

# The Mountain Signal.

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... Tuesday, there have  
additions. Five by con-  
restoration and four  
presented with this  
B. Gibson,  
Living

M. N. Langford has bought on a  
nice lot of goods.  
I think the Signal a real good fam-  
ily paper and hope it will live and  
prosper.

T. A. T.

### ROWLAND

... paper against the Signal.  
... made the boys happy.  
... however is off

Frank Richmond is erecting a  
handsome residence on the West side  
of the railroad.

Fred Klennick, of Disputants, was  
here Saturday on his way to Rock  
Hall, Whitley county.

W. T. Tharp, the good looking dry  
goods clerk at A. J. Tharp & Co.'s  
store, has returned to his home in E-  
fill county to spend the holidays.

Turkey shooting here Saturday, the  
24th. Twelve turkeys to be shot for.  
Everybody come, and get a pobbler  
for Christmas.

Rovsh.

### FROSTON'S STORE.

... from the sick list.  
... presented with

Winchester talks of leasing the saw-  
mill and buying timber from Mr.  
Sambrook, and both mills will start as  
soon as the river raises sufficient to  
raft logs. There seems to be a very  
good outlook for Livingston at present.  
Boscon.

### BRODHEAD.

Charles Lewis, of Oak Hill, entered  
the Academy on Monday last as a pu-  
pil.

Mrs. Mitchell Preston and son, of  
Rowland, were the guests of Mrs.  
Ester Heron last week.

J. A. Hardin, formerly of this  
place, but now of Staasford, is here  
for a few days, filling the place of J.  
R. Cass, who is in Louisville.

J. R. Cass's little daughter, and  
little Hamilton Collier were on the  
sick list last week. They are glad to re-  
turn both better.

... it surely progress-  
... in the  
... eight;  
... and  
... file





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Christmas Greeting



TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

Below we give a brief description of the business houses, and business of those who patronize the advertising columns of the SIGNAL. Besides the historical value of this "write up," it will prove beneficial to all of our readers as a guide to them in bestowing their future patronage for the necessities and luxuries of life. Remember that those who see the advertising columns of our paper are live, progressive men and women, keeping step with the grand march of progress, believing in the mottoes, "Quick Sales and Small Profits," and "Live and Let Live." Such persons should receive your favors, and old fogies of the Egyptian mummy stripe, who, when they advertise all resort to the paint pot and shingle, should be left in their solitude to occasionally sell twenty-five cents worth of goods to some man who don't read the papers, charging him a dollar for them, and then in the long interval between sales disturb him not in his miserly pastime of squeezing that dollar until the eagle squeals.

The SIGNAL has no complaint to make. On the contrary, we are more than satisfied with the liberal patronage we are receiving at the hands of advertisers, and to each and every one, as well as to our readers, we extend a Merry, Merry Christmas Greeting.

M. J. MILLER.

That old and well-known house of M. J. Miller was established in 1845 by Kirtley & Miller, in the old brick hotel where the Joplin House now stands. The firm changed to Carpenter & Miller, then to Smith & Miller, and afterwards to M. J. Miller, and run for some years. Then Williams & Miller was the style of the firm up to 1863, when M. J. Miller bought out the interest of his partner, J. J. Williams, and has run the business since in his own name. Mr. Miller was for some years county clerk of Rockcastle, before he went into the mercantile business, and discharged the duties to the satisfaction of all. He has been an extensive tobacco dealer and shipper, and has handled, we believe, as much, or more, of that necessary article of commerce than

any man in our county. He has commanded an immense trade for years, and his influence among the people of the county is second to none other. In fact, no important move is proposed or made in county affairs, and even business ventures, until Milt Miller is consulted as to the proper course to pursue, and his advice is generally followed, and the result, of course, satisfactory. In the last three years Mr. M. has been talking of closing out his store, or turning it over to his sons and taking a well-earned rest, but he finds that after an active business life it is more difficult than he anticipated to give up his work and old associations that has surrounded him for nearly half a century. He still keeps up his stock of general merchandise, and is also agent for the Oliver chilled plows, of which he has sold thousands. For years after Mr. Miller began business, goods were hauled by wagon from Louisville at \$1 per hundred. Many wagon loads of bacon were sent by him each year from this place to the city, and sold. Now the order of things is reversed. The bacon comes here from that city.

M. C. & D. N. WILLIAMS.

The drug house of M. C. & D. N. Williams was established by Wm. Weber about twenty years ago, and has done the larger portion of the drug business of this place. Mr. Weber is old to the present proprietors three years since. M. C. Williams, the junior partner, is manager of the store. By strict and close attention to business he has retained a big portion of the old firm's trade, besides gaining many other customers. They keep a full line of first class drugs, paints, oils, varnishes and putty, sets, odorograph albums, dolls, china sets, milk sets, moustache cups and saucers, toys of all descriptions, for children and older ones. They say the goods must be sold, and will go lower than ever before. These desirable goods in their line would do well to sell and see them. This house has the reputation of being very careful and painstaking in filling prescriptions, and are ready at all hours to wait upon those desiring medicines for the sick.

M. R. MOORE.

Mr. Moore's is the only house in town that deals exclusively in groceries. The business was established some fifteen years since by J. W. Moore, a son of the present proprietor, and since his death in 1886 the business has been conducted by Mr. M. R. Moore, with the assistance of Miss Kate, his daughter, who is clerk and manager of the business. Their establishment is nicely arranged, and everything is as neat as a new pin, and it is a pleasure to deal with the polite and accommodating clerk, Miss Kate. They keep in stock coffee, tea, sugar, molasses, syrups, starch, spices, a big assortment of plain and fancy candies, flavoring extracts, canned goods, such as peaches, tomatoes, apples, beans, oysters, salmon, mackerel and sardines. Hominy, rice and oatmeal, lard, bacon, meal and flour, tin, wood and willow ware, soda, soap, coal oil, etc. Also lemons, oranges, dates, figs, and a big lot of Christmas tricks, and numerous other articles kept in a first-class grocery store.

J. L. WHITEHEAD.

The drug business of J. L. Whitehead is the oldest drug house in our place and was established by W. T. Brooks, sometime in the sixties, who afterwards sold to S. W. Brown and Willis Adams, who run it for some time under the style of Adams & Brown. They in turn sold to W. M. Weber, owning an opposite drug house across the street. J. L. Whitehead clerked for him for a time and purchased the business which has been run in his name since. Mr. Whitehead after being in the business three or four years branched out and established another store at Williamsburg, leaving his brother, S. L.

Whitehead, to manage the Mt. Vernon store. The business has made showing under his management, and his house does a good business. As a pill maker and filler of prescriptions, he gives general satisfaction. Steve is somewhat of a humorist as will be seen in his "ad" guinine, mixed paints, Crab Orchard salts, and chewing gum, cuff buttons, rough soaps and perfumery, tobacco and shoe-polish, &c. He has faith in the benefits to be derived from a liberal use of printer's ink, as will be seen by glancing over our columns. Watches, clocks, jewelry, stationery, daily papers and books, plough goods in albums, dressing cases, &c., decorated china, bisque figures, combination safes, toy by the wheelbarrow load, and house keeps in stock at all times a full line of pure drugs, and fills prescriptions with care at any hour, day or night.

J. E. ALLEN.

J. E. Allen, undertaker and cabinet workman, came from Virginia to this place in 1868 and immediately opened up in the above line of business. His shop is situated on Brooks street and Mt. Avenue, where can be found a good assortment of coffins, caskets, burial robes, linen bosoms, cuffs, &c., at prices to suit all. Orders by telegraph, him receive prompt attention day or night. Customers will find Mr. Allen always at his post ready to wait upon them on short notice. There is no necessity to send off to other places for goods in his line. It would be but justice to at least examine his stock before sending orders away. Patronize home institutions and enterprises, thereby keeping money in circulation in our town instead of sending elsewhere when you can do as well at home.

GEO. LIVESAY & SON.

George Livesay and W. D. Livesay compose the firm of Geo. Livesay & Son, at the old stand formerly run by C. W. Adams, a post office six miles south of this place, taking this opportunity to state that they have moved to this place, at the old stand, and that they have above all things a good stock of goods. A good business has been carried on by them since. They carry a good stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, hardware including horse shoes, nails, &c., meal, flour, lard, bacon, potatoes, oysters, and other canned goods, cigars and tobacco and general groceries. They have a good run of trade and are increasing their stock as the occasion requires. The oldest partner is at present traveling for a Louisville house.

C. W. & W. PING.

C. W. & W. Ping, whose store is at the old stand formerly run by C. W. Adams was established four years since by C. W. Ping, who came here from Pulaski county. They deal in dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware including horse shoes, nails, &c., meal, flour, lard, bacon, potatoes, oysters, and other canned goods, cigars and tobacco and general groceries. They have a good run of trade and are increasing their stock as the occasion requires. The oldest partner is at present traveling for a Louisville house.

JUDGE JAMES G. CARTER.

Judge James G. Carter, was born September 20th 1821, in Clinton county, Ohio. Read law under Thomas Corwin of that state. Moved to Kentucky in 1850, and was admitted to the bar in 1851 in Campbell county, this state, by Judges Walker, Reed and Ryan. Removed to Rockcastle Co. in June, 1863. He was county attorney eight years, and has presided as circuit judge pro tempore in various sessions and cases. He sat on the bench when the negro Tom Adams was sentenced to be hanged for attempted rape, some twenty years since. The Judge is a genial old gentleman, and has a host of friends, and his enjoyed good practice at this bar. He lives on a snug little farm at Cummins station, five miles west of this place, from which he comes to town on the train about twice each week. At one time just after the

rails were laid to this place, the Judge had a wooden hand car constructed which he used for a time, but concluded it was too much up hill work to run it, so he abandoned it. Judge Carter is one of the brightest Masons in Kentucky, and he takes great interest in that order. Sam M. Burdett was a law partner of the Judge's for some years at this place and the firm of Carter & Burdett had a big practice.

DR. A. G. LOVELL.

Dr. A. G. Lovell is a native of Bedford, Ind. Coming here about nine years since, he with J. L. Whitehead, carried on a successful high school in the building now occupied by S. L. Whitehead. The doctor had been reading medicine for a time before coming to this place. After some years teaching he attended lectures at a medical college in Louisville where he received his diploma. Returning here he soon built up a lucrative practice. Thinking he would like city practice, he moved to Louisville some time over a year since where he soon had a good practice, but he concluded he loved the mountains best, returned here a few months since and is fast regaining his old practice. Dr. Lovell is a very unassuming man, not prone to boast of his abilities at any time or place, but it is nevertheless a fact that he has few equals and no superiors in his profession in this section of the State, and, moreover, his entire time is devoted to medicine, and he makes a study of it in all its phases.

JAMES HIX.

James Hix, watchmaker, followed school teaching in this county for some years, teaching during the summer and spending the winters in Florida, and working at the watch making business during the time. He has had five years experience at the business, and is a practical workman. His bench is at J. E. Vogel's store. He is fully prepared to do any and all plain or intricate work in the silver, smelting line. Also repairs on sewing machines and light machinery looked after. He furnishes any of the standard watches or movements, on short notice, in nickel, silver, gold or gold filled cases (warranted 21 years) to suit purchasers. Mr. Hix is a good workman, and is enjoying a lucrative patronage.

JAMES R. COOK.

James R. Cook was born four months after the battle of Wildcat, received his early training in the common schools and private academies of Mt. Vernon, and then entered college at Mitchell, Ind., completing the scientific course in that institution in 1833. Read law under Judge Robert Boyd, of the 15th judicial district, at London, during the winter of 1850. In the following winter he entered the University of Louisville, where he remained nearly two terms. Was examined by R. C. Warren, the retiring, and Wm. Herndon, the present commonwealth's attorney, and admitted to practice at the January term of circuit court, 1857. Was also admitted as a practicing attorney in the United States District Court at Louisville, some time during February, 1857. His office is with the county attorney in the courthouse. Mr. Cook is a very promising young man, already enjoys a good practice, and bids fair to climb high on the great legal ladder of fame.

MARET, VOWELS & CO.

The chair and furniture factory of the above firm was started by James Maret in 1838. After running it nearly two years as a chair factory, an interest was sold to J. E. Vowels, who has since had the business management of the factory. New machinery and buildings were added, and in addition to the chairs a furniture department was started. They make a speciality of plain bedsteads and chairs, also make bureaus, round, extension and drop leaf tables, wash stands, center tables, sofas, &c., and keep in stock spring bed bottoms and mattresses. They have a saw mill attached to the factory, and do their own sawing, be-

sides some custom work. They have been greatly retarded in their work on account of the drought from the lack of water during the past summer, but are making preparations for digging a large cistern or well. Their spring furnishes a good supply during the winter months. They have a good trade through the mountains and have shipped a number of consignments to points far beyond as Lebanon, Lancaster and Berea, and south to Newcomb, Tennessee.

CHESNUT & KITTYS.

This firm began business months since at Brush Creek station on the K. C. road, postoffice, Orlando. They are running a general store and are doing a large business, in crops, ties, lumber &c. They have been working a large force of hands, utilizing the trees that have been cut down for tan-bark to make ties for the Big Sandy road. The trade derived from this source is quite an item in their business. They are in a fine timbered region and by their enterprise are bringing a good amount of money into that locality by giving employment to the people.

DR. J. J. BROWN.

Dr. Brown was born in this county February 3, 1847. Educated in the common schools of the county until 16 years of age, when he entered St. Mary's College near Lebanon. In 1855-56 attended the University of Kentucky, then located at Harrodsburg; after which he began the study of medicine under his brothers, Drs. W. A. and S. W. Owsen. In 1856 he began a course in the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati. He returned here in the spring of 1857, and with his brother, Dr. S. W., began the practice of medicine, which he successfully followed for more than a year at Flat Rock, Pulaski county. From that place he went to Louisville to accept a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale house, which position he filled for two years, then returned to this place and resumed his practice. He was elected county commissioner for six consecutive terms, and served in that capacity for twelve years. Was a candidate for State Senator six years since, and was defeated by a very small majority. In 1875 he entered the medical department of Kentucky University, Louisville, from which he graduated March 1st, 1876. Was appointed the same month by Gov. McCreary one of the board of examiners for the 15th judicial district of Kentucky. He is president of the board of health for this county, having served in that capacity since its organization. Dr. Brown is one of Kentucky's best physicians. His success with cases of fever has been phenomenal.

J. E. VOWELS.

Mr. Vowels is a native of Nelson county, and came to this place a short time after the railroad reached here. He worked for a time on the section, and also worked on a construction train; and watched the engine at night. He saved his money and opened a little store. By strict attention to business he was soon enabled to increase his stock of goods and secure a good run of trade. He dubbed his store the "Variety Store," from the fact that he kept in stock almost everything one could mention. By an unfortunate venture he got into a pretty close place, financially, two years since, but thanks to his excellent business tact, he has pulled out, and is again on his feet, and busy day and night looking after his interests in the store and furniture factory. Besides dry goods, groceries and merchandise he keeps in stock agricultural implements, plows, mowing and reaping machines, and is agent for the sale of South Bend chilled plows, threshing machines, engines, boilers, &c. Up to November 5 Mr. Vowels also conducted a job printing office, but it was then absorbed by James Maret and W. B. Fox, who purchased his press, type, and printer's stock, and established The Mountain Signal.

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JNO. W. BROWN.

John W. Brown was born in this county near Level Green, 80 years since. When 16 years of age he was appointed a cadet to West Point by the member of congress from this district. After remaining there a short time he was obliged to relinquish his appointment and return home on account of sickness, and never went back to the institution. He was well advanced in his studies and after recovering his health he began teaching school and the study of law. He taught six or seven years in this county. He was admitted to the bar in 1881. Was elected school commissioner and filled that office acceptably for two years. He filled the appointment of county attorney in 1885, the unexpired term of Isaac A. Stewart, who moved to Florida, and he was a terror to evil doers. He has enjoyed an extensive practice. He is attorney for the two railroads passing through the county. He is a thorough business man, also appreciates a good joke as well as the next one, as the writer can truly testify, when Mr. B. had him arrested on a bogus writ, charging him with keeping up a nuisance by giving continual blasts on a steam whistle attached to the writer's mill, some years since. Office on South side Main street near door west of F. L. Thompson & Bro.

SARAH WELCH.

The general store near R. R. crossing run by Sarah Welch was established in 1860 by her husband, John Welch, who has since died, and the business was continued by Mrs. W. She has done a good business for many years, and now with the assistance of her son Richard as clerk and manager, commands a good portion of the trade that comes to this place. Her store house is not the largest in town, but she manages to stow away a large quantity of goods therein. Richard has been in the cross-tie trade for some time in connection with the store, and has handled a goodly number of those very necessary railroad articles during the past season. Stone ballast also received his attention during the last two years and several thousand dollars has passed through his hands in furnishing it to the railroad. Richard also keeps several hotels along the line of the road supplied with butter, eggs, poultry, fruit &c., besides supplying a number of the train men running on this road. Last, but not the least, this store, as it should be, is headquarters for the Irish potatoes, raised mostly on their lot adjoining the store. Probably we would be doing a worthy Irish friend an injustice if we failed to mention that Pat Welch, though not exactly being a partner in the store, gets the most of his chewing tobacco there.

DR. S. C. DAVIS.

Dr. Davis, after attending lectures at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, was employed by the C. S. railroad and located at Point Burdette. After some years practice there, he moved to Level Green in this county and remained for some time, then came here, known to his few old citizens and began his practice. He had no one to boast him, but by energy, industry and perseverance, he has secured a practice second to none in the county. He is a sober, lively and jolly little man, with a kind word and pleasant bow to every one, hence he has gained a host of friends. He is especially successful in the treatment of diseases of children, in which he seems to take much delight. He is fully prepared with instruments for the various branches of his profession, and we hear of no mistakes he has made in the diagnosis of his patients. His prescriptions and plain dress, including conversationalist when presented to a subject. He is our present superintendent of schools, elected last August without a position, after hav-

ing filled the office acceptably one year by appointment. The teachers are fond in the praise of him. He has visited his schools with more regularity than is usual with persons holding that office.

M. K. LANGFORD.

Moses N. Langford opened a general store at Langford on the K. C. in this county four years since. In the large building formerly occupied by Mason, Canton & Co., to keep their supplies in while the road was being constructed. Mr. Langford keeps constantly on hand a big stock, comprising dry goods, notions, groceries, hardware &c., in fact everything that one needs or expects to find in a store. He has a large trade in supplying the hands of the various quarries, saw mills, tan bark, pig and ballast men. In fact, his trade is large at all times and he and his clerk don't find many idle moments in which to go fishing. He has just received a big supply of holiday goods and will shortly go again to the city to lay in a fresh supply of clothing and other goods.

M'CLURE & WILLIAMS.

Judge Geo. W. McClure, the senior member of the law firm of McClure & Williams, is a native of this county, and followed farming until he was elected County Judge in 1874, and re-elected in 1878. He discharged the duties of that office with ability. He read law during his incumbency, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He secured a good practice at once in our home courts and adjoining counties. The Judge is a forcible speaker, and well versed in interrogating witnesses, and is a splendid judge of a jury.

C. C. Williams, the junior member of this law firm, was born in this county May 17, 1861, was educated at Carthage college, Carthage, Mo., read law under Sam M. Burdett in this place and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He afterwards took a course of lectures in the Longville Law School and graduated from that institution in May 1884. After practicing law for our courts a partnership was formed with G. W. McClure. Mr. Williams is well up in the law and said to be one of the best pleaders at this bar. But few cases of importance come up in our courts without his appearing for one of the interested parties. Mr. W. is an eloquent and gifted speaker, and he works with a vim for the interests of his client. He will be one of the foremost lawyers of our state before many years have rolled by.

JOHN BOREING.

Our shoemaker Josh Boreing whose shop is on north side Main street has been in the business for some years though he opened his present shop only a little over a year since. By perseverance he has built up a nice trade. He keeps a first class workman besides himself and when work is left at his shop it is promptly attended to. In connection with his business he runs a first class butcher shop and supplies the town with best pork, sausage etc. Josh is a hard worker; sees his money in a good cause and deserves the patronage of our people.

F. L. THOMPSON & CO.

The members of this wide awake firm are F. L. and J. J. Thompson, two country boys from the neighborhood of Wabed. F. L., the manager of the business, began clerking for M. F. Brinkley in the old Smith hotel property in this place in 1875, and remained with that gentleman until he sold out to J. H. Otter and went to Lowellville, accompanied by F. L. Not being pleased with his position there, Mr. T. returned here, built a commodious storehouse, and opened up a large stock of general merchandise, and immediately received a liberal share of the people's patronage. He has increased his trade each year until he has a run of custom second to none in town. J. J. Thompson is a farmer, and takes no active part in the store, but furnishes a clerk. G. W. Baker has filled that position for some time, very acceptably. One feature of Thompson's Fall business is the immense quantities of notions they

carry for the holidays. This Fall finds their house chock full. They are closing lots of bargains in men's heavy boots, ladies' cloaks, plaid flannels and other articles at cost, and other goods at greatly reduced prices. Their stock of dry goods is complete, a good line of hats and caps, a nice assortment of clothing, a full line of staple and fancy groceries, hardware, saddlery, pocket and table cutlery, cigars and tobacco—in fact, almost anything one might expect to find in a store, can be found at Thompson's. The Messrs Thompson give credit to the printer for a good portion of their trade.

THOS. TAYLOR.

Thomas Taylor, the blacksmith who has his shop near the R. R. depot, has the reputation of being the best horse shoer in the county, and we would suppose from the number of shoes he puts on each week that he deserves the credit given him. He has been in our place about five years, coming here from Reelfoot's creek, and in all this time we have not heard a single complaint about his work. He certainly understands a horse's foot and knows exactly how to go to work to fit it with a shoe and make it stay. He does other general blacksmithing and has a good run of work, but his speciality is horse shoeing.

J. W. SEBRIGHT.

A native of Canada, came to this county from Chicago, some seven years since as manager of Oxley Stave Co.'s interests in Rockcastle, succeeding B. Geo. Prall, former manager for that company. After the Oxleys withdrew their works from the county Mr. Sebright continued the business under his own name, which grew to large proportions, until two winters since, when the weather was so bad and his works so far from the railroad, it was impossible to do anything, and having sold large quantities of good lumber with the expectation of getting timber for another winter, he was forced to withdraw through no fault of his, he was financially embarrassed, but he was not a man to sit idly by and give up, but went to work with renewed energy, and soon paid up and got on his feet again. To-day he is running a large business, shipping from four to eight cars per week. Quantities of his staves go to England, West Indies, California and South America. He recently purchased the timber on 1700 acres near town and has his mills and buckers turning out staves at a lively rate. From \$600 to \$1000 per month is being paid out to our people for labor, material &c. He has just started another mill at the mouth of Skaggs Creek, this county. Ambsforth & Co.

This house was established by J. H. Albright about thirteen years since, at Brodhead. They have always commanded a large trade in general merchandise since beginning business. That pushing gentleman, and head of the firm, Mr. Albright, has been instrumental in building up his town in the various business ventures. The Brodhead tobacco factory, an establishment of which that place should feel proud, was put on foot and successfully run by himself and R. S. Martin, for several years when the establishment was purchased by Martin & Perkins. The Brodhead flouring mill was started and put on a good footing by Mr. A. School buildings, churches &c., have received annual benefits from him, in many ways; in fact no business enterprise or institution has been started in that thriving village, but Mr A. was generally found at the head of it. Sometime since they had the misfortune to lose their store building with a large stock of goods, but with commendable enterprise for, which the house is noted, but a short time elapsed before they had up a new building and fully stocked with a full line of everything kept in a general store. Mr. Albright has a farm in Kansas on which he spends most of his time, now, while Thomas Cherry, his clerk, looks after his interest in the store.

MRS. J. W. NEBBITT.

Who has a class in music at her residence is a fine musician, understands all the principles thereof, and is an accomplished and capable instructor, on either piano or organ. Few ladies are better skilled in the higher arts than Mrs. Nebbitt. Besides being a thorough musician, she possesses fine literary talents, and as a poetess has no peer in this section of the state. Her musical accomplishments, coupled with her matronly dignity, make her peculiarly fitted for the position of preceptress in the highest and most ennobling of arts, and her pupils, if they adhere to her instructions cannot be other than brilliant ornaments of the drawing room and social circle.

MRS. M. E. BROWN.

Mrs. M. E. Brown has been in the millinery business for the past six years and keeps in stock a nice line of hats, bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed, laces &c., and millinery notions generally. She is our accommodating post master. Office is in the brick store room formerly owned by H. Carpenter. If one cannot find what they wish in Mrs. B.'s assortment, they can easily get it by giving her a few days notice. In her management of the post office too much praise cannot be given her. Since she has had charge of the office, a night mail has been established by her, which is a great convenience to the business public. R. A. Brown is the efficient assistant.

L. B. ADAMS.

The business house of L. B. Adams, whose fall page advertisement has appeared in our paper for the past month, was established in 1851 by Capt. Jack Adams, one of the pioneer merchants of Mt. Vernon. The sales, during the thirty-six years of his business life, amounted to over a million or dollars. The captain went through the Mexican war with honor to himself and credit to his native county and State. A few years since he sold out his interest in the store to L. B. Adams, eighteen months since. The business is under the management of Willis Adams, Jr., who has had experience in the mercantile business from his boyhood up. Willis is enterprising, and goes to work with a vim. In his eighteen months work since coming here, he has done a big business, and has secured the custom of a majority of the pensioners throughout the county. County and State claims receive a share of his attention. As stated in the big ad, they are closing out their stock at very low prices. Special bargains offered in men's and boys' clothing, dry goods, prints, gingham, flannels, linens, ladies' cloaks, gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots and shoes, hardware, harness, saddlery—in fact, everything kept in a general store, all of which will go at prices to suit purchasers. Mr. Adams knows the value of printers' work, and his liberality in that line is very commendable, and ought to be contagious. Mr. A. informs us that he is satisfied with the results of his big ad in our paper, and of course it is a pleasure to us to know that he is reaping the benefits of his investment in printers' ink.

NEWCOMB HOTEL.

The Newcomb Hotel is located on the northeast corner of Main and Richmond streets, M. P. Newcomb, proprietor. This large and commodious building was erected by its present genial proprietor in 1865. It is well furnished throughout. The old gentleman is yet spry, and waits upon his guests with his old-time vim. His place is the commercial traveler's headquarters when in our town. The doctor's laboratory. The preacher, on his rounds with his bible, stops there. The country boys come aound for their meals, and never go away hungry. A night porter is always on duty to wait upon travelers and show them to and from night trains. The cuisine of this hotel is simply superb, and the associate editor of this paper (the writer of this article) avers that those

who prepare the edibles are alike an adornment to the parlor or kitchen. Mr. N. has a good sample room, and has a splendid run of custom, which he richly deserves.

DR. L. S. BURDETTE.

Dr. Burdette located at Brodhead some ten years since. Is a graduate in his profession. He has a wide practice, not only locally, but has patients from all parts of Kentucky, and many from other States. His speciality is in diseases of the eye and ear, and as an oculist and aurist he has no superior in the State. Many patients who have been cured by him gladly testify that they owe a debt of gratitude to the doctor for his wonderful success in the treatment of their cases.

DAVIS & WHITE.

The firm of Davis & White is composed of W. A. B. Davis who is from Pulaski county, and followed school teaching for some years with success, afterwards entering the mercantile business at Wabed, about five miles south-west of this place where he remained six months, selling out to Geo. Livesay, he with James L. White opened up a store in the store house formerly owned by J. T. Clark.

Mr. White came here some years since from Lincoln county, was appointed deputy sheriff under H. H. Baker, which office he filled satisfactorily, and at the August election of 1888 was elected to the office of sheriff of this county. The new firm was not long under headway before they had worked up a good business and to-day they have a big slice of the trade that comes to this place. Besides carrying a full line of dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, ladies' cloaks, hats, caps, clothing, tinware, crockery, hardware, table cutlery, glassware, cigars, tobacco, harness, saddlery, nails, horse shoes &c., they handle agricultural implements, such as chilled plows, hoes, rakes, Johnson's mowing machines, wagons, and the celebrated empire grain drills also doing for flues and ruts by the car load. We need not say they are prepared with a full supply of holiday goods for Christmas. They have just received 150 lbs. assorted candies, Oranges, lemons, apples &c., will be found on hands during Christmas.

GRIFFIN & HANSEL.

Griffin & Hansel, proprietors of the Mt. Vernon Mills. This mill was established by the senior partner, Willis Griffin, in 1839. It is situated at the east end of Main street near the "Old Tan Yard." They grind corn and wheat, also card wool, and deal in wheat and oats which are on hands at all times, including slip stuff, mill feed, wood and wool to waste wool &c. A pleasant firm to deal with, and customers receive proper treatment at their hands. Mr. Griffin was lately elected poles judge of our town.

CONCLUSION.

After giving a description of the business houses, professions and enterprises of our town and county it may not be inappropriate to mention here resources and wealth. There is coal and timber in abundance and everything handy, and in readiness for manufacturing purposes and only needs more people with means and go-ahead-iveness to develop the many resources that exist right at our doors. Natural gas has been found in three different sections of our county.

Many will wonder why, with our railroad facilities, and other advantages, more manufacturing and other enterprises have not been pushed forward here. Here is one secret of the business: A great number of whom we could mention names—probably fifty—who have made their fortunes here, varying from \$10,000 to \$50,000, after accumulating until they had all they desired from the old county, instead of putting their money to use here that would give employment to the citizens; they either moved west to the Blue Grass region.

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# THE MOUNTAIN SIGNAL.

**ARRIVAL OF TRAINS**  
 Day-Mail North..... 12:42 p.m.  
 Day-Mail South..... 12:42 p.m.  
 Night Express North..... 12:45 a.m.  
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 JAS. MARET, Agent.

**CLOSING OF MEATS.**  
 Mail closes fifteen minutes before trains are due. For Lovell Green, 1 p. m. Tuesday and Saturdays. Night mail closes at 8 p. m. Postoffice open from 9 to 9 a. m. Sunday.

MRS. M. E. BROWN, P. M.

## LOCALITIES.

**Merry Christmas.**  
 All peaceable on Brush Creek. Mumps is raging at Mareburg. Now is your time. Call at Thompson's.

E. S. Hannell and family have moved in from Pittsburg. Williams' drug store is the place for cheap holiday goods. Adam Catron has gone to Atlanta, Ga., with a carload of mules.

Call early, or you will be too late. Whitehead is selling 'em. W. E. Welsh, an inmate of the poorhouse, is about to die. Snow played havoc with the wires Saturday night.

Barrains at Thompson's in lines of merchandise. Harlow is improving, and it is now thought he will recover. Thos. Gentry, of Mareburg, is down with inflammation of the bowels.

Thompson has toys for the children. Johnny McCurs, son of Mary E. McCure, had an arm broken while swinging on a horse at Mareburg. James Bush was adjudged insane Monday, and ordered to the asylum at Lexington.

Thos. Gentry, of Mareburg, has weatherboarded and painted his house to please his young wife. Colby Hays received painful injuries yesterday by being thrown from his horse.

A choice selection of notions at Thompson's. The trial of James Townsend, who was charged with selling whiskey, was postponed to Saturday.

Wilson Sowers, of near Mareburg, has moved to the Roberts property, near Freedom church. Miss Mattie Adams, of near Brodhead, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. John Latta.

Go to Thompson's for silk handkerchiefs, mufflers, etc. Correspondence from Colpeper, Lancaster, and Georgetown, Ga., received too late for this issue.

Salt at Albright & Co.'s, Brodhead, Ky., at \$2 per barrel. J. D. Mitchell, Richmond's mayor, and a commercial traveler, will be with us to-day or to-morrow.

Santa Claus makes his headquarters at Whitehead's drug store again this year. Mrs. D. N. Williams wants a white girl to do housework. Call at her residence, Mr. Vernon.

Mrs. Nancy Cook, of Scaffold Cane, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. N. Williams. A. H. Brown, Wildie's popular merchant, made us a pleasant call Monday.

C. S. Neid, a former journalist, made himself at home among our exchanges Monday. When you want anything for Christmas call at Whitehead's.

H. C. Gentry has the thanks of this office for some gratuitous black smiting. Palmer's Warranted Cure is warranted to stop neuralgia and headache instantly. Sold at Williams's.

Mrs. Alice Hawthorne Mudd wants to be State Librarian. We give Hon. Sam Ward permission to vote for her. Nate Evans, our night operator, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. A. E. Miller, are visiting their old home at Zanesville, Ohio.

Geo. O. Ricketts, of Knoxville, was married yesterday to Miss Mollie Taylor of this county. The Christmas tree committees are working together in harmony, and it is bound to be a success in every particular.

Go to Williams' drug store for manie sets, dressing cases, work boxes, and odor cases. Death has come to the relief of Miss Morgan, of Disputanta, who fell in the fire while in a fit recently.

M. C. & D. N. Williams, headquarters for Christmas goods. At McCrory's, in Garrard county, last week John R. Posey cut and seriously wounded Melvin Gully. They quarreled over an account.

Ask M. C. & D. N. Williams, the popular druggists, for Palmer's Warranted Cure for catarrh. Recommended by our leading citizens. An accident on the K. C. near Wildie Friday resulted in the demolishing of one box-car, but no one was hurt.

Jack Catron has gone to Wayne county for a wife. The wedding of himself and Miss Florence Tate was announced to take place Wednesday. Mrs. Mary E. Williams and Mrs. Nancy Cook called early. We were certainly highly pleased to receive a call from these distinguished ladies.

Williams' drug store is the place to go for photograph and autograph albums. D. W. White, living at the Ashley place, near town, was surprised beyond his expectations Monday morning. His expectations related to his two boys. He has now concluded to wait until the boys are big enough to work before moving to Indiana.

When our London friends meet a fine looking Mt. Vernon boy in their town this week, we hope they will treat him well—but not too often. He is the Santa's traveling collector, Mr. R. G. Williams, and is gone thence to get a few subscribers. Luther Warren, a Rockcastle boy who has been with the National Telegraph Company for the last ten years constructing lines, has been promoted to the position of chief foreman of construction in the 2nd district, with headquarters at Nashville.

Lowell Green, of near the Road between Mareburg and Lexington, is a printer and bookbinder, with the name "Otto Brunner," on inside of flap. The flapper will confer a great favor by returning the same to Mrs. Caroline West, of Pine Hill, or leaving at this office.

Our devil, John R. Woods, delivers a sermon every Sunday at a printer's news, and that he keeps up everything in his store anybody wants. Mr. T. fitted him out with a handsome present in the shape of a silk tie the other day, and all he lacks now of being a first-class dude is a rattan cane and a plug hat.

As will be seen from Brodhead correspondence, the prediction of our chief regarding the production of natural gas in our county, is verified. S. W. H. Cocks, who assisted in boring for oil on Skaggs Creek some years since, says a small flow of gas was struck, and he has made faith in it to be in future borings, if a company is organized.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized here last week instead of a Good Templar's lodge. The following are the officers: President, Mrs. Rosalind Nesbitt; Vice President, Mrs. Rebecca E. Gentry; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ann Miller; Recording Secretary, Miss Ella Joplin; Treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Lovell. The free use of the Signal's columns is hereby extended to the new organization for the announcement of meetings, etc.

Our esteemed friend, W. P. Walden, mentioned the various ladies the Signal man had to look after, and advised him to be careful, or he would grow old before his time on account of over-work. It's an old saying that a doctor never takes his own medicine. It proves true in this case, as will be seen by looking over the files of the Interior Journal for the last two weeks. Three immense double numbers have appeared in that time. It is needless to say that they were brimming full of the best.

The employees at Reeder & Co.'s mill, in Seldom Sider Hollow, two miles south of this place, have been idle for a week on account of a delay in the shipment of some machinery. They have been exploring cave a few days, and one of the following communication: "Three of us found a new cave, and explored it as far as we could, with the limited supply of rope we had with us. We found some

beautiful scenery, fine flowing creeks, deep abysses, so no probably two hundred feet to the bottom, some large rocks, fountains, fine pillars of rock towering forty and fifty feet high. We found no animals, but crickets in abundance, the largest ever created. Will give more particulars next week after another exploration."

**AN OLD LETTER.**  
 In 1861 D. N. Williams had fifteen barrels of apple brandy, and thinking he could dispose of it to the government, addressed Gen. Winfield Scott, and inquired if he would purchase. Below is a copy of the general's reply to Mr. Williams, which he now has in his possession, in a good state of preservation. The envelope bears no stamp, merely the word "Free," with the autograph of "Winfield Scott, Lieut. Gen'l., &c." endorsed thereon.

"WASHINGTON, Sep. 17, 1861. Dear Sir:—The substance department of the army cannot purchase your brandy, as the liquor part of the soldiers' rations has just been discontinued, and coffee substituted. The specimen of the same brandy which you intended for my use never came to hand. Accept my thanks, however, for your good intentions—the same will be forwarded to you. Yours respectfully, WINFIELD SCOTT. D. N. Williams, Esq."

**DISPUTANTA.**  
 J. B. Lair is here collecting taxes. Wm. Wood is surveying for J. N. O'G. Sammons is supposed to be in Missouri by this time. A Christmas tree is being prepared at Scaffold Cane. J. D. Anglin is attending school at Kirksville, Ky.

Miss Coddington, of Greenfield, Ohio, will teach at Fair View. R. E. Gatliff, of Harrodsburg, was here Saturday. Henry Lute can be seen riding the oldest horse in the county; he is 26 years old last spring.

Miss Martha Rowlett will be the guest of Judge Lair during the holidays. Andrew Baker's school closes next Friday. Andy has given good satisfaction in a district that was never correct with a teacher before. Guess it is his good looks that cause the change.

Now if the editors will give me space I will solve the problem for the Pine Hill correspondent: First multiply the length, three miles, by 7554 then extract the cube root, and take 1/2 the sum thus obtained, which will be three acres of ground covered with sassafras sprouts; the remainder after dividing, will be a vast amount of rocks and cliffs inhabited by ground hogs and opossums. If this is not correct give the example to Esquire Brown, for I know he is good of abstract examples.

**ORLANDO.**  
 John Anglin and son, of Reedville, were at this place Sunday. Uncle Steph Anglin is a boss razor maker.

Come on, Santa Claus, you will not be hurt. If you are not pleased with Brush Creek you can shorten your stay. Wm. McNew was summoned by telegram to Estillville on account of the illness of his father. Wm. Owens looked after his business, during his absence.

A nice time is expected at Macedonia school home Saturday, it being the last day of the term. Rev. R. E. Bell will teach a class in mathematics at McNew's school home beginning January 1st. Will give seven rules found in ordinary arithmetic.

Wm. Owens ground sixty bushels of corn Saturday. Huston Childers said Saturday was a bad day, but he could not do without bread on the Signal. Huston's head is level.

**QUIT.**  
 D. C. Withers is in Lexington. Mrs. Borne Adams was visiting her sister Mrs. Cash Cammings, Sunday. A meeting in progress at Calloway school house.

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**LEVEL GREEN.**  
 Special correspondence. Billie Baker, our next sheriff, has bought a fine bird dog. A Christmas tree is talked of at Sayers school house for Christmas eve. Jack and Willie Adams, of your place were down a few days since, enjoying a bird hunt with the boys.

When two citizens were killed not far from your place some two years since, every cross road was patrolled by armed posess before-undown. The county judge among the number. This was correct, but it seems to be different now. Two men have been killed, one or two others shot all to pieces from ambush and otherwise. We have heard of no writs being issued against any of the murderers and bus-shackers, and only those who felt like it come and surrendered. Have not heard of an officer being in the bloody ground. Why this radical change in the minds our officers?

**TAX PAYER.**  
 Ah there, Messrs. Editors: we are struck on your Signal. We are glad to know that the "Mogul" at Conway is still on the track. Santa Claus and muddy weather are the themes of general interest here this week.

A. E. Yelton operator and agent of K. C. has just returned from a trip to Richmond. I. C. Daris has just opened a first class grocery on Main street opposite Fountain square.

Business seems to be "Hustling" on the K. C. Ties furnished to the Ohio River Road, is likely causing the rash. It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of Miss Hallie Mitchell, on Thursday December 17 at 8 o'clock p. m. Miss Mitchell has been in delicate health for some months, and although her recovery was a matter of little hope, still her death at the time was very unexpected. Miss Mitchell was a very bright, charming girl of 17 summers, and had won by her many noble and christian grace a host of friends, who will regret to learn of her death. She was buried at her father's. The funeral was conducted by R. R. Noel of Lancaster.

**X Y Z.**  
 Special correspondence. Some snow this week. Christmas is on foot, and the sound of fire crackers are to be heard in any part of our town.

James R. Cass, our one horse operator is visiting Louisville this week. Joe Hardin, a plug, is filling his place, but Joe does very well for a plug. The firm of Frith & Hurt has dissolved partnership. Mr. Hart passing out and the firm is now Frith Bros.

Dock Blake has moved his picture gallery to Brodhead. A meeting convened at Brodhead Friday, with "Squire Brooks on the bench. Among the most important cases James Owens getting judgment against Golen Rodgers for 25 cents.

**CORN CRACKER.**  
 MECHANICS WANTED.—Wanted, a few good cabinet and chair makers, machinists, varnishers, and other mechanics, at good wages and regular employment, to become share-holders in the Mt. Vernon Furniture Company. Factory well located in good lumber district, in good running order, and well equipped for the manufacture of all kinds of cheap and medium grade furniture, with a fast growing demand for its products. The object of the managers is to have its employees mutually interested in the welfare of the establishment. Address Mr. VERNON FURNITURE CO., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

**THANKS.**—The committee desires to express through your paper their sincere thanks for the SIGNAL's contribution of \$2.75 to purchase presents for the children.

MRS. MOLLIE LOVELL, Mrs. HELEN BROWN, Committee.

Dec. 22, '87.

NOTICE.—This is to you my dear reader, if you can do me anything come in and pay it. I must have the money.

L. R. ADAMS.

LOST.—About December 9th between the postoffice and the Furniture Factory. A bunch of keys containing one skeleton store key and a number of pad lock keys. The finder will be sent to this office for the return of same to this office or the undersigned.

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