

The "Burg" of Locust.

Westward the star of Empire takes its way, has long been a proverb, and it can be applied to this "burg" by reason of improvements being made on west prong of Locust. Of course a "burg" is not incorporated, and this "burg" in particular, has made no appeals to an overworked, over frolicked Legislature for a charter to make a big or little town, but it plods along in the even "tenor of its way." The "burg" proper is about a mile from the Ohio river, and is bounded by the farms of John H. Mosgrove, the farm of the Mosgrove heirs, the lands of Hon. H. S. Wright, the domain of Ex Squire Falls, and the lands of Allen Robinson and Davis Wright. The lots owned by Mrs. Jane Taylor and Mr. Reed we regard as a part of the "burg." The "burg" geographically speaking, is situated in a basin, surrounded by rockribbed, fertile tobacco growing hills. Almost any man, drummer, stock or dealer in real estate can easily find the place. A man in search of the "burg" starting from Carrollton or Milton has only to travel the river road, inquire for the farm of Otis and John Bates and from those affable gentlemen he will learn the straight road to "Locust burg." Our shipping points, on the river, are at landings known to pilots as Capt. Humphrey's Armstrong's and Kidwell's. It has been demonstrated that a man going to foreign lands from this place has fared "worsen" and returned to make a little fortune in Burley tobacco.

Hunters Bottom, adjoining us down on the Ohio river is probably the wealthiest part of the county. We need a turnpike to the river and then we will all be "settin'."

THE STORE.

The central feature of the "burg" is the store now in the hands of the Conway boys. Few people in Carrollton, Milton, or surrounding towns, have an idea of the magnitude of the business done by this store. What is now known as the 1st part of the store was formerly occupied by Hundley, Metzler and Ginn. James G. Mosgrove & Co., built an addition to said land in front thereof built a first class store room 30 feet long, 32 feet wide and 20 feet high with a half story above. After a successful business career James G. Mosgrove of the firm of Jas. G. Mosgrove & Co. died. About one year ago the store with adjoining grounds and appurtenances, was bought by John M. & W. Harvey Conway. It is needless to attempt to trace their success in the store. We will merely state what they are doing at this writing, and also give description of the interior of the store. Well, when you enter the front door you will meet the handsome and affable clerk, Ben F. Chatham, the senior partner John M. Conway, who will be pleasant, and call attention to the goods for sale; last but not least, physical structure excepted, you may strike W. Harvey Conway who is really the man at the helm. Harvey had, before he came here considerable experience as a merchant having kept store in Lagrange and at Oldham's Landing. John and Harvey have fitted up their store in nice style, artistically speaking, and substantially, have a first class "lay out." The store is "chuck full" in lower and upper stories. In the lower story you will find in the four beautiful show cases all the "notions" you want. On the same floor you find dry goods, groceries, millinery goods, Ben Chatham, John and Harvey Conway, and some other people and miscellaneous things. The said clerk, or proprietors, or either of them, will now walk up stairs and show to you and sell to you "cheap clothing" of which the firm has a large and select stock. Boots and shoes, hats and caps and notions ad infinitum are up stairs. Now let us trip down stairs again and look at the girls spring hats, calicoes, dress goods &c., that Mr. Harvey Conway selected and bought in Cincinnati for the ladies hereabouts. Well, we have looked at the said goods, and have watched adies buying them and heard their remarks. They all buy, and we have heard several "cynosure" young ladies say that they were disappointed in Harvey. They had overlooked the fact that he had "good taste." John and Harvey Conway who run this store, have ample capital; they buy in Cincinnati generally, and pay cash; consequently they can sell goods very cheap. We notice they sell at Madison prices, less hauling from the river. The boys do a big produce business, and we cannot stop to enumerate the eggs and other produce shipped by them almost daily. 350 dozen has been the average the last two months. To sum up: The Conway boys have money, and "money to spare." They are a success as farmers and as storekeepers. They have a good clerk to show and sell their miscellaneous stock of goods. It is an elegant store, full of goods, which are sold at "living rates" and everybody made happy. We would like for some of our Metropolitan friends to come and look through the Conway boys store. We doubt whether Col. Billy Smith, of Carrollton, has a better store, or "does a better trade." Well, we are getting a little off. Lets get into the other part of the "burg." Going Westward from the store we strike the steam grist mill run by Driskell & Spillman. Next, on same creek is Davis Wright's water mill, and the nearly completed blacksmith and wagon shop of Uncle Jimmy Martin and "wagon maker" Bill Taylor. "Fernence" the aforesaid structure is the blacksmith shop of Richard Pittman. This article is getting too long. We will write up the remainder of the "burg" at some future time.