

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, is a moral and temperance town, 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 us 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 crime 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 may 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 "ur," 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 bell, 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 Culvert, durable as granite itself, have been built in various parts of town, at large expense.

We hope our Artesian Well, costing \$3,000 or more, will give us in all kinds of weather, an unending 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 aggregated \$67,000. We can cover that \$67,000 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 1884 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 3,000
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 \$1,600. 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 newcomers 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 unstable 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. Panley, - - - - 600 00
 Three story addition to Chair Factory, - - - - 200 00
 One story addition for Dr. Rhorer, - - - - 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, - - - - \$8,950 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, H. Wilson, 100 00
 Improvements, Dr. Crain, 50 00
 Improvements, W.A. Gabe, 50 00
 Also small jobs to amount of 150 00
Total, - - - - \$3,800 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. Beatley, - - - - 650 00
 Frame dwelling for John Beatley, - - - - 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 Nuy, - - - - 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, - - - - \$4,400 00

STEPHEN MCPHETRIDGE, employed from four to six carpenters, and reports:
 Brick store room for R.M. Wylie, - - - - \$8,800 00
 Brick store room for P. Bowman, - - - - 2,600 00
 Dwelling house for Wm. Stephenson, - - - - 450 00
 Dwelling house for Robt. Hask, - - - - 450 00
 Dwelling house for James Morgan, - - - - 600 00
 Barn for John Curry, - 350 00
 Also job work, amount of 1,140 00
Total, - - - - \$9,890 00

GRIFFY, WALKER & Co. employed from five to eight carpenters and have done work as follows:
 Dwelling house for Hemp. 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 Jos. 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
 " Ryors & Co., 1,500 00
 " M. J. Smith, 400 00
 Small job work, amounting to, - - - - 2,800 00
Total, - - - - \$13,340 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 & Loudon, - - - - \$9,000 00
 Two business rooms, two-story, brick and stone, for Howe & Maxwell, - 6,400 00
 Two-story brick and stone residence for John Waldron, - - - - 6,000 00
 Two-story brick and stone residence for A. Rose, - 5,000 00
 Two-story frame residence for Nat. U. Hill, - 10,000 00
 Two-story frame residence for John Ewing, - 1,500 00
 Two-story frame residence for Ren. C. Smith, - 1,800 00
 Two-story frame residence for Henry Henley, - 800 00
 Two-story frame residence for Wm. M. Beatley, - 650 00
 Two-story frame residence for J. N. Alexander, - 500 00
 One-story frame residence for Samuel Curry, - 900 00
 One-story brick store room for John Stockwell, - 1,100 00
 Two-story brick store addition for Benj. McGee, 1,900 00
 One-story School Building, for Smithville, - 1,700 00
Total, - - - - \$46,250 00

A Grand Total of \$95,430 00
 Making an increase to our city of forty-five dwelling houses proper, as reported; besides, there is unreported 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. K.

—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 summoned 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 faintly, 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, Davies county. By the way, Charles has a girl baby at his house.

—Seems that there would be no more rabbits, judging by the wagon loads that were killed and brought to town during the winter. Still hunters insist that cotton tails become more plentiful each year.

—About the neatest, tastiest calendar for 1884, that has come to this office, was sent by Showers Bros., the bookstead manufacturers. The picture of the wandering minstrels is intended, we presume for two members of the firm, dressed for the occasion, of course; but we are unable to determine whether it is Huldah or Will, that takes the character of the girl—either one is sufficiently good looking.

—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. Oysters served extra, price 20c. Families of 5 \$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 as quickly or cheaply imparted.

—Three sleighs were waiting at the undertakers at one time, on Sunday. (It was cold, hinc healthy weather.) Jane Pedigo, aged 53, near Stanford, an old man named Stranga, south of town, and Allen Barrett, aged 24, of Salt Creek (Ky.), being died Saturday night and Sunday morning.

—Every intelligent farmer who has had correspondence with parties at other localities with reference to selling his land, is aware that the three questions always asked are: "How far is your land from the county seat?" "Is it a large, prosperous town?" "Are there turnpikes or gravel roads leading from your land to the town?" Showing that the county seat, and its prosperity, have much to do with the value of the land to people who desire to purchase.

—Henry Eller, the well-known stock raiser, has been confined to his house during the past three weeks, and the condition of his health will possibly prevent him from engaging in active business during the winter and spring.

—On Wednesday night last, the mail train from Chicago was caught in a heavy storm when some sixty miles out, and three engines failing to pull it through the tremendous drifts, the train was abandoned. No Chicago mails arrived till Sunday morning, as trains were run only between Louisville and Lafayette. On Friday, at 5 p.m., thermometers in this place indicated two degrees below zero, and dropped rapidly, till the average temperature was 35 deg. below zero on Saturday morning. All day Saturday, 14 deg. below, and during the night and up to Sunday morning, 18 to 20 deg. below was the average. A southwest wind then caused a rise in temperature, and Sunday night 8 deg. below was the average. On Monday morning it seemed quite comfortable with the thermometer at zero.

—The farm three and a half miles east of Samuel Gordon's place, belonging to D. S. and Robert Ervin, was sold last week to John Stipp. This is the old Ervin homestead; contains one hundred and eighty acres, and brought near six thousand dollars.

—Madison Ervin, of Cedarville, O., has been in Bloomington during the past week, disposing of the real estate belonging to himself and brothers.

—J. M. Ervin last week disposed of his farm, two miles south of town, (the old C. F. Dodds farm) to Bart. Armstrong of Lawrence county. There are one hundred and thirty-six acres in the farm, and Mr. Armstrong pays seven thousand dollars.

—Craig Worley has sold his half interest in the livery business and in the building, one door west of the Mayor's office, on the north side of the square, to John H. Cole. Mr. Cole paid \$2,800.

—One of the largest and most important of the various manufacturing establishments of Bloomington is the desirably located and thoroughly equipped planing mill and furniture factory combined, known as the McCalla Factory. This factory is located about thirty yards from the railroad, just south of town. It has all manner of first-class machinery, the building is commodious and substantial, the water supply is inexhaustible, and the location is extra desirable. The owner desires to engage in other business, and although he has had all his factory capable of doing this summer, and at good prices, he will dispose of it at reasonable figures, and on fair terms. Such an opportunity as is here presented, is not often met with.

—Some of the newspapers in the State are advertising for sale accounts on slow parties. The Progress could fill a column with a list of this character, and may be tempted to do so, if some who are amply able to pay long over-due accounts are not more prompt.

—Leap year will soon be upon us, girls, and then you may ask for what you really want.

CLOSING OUT.
IMMENSE SALE
OF
ALL THE LATEST STYLES,
LADIES' WRAPS,
The Finest Hosiery,
And Ladies' Neckwear
IN BLOOMINGTON, AT MCCALLA'S.

We sell Dr. Warner's HEALTH Corset.
 We carry a better assortment of Boots and Shoes, though of course not so large, than some of the Shoe Stores. The A B C of our business is as follows:

A attractive Goods, durable Assortment, moderate Prices.
B a Variety, not to be surpassed.
C compare our Stock, and you will find it the best.
 An INSPECTION of the Goods and Prices will satisfy the closest buyers that we intend to maintain in our widespread reputation for first-class stock and low prices.
 NEW Room, West Side Square.
MCCALLA & CO.

—Two people died from asphyxiation, in Cleveland Ohio, the other day, caused by the escaping gas from a modern base burner.

—A caterer in Buffalo, N. Y., cooks angle worms. He feeds them on milk for a few days, dusts them with flour, and drops them into a pan of burning oil or fat. They are served in drawn butter with a little lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce.

—The Post-master General proposes that the unit of letter postage should be one ounce instead of half an ounce, and that the rate on transient newspapers and periodicals should be one cent for every three ounces instead of one cent for every two ounces, as at present. This, he thinks, would be an improvement upon the present system, while it would not materially lessen the receipts.

—Among the eclipses of the ensuing year, that of the Democratic party on Nov. 4, which will be total, and visible all over the United States.

Song of the Great Sole.
 Bring forth my flannels, mother dear,
 From out the camphorated box.
 And also bring me, mother dear,
 My home-made, all-year socks.
 My knee has aches to be half-soled,
 And patched, too, all around,
 I really fear I'll take cold,
 I've so much on the ground.

—In rebuilding Rochester, Minn., they are mindful of the tornado that recently devastated the town. They are making strong vaults in the cellars, large enough to contain a family and strong enough to withstand any tornado.

—Nerve and presence of mind saved John H. Feldkamp's life. He is a cutter in a Cincinnati clothing store. While he was operating a machine a spring broke, and as he reached to pick up a detached piece, his long beard was caught and rapidly wound into the machinery, which threatened to draw in his head and crush it. Instantly he threw out his arms and braced them against the frame of the cutter, and thus he stood until his beard had been pulled out by the roots and a part of his cheek had been torn off, exposing the gum of his lower jaw.

—The Progress has always made it a point to look well to the best interests of both town and country, by giving publicity through its columns to all business enterprises, and to the various phases of local progressiveness. We have done this untiringly, during the past seventeen years, and with little or none of the bragging and strutting that seems to be the proper thing with the average county paper of the present day. This feature of the prevailing patent medicine sheets, is very distasteful to the Progress—a feature we have no desire to adopt or imitate—and trust that our efforts will be appreciated, without being compelled to fall into the too common practice of making almost weekly allusions to them.

—The number of little children who are deceived by the myth of Santa Claus decreases each year. The little ones are generally becoming aware that the name of Santa Claus is only the Christmas designation of father or mother, and that "a good time on Christmas" has a close connection with the condition of the family purse.

—You got our goods, have worn some of them out, and got again, and still you don't pay. We want the money and are going to have it if we have to go to a constable to collect it.
 MCCALLA & CO.

—Jno. C. Dolan left Bloomington on Tuesday for Atchison, Kan., to be at the bedside of his mother in her last illness.

—The Indianapolis Journal, in its new dress, is as pretty as a bride in a lilac silk. It is not only the handsomest paper in the State, but the newest and most reliable.

—In a prayer meeting in West-field, Mass., a brother arose and said: "I want to hear sung that beautiful hymn, 'Split Doors.'" A ripple of laughter was suppressed by a sister who struck up "Gates Ajar." "That's it! that's it! the brother shouted, as he sat it down to enjoy the melody.

FOR heating and cooking stoves, go to McPheeters & Shoemaker's hardware store, east of post-office.

ANYTHING you may want in hardware or building material, can be found at McPheeters & Shoemaker's hardware store.

A FAVORITE HOTEL is the Orchard House, situated opposite the depot. The house is large, conveniently arranged, and the rooms are comfortably furnished. Good beds, a well supplied table—all that any one might desire, are to be found here. Well arranged sample rooms are fitted up in the Orchard House, and Commercial travelers will find the Orchard a good house at which to stop. Meals supplied to persons at reasonable figures. Orchard & Son are the proprietors.

I HAVE a saw-mill in operation on Salt Creek, and am now sawing large quantities of all kinds of Lumber. Persons who may need Lumber, can get it in any quantity, and on short notice. I wish to hire teams to haul lumber to Bloomington. Apply to D. McPherson.

FARMERS should go to W. J. Allen's hardware store and examine the South Bend Chilled Plow, also the Weir Steel Plow.

ALLEN is the old original hardware man, and knows all the inside turns. He buys nails, iron, etc., so low that he is always able to give good figures.

When you want to build or repair, remember that W. J. Allen is still on the south side of the square, and can supply you.

HEATING stoves are now in special demand, and I am able to give my customers all possible advantages in their Fall purchases.

Most of my Overcoats (of which I have a splendid assortment) are made in New York and Philadelphia, and are the latest cut, as well as the most fashionable goods. I buy some goods in Cincinnati, but only the finest grades made there. I do not and will not carry an exclusively Cincinnati Stock. I know what is best.

MOSE KAHN.
 —Never buy a cloak, shawl or other wrap till you have visited McCalla & Co.'s dry goods store on the west side. They keep the best, and the best is always cheapest.

SEE McCalla & Co.'s daily arrival of fine dress goods and dress trimmings. This firm carries an immense stock of goods, and they are all of the finest grade.

The best meat can be had at Bault & Paine's shop, "Progress Block."

—Boarding house keepers will get satisfactory meat of the new firm in "Progress Block."

—Get a nice roast, a tender steak, or a princely boil, at Bault & Paine's shop, in the Progress Block.

MR. JOHN WARD is agent in this county for the famous Staples Spectacles, and having had many years experience in the business, will fit them to the eyes of those requiring them. He has no better glasses made than those manufactured by Staples.

FEED! FEED!—Robertson & Bro's, of the People's Grocery are keeping all kinds of food, and take pleasure in supplying all their customers with whatever they may need in this line. In Groceries they can do as well by you as any firm in Bloomington, and they respectfully invite you to call. They are located east of the postoffice, on the corner. In coffees, teas and tobacco, they cannot be excelled.

DURING the time I have been selling Clothing and Gents' furnishing goods in Bloomington, I have traded with almost every man in town and adjoining counties. I am proud to say that I have the confidence of all these people, because I have tried to sell them the best goods I could get for the least money. I do not keep a Cincinnati "mild" shop. MOSE KAHN.

NOTICE.
 The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad Company, will be held at the National Bank of Commerce in the city of New York, on Thursday, February 14th, 1884, at which meeting thirteen Directors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock 'm. to 5 p. m.
 W. H. Lewis, Secretary.

Discontinuation Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. O. Worley and Jno. F. May, in the livery, feed and sale stable business, is hereby dissolved. J. O. Worley, retiring therefrom and disposing of his half interest to John H. Cole. All parties owing the old firm are requested to settle the same at once, and all having any notes, accounts, etc., against the firm, are requested to present the same for payment within ten days, to either member, who remains responsible for all firm debts. J. O. WORLEY & MAY.
 Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 8, 1884.

How Watch Cases are Made.

In buying a silver watch case great care should be taken to secure one that is solid silver throughout. The cap of most cheap silver cases is made of brass, and is soldered to the case, which is a very poor substitute for silver, as it turns black in a short time. The backs of such cases are made much thinner than those of an all silver case, being robbed in order to make the cap thicker and get in as much as possible of the cheap metal. Another important point in a silver case is the joints or hinges, which should be made of gold. These of most cheap cases are made of silver, which is not a suitable metal for that purpose. In a brief period it warps, bends and spreads apart, allowing the backs to become loose upon the case and admitting the dust and dirt that accumulate in the pocket. The Keystone Silver Watch Cases are made with silver caps and gold joints.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7, 1884.
 In writing and sending you upon in building watches, we thought you might be interested in the fact that the Keystone Silver Watch Cases are the best made in the world. They are made of solid silver, and the joints are made of gold. They are made in St. Louis, Mo., and are sold everywhere. They are the best in the world, and are worth the money. They are made by the Keystone Silver Watch Co., and are sold by all the watch dealers in the world.

—Don't let this chance pass to buy a big bargain in an overcoat or suit. We are selling everything at your own price. Call and examine the goods, at C. P. Tourner & Co.'s new City Clothing Store.