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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR AUDITOR.

We are authorized to announce PATRICK BARRETT, of Hickman County, as a candidate for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, subject to the action of the Democratic State convention.

We are authorized to announce [illegible] A. McHENRY, of Lexington, as a candidate for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, subject to the action of the Democratic State convention.

FOR SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

We are authorized to announce [illegible] A. G. HENDERSON, of Bourbon county, as a candidate for nomination to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce [illegible] C. J. VANCE, as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic State convention.

[illegible] Bourbon, Nov 1, 1878.

THE new edition of the Bulletin News, might honorable with Mrs. DEMING, of the Lexington Leader, and print an evening sheet.

REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE introduced a bill in the Senate on Monday to provide for coining the Trade dollar, and thinks it will pass Judge February.

GOVERNOR WADE HAMPTON, of South Carolina, is lying in a critical condition from injuries received by being thrown from a mule.

LAST Monday was Court day in Richmond, Ky., and a field day for fighting. Ten town Marshal jugged all who were not killed or crippled. JOHN WARNER was stabbed and killed by JAMES TUCKER, and R. FITZPATRICK put the eyes of JAMES MITCHELL in mourning.

CONGRESS convened last Monday, and the President sent in his annual Message. It is a short and unimportant document. It refers in recent outrages in the south, which had the effect to cause a debate on that subject, had by BLAINE in the Senate and HARRISON and HALE in the House. The Message is considered a feeble state paper.

COMMUNICATED.

Letter from Missouri.

FREEMAN, CASS CO., MO., Nov. 25, '78.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

Having noticed in the columns of your very valuable paper, rather a meagre description of Bates County, Missouri, I would say to your many readers that Bates and Cass counties have not been nearly the great resort from Indiana, Illinois and many more of the counties of Kentucky. We have as much and weather here as any place on the globe, when it rains, and as unlucky weather in time of sickness. If a man wants to farm, he can live in Missouri as well as he can most anywhere, but if he wants to commit suicide by hanging himself he will find it more convenient in southwestern Kentucky, where he can do up in a hurry.

Stocks are cheap in many other places, and money mighty scarce, but taking the prices of produce and everything else in consideration, farmers for a poor man are as good farms as money can buy in any place I have seen.

Produce is low, corn sells in Kansas City at 15 cents per bushel, corn-fed hogs 2½ cents per pound, corn-fed cattle 1½ cents per pound, and 25 to 30 cents per dozen, and 25 to 30 cents per dozen.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A WAR-SHIP will be sent to Indian Apolis Thursday with a committee from Washington.

LEWIS VANCE, a young man from the Johnson N. C. Institute, died Saturday morning.

JUDGE HILTON has appointed Shell to the land for contest in the Hickman Sherman's case.

MRS. BURNSIDE, of Providence, has succeeded in her prosecution of the publication of her husband's life.

THE Pension Office has issued drafts for the last quarter of the fiscal year, amounting to $15,000,000.

THE Vermont Legislature has passed a joint resolution instructing the Vermont Congressmen to vote for the Sherman Resolution.

ADELINA PATTI, engaged at the Boston Theatre, has refused to sing in Boston to receive the noted sum of $1000 for each night.

THOMAS HANDY, Stockwell Kansas, lost, was found Sunday morning, frozen to death, having survived some across.

A DAY spent Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,