

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

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Having been suppressed for sometime the MEREURY announces that Gen. Merrill has given permission to its editors, Bean & Mason, to resume publication. Surrounded by many embarrassments, mostly federal troops, the following loyal sentiments are expressed: "To bring back to the country its once peaceful condition, to restore law and order and obedience on the part of the people to the old and dear bought government, is the principal object of our present mission, as it should be the highest aim of every citizen who prefers peace and prosperity to discord, strife and anarchy. We wish to hand down to our children the same form of government we received from our fathers, won for us by the privations, valor and blood of our ancestors." Attributing the war to politicians, the editorial continues: "And who is likely to be the gainers by this bloody strife? Look at the enactors of this fearful drama! While the hardy, honest yeomanry are doing the fighting, these political vampires are in the main out of harm's way, occupying the high and paying offices or lining their pockets out of fat army contracts. We are for concession, compromise, sacrifice, everything for the unity of the people."

depth of three inches. The apple crop is ruined by it. The tobacco crop of Monroe county is unusually large and fine, was saved from the frost, and is curing nicely. Hogs sold at \$4.50 in Cincinnati, last week.

The Kentucky campaign has practically ended. Gen. Bragg with his immense trains of captured supplies, has conducted a masterly retreat through the mountain gaps into Tennessee, leaving his cavalry to burn bridges and impede Buell's pursuit.

McClelland's army is said to be advancing on Winchester.

The Louisville Journal, commenting on the importance of sending conservative Union men to congress to battle against the fanatics, says: "In the state of Missouri we are especially gratified to see that Maj. Rollins has been a candidate for re-election. It is not too much to say that in the present congress he has no superior in eloquence and statesmanship."

The enrolled militia of St. Louis numbering 13,000 men were out on a grand dress parade last Saturday week.

In accordance with order No. 45 issued from the Adjutant's office in St. Louis, Col. Okeson announces that he will station militia at all the polls in Monroe county at the coming election. No officer or private shall interfere with any person voting, but will prevent any interference by others.

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Paper was suppressed during war.

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A portion of Col. Smart's men, which have been stationed here for some time, left this morning for Mexico.

For some weeks past Col. Okeson has been engaged in perfecting the organization of Monroe and Shelby county militia.

A young man named Thomas Gray, of Lincoln county, a member of Col. Smart's command, died Sunday evening at the residence of Newton Wilson, where he had been sick for some time, and was buried Monday with the honors of war.

The late elections in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania resulted in the triumph of Democracy. The event is regarded as a strong reaction in the North against radicalism and the President's proclamation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holtzclaw, wife of H. Holtzclaw, died on the 15th. Her death is deeply lamented by a large circle of friends. She was a worthy member of the Baptist church and died in full prospect of a glorious immortality beyond the tomb.

D. J. Garth & Co., the well known and liberal dealers, are again in the market for tobacco. James Wilson authorizes us to say that he will now conduct the dry goods business alone.

Notwithstanding that Monroe county is considered by outsiders as the strongest Rebel county in the State we understand that 1700 of our citizens have enrolled under the late order for the enrollment of the militia. We have three well organized companies, well officered and composed of a most orderly and energetic soldiery. They have done much towards bringing about that peace and order that now prevails in the county. Capt. Fields is in command of this post and is giving the best of satisfaction.

Hon. J. S. Rollins spoke to a large, respectful and attentive audience at the court house in this place last Saturday week. His speech, in the main, gave evident satisfaction. He was for the Union at all hazards, opposed to agitating the negro question until the war is ended and hence considers the President's late proclamation unwise, untimely and fraught with mischief. But in the event the question must be disposed of now, he is for emancipation with compensation for the owners and colonization.

Here it is, recognizable in its age: "Those who have promised us wood, corn and potatoes on subscription will please bring it."

At a call meeting of the Union men of Monroe county on Oct. 23d, John S. Conyers was elected Secretary and W. K. Newgent chairman. Speeches by Major Howell, John B. Allison and Dr. Fitts elicited frequent applause. Resolutions endorsing Hon. J. S. Rollins and lauding provisional Gov. Gamble as a patriot and statesman were adopted. The following county ticket was nominated: For the legislature, Dr. Geo. W. Moss; for Sheriff, E. G. B. McNutt; for county judges, Alfred Warner and Wm. Bowman; for treasurer, John W. Mounce; for Assessor, Dr. Fitts.

In a communication to the voters, Dr. Moss affirms his loyalty to the Union, stating, however, that he favors dropping the slavery question until the war was ended. It is an able and patriotic letter, such as one would expect from the grand and good man who so indelibly impressed himself upon the history of Monroe county.

Col. Wm. B. Okeson was the Union Democratic candidate, and in an address to the voters, lambasts the Republican party and enunciates good Democratic doc-

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Rebels

All is now comparatively quiet in our county and "Old Monroe" is again on her prosperous legs. Nearly all of our citizens who joined Porter's band have voluntarily surrendered.

Time and space forbid us from mentioning separately the various candidates for county offices at next Tuesday's election. It is important that the best men should be elected, and all who can consistently take the oath should attend the polls and vote.

The barn on the farm of Mrs. DeYoung in the western part of the county was destroyed by fire a few nights since, together with grain, tobacco and one mule. Loss \$1200. Supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Thanks to Maj. Howell for St. Louis papers.

Oigero Alexander announces that he has succeeded the firm of Bodine & Alexander and will have an advertisement next week.

We regret to say that our friend Marion Biggs is still confined to his room. He has been afflicted with sore eyes for some weeks, scarcely able to distinguish light from darkness. His card withdrawing from the race in this congressional district appeared in the Republican some two weeks ago.

Snow fell last Friday to the

John W. McCann is announced as an independent conservative Union candidate for county judge. Other announcements are, Eph Ashcraft and Andrew Caplinger, for constable of Jackson township and Fountain O. Sparks for Justice of the Peace of Washington township.

General order No. 2 from Maj. Houston at Macon City to Gen. Merrill at Paris says: "All the counties of Northeast Missouri have been more or less responsible for the villainies of Porter, Poindexter and their accomplices. It is therefore necessary that their friends be levied upon to pay for their mischief."

Franklin Bouillon sends word from the field that the battle of Velastino lasted 10 hours. The Turks tried repeatedly to storm the Greek positions on the right and left with artillery, but the result was that the Turks had to retreat with heavy losses. Over 1,000 Greeks were lost, including 10 officers. From the Greek camp it appeared that the Turks must have lost fully 5,000 men.

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W. H. [Signature]

*Porter
gone
to Arkansas*

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