

When the revenue from the Bloomington postoffice amounts to \$10,000 per annum we will be entitled to free delivery. It will certainly reach that point soon.

County auditors are receiving a copy of the act providing for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers who have no means of defraying such expense. Township trustees are required to make an allowance of \$60 for that purpose.

There are five men yet in Congress who were there when Blaine first entered it in 1863. They are Judge Holman, S. S. Cox, Samuel J. Randall, Wm. D. Kelley, and Charley O'Neil.

No man who has tastes for home life or the comforts of civilization can see much promise of either in a trip to Oklahoma with an intention of struggling for place or recognition. The people who have been hanging on the border some time as well as the majority of those who have settled in the territory are the toughest of the tough element—people who value human life lightly and hope to die with their hosts on. Monroe County people who desire to own any part of that promised land would do better to wait and purchase in twelve months from now of those who have proved up their claims.

An ex-veteran soldier can secure free transportation to and from the nearest Soldiers' Home, and assistance while there, for the purpose of receiving treatment or having a surgical operation performed, by first procuring an order from the Board of Commissioners of such institution on the U. S. Quartermaster's Department. This is a fact not generally known by the old veterans, but it is so stated in some of the leading papers of the country.

It has been cold and dry in Dakota and Minnesota for some time past and when a fire started on the prairie during a terrible wind storm early last week, it swept with resistless force over a large stretch of territory. Towns were wiped out of existence almost in an instant and the loss of life and property has been appalling. It is stated that not less than \$4,000,000 damages was done.

The rapidity with which Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson has been "spinning the rascals out" is not due to the violation of real Civil Service reform. He has simply been performing the duties that were imposed on him by the expiration of the terms of over a thousand postmasters of the fourth class and the resignation of some three thousand more. Mr. Clarkson has been appointing Republicans to these positions, of course, but he has been appointing honest, capable and efficient public servants.

Spencer Democrat: F. M. Field, our obliging and competent postmaster, has gone on the road as a knight of the grip, and Mrs. Field will take his place in the postoffice.

The new fish law which requires that no fish be taken from the waters of Indiana except with hook and line, is certainly a good one and should be rigidly enforced. It is similar to the old law with two or three changes. As it stands now all road superintendents are made officers and are empowered to arrest any person or persons caught taking fish other than with a hook and line. This will be in force for the period of five years when, if the law is strictly obeyed, the streams which are now almost destitute of fish will be thoroughly stocked.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Tobias Herte, of Bedford, one of the brightest and most popular commercial travelers in the country, was to-day appointed a special claim agent under the Indian Bureau, at a salary of \$2,500 a year and expenses. The appointment is a recognition of the Commercial Travelers' Association of the United States, of which Mr. Herte is an active member. He will leave for his home at Bedford to-morrow, and will proceed to Washington Territory, which will be his field of labor, on soon as he closes up his affairs at Chicago.

Kansas City Item: The outlook for Kansas crops was never so fair as at present. Travelers over all the through lines of railways unite in the assertion that the winter wheat crop will be unexcelled. The prospects are favorable for every kind of farm product, and the average Kansan wears a broad smile of self-satisfaction not seen before for years.

Kansas City Gazette: We would like to be in a balloon on 22d of April and be slowly wafted over Oklahoma. We would see more town lots staked out before night, than stakes indicating the potato patch, and every other tent would have a real estate agent's shingle hanging out. We would see many a fist and skull scrap, with now and then a sharp crack of the revolver, a rough pine box and a hole. Yes, verily! Graves will be plenty as gopher hills.

## AT STANFORD.

### A Grand Opening of Spring Goods.

NEW DRESS GOODS,  
SATINES, CHALLIES,  
LAWNS, EMBROIDERIES,  
LACES, WHITE GOODS,  
GINGHAMS, PRINTS,  
TABLE LINEN, NAPKINS, CRASH,  
Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c.  
ALSO A COMPLETE STOCK OF HARDWARE.  
LADIES' TRIMMED HATS A Specialty.

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"Bull Dog Britches"

EVERY PAIR WARRANTED NOT TO RIP.

WANTED: 50,000lbs. WOOL  
COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.  
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—It seems like a criminal waste of money to pay S. S. Cox \$200 for that lecture. There are a score of students of I. U. who could have written a better lecture, and whose delivery would be far more acceptable to an audience.

—The stockholders who control the City Hall at Bedford, have been looking into the advantages offered by the different kinds of metal roofing, and after careful investigation have given the contract for Noel's Improved Steel Roofing, made by Seward & Noel of this city.

—On Saturday a week the Directors of the Monroe County Agricultural Society held a meeting at which the resignation of Bond Rogers was received and Jno. W. Shoemaker elected in his stead. For General Superintendent, Gil. K. Perry of Elkhornville was chosen. Superintendents of Departments were then selected as follows: J. S. Dimmire, general purpose horses; John Reed, cattle; F. M. Rogers, sheep and hogs; Wm. Neill, agricultural hall; Ben. Dunn, floral hall; A. E. Johnson, mechanical and poultry; John W. Shoemaker, speed ring. The Fair will be held from Sept. 16th to 20th, next.

—Harvey Baker, looking as happy as a bride, was in the city last week. He could scarcely realize that this was the Bloomington he resided in last summer, so many have been the changes and improvements.

SARAH & FITTMAN.

—"Texas Al," the Cowboy Pianist, will play the piano blindfolded and the key board entirely concealed by cloth and with loaded revolvers, firing while playing. Don't miss seeing him. One night only, Saturday, April 20th. Admissions 25 and 35 cents.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a final decree of the

Court to me directed from the Clerk's

of the Monroe Circuit Court, in a cause

wherein James K. Beck is plaintiff, and

Thomas W. Sparks, Henry Sparks and

Lou. E. Sparks are defendants, requiring

for the payment of a judgment held

in the amount of \$1,000, and costs, I

do hereby sell the same at public

sale, at the death of such husband,

vest in such children, and to the

widow of such husband, and to the

widow of such child, and to the