

**BOARD MEETING
October 13, 1873
Court House**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg met this Monday morning October 13, 1873 at the Court House on call of the Mayor.

Present Mayor Pinner, Aldermen DeBerry, McAllister, Sampson and Doyle and Marshall Nichols.

The Marshal announced to the Board that urgent business would call him away from town for several days.

Thereupon in view of the fact that the Great International Circus will probably be here tomorrow and there will be a great concourse of people assembled here on that occasion – and in view of the fact that Marchal Nichols will be absent – It is therefore ordererd by the Board that John M. Pierce be and he is hereby appointed Marshal assuming the absence of the Marshal John M. Nichols – and the following special policemen are hereby appointed to assist him in keeping order within said Town assuming the absence of said Nichols, to wit: John T. Fields, Jr., James Armstrong, Eor Talley, Jo F. Roberts, M. H. Nichols, B.B. Watkins and M. T. Brackin – and it is further ordered that they have and are hereby clothed with all the powers and authority of Marshal and policemen aforesaid.

Thereupon the said J. M. Pierce was duly sworn by the Mayor – and he directed to swear the policemen herein appointed.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

J. C. Pinner, Mayor

Attest: W. C. Doyle, Recorder