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TRUTH, LOVE AND BEAUTY.

BY HON. GEO. W. DUNN. When truth and love and beauty sway Man's thoughts and acts we deem him great.

Truth sheds a radiance on his path; Love fills his soul with perfect bliss; And beauty's wreath of flowers hath The magic of the zephyr's kiss.

Truth yields the mind a rich repast; Love soothes the yearnings of the heart; But beauty over all will cast Charms that defy the painter's art.

Our God is truth, and God is love, And God is beauty defied; Let struggling mortals look above And all their wants will be supplied,

Truth, love and beauty! Clasp them all! And weave them in the web of life And live! No storms can e'er appal The man who soars above their strife.

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1ST SATURDAY OVERVIEW: AUGUST OF 1876

Jesse James, Background - Frank & Jesse James' parents, Robert Sallee James and Zerelda Elizabeth Cole James were originally from Stamping Ground, Kentucky where the two met at a revival meeting.

In early 1850, the Reverend James was asked to serve as chaplain on a wagon train of local men headed west to California in search of gold.

Zerelda married a second time to man named Benjamin Simms, a neighboring farmer on September 10, 1852. The marriage proved to be an unhappy one.

A third marriage to Dr. Archie Reuben Samuel took place in 1855. The physician was well-to-do, docile, and allowed his wife to make the important family decisions.

In his youth, Frank was said to be a taciturn, withdrawn Bible-reading boy. He developed an interest in his late father's sizeable library, particularly the works of William Shakespeare.

In 1861, when Frank turned eighteen, any thoughts of pursuing a higher education came to an end when Missouri became rife with the conflict and violence of the Civil War.

Though Missouri voted against secession from the Union, there were a significant number of people with Confederate sympathies in the state which led to the formation of two separate governments with different allegiances.

At some point in late 1861 Frank returned home, presumably because of injury or illness. There he was arrested by a local militia of

Union supporters. He was released when he signed a statement of allegiance to the Union. But by July, 1862 he had instead joined the Missouri Partisan Ranger's of William Clark Quantrill.

Just three months after the Lawrence raid of August, 1863, a party of Union soldiers invaded the Samuel farm looking for information about the location of Quantrill's camp.

In late the spring of 1865, Jesse rode into Lexington, Missouri carrying a white flag. He was shot in the chest when he attempted to surrender by occupying Union troops.

The vicious violence of the Civil War had taken its toll upon Missouri. A total of 1,162 battles and skirmishes were fought in the state during the official years of the Civil War.

Though the James family were slave owners, they were said to have been kind to their slaves, often allowing the children to sleep in the main house.

Jesse was living in Kansas City, Missouri with his aunt in 1865, when he fell in love with his cousin, Zerelda Mimmis. Zerelda's mother was the sister of Robert James, Jesse James' father.

He was known as a very reliable young man, always dressing well, reading his bible and regularly attending church. He never swore or took the Lord's name in vain, preferring when he was angry to make up his own swear words.

With the bloody war finally over, Frank and Jesse turned to outlawry. Claiming to have been forced into a life of crime because the family had been persecuted during the war.

Jesse justified much of his actions by his hatred of the Industrial North, feeling as if he were continuing the fight through his outlaw activities.

1ST SATURDAY SKITS & SCHEDULE 10:30 skit: Location: Hughes Cabin

11:30 skit: Location: Bank, aka woodworkers cabin. The Hughes-Wasson bank at Richmond is robbed.

1:30 skit: Location: Along road north of Hughes cabin Some of the James-Pinkerton gang have a shootout with some Pinkerton men.

2:30 skit: Location: The Stribling cabin Some of the James gang are fed by a poor widow.

W. L. WATKINS. JOHN H. WATKINS. WATKINS' MILLS. OUR WOOLLEN AND QUILT MILLS, situated in the Northern corner of Clay county, and near Liberty on land a full mile of our ordered make of WOOLLEN GOODS, such as CASSIMERS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, YARNS, JEANS, & C., which we offer at greatly reduced prices, and WARRANT every yard we sell to be as represented.





CUSTER'S LAST CHARGE

By Leavitt Hust. From the New York evening Post.

In Yen ravine, with teaming life, two thousand lodges rise; The Sioux in camp, but ever rife. The war - path watch, with gun and knife Well-armed against surprise.

But now our comrades strike the trail. Hail! Small devoted band! Three hundred of the seventh, Hail! Who ever knew a charge to sell With Custer in command?

Dare Custer charged the savage lair Where duty means to die? Gives answer quick the trumpets Blare That sounds his last command in air: "In column - charge - by company!"

Whom summons this last bugle call To charge a deadly place? His brothers, kinsmen, doomed to fall, They number five, but they are all Akin to Custer's race.

Let fall the rain, the Chargers - Like tigers in a den Barred in, they fall neaths rifle crash, The following deal the deadly Gash They are but one to ten.

At Eve all lay by death enrolled In ghastly bivouac. Alone death stocked, the story told Of men no more than Spartan mold, That column of attack.

The sun sunk down deep died in blood, When low! A phantom shade Of kindred spirits With wood In battle line, to greet them, stood The deathless light brigade.

In the low salute their colors dip, As Custer moves before; Their sabers sink in veterans grip, One gleam illumines every tip Two comrades, as of your.

They wheel in rear, with pin in Lance, an escort, man for man; There champing Chargers proudly prance, Through Archer glory they advance, And Custer leads the van.

GRASSHOPPERS. - St. Paul, July 28. - The terrible devastation of grasshoppers on the northwestern, western and southwestern borders of the state has not been before alluded to in these dispatches. The damage done by those test is incalculable, but the amount of crops destroyed is so far inconsiderable, counted as a whole, although hundreds of industrious, hard-working settlers have lost their all and have nothing left to live upon. The Pioneer Press of today concludes an editorial article on the subject with saying that a great part of the region west of and including Jackson County to Eastern Dakota and South through Northwestern Iowa is covered with the devouring hosts, and our reports indicate that the entire crops of the region are being swept away and that many of the discourage settlers are temporarily leaving. We record the sad fact as a matter of news which it would be useless folly to attempt to conceal, for it might as well be understood that northwestern states have got to fight these grasshoppers to death and get rid of them at any cost or they will make a desert of the whole region west of Lake Michigan before many years.

FROM CLAYTONVILLE

Claytonville, Clay County, MO., July 31, 1876. Mister Editor - a few more notes gathered since my last report; quite a drought upon us now, corn suffering greatly upon us now.

The farmers have their wheat, oats and hay safely in stacks - a good yield of each, except oats, which was injured greatly by rust.

Mister John Weldon had a horse stolen off the Commons. There was a scalawag scene passing in the neighborhood on the evening the horse was missing, who, it is supposed, wanted a free ride and took it to himself.

Mr.J.A. Rhodus met with an accident. He was hauling grain, and in crossing a small ravine, fell with part of the load in among the horses, they becoming scared, ran, and pulling the wagon over him, breaking some of his ribs and bruising him up generally. He is recovering.

Mister Thomas Sellers sold his lot of hogs to McKee and Turner, delivered at Lawson this week. His is a fine line gets a good price. There will be lots of hogs for the full markets in this section this fall, and if prices keep up, will bring a good many greenbacks into our community.

A little sum of elder A.Pickerals while picking blackberries, got bitten by a snake on the hand. The wound was done up by Doctor Rogers, who seem to know his business, as the boy is about well.

Now as it is in order to talk about candidates, elections, &c., Washington Township has a favor for the office of County Court justice, and we think our Township is entitled to one County official at least, as we have not had any for these many years. This favorite is John W. Gill. He is as well qualified to fill that office as any other man in the county. He is a man of good sound sense, a good financial or, and understands economy, is able to make his own decisions and has the nerve to stand by them, and if placed on the bench will make us a good offer and one that the county will ever be proud of. Rough and ready

A TRUE GENTLEMAN - a gentleman is not merely a person acquainted with certain forms and etiquettes of life, easy and self-possessed in society, able to speak and act and move in the world without awkwardness, and free from habits which are vulgar and in bad taste. A gentleman is something much beyond this; that which lies at the root of his ease and refinement, and tact and power of pleasing, is the same spirit which lies at the root of every Christian virtue. It is thoughtful desire of doing in every instance to others as he would that others should do unto him. He is constantly thinking, not indeed how he may give pleasure to others for the mere sense of pleasing, but how he can show respect for others, how he may avoid hurting their feelings. When he is in society, he scrupulously ascertains the position and relation of whom he is brought into contact, that he may give to each his do honor, his proper position. He studies how he may avoid touching in conversation upon any conversation which may needlessly hurt their feelings - how he may abstain from any allusion which may call up disagreeable or offensive Association. A gentleman never alludes to, never even appears conscious of, any personal defect, bodily deformity, inferiority of talent, of rank, of reputation, in the persons in whose society he is placed. He never assumes any superiority to himself - never ridicules, never sneers, never boast, never makes a display of his own power or advantages - such as implied in ridicule, sarcasm, or abuse - as he never indulges in habits or tricks or inclinations which may be offensive to others. He feels a mere member of society that he has no right to trespass upon others to wound or annoy them. And he feels as a Christian, that they are his brothers - that as his brothers they are children like himself, of God - members like himself - of Christ - heirs like himself, of the kingdom of heaven.

WE THINK - it is very bad taste for any man to be riding our streets with two or three revolvers buckled round him. We saw such a case yesterday, and to use it was disgusting. If young men cannot come to town without having pistols buckle all round them, they had better stay at home. It reminds one so forcibly of the days of Bushwhacking and jayhawking - days that all should try and forget.

THE CATTLE MARKETS. - The bottom was cleaned out of the cattle market yesterday. Receipts were quite large, and the market was fairly active, just because there was a strong disposition on the part of the holders to sell, even if expected prices were not realized. The bulk of the receipts were butchers stuff and Texas stock of light weight. Nothing reached over \$400, though there were a few very fair native shippers such as would have realized \$425 to \$440 at the beginning of the month. It begins to be quite apparent that the scale of prices for the season is taking on a lower range, and sellers cannot hope hereafter to realize the figures they have been getting up to this time, although some of the more sanguine dealers think different. Extra shipping cattle of 1,400 to 1,500 lbs weight are still holding their own, but only for the reason that the supply is extremely scarce.

Hogs were very quiet, with light receipts and little encouragement for shippers to take hold during the extreme hot weather. - Kansas City times, 29th.

A firm faith is the best theology, a good life the best philosophy, a clear conscience the best law, honestly the best policy, intemperance the best physic

TRUE EDUCATION - the real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will ameliorate, not destroy, occupations that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

Dry buckwheat flour, if repeatedly applied, will remove entirely the worst grease spots on carpets or any other woolen cloth, and will answer as well as French chalk for grease spots on silk.

E. BALDWIN, Jeweler, LIBERTY, MO. July 9, 1875.-8w3.

KANSAS CITY EXPOSITION AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR, Will be held on SEPT. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23, WITH \$20,000.00 IN PREMIUMS... MISSOURI CITY Savings Bank. CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.

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CROQUET in over a dozen different styles ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$15.00. All full sets, in boxes, hardwood and fine finish. The best Goods in the market and at lowest prices. VEXILLO, The New Lawn Game; similar, but superior to Croquet, with infinitely more variety and interest. Six ball sets all complete \$9.00. BASE BALLS, In great variety from the most celebrated manufacturers. - Ranging in price from 25 cents to 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25 for the best professional dead ball. (Balls will be forwarded by mail to any address, post paid on receipt of retail price.) BATS Of finest selected Ash & White Wood, 36, 38 and 40 inch, at \$2.10 per dozen. Single bats 25 cents each. Any of the above will be forwarded to any address on receipt of price, and if not in every way satisfactory, they may be returned at my expense, and have the price paid refunded.

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable. HAVING bought the Brick Livery Stable, Stock and Vehicles, I am prepared to accommodate the public with good Turn-outs at all times. Prices Reasonable. Give me a call. D. WELLS. n27-tf

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THE STUDEBAKER WAGON. LUXURY ON WHEELS. "Wait for the Wagon and We'll all Take a Ride." TRUMBULL, REYNOLDS & ALLEN, 419 & 423 Walnut St. Dealers in Wagons, Agricultural Implements, Kansas City, Mo.

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