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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

AUGUST ELECTION, 1888.

For Sheriff—C. B. BUSBY.
Deputy Sheriff—S. A. GAITHER.
Committee—JOHN H. HAYES.

The Lodwick Printing Co. is to be congratulated upon its new paper and heavy patronage. Money can't be had in an ordinary letter, but a postal order is what sent in a registered letter or by express every week. Send a dollar and a half and subscribe.—Hustler.

Thanks, Hustler, we will do so.

Tax Commissioner Hockenberry is very attentive to the duties of this vicinity. Mr. Samuel Mees and wife left on for their county last week to make it their future home. They go with a write best wishes of a host of friends and a "safe harbor."

BOYD.

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Stock low and feed high. Now is the time to sell your stock and buy feed.

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Fielden Wills has moved to the farm of Green Wills, on the Colby & Zoar Union Turnpike.

Hendricks Wills has been quite poorly for some time, but at this writing is better.

Daddy Blake is quite poorly, caused by old age.

W. J. Kennedy moves to town this week. Mr. Samuel Brooks and lady will move to the house vacated by Mr. Kennedy.

Stock and crop sold high at the sale of W. J. Kennedy, corn selling at $1.40 per barrel.

B. W. Potts sold twenty head of his stock, price not known.

Brown Champ must have his son his "green spurs" when he saw "the grass in the meadow" and uttered to an "aged" woman.

A lady, with two dirty teacups passed through a few days ago frightening horses. If our Senator and Representative will legislate them off the pikes for highways, we will return them to the owners.

Our Sunday School will open the first Sunday in April (Easter), when we hope to have a full attendance. All are invited and expected, old and young.

Dr. Yarden will preach at the school-house next Sunday at 11 o'clock p. m.

ARCHIMEDES.

MOORETIELD.

The sick are all doing well.

Several of Mooretield boys paid Carlisle a flying visit Sunday eve.

Mrs. Palmer and daughter, of Nepton, are visiting Mr. Wilson Palmer, of this neighborhood.

Don't forget the public sale of R. S. Mooretield, Saturday, March 10th. Also the sale of Potts & Huff's stable on Monday, county court day, at one o'clock.

Mr. Hamilton has first-class supply of lumber at $1 50 per 100.

Willie Erkman was able to attend church on last Sunday, after a long confinement to the grippe and pneumonia fever.

If you want to get your hair cut shaved and a shine, you will find one of the best to do it ready at any time.

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CASSIDAY CREEK.

Rinea, six years old daughter of Will Cassiday is quite ill with fine at time writing.

Taylor Kerns moved March 1st to his father's farm near Mt. Zion church in the upper end of this precinct.

Taylor McIntyre and his sister, Ellie and Leonidas Robinson, were three from Hillsboro'g school from Friday until Monday morning.

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The Tobacco Policy of 1888.

In some counties, notably in Bourbon, the acreage in each of the districts that the rise in the tobacco prices in 1887 will cause the farmers of both East and West to commit a fatal blunder in overproduction in 1888. By partly of reasoning they argue that the excess of production will be altogether in Burley tobacco and the Dyer authorities become those types have almost monopolized the advance.

The Courier-Journal can discover no reason why the farmers of Kentucky and the adjacent States cannot act with as much wisdom and discretion in 1888 as they did in 1887. Most of the vast shortage in that crop was due to the voluntary curtailment of their planting, though an unforseen drouth in the summer and fall carried the curtailment to a greater extent than any one had anticipated.

All farmers may readily see, from the course of prices, what ruinous results would have followed a similar drouth with a full crop in 1887. Even the best in Burley would not have brought more than grades nearly as high as the prices of the first four years ago, except for the shortage, while dark and inferior tobaccos are still comparatively cheap. The early crops of the Dark districts have been, and in the large stocks which had accumulated in the hands of dealers the excessive crops of the three preceding years, and in addition to the visible supplies of America and Europe was enough of such tobacco to supply for the excess has kept those types from sharing in the Burley prices. Even such a difference of prices has been so checked relatively low by the large crops.

Self-control and prudence on the part of farmers will be required to prevent more bandsomely than in 1887. Indeed, taking the country as a whole and viewing the situation as a whole, the probability is that there will be a self-restraint in 1888 will be far more than double all that has been in 1887. This, because the immense deficiency of the crop in 1887 will work with the dark surplus stocks in reducing the visible supply, and the export crop begins to move for market, and a moderate crop in 1888 will be the first step, and this will bring about the conditions that the exceedingly light yield of 1887 would have produced had not that fatal visible supply incubus. The stocks will not clear for several years, hardly in 1890, even if an average crop be raised in the meantime, but the next very full prices will undoubtedly rule for such tobacco as remains in the market, in both Europe and America.

Western tobacco is in a very strong position on the whole, but just now the market is large, handicapped by the stock of old tobacco in sight, though that surplus is not large when viewed in deficiency out of sight, or the reserve stocks understood in the country.

An average of the three Western crops would not exceed 600,000 hhds., as was about 225,000 hogsheads. Those crops would not be excessive, therefore, on the average, but so much has the market supply been reduced by the great shortage in the yield of 1887, that a market crop of 600,000 hogsheads would be sell undoubtedly for high prices. A crop of that size would not raise the visible supply figures of the world, but add to it materially, and at least check the rise of yield every inferior grade. Such a crop would not be very rarely wisely.

Kentucky must get the crop exactly in the proportion that it would have raised if each one makes a point of planting a little less than in 1887, and a little more than in 1885 and 1886.

Kentucky makes the whole crop pitched on this basis, the planting of Burley should not under any circumstances be allowed to in 60 per cent. of the whole. In the dis tricts such as Bourbon, where Burley ought not to be more than 40 to 45 per cent. of the crop, the Burley should in proportion be exceeded there, that would easily reduce the planting of such districts, while will be all Burley, would easily reduce the planting of the Burley crop below the prices of dark —as happened in 1885—as Burley crop supply depends only on home consumption. Moreover, the Dyers will be able to be selling in the fall, four or five months earlier than Burley, and will get any great pressure on the market. Such injury as would result to Burley from the Dyer crop would be largely avoided, however, the latter will enter into a better position for the future, for a great many years, provided, of course, the Burley crop is only a fair one. If 250,000 hogsheads of both types be a large crop in America, and 600,000 a poor one, the addition of 50,000 hogsheads would lower the average of the entire yield 15 to 20 per cent. This is conservative estimate. Such a crop would be waiting in making it in many to cut down your 1888 crop. Corn, oats, hay, live stock and all your other produce are scarce and high at present, and you would be wise to put on those crops the land and labor you should save from making that tobacco surplus.

Kentucky makes 60 per cent. of the whole American crop, and the finest quality of the world, and she can make it pay. She can make 60 per cent. You can, therefore, afford to put the market up or down a cent or two. It is a great opportunity to display your discretion and patriotism. There is a big harvest of money. There is no doubt whatever that the last maximum of profits will be secured by the Kentucky tobacco society to an average planting.

Just before the tariff bill was passed in Col. Carlisle's office it was thought it would soon be offered "a tariff bill that would gather in support every Democrat on the floor of the House; a tariff bill that would be satisfactory to every Representative who was not going over to a strong defector, a tariff bill that would gather to its support the Democratic membership of the House, a tariff that would be just, a bill which had accumulated in the hands of the Democratic leaders, and which they would be willing to stand on as a party measure." Col. Carlisle was asked what he thought of the bill. He replied: "I think it is a very strong thing to do what was like." Then he was asked if he thought the bill would be passed by the House.

"I do not know," he replied.

The Methodist Standard and the Central Methodist place considerable, the Central having absorbed the Standard.

CITY CASH STORE.

James A. Chappell.

FOUNDED IN 1825.

"ESTO PERPETUA."

Well, the cloak season is past, and the few we had left have been packed away to try their fortunes in the next Fall and Winter season. Considering the large number handled, the number carried over is smaller than any merchant I can hear of. I have a handsome silk plush wraps which cost about ten dollars each. I will close them out now at ten dollars cash. First come first serve. If you come to town next Monday do not fail to come to the City Cash Store. Being on a large memorandum of such things as you need. For every dollars worth you buy, you have a count of 5 per cent will be handed back to you. There is not a yard of Tobacco left at 21 and 22. Do you want shoes for the family—shoes for the boy, shoes for the girls, shoes for the baby—come right here. We begin with the baby at 50 cents and end with "Granite State" shoes for the boys and girls, warranted to last like the patience of New Hampshire. Good stout shoes for women —Billy Means' make $1, shoes 90 cents. Children's 75 cents. Good cheap carpets for the million, at the lowest prices possible. A vast stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes hats, Piece Goods, and all sorts of goods bought for cash or produce prices ready and waiting for the people.

Just again remind some of my friends that their January bills are unpaid. We are pressed for cash. Old long winded Credit is dead." But some few seem inclined to forget us. Just a word to those who say "Lazarus come forth," forgetting that he has been dead four days, "you" no incline principal nor interest." "No Sir," was the reply, "you accounts are due, and we must have them." Punctuality is the only redeeming feature the poor debtor has. Owing a stench in the nostrils of business men. "Still owing" creditor to a certain debtor, "you pay no attention to my request and his grievance