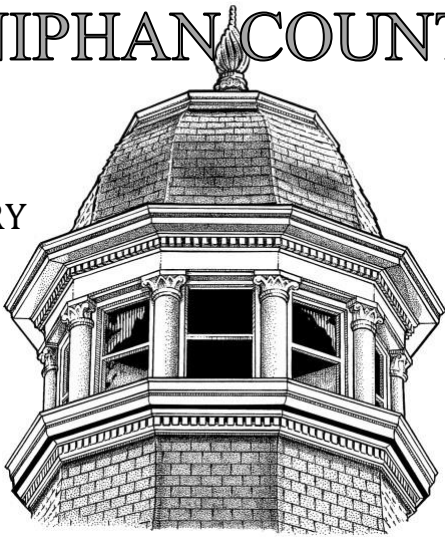


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January Meeting

Show and Tell

January 25, 6:00 pm

Highland Senior Center

102 N Kirkwood (corner of Main & Kirkwood)

Check your closets, your cabinets, your sheds and your garages. What interesting artifact do you have that you'd like to share? You are guaranteed to see something that will spark a memory from your youth, or make you think "What in the world was THAT used for?"

Join us for Show and Tell on January 25 at the Pioneer Center in Troy. Everyone is encouraged to bring one relic to present. After the Show and Tell, we will enjoy refreshments and hold a brief business meeting.



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HOW TO COME TO KANSAS

The following story was printed in the January 14, 1858 *White Cloud Kansas Chief*, editor Sol Miller.

As the emigrating season is fast approaching, we have thought it would not be amiss to give a few directions to those who wish to come to Kansas, and particularly to White Cloud, or the upper part of Kansas. We have had a little experience in that line, and speak knowingly.

We will suppose that you start from a point as far east as Cincinnati. If farther or not too far, you can add to or take from our calculation, as the case may be. From Cincinnati to St. Louis, if you are in a hurry, you can go by railroad; but we would advise you to make your arrangements so that you need not be in a hurry, and then take a steamboat for St. Louis. The fare, at all times, is ten dollars, by Railroad, between the two cities. But you are jostled and hurried along night and day, without a chance to rest or sleep, and we may also add eat; for the railroad seem to have entered into a combination with the proprietors along the line to skin people. The passengers are informed that they will have thirty minutes in which to take refreshments. They enter a house, and sit down to a right good meal; but when they have fairly commenced eating, the bell rings, and you have to scamper or be left behind. You will run against a man at the door, who will not forget to hold out his paw for fifty cents per head, for the pleasure of smelling of the victuals. If you once enter the house, you are expected to pay while leaving it, whether you sit down or not. This was our experience in Olney, a station in Illinois, on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad. To persons with their families along, this kind of travelling is disagreeable in the extreme.

The steamboat fare from Cincinnati to St. Louis, early in the Spring, and late in the Fall, is ten dollars. At other times, it is several dollars less. Upon reaching Cincinnati, do not stop at a hotel, but go direct to some good steamboat advertised for St. Louis, engage your state-room and pay your fare. You are then in for your board until you reach St. Louis, no matter, how long the time may be. You have a chance to sleep and get regular meals; and on many boats, the fare is splendid. If the boat is detained, you still get your grub, without any additional expense. If the cars are detained, you are thrown upon the mercy of skinnners, as long as you are thus situated.

Upon arriving at St. Louis, either by Railroad or Steamboat, go direct to a boat bound for the Missouri River, engage your passage, and pay your fare, as before. You will be beset by any number of runners, for steamboats, hotels, omnibuses, &c; but keep your wits about you, and do not be dragged where you do not want to go. Having engaged your passage, if the boat is not ready to start, you can look about the city,

and go to the boat for your meals. But, above all thins, let us beseech you not to stop at a St. Louis Hotel. At table, there are about three half-domesticated foreign waiters in blue round-a-bouts and kid gloves, to stand behind each person who sits down, to ask him what he'll have, and then be gone for about one hour, and return with probably a dish you never called for. When you come to settle up, you will find a pretty steep bill before you not because you had any extra good things to eat, but in order that the proprietors may afford to have the 3 waiters to stand behind you and count every mouthful you swallow. And here let us give you another solemn warning, have as little as possible to do with hotels and everything else along the Missouri River. Missouri has many clever people and good neighbor but they are awful on skinning people.

But we will return to the Steamboat at St. Louis. If you are bound for White Cloud, or any point above St. Joseph, take a boat that has a sign out for Omaha or Council Bluffs. They will pass all landings above St. Joseph. The fare, in Spring and Fall, is 820 from St. Louis to White Cloud, and about 818 in the interim. So that your fare, from Cincinnati to White Cloud, will be about 830. If you patronize the skinnners, it will be double that amount

But we beseech you, if you do go to St. Louis by railroad, do not venture farther in like manner. Do not be deluded into going to Jefferson City by Railroad, in order to take the Lightning Line of steamers. In the first place, the Lightning Line is a humbug. When you reach Jefferson City, the boat that is to leave there may have been detained on the river, and is not yet in; or, as is generally the case, may be out of repair. They will not take you onboard until they ready to start, for then they would have to board you. But you will be tormented by a swarm of freckle-faced pox-marked runners from the hotels, urging you to stop at their respective houses. You will be compelled to go to some hotel, where you will be skinned for a day or two. In order to get to any of the hotels, you must clamber up an indefinite number of hills. One singular peculiarity we noticed in Jefferson City was that no matter where you want to go, you must climb a hill to get there and if you want to return by the same road, you must climb a hill to go back. The State House would make a formidable castle, on account of the difficulty to access it by an enemy. The Legislature more than earn their salary by walking to and from it!

The Lightning Line Packets only run as far as Weston. Here you are invited to take a 'bus for the St. George Hotel, by a man with a plate in front of his cap, upon which is the name of his hotel, in gilt letters. You conclude to take the 'bus, but have to walk up a bluff about a quarter of a mile to reach it. Then you feel like riding. You enter the trap, and ride about three yards,

when you are at the St. George Hotel. As you alight, a chap duns you for "two bits." There is no telling how soon a boat will be along, to take you up higher. But as long as you remain in Weston, you are skinned without mercy. If you want to be going on, you can engage a conveyance at a livery stable to take you to St. Joseph; but you will have to do so at the expense of a tremendous skinning; so that, if you stay or go, you are skinned.

You travel over muddy, hilly roads, in some places dangerous, and reach St. Joseph in the middle of the night. But here you are still in a predicament no telling when a boat will be along. You can remain here, and wait for one, if you can stand a little skinning; or you can get a conveyance to take you farther along; but you will have to suffer the loss of a good part of your skin. Every person, big and little, old and young, white and black seems to be laboring under a monomania for skinning somebody. Persons, therefore, wishing to emigrate to these parts, and not having any skin to spare, will do well by attending to the foregoing directions.

MERCHANT'S CELEBRATED GARGLING OIL FOR MAN & BEAST

This ad was found in the January 14, 1858 edition of the *White Cloud Kansas Chief*. Note that the gargling oil could be purchased in White Cloud and Iowa Point. The ad reads:

Merchant's Celebrated Gargling Oil for Man and Beast

Has been before the public more than 20 years, and is deservedly popular in the cure of: Spavins [bony growth within the lower hock joint of horse or cattle], Sweeney [atrophy or "wasting away" of the muscles that are located in the shoulder area of a horse], Ringbone [degenerative disease of the pastern and coffin joints of a horse], Windfalls [fluid swellings behind the fetlock in horses], Pole Evil [inflammatory condition of horses], Callous, Cracked Heels, Gall of all kinds, Fresh Wounds, Sprains, bruises, Fistula [fistula is an abnormal connection between two body parts, such as an organ or blood vessel and another structure], Sitfast [a callosity with inflamed edges formed on a horse's back by the chafing of the saddle], Sand Cracks [fracture of the hoof wall], Strains, Lameness, foundered Feet, Scratches or Grease, Mange, Foot Hot in Sheep, Garget [inflammation of the udders] in Cows, Rheumatism, Bites of Animals, Painful Nervous Affections, Frost Bites, Boil, Corns, Whitlows [painful infection of the finger caused by the herpes virus.], Burns and Scalds, Chillblains [itchy, swollen and painful

lumps or patches on your skin that form after exposure to cold], Chapped Hands, Cramps, Contractions of the Muscles, Swellings, Weakness of the Joints, Caked Breasts [localized hardening in one or more segments of a lactating breast], sore nipples, Piles, &c.

Pamphlets gratuitously furnished by agents, with testimonials of its utility.

All orders addressed to the Proprietors, M.B. Treats Co, Lockport, N.Y.

Caution – Let the Purchaser observe that the name "G. W. Merchant" in his own handwriting, is over the cork, also blown in the glass of the bottle. None other can be genuine.

For sale by Druggists and Merchants generally, through the United States, British Possessions, and other Countries.

And by Shreve & Macy, White Cloud.

Reed & Sturges, Iowa Point.

Peter, Frazer & Co., Oregon, Mo.

Jones & Co., Mound City, Mo.

Merchant's Gargling Oil Co. of Lockport, New York, was founded by Dr. George W. Merchant, a druggist and chemist, in 1833. The first incarnation of Dr. Merchant's Gargling Oil was a liniment intended to cure almost any illness that could befall a domestic animal. Merchant initially sold his medicine to drivers of horses and mules alongside the Erie Canal, who apparently needed frequent doses to soothe their animal's aches and pains.

Unfortunately, Dr. Merchant's health began to suffer. He sold his share of Dr. Merchant's Gargling Oil to a three-member corporation composed of Tucker, B. L. Delano, and Henry Walbridge.

Dr. Merchant's Gargling Oil thrived under the marketing expertise of Tucker. He seemed to be far ahead of his time in terms of promotion and marketing. One scheme involved sending a dozen bottles of Dr. Merchant's Gargling Oil in a satin-lined oak box to the Sultan of Turkey. The Sultan never acknowledged the gift, but American newspapers picked up on it, and

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sales of gargling oil shot up. Tucker also developed the marketing slogan "Good for Man and Beast!"

Over time, different specialized products were developed for animals and humans. The product for beasts was packaged in a yellow wrapper, and the human variety used white packaging. In recognition of the special status of the Sultan of Turkey, the gargling oil for animals had a drawing of an Arabian Stallion having his legs massaged by a turbaned groomsman. The oil for human application had a picture of a man and wife and a table with liniment bottles upon it.

The product lasted almost 100 years, going out of business in 1928 when the factory burned down.

OFFICER AND BOARD ELECTIONS

At the January meeting we will elect a new vice-president and board member - we will take nominations and then vote. If there is someone you would like to nominate, check with them to make sure they are willing, and you can put their name forward. Using proper parliamentary procedure, the nomination would need a second and then we can vote. Open positions are board member and vice president since the rest of the officers/board members have agreed to continue.

2024 MEETINGS

Meetings are always held the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00. Board members are in the planning stage for 2024 so watch your newsletter for more info. Plan to be at the February meeting on February 22.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JAN 13, 2024

NOV 26 BALANCE \$38,108.92

INCOME:

Dues	190.00
Donation	615.00
Soup Supper	122.00
Nov. Interest	6.07
Dec. Interest	6.30
Christmas dinner*	315.00

Income total: \$1,254.37

EXPENDITURES:

Allison Ryan (Soup Supper entertainment)	50.00
Todd Miller (reimburse for internet)	35.00
Marvin Smith (reimburse fire extinguisher)	55.95
Star 36 Christmas Dinner*	540.00
John's Market Soup Supper supplies	60.10

Expenditures total: \$741.05

JAN 13 BALANCE \$ 38,622.24

*The payment for the Christmas dinner doesn't match the income for it because of the gratuity and a few people not being able to attend.

CD #7175	\$6,935.77
CD #6519 (for Save Our Liberty Project)	\$7,736

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All Memberships are \$10.00. This is a: ☐ Renewal Membership ☐ New Membership

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