

Chariton Courier.

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Call for Township Primary. Notice is hereby given that a Democratic primary election will be held in Keytesville township, at Keytesville, on

Saturday, March 7, 1891, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic ticket for the various offices, viz: One trustee, one collector, one clerk and ex-officio assessor, one constable and two justices of the peace.

Candidates going into the primary will be required to pay their assessments to the undersigned committee by Thursday, March 5, 1891. No candidate's name will be counted unless his assessment is paid on or before March 5th.

J. J. MOORE, Committeeman for Keytesville Tp.

The oyster is often in the soup, but that does not lessen the aesthetic and epicure's appreciation of the little animal.

MASKED robbers robbed a stage between Chihuahua and Minos Altos, Mexico, the other day, of \$6,000 in silver bullion.

Soon after preaching on "Is Life Worth Living," the Rev. Fanning, of Minneapolis, dropped dead of apoplexy Sunday.

Five hundred members of the New Orleans Watch club mourn the departure of the manager and \$10,000 of their money.

TREASURER GILLESPIE, of Boone county, has effected a final settlement with the county court and the county will not lose a cent.

THERE are hints that Hon. Wilbur F. Tuttle, speaker of the Missouri house of representatives, would like to become congressman from the Sixth district.

THE Missouri general assembly has appointed a committee of three to confer with similar committees from neighboring states on the interest question.

H. MARTIN WILLIAMS is lecturing on the single tax theory in Missouri. Williams is getting ready to grab a root in case there should be a political upheaval in this state.

THE Republican senators who opposed the force bill will live, long after the adherents of this liberty-destroying measure are dead and stinking in their political graves.

THE cause of and responsibility for the accident at the Mammoth, Pa., coal mine, by which more than a hundred miners were killed, is being investigated by a legislative committee.

FIRE at Little Rock, Ark., Saturday night, in the building of the Union Compress company, resulted in a loss of \$185,000 in building, cotton and machinery; fully covered by insurance.

S. R. IWIN, president of the Kentucky Farmers' Alliance, has been deposited and succeeded by Thomas Garden for warning farmers to keep away from the Growers' tobacco warehouse at Louisville.

A LAW passed by the Missouri legislature making the legal rate of interest six per cent. in this state would be a measure directly in the interests of every poor money borrower, and such a law ought to be passed.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WM. F. WINDOM dropped dead from heart disease last Thursday night, just as he finished a speech at a banquet given by the New York Board of Trade. He was by far the best man in Harrison's cabinet.

REV. MR. MITCHELL was convicted of forgery at Fort Worth, Texas, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. It's dollars to dimes that the "reverend" gentleman was a carpet-bagger in grand old Democratic Texas.

OF course the state will have to be restricted under the new apportionment bill which gives Missouri an additional congressman. But it would be great sport to elect the representative at large and see how many hundred candidates would jump into the race.

THE St. Joseph Herald says if Ingalls will move to St. Joseph the Herald will put him at the head of the Republican party in Missouri. That would be great jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. There are still more Republicans in Kansas than there are in Missouri.

AN English writer claims that the Garden of Eden is located in Central Africa. We presume we have as much right to an opinion on the subject as an Englishman. In our opinion the Garden of Eden is located somewhere in Missouri, U. S. A., but we have not yet been able to locate the front gate.

UNKNOWN armed white men at Carbon Hill coal mines, near Birmingham, Ala., shot down nine negro miners Friday night for taking the places of striking white miners.

IF our present legislature downs the school book monopoly, and passes a law whereby cheaper text-books can be furnished the school children of Missouri, regulates the charges of express companies, passes a good road law and reduces the legal rate of interest to six per cent. it will have done a good work whether it accomplishes anything else or not.

THE latest trust is that of the canned fruit trust in California. Of course it is well sealed, and the consumers of California canned fruits will have the advance in prices, which the trust will bring about, to pay. Fortunately California fruits are a luxury and not a necessity, and the masses will not suffer by the canned fruit trust as much as they will from many other combines.

SENATOR CAMERON was burned in effigy at Allegheny City, Pa., for his opposition to the force bill. Those who participated in the disgraceful affair should be burned in reality. In opposing the force bill Senator Cameron helped to thwart the passage of the most villainous and tyrannical measures that was ever entertained by an American congress. All honor to Senator Cameron and his Republican colleagues who voted with the Democrats to shelve the iniquitous force bill.

OLD SENATOR HOAR, the meanest man in the United States, was anxious for a test vote on the force bill after it had been shelved, but his wishes have not yet been realized and the indications are that old Hoar will be more narrow-minded and more hoary than he is now before his wishes in this regard are realized. The force bill is a dead duck, and old Hoar in advocating the measure has disgraced the state that sent him to the senate, and has proven himself a putrid protuberance upon the face of free America's soil. If he could have his way the bayonet and not brains would rule the elections of this country. Away with and down on such men as Hoar and his bloody shirt colleagues.

Our Columbia Letter.

DEAR COURIER:—In speaking of the funds of agricultural college in a former letter I neglected to state that the School of Mines, at Rolla, is supported in the main out of this fund. While the subject of appropriations was being discussed in the lower house of the Thirty-fifth general assembly, some of the members were very parsimonious in their views and votes. The member from Chariton, Capt. Wm. Heryford, made a very commendable speech favoring a liberal appropriation to the Rolla school. He classed this as his school, that is, in his judgment it was the school for whose maintenance the state should make the most liberal provision, and cited the fact of Missouri's vast deposit of minerals of different kinds, made it imperative that her sons should be taught the art of mining and how to assay metals. This sort of a speech from the member representing the rich soil of Chariton, of course, "called down" that portion of the house that was of his way of thinking.

I will drop the financial feature of the agricultural college for the present and devote the remainder of this letter to a recital of some of the experimental work done on the farm in the feeding of stock, raising of grains, grasses, etc. The results as far as they have been obtained, have been made known through "bulletins" published and distributed among the people.

These will show that under "scientific farming" a very large yield of grain has been obtained. Different kinds of seeds and grasses have been tested, with the view of determining which are best adapted to our soil and climate. In the horticultural department there have been many experiments with fruits and vegetables, and information in regard thereto has been given to the people, and from which profit may be derived if appreciated and studied.

On all these lines experiments are costly as compared with "straight" work on the farm. Not only so, but in order to be really valuable they must be continued for a number of years, as conditions vary with seasons and soils, of which we have a great variety in this country. Every conceivable method of cultivating corn has been tried on the farm for the past two years: Deep breaking, shallow breaking and no breaking at all have been tried; also deep and shallow plowing. Then there has been deep cultivation, shallow cultivation and no cultivation at all, just pulling or cutting off the weeds. My faith, when a boy, was pretty firmly established in the truth of the couplet of which Benjamin Franklin was supposed to be the author: "Plow deep while slugs are asleep, And you'll have corn to sell and keep."

Results of experiments here have somewhat shaken my early faith, or at least have convinced me that the author of the sentiment either made a mistake or had reference to the deep breaking of the ground rather than the subsequent planting and cultivation of the corn.

Some of the corn plats in the experimental field here that never had a plow in them after they were planted did about as well as any in the way of corn product, while the shallow culture, as a rule, made the larger yield.

I notice similar reports are made from other states' experimental stations. One of the most interesting and tedious experiments ever conducted with cattle is being consummated at the Missouri agricultural college station just now. Two years ago twenty calves, varying from eight to ten months old, were selected from five different breeds of cattle, with the view of determining which was the best and most profitable feeder. The Short-Horns, Polled Angus, Herefords, Red Angus and the old-fashioned scrubs were represented in the experiment. At first each calf was fed an equal ration; later on each calf was fed as much as he would eat. For the purpose of conducting this experiment breeders of several different kinds of cattle donated the calves. Supposing no "throughbred" scrubs could be found in this part of the country, an agent was sent to the southwest part of the state, where three good types of that breed were secured and fed with those of "nobler" birth. The experiment was to have ended with the fat stock show at Chicago last fall, whither the calves were all to be taken, weighed, sold and butchered, and notes compared as to gain, quality of meat, etc.

Nearly all the agricultural colleges of the United States were represented at the fat stock show aforesaid, by their chief agricultural men, who saw the Missouri cattle and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the experiment, but urged that it be extended further, so as to embrace the analysis of the meat, blood, etc. At the urgent solicitation of agriculturalists and cattle feeders, who met at Chicago, Dr. Porter, the dean of the Missouri agricultural station, consented to return ten of the experimental cattle to the farm, butcher them and have all the analysis made by Dr. Suetzer, professor of chemistry at the university. Under this arrangement a "grade" Short-Horn was butchered last week. The steer weighed 1,633 pounds just before being butchered. His halves netted 1,040 pounds. Including the weight of hide and tallow, he netted 72 per cent of gross weight, which is regarded as an excellent yield.

The meat is all contracted to one of the Columbia butchers. He takes one side whole and the other side is dissected before leaving the slaughter-house, the bones all removed, and such portions of the flesh as is to be used for analysis selected, amounting to twenty-five or thirty pounds.

If you Keytesvillians could have a chance at this agricultural college farm beef I am sure you would for once fail to complain of tough meat. So far all that has been sampled is as tender as the meat of a spring chicken.

One of the cattle will be killed each week till all are disposed of. A. C. V.

Marriage Licenses.

Douglas Hollowell and Miss Margaret Ann Wright; Perry Ward and Miss Pauline Nichols; L. T. Jackson and Miss Eva Butler; William Holman and Miss Anna L. Riddett; C. H. Stoner and Miss Fannie Kenton; J. W. Smith and Miss Minnie Kohnte; J. Q. Muckey and Miss Rosa Bradford; James Sportsman and Mrs Fannie E. Whitmore; Frederick Kemper and Miss Minnie Fruse.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville post-office February 1st, 1891: Mr J C Averies, Lucinda C Brotton, Mrs Annie M Beviest, Mrs J L Chambers, James H Falbs, John Francis, Mr Garter, D Hollowell, Mrs Mary Little, Fred Meek, Miss Mary B Miller, Alice Stevenson. When calling for the above please say advertised.

W. C. GASTON, Postmaster.

County Court Proceedings.

(REGULAR TERM.) February 2, 1891. All the officers present. Ordered that hereafter no sale of swamp lands belonging to Chariton county will be made by this court unless the party or parties offering to buy such swamp lands shall pay one-fifth of the purchase money therefor in cash, and also file bond for deferred payments on such lands during the term of court at which such party or parties propose to buy such lands. No ne 34-55 17, swamp lands, sold to J H White at \$1 25 per acre. Ordered that mortgage of Mathias Smith be released as to sw 7, and sw se 7, and ne 18, all in 55-18, upon the payment of \$1,000 and the consent of said Smith's sureties.

Ordered that mortgage of W H Neighbors on sw 31-55-18 to the county school fund for \$6,644 be foreclosed.

Action of the clerk in vacation in granting dramshop license to A L Clarkson & Co., Triplett, and A Dickson, Cunningham, be and the same is hereby ratified, and it is further ordered that the terms of the license of said parties be extended to the 4th day of July, next, upon the payment of all tax due by said dramshop keepers.

James Winkler, a dramshop keeper at Dalton, refunded the sum of \$88.33, license money paid by said Winkler, on account of his being compelled to abandon the business, he not being able to secure a room in which to conduct his business.

Robert Ewing adjudged of unsound mind and ordered conveyed to the St. Joseph insane asylum.

A L Wires, county bridge commissioner, presents his report that the bridge across Hickory branch, near Padgett, and the bridge across Palmer's creek, near the center of section 21 53-19, have been completed according to the terms of the contract and recommending the payment of the contract price to J P Lucas, contractor.

Bonds to school fund approved as follows: W W Hancock for \$800. T J Littler for \$600. John H Cupp for \$275. F M Yeatch for \$350.

Following accounts allowed: Robert Morgan, \$34.10, coal for jail.

W O Ballew, \$59.68, assessing Triplett township for 1891.

M T Davenport, \$50, services as superintendent of poor farm for January, 1891.

J T Coleman, \$18, services as laborer at poor farm for January, 1891.

M E Davenport, \$15.25, making clothing for paupers at poor farm.

F K Venable, \$8, pork for poor farm.

W G Agee & Bro, \$15.45, supplies to poor farm.

J P Lucas, \$161, building bridge across Hickory branch, and \$328, building bridge across Palmer's creek.

O B Anderson, \$91.75, conveying Robert Ewing to St. Joseph asylum and paying said Ewing's board at said asylum for six months.

February 3, 1891. Collector of Brunswick township ordered to credit the taxes of Mrs C Stroemer with the sum of \$8.38, on account of erroneous assessment of her real estate for the year 1890, and that she be given credit on her taxes for that amount for the year 1891.

Nw 1 and sw 1, swamp lands, ordered sold to J H White at \$1.25 an acre.

Collector of Triplett township ordered to credit the taxes of Mrs M E Shipp, as guardian of her minor heirs, with the sum of \$14.40 on account of error in assessment of personal property for that year.

Ordered that \$75 be set aside to the use of school district 1 55 17 out of the school funds for 1891, on account of error in distribution of 1890.

Warrant ordered to issue for the sum of \$200 payable to the order of Mendon township, to be applied toward paying for the right of way for the new road on section line between sections 11 and 14-55-20. An appropriation of \$200 also made to build a new bridge over Salt creek along the line of said road.

Bonds to school fund approved as follows: V Kanngesser for \$400. P M Heaton for \$400.

Allowances as follows: H W Wayland, \$1.50, repairing county pile driver.

J D Hignight, \$12, postage and school supplies.

Appropriation of \$300 ordered to make repairs to bridge across Yellow creek on road leading from Triplett to Cunningham. A L Wires, deputy county bridge commissioner, to superintendent said repairs, and it is further ordered that said commissioner survey the site for bridge across Locust branch, northeast of Sumner.

Following swamp lands ne 5-54-17 ordered sold to J W Shoe for \$1.25 an acre at one fifth cash and bond to be filed for balance of purchase money by next term of court.

J A Egan, \$8.50 services as former circuit clerk.

SALISBURY DEPARTMENT.

BY A. W. JOHNSON. Mr. Johnson is authorized to receive and accept for Subscriptions, and any Advertisements handed to him will receive our prompt attention. A part of the public school library has been received. An engine room is being built at the rear of the P-S office. Salisbury is to have a new hardware store on Second street. The meeting at the Baptist church continues with large attendance. Burley tobacco is selling here at from \$3.50 to \$4.25 per hundred. Geo. W. Schneider and A. Emmerick are in Kirksville on business. C. H. Vandiver was over Monday and J. M. Collins on Friday before. Water sells here at 15c per barrel delivered, and is hard water at that. Many improvements in the neighborhood of the Catholic school will be made in the spring.

Eld. J. W. Caldwell is holding a meeting at Salem, south of Huntsville.

H. N. Rugg, of the Windsor Times, is making an extended visit here.

Prof. Jones, of the white public school, visited his family the first of the week.

On Monday morning the 15 year-old son of Sam Croff cut his leg severely with an ax.

The people of Prairie Hill and vicinity are scourged with a virulent form of sore throat.

The engine of a freight train was derailed while switching at the depot, by running over a chunk.

A 12-year-old daughter of R. J. Hurt, six miles north of here, died after a short illness last Saturday.

Rev. E. J. Adams, a student from Marshall, will preach for the church at Bethany, four miles north of Keytesville, in the future.

Married—At the residence of Mrs. Summers, by Rev. M. L. Gray, on Tuesday last, James Sportsman to Mrs. Fannie E. Whitmore.

Luther Jackson, the barber, was married last Sunday to Miss Eva Butler, at the residence of the groom's father, Rev. R. A. Williams officiating.

A sad death occurred at the Academy Tuesday morning, that of Miss Louisa Fennell, daughter of Louis Fennell, of near Mt. Airy, Mo. She was attending school and was only sick a short time. This is the first death to occur among the students. Funeral services from the Baptist church Wednesday, conducted by Revs. Hurley and Pitts.

C. W. Bradley, of Keytesville, was tried before Justice Newbold Tuesday on a charge of practicing and selling medicines without proper authority. He was found guilty and fined \$57 and costs. He tried to furnish bond for an appeal but failed to do so, on the day of trial, and was sent to jail to work it out. Ellington for the state, Bell for the defense. The defendant offered no testimony and submitted the case on that offered by the state.

Thomas Nelson, after visiting his brother, William, and family, of Garden City, Cass county, Mo., and who resides in Lebanon, Ind., arrived here last Saturday, and will rusticate among his rural friends for several weeks before returning home.

The January report of our public school reads as follows: No. of pupils enrolled 47. Males 26, females 21. Total No. of days attended by all pupils 760. Average number attending each day 39. Average No. of days attended by each 17. No. of days taught 20. Those who belong to the graded department have merited the following grades.

STUDIES, GRADES. Sallie Stevenson.....3.....100

Ettie Morgan.....3.....100

Annie Neighbors.....3.....97

Laura Neighbors.....3.....97

Myrtle McCampbell.....5.....95

Bessie Stevenson.....5.....95

Maggie Wheeler.....3.....91

Lena Wren.....7.....99

Ella Ashley.....6.....92

Fountain Sanderson.....3.....100

John Wren.....5.....98

Charley Ashley.....3.....95

Orville McCampbell.....4.....97

Samuel Wren.....5.....97

David Hershey.....8.....99

John Martin.....7.....99

Charley Wren.....8.....99

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Richard Stevenson.....7.....100

Harry Hershey.....7.....100

T. J. SHANDS, Teacher.

J. M. HERSHEY, Clerk. DOWNJUNIOR.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all banking corporations, associations and individual bankers of Chariton county, Missouri, on the first day of the March, 1891, term of the county court of Chariton county, said court will receive sealed proposals from all such incorporations, associations, or individual bankers that may desire to be elected as the depository of the funds said county.

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Witness my hand and the seal of said court hereto affixed, at office at Keytesville, this 31 day of February, A. D. 1891.

R. D. EDWARDS, County Clerk.

ROTHVILLE and Vicinity. We have been having bad weather for the past week.

Wm. McCampbell is visiting his parents at Glasgow. The young folks enjoyed a social at Mr. Buck's a few nights ago.

Miss Mary Manlove returned home Wednesday from an extended visit to Des Moines, Iowa. Messrs. Thornback and Crane, of Shelby county, shipped seven car loads of cattle from here last Saturday.

Messrs. John Hustin and Rector Beswick made a flying trip to Chicago last week. They took in the city and I believe they decided that it is somewhat larger than Rothville. The Ladies' Aid society, of Siloam Chapel, will give an entertainment Saturday night, Feb. 7th, for the purpose of raising enough money to buy an organ.

We have had beyond a doubt one of the most pleasant and remarkable January's known to the history of "poor old Missouri."

Miss Carrie Willett, of Keytesville, visited her uncle, Joe Martin, and other relatives and friends near the View all of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney Riley, of Westville, visited W. T. Stevenson and family last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Riley is a sister of Mr. Stevenson.

Miss Bettie McCampbell, one of the View's most excellent students, visited her aunt, Mrs. O. B. Anderson, in Keytesville, last Wednesday and Thursday.

To avoid further disturbances by a band of intruders and night prowlers, the View singing circle will have their exercises in the afternoon instead of night.

Your proof reader or devil made us say last week that Miss Alice Culbertson, the sweet singer of Cottrell, was visiting in De Witt, instead of Alva as it should be.

Miss Edie Bushnell entertained quite a number of her schoolmates and friends at her home near Centenary chapel, last Sunday, in honor of her 10th anniversary.

J. F. Swens, of Kansas City, and who has been in very poor health during the last two years, is expected to arrive here this week to spend a few weeks with relatives.

John Bushnell sold fifty head of fine hogs to Archie Carter last week. Archie shipped them to St. Louis on Thursday. He paid \$3.05 per hundred and they averaged 240 pounds.

Miss Ella McCampbell spent last Sunday with her lady friends, Misses Susie and Katie Hawkins, of the Allen school-house neighborhood. Her brother, Orville, accompanied her to see the young ladies also.

Messrs. J. L. Eidson and A. W. McCampbell shipped a car of cattle and one of hogs to Kansas City last Wednesday. Mr. McCampbell went up with them and visited his brother-in-law, James F. Givens, whom we reported some time ago as being dangerously afflicted.

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CUTTING TIME!

Though our Fall and Winter Trade has been exceptionally good, and we are not found

AMONG THE MOURNERS!

Yet we have a few goods

WE MUST SELL!

And the sooner

THEY ARE SOLD!

The better we shall feel.

We Must Have the Room!

They occupy

FOR SPRING GOODS

Which will begin to come in within the next Thirty or Forty Days.

THIS SPECIAL SALE!

Embraces our Stocks of

CLOAKS,

OVERCOATS,

HEAVY CLOTHING!

HEAVY BOOTS,

And all Winter Goods. To all of which

we shall put