

LOCAL NEWS

WILD CATS

Will Get You, If You Don't Watch Out

From time immemorial there has always been something exciting going on over east of town. Several years ago a great sensation was going that a house was haunted over on Chapel Hill, and people from all over the country were excited about it. Many would go and sit up at the house to have a chance to see a ghost, but it finally turned out to be only the stone giving away and falling down an old chimney. Now everybody over east says there is a wild cat or something worse roaming around and is frightening many people. Last week Elza Deckard, son of Bud Deckard, a well known farmer, south east of town, says he saw a large brown animal with a long tail and had ears like a cat, and that it screamed so he ran for home. It could be possible that there might be a cat family living over in the hills, but we are not particularly anxious to exchange visiting cards with them.

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Because the News missed one week, caused a greater panic than that of '93, or the recent "financial flurry" in the east. The election did hit the News a pretty hard jolt and "blowed her clear up in the air"—that is, with such a strenuous life a candidate is naturally subject to, especially when trying to handle two or three other business' with it, "ye pen pen scribbler" and "spittoon cleaner" became so physically exhausted that it was necessary to stop a minute and draw a long breath. So the News did not appear last week and only on one side the week before. So if our patrons will overlook that discrepancy and continue their support it need not be necessary to have a similar occurrence. This instance illustrates how quick the world is to help kick a man on, if he should happen to take the downward grade. Bradfute, Feltus and Wentworth nearly had a "conception fit" over such a possibility, that the News was down and out, the world seemed to rather regret. Even Wentworth bought up some of the News advertising deals, thinking he would reach over and cash in the plant, na! Not so! It was never the intention to completely discontinue publication, with such support as the News has been favored with in the past and if we can only continue to get such patronage, there is no probability that it will cease publication, and if there is any thing in "delivering the goods." You will certainly get them in the News. With an additional correspondent, to be put on next week and from Bloomington too, one who even the city papers would feel honored to have, ought to put the News in better standing before the public than ever. So if you want to be sure to get the paper regular every week, hand over about 75 cents.

You can undoubtedly risk 75 cents on this paper, if we can risk hundreds of dollars. We believe you like the paper, so at the very worst you could only loose 75 cents. We have got too much tied up in this plant to want to quit, so if you would like to have a paper published in Smithville, invest 75 cents in it. Don't put it off, do it now.

It had begun to look like there never was going to be any more business transactions up to last Saturday. But there was an old time trade with the merchants on that day, and everything was on the hum. A merchants business is effected very much by the weather. Dry warm weather, no trade. No trade, no advertising. No advertising no paper. So lets hope for a change in the weather.

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Mrs. Anthony Deckard and Mrs. Sarah Chambers spent Tuesday with Mrs. John M. Harrell.

Mrs. Wm. Burkhardt and Nettie Johnston were shopping in Bloomington, Saturday.

Miss Lora Johnston will attend the county institute at Bloomington, next week.

Mildred, the little daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrell, has been on the sick list for the last week.

The Harrell Bros. have come in from shredding for this fall.

Mr. John M. Harrell was shopping in Bloomington Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burkhardt and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Deckard spent Sunday with David Burkhardt and wife.

Mrs. Wallace Anderson was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Mercer, Tuesday.

Mrs. Cora Peters, was down from Bloomington over Sunday, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Sciscoe.

Glen Carter, son of T. W. Carter, of Bedford, came up to take a hunt with "ye hd" last Thursday. Four birds and a lot of atmosphere was badly shot up.

Is it possible the extreme dryness in Bloomington is due to the recent effort in effecting that town to become a "dry town?" Surely the present water famine is not a "curse" on that account from any divine power especially.

Dora Howard, an old Smithville boy, was down from Bloomington Wednesday. He has just returned from Arcola, Ill., where he has been working with his brother Sam on a large farm. Chas. Dralle also lives at Arcola and is a near neighbor to Mr. Howard.

Mrs. George Stipp (Lizzie Grimes) and her sister Emma's little boy, Robert Roudebush, of Ensley, Alabama, are here for a months visit with home folks. Mrs. Stipp says there is plenty of rain in Alabama, and the only trouble there is a big strike with a steel plant, which is causing quite a little bloodshed.

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