

A. Lowe became treasurer. The association owns twenty-six acres of land in the edge of Shawneetown. It has held fifteen annual fairs, which have been largely attended by the farmers of the county, and have resulted in advancing all the various interests of the farming community; better stock, better farm machinery, improved methods of agriculture and superior results as to variety and value of farm products, are noticeable on every hand.

BENCH AND BAR.

The common pleas court of Gallatin County held its first session in January, 1813, but the records commence in March of that year, and are as follows:

“Pursuant to an act of the territorial Legislature passed at their last session, held at Kaskaskia on the 12th of November, in the year 1812, ‘regulating the time for holding the courts of common pleas in the several counties of said Territory and for other purposes,’ the commission of his Excellency Ninian Edwards, governor of our said Territory, having been produced to Leonard White and Gabriel Greathouse, gentlemen, judges of our said court of common pleas for the county of Gallatin, by Joseph M. Street as clerk of said court of common pleas for the county of Gallatin in the Illinois Territory, and he having qualified as said clerk and entered into the office bound with sufficient security, is duly constituted the clerk of said court, and on the 21st of March, 1813, being the fourth Monday in said month and the day appointed by the before recited act for holding the court of common pleas for the county of Gallatin aforesaid, the sheriff and clerk met at the house of Joseph M. Street in Shawanoe Town in the said county of Gallatin, and a sufficient number of judges not attending to constitute the court, the sheriff adjourned the same until to-morrow; and now on the 22d of March, 1813, a sufficient number of judges not attending, court is adjourned until to-morrow; and now on the 23d of

March, 1813, a sufficient number of judges not attending, court is adjourned until court in course."

This court met according to adjournment, May 24, 1813, at the house of Gabriel Greathouse in Shawanoe Town. "Present, the Honorable John C. Slocumb and Gabriel Greathouse, gentlemen." On this day it was ordered by the court that the proceedings, had at a court of common pleas for this county, "on the fourth Monday in January last," and "on the 15th day of February, 1813, for a special purpose," present the above named judges, be entered of record as the proceedings of said court during the absence of Joseph M. Street, the clerk.

At the January term of this court above referred to, the proceedings, as disclosed by the records, consisted simply of the appointment of Benjamin R. Smith and Cornelius Lafferty overseers of the poor for one year; and on February 15 the "special purpose" for which the court convened was that of the appointment of Samuel Omelvaney commissioner to take a list of the taxable property in the county of Gallatin, and he was required to give an "office bond" for the faithful performance of his duties.

On this same day the court, all of the judges being present, "Hon. J. C. Slocumb, Gabriel Greathouse and Leonard White, gentlemen," it was ordered that the following order of court of common pleas for the county of Randolph, in the Illinois Territory, made at the August term of said court in the year 1812, be renewed, and that Lewis Barker be entered in said order as one of the viewers instead of Col. Phillip Trammel. (Gallatin County Court of Common Pleas, May term, 1813, May 24.)

On the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Rock and Cave Township, praying for the establishment of a road from Barker's ferry at the Rock and Cave on the Ohio River, the nearest and best way to intersect the road from Kaskaskia to the United States Saline Springs at Francis Jourdan's; also for the establish-

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