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GEN. JOHN M. PALMER, United States senator-elect from Illinois, has agreed to assist in the Democratic campaign in Iowa. His work will tell.

COL. THOS. W. CREWS, one of the leading lawyers of this state, died at the Mullophy hospital, in St. Louis one day last week. The deceased was at one time a resident of Glasgow, and began the practice of law at Marshall, and served with distinction in the Confederate army during the war.

The importations of Texas sheep, into Audrain county, has been entirely successful and has proven to be a profitable investment. The result has been an increased crop of wool this year that exceeds the most sanguine expectations of those engaged in the enterprise. Sheep raising in that county is a success, and our farmers would do well to imitate the example.

MR. HENRY KOEBS, of Audrain county, has applied to the government for a license to make sugar from sorghum. His factory is on his farm, south of Laddonia, and he will be permitted to begin work after the first of next month. He will make 10,000 or 20,000 pounds this season. He will have twenty acres of cane that his neighbors will furnish besides what he will raise himself.

SENATOR B. F. CALDWELL, of Illinois, one of the immortal 101 Democratic members of the legislature of that state, who stood so gallantly by Gen. Palmer last winter for U. S. senator, was in Audrain county last week looking after some lands he has in that county. He still wears the gold badge presented to him by the Democrats of Springfield at the close of the memorable contest.

SAM'L WOOD, one of the early pioneers of Kansas and a prominent leader in the alliance movement last fall, was shot and instantly killed at Hugoton, Stephens county, on Tuesday of last week. The deceased was also the leader of the Woodside party in the memorable county-seat war between that town and Hugoton. The shooting grew out of this feud. Wood was shot down by one Brennan, one of the Hugoton party.

THE CHARITON COURIER kills the tin plate industry dead, slaughters Major McKinley, and knocks the tariff into a cocked hat, all in a seven line paragraph. The COURIER is a bright Democratic journal, but it ought not to dispose of such big jobs with so much haste. At this pace there will be absolutely nothing left for the Democratic press to do in a short time.—Brookfield Gazette.

Brother Martin seems to lament the dispatch with which we do business in the COURIER office. Why, my dear brother, that is the secret of our success. The disposition to hustle distinguishes the COURIER from the many other newspapers in Missouri.

GROVER CLEVELAND has been at the club again, not in New York, however, but away down among the Yankees at Providence, Rhode Island, the guest of the commercial club of that city. He was called upon to make an after-dinner speech, and right valiantly he responded, not in a partisan spirit, but in the language of a patriot. The subject of his remarks was: "The lack of interest manifested by business men in the politics of the country." He handled the subject well, and, as usual, did not open his mouth without saying something worth hearing.

The fact that Republican organs are endorsing Mr. Springer, of Illinois, for the speakership of the Fifty-second congress, will not at all increase that gentleman's chances of being elected to that high position. "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" the Republican party is notorious, and if Republican organs really want to see Mr. Springer elected speaker they should cease to boom him for the place; otherwise he will not be "in it" when the time to elect a speaker arrives. Whoever the next speaker may be he will be a Democrat, and being a Democrat, it will be impossible for him to be as mean a man as Tom Reed, the ill-mannered, partisan bigot who presided over the Fifty-first congress.

The Brunswick objects to the prominence given by the Democratic party of such men as H. Martin Williams. Mr. Rader says that ever since the war the Democrats have been led by moral, upright men, and that the state convention of 525 delegates which convened at St. Joseph in June, 1890, was this kind of men. Mr. Rader was one of the delegates to this convention, but the press tickets which fell inadvertently into his hands were not given to his newspaper brethren of Chariton county, as they ought to have been, but were dealt out to other parties. This action on the part of Mr. Rader may have been "moral and upright" but we fail to see it in that light. We shall always think that there was one "stinker" at least at the St. Joseph convention last June.

As the investigation of the Keytesville bank crookedness progresses many a Republican rascal is made to tremble in his boots. Sunday-school

John Wanamaker is being placed in no enviable light in connection with the Keystone bank steal. He hardly gets through explaining one little circumstance before another demands his attention. A few days ago he was called upon by the investigating committee to explain why he had caused his certificates of stock, in the now defunct bank, to be put in the name of one of his clerks. This, pious John has so far failed to explain. Neither has his explanations of charges of other crookedness against him as a party to the Keystone bank theft been either explicit or satisfactory. Senator Quay is largely held responsible for the failure and enormous steal of nearly \$2,000,000 by this bank. With such a stench in their nostrils it is no wonder that the decent Republicans of Pennsylvania are clamoring for reform.

State Lecturer Williams' Speech. In accordance with previous announcement State Lecturer Geo. W. Williams, of the Farmers' and Laborers' union, delivered a lecture at the court-house, in Keytesville, last Friday.

Mr. Williams is a plain, unassuming man and wears the ordinary garb of an everyday farmer. He is a forcible speaker, and his heart is evidently in the work in which he is engaged, viz: Endeavoring to lift the farmer from his present down-trodden condition and serfdom, due largely to trusts and combines.

Mr. Williams said that notwithstanding the claim of over-production that there had been no over-production and proved it by official figures. He showed from 1880 to 1889 that a falling off in the production of wheat in the United States had brought a corresponding decrease in price, and that this had also been the case with other farm products.

Mr. Williams regards the trusts and combines and centralization of wealth in the United States as the greatest curse with which the American farmer has to contend to-day, and says that it is through such heartless tricksters that the farmer is not allowed the privilege of controlling prices on what he either has to buy or sell.

The speaker denounced the national banking system and regards it as one of the leading evils of the day.

Mr. Williams is strenuously opposed to the robber tariff, and, we believe, is for free trade pure and simple.

He admonished the farmer to hold fast to the principles of the F. & L. U. of "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Nothing was said in regard to a third party movement and it is presumed that Mr. Williams is not a disciple of the late political infant, the People's party.

On the whole the speech espoused good Democratic doctrine and was therefore well worth listening to.

About Tin Plates.

Since tin plate is being made in large quantities in this country and extensive plants are being built for the still greater production thereof, "the poor-man's dinner-pail" argument of the free-traders has lost its force. The attempt to make the McKinley tariff law odious to the working-man has fallen still-born.—Carrollton Record.

Yes, and if Bro. Chalfant would read the COURIER he would learn that the tin-plate plants he talks about are exploded humbugs, and that McKinley is a dead cock in the pit, and that his tariff will soon be deadlier than he is.—CHARITON COURIER.

Oh, no, Bros. Vandiver & Collins, you are mistaken; first, because we do read the COURIER and think it a very good paper; and second, because the tin-plate plants we have been talking about are veritable facts, and after July 1, when the new tariff on tin plate goes into effect, will be making vast quantities of that article and selling it to the American people much cheaper than they have heretofore bought it of England; and third, because McKinley is not a dead cock in the pit, but the liveliest gubernatorial candidate Ohio has had for many a weary year, and will be elected this fall over his Democratic competitor by at least 50,000 majority. Have you any money that says he will not? If so, how much?—Carrollton Record.

We thank you, Bro. Chalfant, for your appreciation of the COURIER, but extend our sympathies to you because of your delusion over the tin plate plants of the United States being such a good thing for this country.

Tin plate plants in America, protected by the McKinley tariff, will doubtless be a paying investment to owners of these plants should they ever be operated on an extended scale, but investigation of such American plants shows that they are at present a farce and are run on a dipping-hoop scale, largely consisting in dipping low grade imported tin plate in solder and selling it for a higher grade.

For instance, the Great American Tin Plate Works of Messrs. N. & G. Taylor & Co., of Philadelphia, consists of a force of an old man, one boy, a few pounds of solder, one or two dipping pans, and a wooden rug. Not a sheet of American tin plate can be bought at their establishment. The same is largely true of other American tin plate works of the Philadelphia humbug.

The imports of tin plate to America for the first three months of 1891 amounted to 157,474,505 pounds; for the first three months of 1891, 218,721,037 pounds, an increase of 161,246,533 pounds. Under the McKinley law tin plate is taxed 4 cts a pound, and with such enormous imports it can readily be

figured what the cost is to the consumer.

Of course Bro. Chalfant's claim is that the tin plate feature of the McKinley bill will result in the development of an American industry. Could such a thing be accomplished in the tin plate line it would be a good thing for the American manufacturer of tin plate, but not one dollar's benefit would accrue to the masses. It would be another instance of robbing the people for the benefit of the manufacturer.

With such a wall of protection thrown around it the American manufacturer of tin plate would be enabled to charge a higher price for his output than he could get for the same commodity in Canada, Old Mexico, or other countries, as is now the case with American farm machinery.

As to McKinley's being a "dead cock in the pit," if he is not he ought to be. The Ohio Campbell, we predict, will get such a hump on himself in the gubernatorial race of that state that Major McKinley will not be able to see over him into the governor's mansion.

But then Ohio is a Republican state and if McKinley don't carry it the major may well pass in his political checks.

We won't bet, however, with you, Bro. Chalfant, as no Republican editor in Missouri has any money to lose, especially since the Waterloo of last November. Besides, we don't bet.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Marriage Licenses.

W. T. Pipes and Miss Jessie Shipp; Frank Perry and Miss Maud Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Swain, who left Keytesville a year ago last March, for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Mr. Swain had accepted a position as book-keeper for a firm at that place, have returned to Keytesville and will probably again locate here. Since they moved to Sioux Falls their marriage has been blessed by the advent of twin sons who were a year old Tuesday. Both are fine-looking boys, and tip the beam at 19 1/2 pounds each. They call one Olive and the other Alvie.

Mrs. Ella Davis, living a few miles southwest of Kirksville, Adair county, went to the school-house in the neighborhood one day last week, and threw a brick-bat through the window while school was in session. The teacher went to Kirksville the next day and swore out a warrant for her arrest. When the constable went after her she got a revolver and stood him off, but he finally secured assistance and made the arrest, and she was taken to Kirksville and in default of bail was lodged in jail. The woman "had her back up" at the pedagogues for chastising one of her children.

Len Lough, a 15-year-old boy working for R. W. Ramsey, of Vernon county, Missouri, left home on Wednesday of last week, taking with him a span of good horses, a wagon and harness, a cultivator and the 14-year-old son of Mr. Ramsey. He was not missed for several hours, and when his absence was finally discovered it was but a short time before a hundred men were in search of him. He was last heard of some 15 miles from the neighborhood going in a southwest direction. It is feared that he killed the child, as it was not reported as being with him at last accounts.

Stephen Trice, a farmer of Platt county, was buncoed out of \$3,500 last Friday by four men, two of whom represented that they wanted to buy a tract of land adjoining Mr. Trice's premises, but stated they could not buy it, and wanted Trice to buy it for them, offering to pay him well for his services. The two, in company with Trice, started to Plattburg where the unsuspecting farmer drove \$3,500 out of the bank to buy the land for the "gentlemen." On their way back to Trice's home the party were met by two other men when the four strangers proceeded to rob Trice for his "roll." The sharpers escaped.

A. J. Coy, of Missouri township, was in town Saturday and informed us that he cut his wheat crop of sixty-one acres this season in a little over three days. Mr. Coy says he never saw heavier wheat straw grow than in his field this year, but that he thinks his crop will not average more than fifteen bushels an acre owing to the ravages of the "root louse," which prevented the top and bottom meshes from filling and shriveled the grains more or less in the middle portion of the head. This is the most discouraging account of the wheat yield we have heard of in the county this year. Henry Saep, of Bowling Green, reports his wheat crop as being exceptionally fine this year.

State Lecturer Geo. W. Williams, of the F. & L. U., delivered a small lecture at the court-house last Friday afternoon. The attendance, however, was small, owing to the farmers being so busily engaged in their wheat harvest. President P. T. Smith thought best to hold the annual county meeting of the order last Friday, and issued a call to that effect. But owing to the question arising as to whether the call was in accordance with the by-laws of the order the annual meeting was postponed until the date first agreed upon—Tuesday, July 7th. So that the time the regular annual meeting will be held, officers elected for the ensuing year and other business transacted.

Mrs. Geo. M. Wilson brought suit against E. B. Welch in "Squire Wheeler's" court Monday on a debt amounting to \$110. A jury was empaneled to try the case, but before it was submitted to the jury a non-suit was taken by plaintiff's attorney, Judge O. F. Smith. Suit was brought to recover a debt of \$110 due the estate of Geo. M. Wilson by E. B. Welch, as shown on the books turned over to Mrs. Wilson, as administratrix of her late husband's estate. The books were not considered by law as competent evidence, hence plaintiff's attorney took a non-suit. Mr. Welch claims to have paid Mr. Wilson the debt before his death. Capt. J. C. Wallace represented Mr. Welch at the trial.

The Triplet Times reached us two days late last week. A compositor on the Times had some differences over an advertisement, the "comp." claiming that \$19 was due him while the editor claimed to owe him but \$9. A quarrel ensued, Mr. Graves threatened to have the type arrested and started out of the office for that purpose, when the printer, now red hot, proceeded to "put" the forms and two cases of type. Order was made out of chaos by hard work, and the Times appeared, two days late and somewhat ruffled in temper, but as interesting as usual. Brother Graves has had enough experience in the newspaper business to know when the printer, now red hot, is as well as other employees. But whether he was paid off or not the Times devil was unconsciously fired. His name was J. J. Lewis.

Salisbury Scribblings.

BY A. W. JOHNSON.

Items are like her's teeth this week. Spread eagle orators are in demand at Prairie Hill on the 4th of July. The people of the Hill know how to get up a good picnic and

the eagle liberator will be well treated. Nosh Anderson and Rufus Burris have been granted pensions of \$8 per month. Rev. Jackson, of Columbia, spoke to our people on the streets Monday night on the saloon question. He is a good talker and a pleasant gentleman. C. P. Vandiver and A. W. Nickerson took in the show here Monday night. Some of our people will go on an excursion to St. Paul next week. Rev. C. J. Holt concluded his lectures here Monday night and left for home. Farmers are busy cutting wheat and do not come to town, except on urgent business which gives our streets a Sunday appearance. Our city council will consider the subject of electric lights at its next meeting. A thorough search of the saloons brought to light more of the property taken from the dwelling of Peter Picot, Sunday before last. The writer and Logan Henderson went to Jacksonville, Mo., last Friday night, returning Sunday. The academy "war" continues in spite of the hot weather, but as "paper wars" are used, no serious damage is likely to follow. The electric light committee visited Norborne last Thursday night to inspect the workings of the plant there. Garden truck is getting in reach of the reportorial pocket-book now, and we occasionally get a bean meal.

Westville Waifs.

BY CORA.

Wheat harvest is in full blast. The refreshing shower on Friday last caused the corn and garden to look fresher. Farmers are very busy in their corn and wheat fields. Most every farmer seems to think they can not wait on their neighbor's machine to cut their grain, as some have done in the past, but purchase a new one for themselves. Ike Couch shipped a car load of hogs to Chicago on Tuesday of last week. Messrs. Ollie Green and C. P. Floyd closed a successful term of school last Friday. Jim Fox will teach the ensuing term at the White Oak district. Miss Annie Callahan at the Maupin, Miss Grace McLaughlin at the Wilson, C. P. Floyd at Westville, Miss Talle Gatum at the Pariah, Geo. Porter at the Oldham, Maulee Phillips at the Hays, Miss Paulina Ray at the Robinson and Prentiss Ray at the Bills district. Miss Ollie Wolfe closed a successful term of school at the Holloway district, and is now attending the Chillicothe normal review school. Miss Minnie Knott has a position in the Brookfield public school for this winter. Miss Anna McLaughlin is employed to teach the grammar grade in the Marveline public school this coming fall and winter. Willie Abner and Dan McLaughlin have returned from school, the former from Fulton and the latter from the Warrensburg state normal.

Lagonda Locals.

BY ABDALLAH.

Honey dew dripping off the leaves. Harvesting in full blast. Wheat is excellent and Missouri can show up in the wheat crop to a better advantage than any state in the union, and we will have a corn crop this fall, in spite of so much wet weather, that will astonish the natives. Meadows are very heavy. As for visitors, they are scarce, for everybody is busy making corn of their crop but occasionally we see Web Nance, D. B. Patterson and others up from Salisbury and Keytesville. The New Cambria school closed Friday with a general round up by the dramatic club of that place at the city hall. We will keep you posted about the dedication of the First Presbyterian church at this place, and we wish to see Keytesville well represented. Our new church is a fine one, not built for show, but one that the most humble Christian can come to and worship there and in our motto, in large letters, painted in an arch over the pulpit, reads: "Peace be within Thy Walls," and if we can escape the war of creeds that is raging now we think we will prosper and grow in numbers. Henry Purvell visited your correspondent Saturday.

C. Boehm, our enterprising merchant, is doing a booming business. You should come up and see us when we dedicate the new church. We have engaged Rev. Jones, of Parkville college, to preach for us this summer. He is a bright young man and all are well pleased with him. Now, Mr. Editor, we are discussing a subject of great importance here, and in our next communication we will present the subject to you for your opinion. So look out, for it may hit our old Democratic and Whig parties of the past, and if you condemn any of the old issues, just send us your card to that effect. We warn you it will be a stunner. E. N. Evans, of New Cambria, has got all the way to Galveston, Tex., for a wife. Miss Ida Howard will teach the Lagonda school the next term. D. W. Tainter has just returned from Kansas City, and brought his little nephew, a son of W. Tainter, a revenue officer of Kansas City, home with him. We think D. W. goes to Kansas City too often and will soon follow the example of E. N. Evans. We will soon be full of news, but we are all at work now.

Brunswick Bevettes.

Prosecuting Attorney Graham, of Carrollton, was in town Monday. T. G. Digges spent Monday in Glasgow. Miss Florence Vaughn returned to her home in Carrollton Monday afternoon. She was accompanied by Miss Jean Knappensberger. The sterner, "St. Elmo" was cheered by a party of young ladies and gentlemen Sunday, who spent a very pleasant day in Saline county on the banks of the "Big Muddy." Edward Strub and Oswald Metzger, students of St. Francis Solomon's college, at Quincy, Ill., returned home Thursday to spend vacation. Mrs. J. H. Stephens, of Kansas City, is visiting friends here. Wm. Peery, an old Brunswick boy, accompanied by his wife and children, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Griffin. Will has been in bad health for the last two years and we hope he may be benefited by his visit here. Miss Alice Wagner is in Brookfield visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Gary. Sheriff B. B. Anderson was in the city Wednesday of last week. The supper in the Christian church yard on Wednesday night of last week was a success both financially and socially. It was given by the Masonic fraternity, of this place, for the benefit of the Masonic orphan's home at St. Louis. About \$60 was realized. A. F. Tooley was in town Monday. Wm. Albeda, living near town, was bitten on the hand on Wednesday of last week by a large rattlesnake. "Ejip's Bill" went home, cut open a chicken and placed it over the wound; he then sent to a neighbor's and got a pint and a half of whiskey which he drank, thereby saving his life. The snake was killed and found to have nine rattles and a button. We had quite a heavy rain here Sunday night which kept the farmers out of their harvest fields for half a day. Corn was needing rain though, so no harm was done. The rain only extended a few miles north of here. Meredith Spencer, of Fayette, arrived in the city Monday evening. The Missouri and Grand rivers are rising very rapidly. Part of the low land south of town is now submerged and the prospects are that the whole bar will be inundated. We hear from a reliable source that the gubernatorial fee is being in the "bonnet" of one of our citizens, who is of the Bridgman persuasion, and a member of the G. A. R. Some people carry their "gall sack" with them. Walter Edwards, of Keytesville, is visiting relatives here. We understand a remonstrance against the issuance of saloon license is being circulated here. Of course it is the privilege of any man to sign or not sign a petition, but when people allow themselves to be come duped and play "sneakers" to further the aims and allow the individual, who we understand, is at the bottom of the move here, to vent his personal spite against a few dram shop keepers, who are better men than he, is it time to call a halt. Gentlemen, some of you played "sneaker" once before. Don't do it again.

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