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### BIG BOY FROM RELFE

(Rolla Herald, Mar. 10th, 1892, written by W. A. Freeman and carrying a Feb. 11th Licking dateline)—I often see in the "Republic" a statement about big boys. L. L. Freeman, living at Relfe, is 21 years old. He weighs 280 pounds. He is 6 feet 3 inches in his stocking feet; breast measure, 45 inches; waist measure, 12 (sic) inches; has been raised on a farm, but is now in the mercantile business; is good-natured and a solid Democrat.

Editors note: A 12-inch waistline is hard to stomach! The "Rolla New Era's" Feb. 27th account probably correctly stated Freeman's waist measurement was 44 inches. Otherwise, he surely had severe problems finding jeans that were more than a "skosh" smaller around the middle!

### BURIED WITH HIS DEMIJOHN

(Rolla Herald, July 14th, 1892)—The "New York Sun" reproduces the following, which first appeared several years ago in the "Tribune". The truth of the statement is well established:

In 1882 John Wilson went from Ireland to Missouri and took up his abode in a big cave in Miller county about forty miles south of Jefferson City. When John Wilson died he was buried in a smaller cave close by, with "a demijohn of the best liquor to be had" at his side. This smaller cave, on the Big Tavern creek, has never been opened, the local historian says, since John and his liquid treasure were sealed up in it.



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