citizen of the county, without regard to vocation or financial condition, will rejoice with us in the fact that Bloomington is prospering in a solid, substantial manner, and that there is nothing speculative or notable in Bloomington's Building Boom.

REPORTED BY ALEX. ROBISON.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Dec. 31, '83.

Editor Progress.—The following is a pretty complete report of the buildings constructed and the improvements made, and under contract, in our prosperous little city, since the beginning of 1883 to the present date:

W. C. BLACK employed three

carpenters, and has done the following work:

Two story brick residence for R. W. Miers, - - \$4,500 00
 One story frame cottage for H. Rhorer, - - 600 00
 One story frame cottage for D. Pauley, - - 600 00
 Three story addition to Chair Factory, - - 200 00
 One story addition for Dr. Eboer, - - 200 00
 Addition for Jas. Millen, 50 00
 Two story brick City Hall, 2,600 00
 Also small jobs for different parties, - - 200 00
 Total, - - \$8,900 00

J. D. FEE employed two carpenters, and has done work as follows:

One story dwelling for Wm. Watson, - - \$500 00
 One story dwelling for H. Colpitt, - - 700 00
 One story dwelling for Jas. Gilmore, - - 700 00
 One story dwelling for N. H. Fee, - - 350 00
 Barn for John May, - - 350 00
 Barn for Marion Hinkle, 250 00
 Improvements, John May, 200 00
 Improvements, W. O. Fee, 100 00
 Improvements, Dr. Crait, 50 00
 Improvements, W. A. Gabe, 50 00
 Also small jobs to amount of 150 00
 Total, - - \$3,000 00

A. ROBISON employed from two to six carpenters, and performed work as detailed below:

Frame dwelling for Matt. Beatley, - - \$1,000 00
 Frame dwelling for Mary Kelly, - - 850 00
 Frame dwelling for John R. East, - - 1,200 00
 Frame dwelling for Wm. T. East, - - 900 00
 Frame dwelling for Mose St. Clair, - - 700 00
 Frame dwelling for Thos. Beatic, - - 650 00
 Frame dwelling for John Beatic, - - 650 00
 Frame dwelling for Ren. C. Smith, - - 300 00
 Frame dwelling for Wm. M. Beatley, - - 2,000 00
 Frame dwelling for Thos. Massey, - - 300 00
 Improvements for other individuals, - - 450 00
 Total, - - \$9,000 00

A. C. MCKEE employed from two to four carpenters, and reports work done as follows:

Frame residence for Jas. Smith, - - \$850 00
 Frame residence for Wm. Rogers, - - 1,000 00
 Frame residence for David Hughes, - - 400 00
 Frame addition for Prof. Van Nys, - - 350 00
 Additional improvements, " John Waldron, 250 00
 " Lewis Bollman, 350 00
 " Peter Bowman, 150 00
 " Monroe county, 800 00
 Small jobs amounting to 250 00
 Total, - - \$4,100 00

STEPHEN MCPHETRIDGE, employed from four to six carpenters, and reports:

Brick store room for R. M. Wylie, - - \$3,800 00
 Brick store room for P. Bowman, - - 2,600 00
 Dwelling house for Wm. Stephenson, - - 450 00
 Dwelling house for Robt. Hash, - - 450 00
 Dwelling house for James Morgan, - - 600 00
 Barn for John Curry, - - 350 00
 Also job work, amount of 1,140 00
 Total, - - \$8,890 00

GRIFFY, WALKER & CO. employed from five to eight carpenters and have done work as follows:

Dwelling house for Henn. Wilson, - - \$2,500 00
 Dwelling house, for Jas. Mathews, - - 800 00
 Dwelling house for Mrs. Dillman, - - 900 00
 Dwelling house, for Mrs. Margaret Gregory, 600 00
 Dwelling house for Jas. Norman, - - 800 00
 Dwelling house for Mrs. Shields, 2,000 00

Additional improvements—

" for Jas. B. Clark, 250 00
 " Showers Bros., 75 00
 " Showers & Dodds, 75 00
 " James Hendrix, 250 00
 " T. H. Sudbury, 400 00
 " Henry Hewson, 40 00
 " Beers & Faris, 250 00
 " Ryers & Co., 1,500 00
 " M. J. Smith, 400 00
 Small job work, amounting to, - - 2,800 00
 Total, - - \$13,840 00

H. J. NICHOLS & SON, employed from eight to twenty carpenters, and have built houses as per the following list:

Four business rooms, two-story, brick and stone, for Allen, McNary & Louden, - - \$9,000 00
 One story dwelling for H. Colpitt, - - 700 00
 One story dwelling for Jas. Gilmore, - - 700 00
 One story dwelling for N. H. Fee, - - 350 00
 Barn for John May, - - 350 00
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 Improvements, Dr. Crait, 50 00
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 Also small jobs to amount of 150 00
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 " Lewis Bollman, 350 00
 " Peter Bowman, 150 00
 " Monroe county, 800 00
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Making an increase to our city of forty-five dwelling houses proper, as reported; besides, there is imported a number of houses, additions and improvements, amounting to about three or four thousand dollars.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, for fear no one else says as much, that Bloomington has reason to feel proud of her carpenters, for as a rule they are enterprising, industrious, sober men, and our city, to a great extent, is indebted to them for its present prosperity. A. R.

—A North College Avenue lady, while engaged in the pursuit of her domestic duties encountered a mouse in the flour barrel. Now most ladies under similar circumstances, would have uttered a few genuine shrieks and then sought safety in the garret; but this one possessed more than the ordinary degree of genuine courage. She disengaged the man servant and told him to get the gun, call the dog and station himself at a convenient distance. Then she clambered up stairs and commenced to punch the flour barrel with a pole. Presently the mouse made its appearance and started across the floor. The dog started at once in pursuit. The man fired and the dog dropped dead. The lady fainting, fell down stairs and the man, thinking she was killed and fearing that he would be arrested for murder, disappeared and has not been seen since. The mouse escaped.

—Mrs. Axtell is visiting her son Charles, in Washington, Daviess county. By the way, Charley has a girl baby at his house.

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—If you have been in correspondence with some one at a distance about the sale of your farm, send them this week's Progress. It gives more facts than can be crowded into a letter.

—The ladies of the Christian Church will give a regular Supper, Thursday eve next, in room just west of Doc. Rhorer's Store. Proceeds for building fund—Supper from 5 till 9 o'clock. Operators served extra, price 25c. Families of \$1. All invited.

—Every real estate owner in Monroe county is interested in the contents of this week's Progress. After reading your paper, enclose in a wrapper and forward it to some one who may desire information as to the growth and prosperity of your town and county. In no other way can this information be quickly or cheaply imparted.

—Three sleighs were waiting at the undertakers' at one time, on Sunday. (It was cold, bracing, healthy weather.) Jane Padige, aged 83, near Stanford, an old man named Strange, son of town, and Alice Barrett, aged 24, of Salt Creek, having died Saturday night and Sunday morning.