

Town Newspaper, Shoal Creek MO. - May 6, 1857

A SINGULAR DISCOVERY - In 1852, a few grains of wheat were discovered in the tomb of some mummies found in the south of France, supposed to have been two thousand years old. These grains of Egyptian wheat were planted and produced, to the surprise of everyone, 1200 to 1! The government took the affair and hand, and consigned the management of it to the farmers of the government farm at Rambouillet. The result has been most astonishing each year the product has been magnified in such an immense proportion over the preceding year, that the Minister of agriculture is now enabled to distribute over France a large quantity of this wheat to each of the departments gratuitously, with instructions from the government farm as to the best mode of cultivation. Add a late meeting of the Academy of sciences, the Baron de Menneville presented several stocks of this regenerated Egyptian wheat it's worth 6 feet high and for each several fine years.

MISCELLANY - A bevy of little children were telling their father what they got at their school. The eldest got grammar, geography, arithmetic &c. the next God reading, spelling, and definitions.

"And what do you get, my little soldier," said the father addressing himself to a rosy cheek the little fellow who was that moment slyly driving a tenpenny into a door panel.

"Me?-oh, I get's reading, spelling, and spanking!"

MISCELLANY - The true rule in planting potatoes is not to use a certain number of bushels on an acre, but a particular number of eyes on a piece, and pieces in a hill. Do not overstock.

NEBRASKA TERRITORY - We learned that four men were shot at Platts mouth, Nebraska territory, on Saturday evening, March 19, by the orders or hands of a vigilance committee, and that five others were banished by the same party from Nebraska, across the river, and forbidden to return to the territory under pain of death if caught. Their offense is said to have been claim - jumping.

- The immigration to Nebraska, though not so extensive as that to Kansas, is large and the country is fast filling up with an industrious and thriving population.

KANSAS TERRITORY - Since the opening of navigation the present spring, no less than fifteen thousand immigrants have passed up the river. The majority of this number have disembarked at Kansas City, while a great many others return here, making this their permanent abode. No boat has ascended the river during the present season that was not literally crowded with passengers. There are in the neighborhood of forty regular packets on the river and some of these have already made four and five trips. Kansas enterprise

Hon. Frederick P. Stanton, secretary and acting governor of Kansas, arrived at Leocompton, on the 15th inst. we find in the last Lecompton Union, his address to the people of the territory. He says that Gov. Walker will not be in the territory until the middle of May; that he will aim to have the territorial Laws enforced, and act as he believes Walker himself would, were he at Lecompton.

On Monday, the 20th day of April the land office at the capital was open for propping up pre-actions in certain townships and ranges, mentioned in advertisements published in the Herald of freedom, Lecompton Union, and Leavenworth papers. As we have before said, no claims can yet be proved up in the Shawnee reserve.

Southern Emigration has set in; Mr. Danforth, of Eufala, Alabama, whom her readers will recollect to be the gentle man mentioned in our columns frequently as active and energetic in behalf of the South has a ride with the company of 90 settlers. They are of the right stuff, being men of means in character, who will help build up the country - Westport Empire.

PARADISE AND IOWA - The Council Bluffs Bugle (it ought to be Harp) grows poetical on the approach of balmy spring:

Spring tide, in our broad spread prairie land, is a paradise - an earthly heaven - a wild, enchanting flour - garden, where the perfume of roses, lilies, and their thousand hued companions blend their fragrance to intoxicate, and their beauty captivate. The wave like hills in smiling grandeur meet the enthralled vision in the livid green whilst the slopes, Dells and Valley sparkle with the blaze of Flora's grandest inspiration, in the Grove's pour fourth a harmonious swell of the most enchanting music.
Vive la spring -- our earthly paradise.

THANKS - we tender our thanks to Major A. Lightburne, for a half bushel of Irish potatoes - the finest we have seen this spring.

INTELLECTUAL CULTURE - To the thoughtful student nothing can be more interesting and instructive than to investigate the causes which have induced and the consequences which have marked the social and political history of mankind. Here and there we find the people who without apparently premeditated concert of movement, but as if by impulse, casting aside old and timeworn systems, and inaugurating principal of government totally different from those under which they have always lived. To what are such changes to be mostly attributed? Is it to the progress of the people intellectual culture, or to the physical suffering and oppression under which they have labored? Two which causes the advancement of civil liberty more indebted?

The brew creation are swayed by appetites and (if we may so speak) by passion. But man though there are many who degrade themselves to a level with the brute creation, generally yields to the promptings of reason. To conquer him effectually you must conquer his understanding. To affect a material change in his condition, it must be done by influencing his judgment, - that which influences him.

That physical suffering tends in some measure to aid in the establishment of liberal institutions, no one will pretend to deny. But however previous the burden may be, however loudly the cries of oppression may demand it redressed, men cannot successfully unbind the fetters - no grand political revolution can be effected, and no free institutions established on a sure and permanent basis, except by the all-powerful aid of intellectual culture. The sufferings of a people may become insupportable - they made long and hope for freedom - they may rise in mass and assert their rights - every prospect may please - they may become free and happy - their joyous shouts may ring through the air - but alas! Intellectual culture, which can alone dignify and ensure the progress of human nature, is wanting. Those who but a wild sense were slaves are too much elated with their good fortune. Carried from the one extreme of absolute despotism to the other of absolute freedom, they abused their privileges, and have now apparently secured the prize, with no open enemy to contend against, they divide into factions, and from thence inevitably sink into a more abject slavery.

Intellectual culture is necessary to a people who wish for the permanency of their free institutions in that they may keep down every factious inclination, prevent civil discord, and produce union and harmony, by pointing out the respective evils and benefits flowing there from. To prevent these evils and produce the benefits intellectual culture, even in our own country is scarcely sufficient. Then to the other people the world, how necessary is it to give efficacy and ensure success to all grand political reforms made on liberal principles, that they shall be advanced in the scale of education. Without this great desideratum, how fruitless must be every effort to secure the liberties of a downtrodden people? In all political revolutions, there must be directing minds to steer the ship of state from shoals and quicksand's. That it may ride safely on the waves of civil commotion there must be a compass. That compass is intellectual culture. The multitude must not be ignorant, unwieldy creatures of passion and prejudice. They must be virtuous, intelligent, swayed by reason. Sustained by an enlightened people, free institutions may exist forever sustained by an ignorant people, they gradually sink and are swallowed up in the whirlpool of passion and prejudice.

Look at the past. The people of those ancient republics were once free and happy. Their capitals were once the seats of learning - the nurseries of poetry, oratory and philosophy - yet when the general intellectual cultural of the masses ceased to be an object of attention and interest, corruption crept into every department of society, and those mighty Commonwealth soon became the prey of ungrateful mobs who banish the savers and defenders of their country.

The aughty Mussulman now insolently treads upon the land of the Greek. And what has been the fate of the mistress of the world? "The spider weaves his web in her palace, and the house seems his watch song in her towers. Teutonic power, the miserable mental of old and once omnipotent Rome." The Greek suffers the Romans suffers, but suffer they will and suffer they must until the deliverer shall come. Let intellectual culture or make its way into these countries, and the Sultan can tremble on his throne, and the sceptere of the Roman pontiff will be dashed into pieces. The genius of liberty well in that lovely land of ancient poetry and philosophy, but 'twas an incongenial clime, it hovered over the eternal seven Hilled city - move Cromwell to strike in his country's cause, and lastly riles the fathers of '76. Unhappily for Europe, the English were unprepared from mental culture to fully develop the principles of Cromwell, which had they been firmly established, would buy their leaving influence

have spread throughout all Europe, silencing aristocratical, Royal, pretensions. But it seems to have been ordered otherwise, and the true principles of a republican government are to be first and fully tried in our own country, where the intelligence of the people, as compared with other nations, gives us some assurances that they will sustain in uphold Republicanism. Scatter broadcast, amongst the masses of our countrymen, the seeds of knowledge, and demagogues, seeking after personal aggrandizement will in vain threatened the disruption of the tiles which bind together to different parts of our union.

- Kentucky Commonwealth

WAR AMONG THE DEMOCRACY OF VIRGINIA. - The Richmond, (Va.) correspondent of the New Orleans Delta, writing on the 31st of March says:

By far the most dangerous and embarrassing issue is that involved in the question - - who shall be the next United States senator - - Wise or Hunter? The next legislator will have the decision of this question, and to secure the election of a majority favorable to one or the other is now the great effort of their respective friends, nothing can exceed the zeal manifested by both factions to accomplish their purposes. While they are cautious to avoid any exhibition of feeling which might indicate even a semblance of division in their ranks, they are nevertheless, pursuing their efforts in a private, practical way, and with admirable effect on the side of the wise. The signs of activity are most visible in the meetings to appoint delegates to the nominating conventions and in the conventions themselves. The nomination once made, party usage demands acquiescence on the part of all other competitors, so that the stage when exertion is most needed in most available, is in the preliminary.

So far as the nominations have been made, Wise has pre-eminently the advantage, the preferences of a great majority of the nominees being known to be for him. From his present popularity in Virginia, I have not the least doubt of his success. The majority of his friends being in the legislator, he will of course receive the nomination and that is tantamount to an election, the legislator being largely Democratic.

THE PREDICTED COMET. - The following extract from a private letter written last November, which we find in the National Intelligencer, not only against some facts respecting the nature of the comets, but also announces a theory respecting their electrical influence which may explain the singular weather of the present season:

The near approach of this plan to in embryo will influence our planet, perhaps the entire solar system. It will be attracted by the sun and then repelled by it; it will both attract and repel the planet of the solar system, and appeared to create disorder and confusion. But have no fears. It can neither attract nor be attracted so as to come in contact with any of the heavenly bodies. The most it can do to any of the planets (ours not accepted) will be to change the currents of their electrical envelopes! This will have a tendency to give us the warmest or coldest winter (should the comet appear soon) experienced since 1765. Should the earth's electricity be attracted or repelled to either pole, the temperate zones will enjoy an unusual degree of mildness; on the other hand should the earth's electric sheen be gathered in folds nearing the equatorial regions, then indeed may we expect the most intense cold ever experienced in this climate. In either event the disturbance of the ocean of electricity in which the solar system floats will produce extraordinary results and atmospheric temperature, wind currents, and vegetation, until the electric equilibrium shall be reestablished.

Respecting the mechanical effect of a collision with a comet, M. Babinet, of the French Institute, says:

With regard to one of the questions to which this question has given rise, I must protest against the idea that a comet possesses the power of imparting a perceptible mechanical shock. I can prove that the collision of a swallow, intent on suicide, and flying with full force against a train of a hundred carriages drawn by ten steam engines, would be a thousand times more dangerous for the train in question, than would be the simultaneous shock of the known comets against the earth.

The 'Comet' question is engaging the attention of a good many scientific men, and, in many parts of the country, is creating considerable alarm among those who are constantly looking for the end of all sublunary things. The ancient city of "Vide Poche," or "Empty Pocket," now called Carondelet, in St. Louis county, is the point it is to strike the earth, on the 16th June next, according to the calculation of "P.," a writer in the Republican. We disagree with "P.," and believe it will strike at a point due West from Vide Poche, near or in Salt Lake City. - We conclude thus

form the quantity of considerable matter and about that Citadel of fanaticism.

OUR CLIMATE. - Great complaint is made about her climate, and many persons of good sense and judgment are dissatisfied with the country in consequence of an opinion that they can find a better one. Those are saying when it rains (as they think) too much, or is too dry, when it is too cold or too hot, would be quite as much dissatisfied anywhere else. The fact that we cannot be in two countries or places at the same time, and the reason, and the only reason, why we think the weather and the climate worst where we are. We are sorry to hear some of our best citizens talk of removing to Texas, and elsewhere to find a better climate. We would say to them "better to bear the ills they have than fly to others they not know of." Upon the whole, we think Missouri a very healthy, country. A more healthy spot then Liberty cannot, we think, we found in any country under the sun.

EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE - Recently in the town of Vide Poche (or Carondelet) in St. Louis County there occurred an extraordinary marriage under the following circumstances: a few years ago a gentleman of that place left to seek his fortune in California leaving behind him a young and beautiful wife estranged to say after a year or two forgot the partner of her joys in *Vide Poche*. Finally, news came that he was dead and his widow put on the weeds of mourning and he weld his loss is a true wife. The time is a panacea for all ills, and the sorrowing widow again appeared as buoyant joyful and beautiful as before. Another saw her hand and wound in one her; a few days ago their marriage nuptials were celebrated - but strange to relate, on the very day of the marriage, and while the carriage was standing at her door, with the bridegroom in it, to convey her to the place of marriages the dead come to life in the long absent husband made his appearance having just arrived from California. Knowing nothing of the intended marriage he entered the house expecting to receive the quarter-mile greeting of his wife. He met her a tired for her marriage feast but she repulsed him with a disdainful mein, rushed to the carriage and drove away and was married pursuant to the arrangement. Her former husband stranger than all, once his wife and threatens to kick up a muss!

BEWARE OF OFFICE - when a wild animal once taste human flesh, nothing can ever after, says buffoon to dissuade him from human slaughter. When a politician once they obtains a public office, no persuasion can ever induce him to go to work at anything but a nomination for another, during the term of his natural existence. If you want to spoil good citizen for ten years secure him a berth in the customhouse. He will never be socially a well man after word send him to Congress and-year-old ruin him for life. He may carry around placards and tickets at the polls, except a subordinate situation in the police, or run errands for the doorkeeper of a political meetinghouse, but he will never have independence enough to emancipate himself from his morbid appetite for the spoils and go to work like an honest man and a Christian.

HOW MUCH TIMOTHY SEED TO AN ACRE. - It is well known fact, that if you do not sow grass seed, weeds will occupy the spare ground. It is therefore desirable to sow just as much seed as, when tilled out, will cover the entire surface. If clover is to be sown with it - as is a comment but erroneous practice, because they do not ripen together - then 12 quarts of Timothy to an acre is sufficient. If the metal is to be seated with Timothy alone, use not less than half a bushel of clean seed to an acre; Ohio farmer

IS IT SO GIRLS? - The editor of the Sealpel in the February number, in an article on the "education of American school girls", has discovered that frightful practice prevails among young ladies of eating chalk in Slate pencils, and drinking vinegar to avoid gaining flesh. "Very few persons," he adds "imagine the extent to which this suicidal per version of the national instincts will go in young women, who are under the influence of their imaginary superiors, and what they consider graceful."

The land office at the Lecompton, Kansas territory, was opened on Monday for the purpose of providing up pre-emptions.

RAILROAD CONVENTION - a convention of the friends of the West and in Canton railroad will be held in Brunswick on the first Monday in June.

MISCELLANY -The weather still continues cool. The farmers besides sowing oats are doing little more than plowing. When the weather becomes warm most of them will be prepared to plant their corn in sow their Hemp seed. The winds it is true, are "mighty chilly", and the spring "late a coming" but our

farmers are cheerful knowing the prolific nature of our soil.

SHOAL CREEK - LOCAL

TOWN MERCANTILE - Is open for business and is being run by Mr. Chris Stockton who works hard to help out our little town stay supplied and everyone is encouraged to stop by - Please be sure to see the add on front of newspaper in the advertisements section.

TOWN WOOD WORKER - We are pleased to report that our local wood Worker Randy George recently completed a contract with the U.S. Army and has supplied the Liberty Arsenal with 5 sets of Wagon Wheels and Axels. He is now seeking new work so be sure to stop by and see him. He is located right next to the Church in Shoal Creek.

TOWN BLACKSMITH - Be sure to visit our town Blacksmith, he is a good fellow and he has a lot of stock on hand and is eager to share his trade with all who might come.

TOWN NEWSPAPER - The Shoal Creek Town Newspaper is located at the Crossroads Inn and tries to serve the need of our town and educate our visitors on 19th century printing and newspapers. Always eager to help keep everyone connected to the outside world.

TOWN SHERIFF - Sherriff Roe is on the watch for those who break the Law and disturb the peace and tranquility of Shoal Creek. He has a jail and is not afraid to use it so be sure to watch out and keep things peaceful while here at Shoal Creek.

BE ON THE WATCH! - There have been recent raids by the Free Staters & Jayhawkers who come over from the Kansas Territory. Missouri being a Slave State they are trying to keep us from helping Kansas to decide if it wants to be a Slave State also. We must protect Missouri from these constant raids & bloodshed!

TOWN VISITORS - If your reading this we want to thank you for coming out to Shoal Creek 1st Saturday program this year and we hope that you have enjoyed your visit and have learned a little bit about our amazing local Missouri history. Be sure to look for 1st Saturday events here at Shoal Creek Living History Museum next year in 2017 starting in May or June.

DISCLAIMER - Parental discretion is advised for this issue of the newspaper. Please be advised that there may be some stories & adds in this issue that may be found offensive to some. This is a pre-Civil War issue of a newspaper and Missouri was a slave state. Since our little town is on the Missouri side of the border the vast majority of its inhabitants would have been pro-slavery and against the Kansas free staters. As living historians it is our job to teach history in all its splendor or even more often the ugliness of our past but never the less to teach it how it was! Please Know that these article's or add's that are included in this paper are strictly for historical purposes and in no way reflects any personal views or beliefs of any of the Volunteer reenactors or staff, of the Shoal Creek Living History Museum. This stuff is being printed strictly for educational purposes and because it needs to be shown so that we never forget!

1ST SATURDAY - YEARS BEING PORTRAYED (2017)

May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	May 6, 1857
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	June 3, 1864
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	July 1, 1867
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	August 5, 1876
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sept. 2, 1882

SHOAL CREEK HOME GUARD
There are many of this town worried with all the raids going back & forth over the border between Missouri & the Kansas Territory. If our little town was to be targeted how would we defend ourselves? Should we not organize our citizens into a company and start learning how to be soldiers? Perhaps a Weekly Drill session & a plan of action if needed to be called up. It is High time that our little town have a Home Guard of its own and be part of the regular Missouri Militia but more importantly so we can defend our homes and firesides proper like! Who can authorize such and start recruiting because we have little time before the Kansas Jayhawkers make there way here to our town. We think ole Bob Green might make a fine Captain to organize & lead our boys.

FOR SALE!
I will sell a likely negro Woman and two Boy children. The woman is 28, the old st child 3, and the youngest one year old. If not sold privately, I will offer her at public sale on the Fourth Monday in May next.
I also offer my farm for sale, three miles south of Huntsville, containing about 489 acres, a good two-story dwelling house, with five rooms, and all necessary out-houses.
For particulars apply to
J. C. SHAEFER.
April 9, 1857--tds.

