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County Directory.

County Court Clerk—J. R. Adams.
Circuit Court Clerk—J. C. McConnell.
Clerk and Master of Chancery Court—D. A. McDugal.
Sheriff—W. J. Olive.
Register—J. M. Hamm, Jr.
Trustee—T. M. Darnall.
Tax Assessor—W. H. Stone.
County Supt. of Public Schools—M. R. Abernathy.
County Surveyor—R. F. Beard.
Chancery Court convenes the 3d Mondays in April and October. A. G. Hawkins of Huntington, Chancellor.
Circuit Court convenes the 4th Mondays in February, June and October. L. S. Woods of Lexington, Judge, and T. C. Muse, of Jackson, Attorney General.
County Court 1st Monday in each month, and Quarterly terms 1st Monday in January, April, July and October. Jno. B. Joining, Chairman.

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Prather & McCullar have just received a new lot of Black Lace, Straw Hats and wreaths to suit.

When in need of job work call on us, we have a first class job office and can give you as good and cheap work as you can get anywhere.

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BEVERLY ROBERTSON, Henderson Tenn.

Pictures of Mason group, Purdy Institute and McNairy County Union sold at my gallery for 25cts. each on 5x8 cards. Send stamps if you wish under \$1. worth.

P. J. Huggins, Ramer Tenn.

PENSIONS FOR TENNESSEE SOLDIERS.

Under a law passed by the Legislature of Tennessee on March 10, 1891, Confederate as well as Federal soldiers of Tennessee who were disabled in the service are entitled to Pensions ranging from \$3.33 1-3 to \$25.00 per month. Parties entitled to pensions under said law will do well to call on or address me, as I am prepared to give any information and am supplied with the necessary blanks for same.

Respectfully, H. P. Wood.

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FOR RENT.

Hill & Simmons store house at Bethel. It is located near the Depot, is suitable for both Dry Goods & Groceries, has large ware house attached and side rooms. For terms apply to Mrs. E. Simmons, Bethel.

Mess. B. F. Potts, and Geo. Adams were in town Wednesday.

Prof. Harry Hodges, of New Salem was in town Wednesday.

Hon. D. W. Herring was here on legal business Wednesday.

Mr. E. J. Hysmith of Crump Landing was in town Wednesday.

Esq. Jno. T. Pigott of Bethel was here Tuesday.

This tinner arrived Monday and went to work putting the roof on the Court house.

F. M. Freeman of Adamsville was in Selmer Tuesday.

Frank says he is going to buy a lot here soon.

Jno. Q. Bishop of the 12th district was in Selmer Wednesday and Thursday.

H. P. Wood and family spent the week with friends and relatives in the 9th district.

A Building and Loan association was organized here last week.

Mr. J. P. Atkins and family of Pittsburgh visited our town Thursday. Mr. Atkins intends to move here in a short time.

Ed Stubblefield and family were here Thursday.

Jas Williams, a popular clothing drummer of Savannah was here Thursday and Friday.

W S Moore, Cashier of Second National Bank of Jackson, visited our town Thursday.

The Court house is gradually nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks more.

Several interesting communications crowded out this week. They will appear next week.

Mr. James J. Taylor and Miss Mary B. Epps, a runaway couple from Rienzi, Miss., were married here last Wednesday. May happiness attend them through life.

We are informed by J. D. Null that the Falcon Doodle-bugs and the Rabbit Ridge Sandwits are to play a match game of base ball at Falcon Saturday Sept. 5th.

Mr. R. P. Barnhill was nominated last week in the Democratic primaries of Alcorn County Miss. to succeed himself as Circuit Court Clerk.

Bob is a McNairy boy and we are glad to know of his success.

We desire to call attention to the communication of Mr. C. Wilson President of the McNairy County Horticultural Society. It contains much valuable information and good advice and we commend it to the careful consideration of all who think of engaging in the fruit and vegetable business.

The farmers and Alliance men of the county are taking hand in the discussion of public questions through the columns of the Pepper Box. We want to see a full free and fair discussion. Right and true principles are never injured by public discussion, and no man is capable of rendering a correct decision on any question until both sides are carefully considered.

At the meeting here last Saturday night it was decided to organize a stock company with capital stock of 5000 dollars for the purpose of building a brick college. J. W. Pace presided over the meeting and D. A. McDugal acted as Secretary. A committee was appointed to make application to Seely, of state for a Charter of Incorporation. There was no call for subscriptions, but 1000 dollars was voluntarily subscribed. Another meeting will be held to night.

FOR SALE.

My Rose Creek farm, on the Bethel & Bolivar road, five miles West of Bethel and seven miles from Selmer, containing 200 acres; plenty of good timber and an abundance of good water, well adapted to grass and stock raising. Location healthy; convenient to Post Office, Public School, Church, Masonic Lodge, Saw and Grist mills etc. A good location for a country store.

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W. H. H. GILLESPIE.

CANNING FACTORY.

Following up the suggestion in last week's Pepper Box in regard to establishing a canning factory at Selmer, we clip the following facts and figures from an exchange: "A canning plant that will put up 7,000 cans a day will cost \$3,500 set up complete with the latest improved machinery, and guaranteed to put up goods second to

none in America.

Seven-thousand cans of tomatoes divided by twelve is five-hundred-eighty-three and one-third dozen sold at \$1. a dozen \$583.33 a day. The average cost of putting up three pound cans of tomatoes is \$3.70 per dozen. It sold at \$1. per dozen there is a clear profit of \$3.30 above all expenses on every dozen. Five hundred eighty-three and one-third multiplied by thirty equals \$175. a day clear. One hundred seventy-five dollars per day for ninety days is \$15,750. on an investment of \$3,500. with the building added. Allowing \$1,500 for the building and you have \$5,000. \$15,750 less \$5,000 equals \$10,750 for a dividend for the company in ninety days and your factory and building paid for." Four hundred bushels per acre of tomatoes at 25cts. per bushel is \$100. per acre for the farmer.

Not only would it furnish a home market for tomatoes but for peas, corn, quinces, apples, pears, peaches, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, dewberries and all kind of fruits and vegetables suitable for canning purposes.

The blackberry crop, alone of this county would be worth several thousand dollars if we had a canning factory to furnish a market for them.

A canning factory is indispensable to the success of those engaged in raising fruits and vegetables, for while they realize large profits on early shipments, after the city markets become glutted they are forced to let thousands of dollar's worth of berries, fruits and vegetables rot because they can not sell them at any price. If we had a factory this would not be the case, for when the city market became glutted the farmer could then sell to the factory at home and realize large sums of money for produce that would otherwise be wasted.

Selmer is a splendid location for a factory of this kind as it is situated in a natural fruit and vegetable section.

Who will take the lead in getting this enterprise on foot? It will be of great benefit to the farmers because it will furnish a market for thousands of dollars worth of produce that would otherwise be lost. It will be a good paying investment for those who put their money into it and it will be of incalculable benefit to the town of Selmer because a factory with a capacity of 7,000 cans daily would employ over 200 hands which would add 500 or 1,000 population to our town.

Let us hear from some of our citizens on the subject. Shall we have the factory or not? It rests with you.

MR. EDITOR.

After an absence of fourteen years I find myself back among old friends, and the scenes of former days. It seems fortunate that this visit has fallen upon one of the most fruitful years in the history of Tennessee. Fields of the finest corn, and orchards whose trees are bending beneath the abundance of fruit gladden the eye in all sections. One of the oldest inhabitants affirms that the present crop is the best that has been raised in this county for fifty-two years.

Such a great abundance of peaches has scarcely been seen before.

There is one thing the absentee will observe on his return, that is that the soil is more fertile than it was fourteen years ago. It has been shaded so long from the direct rays of the sun by the undergrowth and the dense forests of the present that it is constantly improving.

The area of land in cultivation is greatly extended, and less cotton and more corn is planted.

Pastures are very fine, and cattle fat.

The Lespedeza Striata or Japan Clover has covered all of the roadsides and old fields and is a boon to every living thing that eats grass. It has effectually driven out the sedge grass that used to look so unsightly in former years.

No wonder that the pioneers who still remain, love their homes, surrounded as they are with fruits and cereals and sheltered by the magnificent forests that are the glory of the State.

It has rejoiced me to meet, once more, those venerable land marks of the past, enjoying a green old age, surrounded by their children's children, and still able to advise them for the best. There is a light that is not on land or sea in those aged and kindly eyes. Some have lived to be four score with a stainless record. May their children follow their example and enjoy as

much of the confidence of their fellow citizens as their fathers.

The present County Seat seems to be on a boom, and is building up very fast.

The name "New South" seems to be hard to change to Selmer as we hear the former name always called on the railway trains as they pass it.

Purdy is at present a desolation. No one who remembers it as it was in the days of its prime can look upon it unmoved. It seems as if a combination of causes were in harmony with its destruction as their object.

The Purdy of the past is a beautiful memory to many of our best people; and to its former inhabitants no matter where they may have set up their household gods, there can be but one Purdy. For beauty of situation and the refinement intelligence and culture of its people in the long ago, it had no superior and few equals.

Shall we ever look on its like again?

MRS. JENNIE S. PERKINS.

MR. EDITOR:

If it was possible to transport some of the grumblers of to-day, back fifty years, to the "good old times" of our fathers, and set them down in a country such as ours was then, what long faces they would have.

Think of living in a country without railroads, without steam boats, and no steam engines to run saws, mills, thrashing machines, or anything else that is run by steam to-day. Think of the farmers cutting their crops of wheat with a scie, or reaphook. Think of him beating it out with a flail and fanning the chaff out with a sheet, for the want of something better. Think of living in a country without telegraph line, without telephones, or without any better mode of conveyance than the old clumsy stage. Think of living in a country where there are no matches to light a fire in the cook stove, and no stoves to light a fire in. Think of the farmers wife, burning over a fire of coals to prepare a meal for the hungry farmer. Think of the old dilapidated pens, called school houses, and think of the teachers worse than the houses and think of the wagon loads of Websters old blue backed spellers clogged up, or rubbed out with the fingers. Think of having no soda to go in your buisnet and no pen to write with except the quill from the wing of an old goose. Think of all this and then think of the ingratitude of the unbecoming grumblers of to-day, who sit in the shade and whine about hard times. I for one am thankful that times are as well with us as what they are. I am proud that my children did not grow up in the age of ignorance that I did. I am proud that we live in a progressive age, and that the farmer is going to succeed in spite of all opposition. In spite of tariff, trusts, combines, rings, old Hatch and Gould combined, in spite of the world, flesh and McDowell, we will get there and don't you forget it. The farmer feeds the world and is the most independent man that exists. And while the Bulls and Bears fight over the market the well posted farmer knows that supply and demand will govern prices. The trade in futures is nothing more than a wager as to the price of certain commodities at a given time, and has nothing to do with the value of the articles for sale, the Bulls trying to keep the price up while the Bears try to keep it down, and the contending forces keep it nearly on a level. This being the case, if the world makes a big crop we may expect low prices, and if a short crop we may expect better prices.

J. A. ROMINE.

THE EMPTY NEST.

There was a time, in years gone by, We ones played at my feet, while I Held one upon my knee;

The house was filled all day with noise, My floor was scattered o'er with toys, My head ached wearily.

There came a time my house was still, No mud-stained footprints on the sill, My longed-for time of rest.

My boys had climbed youth's topmost stair, My girl a maiden tall and fair, Another's home now blest.

A last year's nest hangs on the bough: 'Twas filled with singing birds, but now

It empty is and bare,

The birds and bees have come, but still

Those birds come not again to fill

With song the silent air.

I gaze upon the empty nest,

I know God's ways are always best,

But I am sad and lone;

I long so for life's vanished joys,

My wee girl and my bonny boys,—

My nestlings that have flown.

—Adella Allan, in Yankee Blade.

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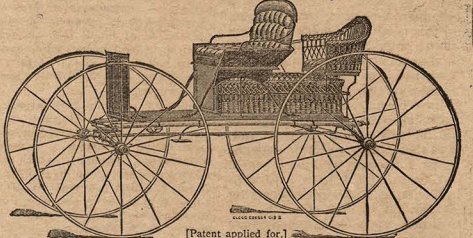
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