

OLD MAIDS.

We admire the character of an old maid, but we don't believe it is *in rerum natura* for the maiden heart to be happy without some single sweet love tie. An old maid is sometimes a very dignified, queenly looking object we admit, but she is always admired more for her usefulness than loved for her love. She is useful. She can work and minister to the happiness of those around her, but as for herself, no one cares for her. She may comb and curl her brother's hair beautifully, but he will go off and get married, and love his wife more than her. She may cry over it, but it will do no good. If she afterwards gets her victuals and clothes for her attentions, she is fortunate. She can have the happiness of nursing her brother's or sister's children, and be only thought of as connected with that very laudable enterprise. If she has not that to do, she may exercise her muscles with the broom and dust-rag. If she is independently wealthy, she may read—scribble for the papers—go to the water cure establishment—live on vinegar and slate pencils—nurse a sour stomach—wander about generally in a state of ready voiced, wrinkled, rickety inutility. If she reads, it is only to read about, and view and sorrow for, the promised land, which she may never reach. If she goes to the water cure, it is only to get to a place where she may walk off—vain hope—the eternal incubus of ennui. Perhaps as a last resort she takes to raising cats, birds, and poultry generally. It all won't do. The maiden heart must ever mourn for the heart that loves; where it may lose—forget its individuality. We don't believe at all in the happiness of maiden intangibility.

We know it is the booke of old maids that they live as they do from choice, and that their lives are happy. Whenever we ascertain that nature is without law, we may be proselytes to the booke. There are some truths that are truths—certainties—and we believe this is one:—that maidens love, and hope for love, and wish to marry, till they die. It is unfortunate for many of them that they wont marry for the same reason that Jack would not eat his supper. It is unfortunate, too, that the people who aim at making wholesome laws for the State, do not make laws compelling marriage under a penalty. There is penalty enough of one kind, true, against all those who do not marry, but we do think it would be one of the wisest of laws if bachelors were made to choose between subjugation by female rulers and incarceration in the State's prison.

We believe that bachelors and old maids might be mutually benefited by copartnership. Sewing on buttons is small business for bachelors, and cat nursing might be improved upon.

We are inclined to believe that much of bacheliorism and maidenhood might be avoided by enlarging the sphere of woman: that is, placing her upon the platform of humanity as equal in rights with man. Education—custom—has placed woman in shadowy obscurity. Modesty is one of the bright fascinating jewels of her nature; but it ought to be naturally exhibited. Woman ought not to be hidden, nor ought she to hide herself from the world. She has a right to a husband; and she ought to take, and be allowed to take the necessary steps to get one. It is no sin for a woman to wish for a companion, nor should it be regarded as unfeminine for her to express her wish, nor to express it to those whose duty it is to afford her one. As the custom is now though, she must sit in her parlor and humbly await the attentions of the beaus who may choose to visit her. Perhaps the first and the most of her visitors, are those whom she would last wish to see; for generally, the vain, empty headed coxcombs, are the first in the race. If a man wishes a wife, he looks the country over to find one who will suit him: that is if he is a reasonable man, and wishes to marry sensibly. He has a taste, and as he has to make a contract in the matter that will last perhaps for life, he wishes to be sure that his taste is suited to a nicely. He can go where he pleases—he can look round and accommodate his judgment and his heart. Not so with woman. Perhaps by that tyrannous custom that almost excludes her from the eye of man, she may never have had a suitor. Perhaps if she has had in her earlier days, she may not have had one that she fancied, and time may have passed until she is styled an old maid. She was bound to accept contrary to her fancy or be an old maid; and so she is.

There are such animals in the world as beaus:—things that dress themselves up for the purpose. They go out of evenings because it is fashionable for young ladies to have beaus—to be called upon by nice young men. These are nice young men. They are a kind of unexceptionable hearthstone pets. They are good machines to work with, but they wont do for husbands. When mothers wish their daughters taken out to market, they answer the purpose. Material for husbands is scarce. Husbands of the right kind for accomplished worthy daughters are not every day acquired. How are they to be got? Young ladies must generally sit in their darkened parlors—like spiders in their webs—and wait for the noise of their prey at the bell rope. They must examine the prey that comes, and if not pleased must back again to their hiding places and await other arrivals. Slow business. It wont do.—One half of humanity, or about that, is made up of women, and we don't know that man has any greater right to have a woman for the asking, than has woman to have a man for the asking. The right to each other is corresponding, and so we believe is the right of means of acquisition.

As matters are now, we don't wonder that young ladies boast to the world that they have vowed celibacy. They do it on the ground, perhaps, that it is expedient to save credit. But it is no fault of old maids that they are old maids. It is only the fault of society. Let woman assert her independence and take her proper position in the world, and she will soon be free from the now abasing dependence on man's assumptious air of condescension. Whenever woman has her rights that she is entitled to, then will come the old maid's millenium, when she can take her Adam and feel that she is again in Paradise.

MARRIED.

"O happy lot, and hallowed, even as the joy of Angels, when the golden chain of godliness is entwined with the roses of love!"

On Monday, the 19th, in Newport, Ky., by Rev. Mr. Lynn, Miss Martha Wright, of Hayou Park, La., to Mr. C. A. Elliott, of this city.

LICENSES ISSUED TO

Lansford Griffith and Malinda Grove on the 28th.

Klaus Burnett and Martha Harvey on the 29th.

BORN.

On the 1st, a Son to H. W. Roberts, of Jones co., Ill.

On the 23rd March, a Daughter to T. P. Butterfield.

DIED.

"O Death, what art thou, strange and solemn alchymist, Elaborating life's elixir from these clayey crucibles."

On the 20th, of lung fever, after a sickness of about three weeks, James Collester, aged about 31 years.

On the 26th, Obid S. Donovan, son of Harvey and Emilie Donovan, aged 1 month and 20 days.

Mr. ENGR. —Please announce ELIJAH J. HOWLAND as a candidate for Township Trustee, at the ensuing April election.

ROBERT A. TAYLOR will consent to the use of his name for Justice of the Peace, he will receive the votes.

MANY CITIZENS.

J. P. L. B. WILLIAMSON will be supported for Justice of the Peace at the ensuing election by

MANY VOTERS.

JOHN BISHING is a candidate for Constable at the ensuing April election.

HENRY MILLER is a candidate for Constable at the April election.

OLIVER KEELEY will serve as Constable, if elected.

GEORGE GOSNEY will be supported for Township Assessor by

MANY VOTERS.

Please announce that SALMON P. BUELL will serve, if elected, as Township Clerk.

We are authorized to announce that JOHN TRUSSNESS will serve as Councilman for the Fifth Ward, if re-elected.

We are authorized to announce that WILLIAM BOAZ will serve as Councilman for the 6th Ward, if re-elected.

GEORGE NAPOLEON B. TAYLOR is a candidate for re-election to the office of City Attorney at the ensuing May election.

JOHN REGENE will be a candidate for Constable at the approaching April election.

CORNELIUS KING is a candidate for Township Trustee, at the approaching April election.

We are authorized to announce ALEXANDER MCKINLEY, as a candidate for Constable, at the approaching April election.

We are requested by many Voters of 2d Ward to announce that they will support JOHN S. SPANN for the City Attorney at the approaching April election.

We are authorized to announce that Dr. L. DUNLAP will serve as Councilman for the 6th Ward, if re-elected.

We are authorized to announce JAMES G. WILSON a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching election.

We are requested to announce that WILLIAM SULLIVAN will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, of Centre Township, at the coming April election.

We are authorized to announce JAMES N. SWETZER as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Clerk, at the approaching election.

We are requested to announce the name of GEORGE W. PITTS as a candidate for City Marshal, at the approaching election.

GEORGE DURHAM will serve as Councilman for the 1st Ward, if elected.

We are authorized to announce HENRY J. KELLY as a candidate for Street Commissioner at the next city election.

There will be a meeting of Citizens held on Tuesday Evening, April 3d, at Mr. HORNDAY's Carpenter Shop, for the purpose of organizing a Fire Company for the North part of the City. All favorable are requested to attend.

NEW GOODS!

SPRING FASHIONS!!

The largest and best assortment of HATS, CAPS AND STAW GOODS ever offered in Central Indiana, may now be found at the establishment of the subscriber, comprising all the latest styles of fashionable Beaver, Oster, Mohair and Silk Hats; Friends' Oster and Brush Hats; every variety of Staw Hats for men and boys; men's and boy's Wool Hats; some new and attractive styles of Spring and Summer Caps, and a beautiful assortment of

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CITY DELINQUENT LIST FOR THE YEAR 1854.

NAME.	DESCRIPTION.	No. of Lot.	No. of Out Lot.	No. of Square.	Total Value of Land and Improvements.	Value of Passes and Privileges.	Total Value of Property.	Port.	Dues.	General Post.	School Post.	Dues and Post.	Const.	Total.	
Alexander J. H. S 4	5	39			\$ 475		\$ 190	95	\$ 50	3 35					
Adamson R. & G. S 1	1, 2	3	31		1700	60	3 40		100	11 50					
Brown John Col. South 1	3				450		100	50		50					
Bishop John.	70, 71	45			1300	50	1 20	60	\$25 56	1 20	4 25				
Bishopd. Heirs. Gellings ad	5				250	1 40	1 20	50		50	6 25				
Bishopd. M.	4				950	3 00	1 90	50		50	6 25				
Bishammer Henry 98 ft. Market st.	72				250	80	40	50		50	1 70				
Bennett Jacob.	9	10			330	1 40	70	50		50	2 10				
Bearlight C. H.	4	159			120	50	24	50		50	1 50				
Bishopd. J.	6	24			273	1 10	30	50		50	2 15				
Bishopd. H.	90	110			223	90	43	50		50	1 85				
Butler W. E. E part W 4	10	63		</td											