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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce JAMES CHARLES L. LYTLE, of Nicholas, as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CIRCUIT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce JAMES T. BOLLINGER as a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Nicholas County at the August election, 1880, subject to the action of the Democratic party in primary election or convention.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce E. P. BALLARD as a candidate for Sheriff of Nicholas County at the August election, 1880, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have pleasure in announcing that we have made arrangements with the publisher of the Cincinnati Weekly Times and Star to club that paper with the Mercury at the following rates: The Times and Star is the largest and best weekly paper published. The subscription price of this paper is only $1.00 per year, and in addition to all the general news of the day, it has a department devoted exclusively to the interests of independent journalism in the West.

The Weekly News is a large eight column folio, "containing all the news, editorials, specials, and complete stock and money reports of the Cincinnati Daily News, and is the cheapest and best weekly paper published. Its subscription price is only $1.00 per year, and in addition to the news of the week it contains a full and fine writing which makes necessary one of the most interesting features of a paper to the family. Facts not mixed with opinions.

We think that any one readers will avail themselves of this unusual opportunity of getting a weekly paper at so trifling a sum.

The Mercury and the Chicago Daily News will both be furnished one year for $2.00 in advance.

Specimen copies of the Chicago Weekly News may be seen at this office.

CORTLAND PERRAM, of Iowa City, Iowa, has been appointed minister to England and Mr. VAN ZANDT, of Rhode Island, Minister to Russia.

GOVERNOR BISHOP has pardoned "DUKE" DAVIS on the petition of a number of citizens of Maysville. DAVIS killed a policeman named THOMAS RING in September, 1874, in a street exhibiting the hot now so common in the South.

THE action of the Pennsylvania Republican State Committee in fixing the 22d of February 4 as the day of holding the State Convention for the choice delegates to the National Republican Convention, is thought to be the beginning of a scheme to defeat the plan to get pledged for General GRANT the delegates from Pennsylvania and New York in February, and Indiana and Illinois if possible.

GOVERNOR BLACKBURN'S Message to the Legislature was read in the Senate, and the financial condition of the state, and the affairs are severely the financial management which gratulated a vast sum of money obtained from its General Fund, a surplus of $200,000. This money is to be used for the payment of ordinary expenses of the State. It is also for the employment of the convicts upon the public works. The Message is an able and interesting document.

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CALL ON WM. H. BROWN.

BUY LIN & PRICING.
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MR. WM. H. BROWN—DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned citizens of Blue Lick and Pinsville precincts, Nicholas County, Ky., knowing you to be capable and having full confidence in your honesty, respectfully solicit you to become a candidate for the office of Deputy Sheriff at the ensuing election, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

[Here follow the names of 200 voters.]

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MILLERSBURG DEPARTMENT.

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Mr. Holford, the youngest, is engaged in the livery business with Mr. Johnson Howe, during the present year.

Two of Dave Bowley's little sons, aged about four and six years, walked to church under one day last week, over one foot in height.

"Whiting" Jim Ratcliffe has been appointed Deputy Sheriff, and will be found at the Sheriff's office. He is said to be in his element.

Mr. Ed. Allen, of Cincinnati, a nephew of Jesse Bowley, of this place,