

There has been a great deal of sickness hereabouts of late, especially severe cases of mumps, which, nine times out of ten, laid the victims up for a week or two.

Adolph Hilleman has been down with an ailment in his right leg for three months and his doctor says it will take four or five months to cure him.

Despite the cry of "Hard times" our people seem to prosper reasonably well. New buildings are going up here this spring. Wm. Ulsman built a fine two-story house last spring and this spring he is building a 52 x 32 feet frame barn, 20 ½ feet high. Adams Sanders is also building a frame barn, 54 x 22 and 18 feet high. Henry Held's barn, 60 x 30 x 16 is ready for the roof. Andy Ulsman is digging a cellar for a new frame house. Fritz Held has built a new house. John Roth has put an addition to his fine brick house and Peter Compas has the material on the spot for a new house. Times are hard, no doubt, but our people are of a kind that can't be kept down.

Our schools keep pace with this prosperity. Miss Ann Albrecht's school, known as the Head school, closes next Friday, after a very successful term and a daily attendance of from 25 to 50.

Framing is set back for at least two weeks.

ECONOMY.

— No use waiting for legislation to cure beneficial ills, you have a remedy at your own doors. This is how it works. If you want say shoes that will wear well, fit well and cost little, go to Tenkhoff, at Commerce, and get the Tennant-Stribbling make. There's relief to feet and purse. See?

— Anderson Bros., at Commerce, have just opened a large stock of new Spring Goods, and are in the market to win. See them and save money.

— First-class baled Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. **SUSAN GAITHER, COMME, MO.**

— Parties in need of stock peas can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros., Commerce, the next few days at a favorable price, as they are in need of warehouse room.

— Married, Sunday, March 24, 1894, by 'Squire Cannon, Miss Clara Hardison to Allen P. Brown.

— **SECRET** service officials have discovered new counterfeits in circulation. One is a two-dollar treasury note and the other a one-dollar silver certificate.

THERE is a new game which should find favor with hostesses. All the young lady participants in it produce photographs of themselves when babies, or at any rate, when of very tender age. These are arranged for inspection, and the young men are ushered in one by one to guess who are the originals. The one successful in guessing the most wins the game and receives the prize.

FROM THE BENTON NEWSBOY dated April 7, 1894:

From New York Settlement.

I have a proposition to make worthy of the consideration of the county court. I is that said court shall, upon petition, redistrict and county as follows:

1st. To detach Commerce township from District 1 and attach it to District 2.

2nd. To detach Morley township from District 2 and attach it to District 1.

My reasons for the change are these: 1st, it will divide the county more in a square and compact shape, 2nd, it puts it in such a shape that a District Judge can more readily know the wants of the people whom he represents. 3rd, it puts the hills all in one District and the level land in another.

Now, while this is true, it is also true that the demands for a hill country are different from those of a level country. If the court should make the change, then one judge represent nearly all the level