ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our terms for announcing Township officers are $3, cash in advance.

COLLECTOR.

We are authorized to announce
MILTON L. FINNELL
as a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Collector, of Keytesville township.

We are authorized to announce
W. T. CURRAN
as a candidate for re-election to the office o Clerk and Assessor, of Keytesville township.

We are authorized to announce
A. S. TAYLOR
as a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Trustee, of Keytesville township.

We are authorized to announce
F. M. VEATCH
as a candidate for the office of Township Constable and Collector, of Keytesville township.

WE are entirely willing that the divorce cases, in Chariton county, should be tried at Salisbury, and will lend a helping hand in establishing an exclusive divorce court, at that place, if our Salisbury friends wish it.

"SHALL we court or 'uncourt?'" is the burning question that is still agitating the minds of Salisbury people. Representative Williams should hasten to relieve the suspense of his "subjects" by "getting action" on that court bill at the earliest possible moment.

THE Brunswick *News*, the only Republican newspaper in Chariton county, has suspended publication for want of patronage. The *News* will be missed in journalistic circles, as Charles Luster, its editor and proprietor, is one of the most brilliant paragraphers in the state. That a Republican newspaper, in charge of such an able and versatile writer in a county of 2,500 Republican voters, should fail for want of prtronage, is a shame and disgrace to that party.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT U. S. HALL, was in Chillicothe Monday and settled the post-office fight in that city. He decided in favor of Sherman M. Smith, a Farmers' alliance aspirant, as the proper man for Chillicothe's postmaster. Mr. Hall is deeply indebted to the alliance for his success in his tilt with Col. Mansur for congress, and it is but right that he should pay, as far as possible, the debt of gratitude he owes its members by throwing to them whatever official positions he can control, although in doing so he must needs ignore the "politicians" of the district who were also classed as Mr. Hall's followers.

A BILL amending the school textbook law by inserting a clause requiring a history of Missouri to be taught in the public schools, which was pending in the lower branch of legislature, was knocked off the calendar a few days ago by the ignorance of one man. Mr. Davis, the chairman of the committee on education, to which the bill was referred, asserted in the committee room, while the bill was under consideration, that there was not a creditable, condensed and truthful history of Missouri in existence. On Mr. Davis' statement the committee refused to report the bill to the house. Now Mr. Davis must be a very ignorant man or he certainly would have known that Perry S. Rader, editor of the *Brunswicker*, had recently written and published a very reliable history of Missouri. Mr. Davis is entirely too ignorant to be a states man.

THE editor of the *Brunswicker* did a very brave (?) act in the last issue of that paper by sitting down on the coffin and mutilating the corpse of the late Brunswick *News*. Perry didn't get his back up until after the funeral procession had formed in line, and by the time the obsequies were over he was madder than a March hare or a male cow that had suddenly viewed a red flag, and his rantings were decidedly disgusting to disinterested individuals. If the *News* is not too dead it should crawl out of its shroud long enough to administer a badly needed spanking to the editor of its former "esteemed contemporary over the way," who has been so unmindful of his knightly honor as to stab the corpse of (to the *Brunswicker*) an unwept, unhonored and unsung competitor. Shame on such journalism! Mr. Rader's too subsequent outburst of intense hatred and bitter aspersions of the dead *News* will accomplish far more toward resurrecting and fanning into active existence the plant of that paper, either under the old or a new management, than if the pessimistic Perry had attended the interment of his late contemporary and led the funeral dirge.

THE Salisbury *Democrat* denies that it accused the COURIER or *Signal* of "smuggling" cases on the circuit court docket. Let's see. The caption of the article in the *Democrat* read: "The CHARITON COURIER and the Keytesville *Signal*," and in that article the *Democrat* intimated (the most cowardly form of stating) that there were a number of state cases that the COURIER and *Signal* had not accounted for, besides the increase in the docket had not been considered, the *Democrat* said. In dealing with the court question the COURIER has quoted the docket just as it existed. We have not indulged in speculation, but have confined ourself to facts. Had the *Democrat* done as much there would have been no occasion for any court controversy, for had it consulted the docket it would have found there were but ten cases east of the Chariton river at the last October term of circuit court, and that one of them was a suit on note, the other a "hog case," and the remaining eight all divorce suits. With such a showing as this, had the *Democrat* possessed the manhood that its editor ought to possess, and had it advocated that exalted standard of right that every well-balanced, sensible, honest, high-minded editor ought to advocate, that paper would have washed its hands of the court muddle right at the start, and would not now be a dog-in-the-manger instead of a man standing up for truth and right and the interests of the tax-payers. We pity "Dr." Oldham in his unenviable predicament, but cannot help him. He must extricate himself from the mire into which his own folly has plunged him. "Tell the truth" next time, doctor, and you will keep out of the mud, be cleaner, feel better, live longer and die happier.

The Lord will then bless and bind you,
And put you where attorneys can't find you
If you would protect the people's rights,
Put not your trust in legal lights,
Who, without regard for good or ill,
Are always glad to turn the mill;
Although a case's won by a squeeze,
The lawyer's sure to get his fees.
Now "Dr." Oldham you can bet,
Was surely caught in a lawyer's net.
Just how it was he cannot tell,
But this the doctor knows full well;
The lawyers said, 'twould boom his paper,
If for more courts he'd cut a caper.
So the doctor set up a yell,
And for more courts is raising ——.
The lawyers smile, but know the facts
The people will have to pay the tax.
But Oldham serves them as a tool,
And makes himself an awful ——.

THE *Brunswicker* drew on its resourceful imagination last week to the extent of stating that the contest for more terms of circuit court in this county had largely turned out to be a fight between Salisbury and Keytesville, and thinks the two towns ought to be left to fight it out. The question of more courts is one in which every citizen of the county is interested, and since the Williams court bill has made its appearance the people of the county generally are taking a more active part in opposition to additional terms of court than ever before, and Mr. Rader is very unmanly in trying to make the people believe that the court controversy has narrowed down to a fight between Salisbury and Keytesville. But Perry is much given to going off half cocked without considering or seemingly even caring where his rashness will land him.

N. B. Utt, formerly in the hardware business, at Sumner, being one of the firm of Jones & Utt, left the first of this week for a prospecting tour to Oklahoma. It will be remembered that Messrs. Jones & Utt sold out their Sumner business to Messrs. Klepper Bros.

J. F. Kirk, of near Salisbury, has sold his 80-acre farm to an Illinoisan for $70 an acre. Only last summer land sold, eight miles southeast of Keytesville, for $76 an acre. No wonder Salisbury wants two terms of court or most anything else she can get to keep up appearances.

A very interesting and entertaining affair, which occurred at Brunswick last Saturday night, was the celebration of the 25th or "silver" wedding anniversary of Mr. Benj. Strub and his good wife. About seventy-five invited guests were present and the evening was spent in social conversation and games of divers kinds until supper was announced, when the guests repaired to the dining room where an elegant and luscious feast awaited them, which consisted of all the delicacies of the season in the way of edibles and drinkables. The worthy couple were the recipients of many valuable and appropriate presents.

SPECIAL SALE!

We have determimed to put on sale for the next four weeks, at the very lowest prices, everything in our large and well-selected stock of

Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Wraps!

We desire to make a run on these lines of goods in order to obtain room for our elegant Spring Stock, which will arrive in due time. We must reduce our winter stock for the reason above mentioned, and it is bound to go. So come in and be benefitted by our Special Sale.

PEOPLE'S DRY GOODS CO., Keytesville, Mo.

The *Signal* has a new sign.

Lon Cook is back from Arkansas.

There is talk of another millinery store in Keytesville.

An elegant line of Evaporated Fruits at Agee & Bro's.

When needing Groceries—either staple or fancy—try Agee & Bro.

Mrs M. H. Holcomb is indisposed—in fact, has been poorly for two or three weeks.

"Uncle Ben" Crawley, who has been quite indisposed from neuralgia, we are glad to learn, is better.

O. B. Anderson and Chas. Parks, of Keytesville, attended the Dempsey-Robinson wedding Wednesday night.

Mr. J. C. Crawley is nursing a badly bruised side from a fall on the ice last Sunday.

Mr. H. C. Hyde, a thrifty farmer of just north of town, recently lost a valuable jennett, we understand, by falling on the ice.

William Kothe and Wm. Kottman, two clever German farmers, of Chariton township, were at the capital Tuesday on business.

Wm. Clark, a member of the popular dry goods firm of Clark Bros. & Co., of Salisbury, made a business trip to the capital Wednesday.

J. M. Collins, of the Mendon *Citizen*, came over Wednesday night, and will remain the balance of the week on business connected with the Lewis Minor assignment, a Mendon hardware merchant. Mr. Collins is the assignee.

Mr. Wm. E. Hill has about decided to put in five new buildings between L. E. Cook's store-room and the COURIER office in the spring. If this is done, not a town in the state, no larger than Keytesville, will have a more substantial line of business houses.

The Triplett *Rustler* complains that about half a dozen pistol shots were heard on the streets of Triplett about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night of last week, and asks, "What's the matter with the marshal?" Give it up, Brother Cason. Perhaps he has the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank De Jarnett, of Bowling Green township, mourn the death of their 10-months-old baby boy, who died last Sunday of pneumonia. The remains were interred the following day at Dalton cemetery. The COURIER tenders its condolence to the bereaved parents.

Dissolution Notice.

The public are hereby notified that the co-partnership heretofore existing between John F. Hagen and Henry L. Sasse in the butchering business, at Keytesville, has been dissolved. Those indebted to the firm will find their accounts in the hands of Mr. Sasse who will continue in the business at the old stand.

JOHN F. HAGEN,
HENRY L. SASSE.

Buy your Groceries of W. G. Agee & Bro.

Wm. Kuhler shipped part of a car load of hogs from Dalton to St. Louis Tuesday.

John A. Lee, of Jefferson City, spent Sunday with his family, in Keytesville.

Mrs. R. D. Edwards has been quite indisposed this week on account of a neuralgic attack.

Jas. Wren went from Dalton to St. Louis Tuesday night with a car load shipment of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roebkin, of Dalton, lost their 3-days old infant daughter last Friday.

Salisbury was afflicted with an Uncle Tom's cabin entertainment last Saturday night.

John Hansen has sold his farm, near Dalton, to T. R. Johnson. Consideration $1,700.

Sumner is to have a grain and flour exchange of which the genial John D. Butler is to have charge.

John Stover, an industrious farmer, of near Bynumville, died of pneumonia on Tuesday of last week.

W. L. McCampbell, a prominent citizen and successful stockman, of Yellow Creek township, passed through Keytesville last Saturday on his way to Glasgow to visit his parents, and returned Tuesday.

County court proceedings on third page. The list of grand and petit jurors for the April term of circuit court will be found among other interesting matters of the county court news.

Resolved, "That fire is more destructive than water," is a knotty question with which a rural debating society, at Kincade school house, near Mendon, was called upon to wrestle last Friday night.

The Mendon *Citizen* says: Dr. G. D. Pendell and Clay Marsh, of Triplett, were over Sunday. We did not see them, but understand the doctor said he was treated so nicely while here that he Felt he ought to come back as often as possible.

Lewis Sullivan has sold the remainder of his land—93 acres in Salt Creek township, to Jos. Meiler, of Marceline, for $2,150. Mr. Sullivan will go to Oklahoma to get hungry, and will, no doubt, return to Missouri before corn gathering time next fall.

"Poley" Welch, of Muscle Fork, was brought to Keytesville under arrest by Marshal Veatch, Wednesday night, charged with assault and battery on the person of Robt. P. Clarkson, of the same community. Welch was placed under $500 bond to appear before 'Squire Wheeler for trial on the 20th day of February. An old feud is said to be the cause which led to the assault.

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES

Of Chariton County, Mo., for the Fiscal Year Ending February 1st, A. D., 1893.

COUNTY REVENUE FUND.

Expended for pay of township assessors	$ 430 77
" for stationery and printing	1 744 24
" for salary and fees of county clerk and deputy	2 272 38
" for fees of sheriff	1 041 35
" for support of insane	927 30
" for salary of janitor to court-house	350 00
" for salary of county attorney	805 00
" for salary for county treasurer	1 250 00
" for salary for county judges	565 00
" for salary for members of board of equalization and appeals	150 00
" for postage, freight and express	212 64
" for stenographer for circuit court	45 00
" for building bridges	4 931 51
" for supplies to court-house and jail	533 86
" for fees and postage of county school commissionr	54 03
" for criminal costs	767 68
" for fees of circuit clerk	62 20
" for expenses of delegates to road improvement convention	38 81
" for pay of voting booths	408 75
" for pay of judges and clerks of election	429 00
" for pay of constables and rent of polling places for election	40 70
" for supplies to poor farm	39 50
" for witness fees and acknowledgements to commissioners deeds	4 60
" for cyclone insurance on court house	200 00
" for pay of 9 wolf scalps	6 75
" for inquest fees	107 66
" for witnesses for grand jury	177 10
" for grand and petit jurors	1 090 40
" for collectors' commissions	203 33
Total expenditures	$18 888 96

COUNTY BRIDGE FUNDS.

Expended for repairing bridges	$ 848 81
" for building bridges	3 847 26
" for fees of special bridge commissioner	26 00
" for publishing notices of bridge letting	17 30
" for collector's commissions	22 46
Total expenditures	$ 4 761 86

COUNTY PAUPER FUND.

Expended for pay of superintendent poor farm	$ 500 00
" for support of paupers at poor farm	673 41
" for support of paupers outside poor farm	224 90
" for pauper coffins	66 00
" for support of insane	1 485 75
" for collector's commissions	11 34
Total expenditures	$ 2 961 40

FIVE PER CENT. BOND SINKING FUND.

Expended for collector's commissions	$ 11 24
" for loans	1 800 00
Total expenditures	$ 1 811 24

SIX PER CENT. BOND SINKING FUND.

Expended for exchange and collector's commissions	$ 45 20
" for bonds redeemed	6 000 00
Total expenditures	$ 6 045 20

FIVE AND SIX PER CENT. BOND INTEREST FUND.

Expended for redemption of five per cent. coupons	$ 3 750 00
" " " of six " " "	666 00
" for exchange and collector's commissions	36 97
Total expenditures	$ 4 452 97

Respectfully submitted,
February 2nd, 1893.

R. D. EDWARDS,
Clerk County Court.