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## CHRISTMAS EVE ENTERTAINMENTS.

Both Baptist and Methodist Sunday-Schools Do Themselves Proud.—Interesting Programs and Beautiful Presents.

### AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The entertainment given by the Baptist Sunday-school on Christmas eve was a decided success and the attendance was measured by the capacity of the house.

The exercises were opened by the singing of that soul-inspiring song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," so appropriate for the occasion. Then followed the reading of a scripture lesson and prayer, by Senator Mackay, after which W. W. Hancock, one of the popular and efficient workers in the school, made a statement relating to the objects and purposes of the entertainment. Next came the recitations and songs by the little folks, all of which were well rendered. It is hardly fair to particularize when all did so well.

Of course the most noted event of the occasion was the appearance of old "Santa Claus," who, with the aid of his little fairies and brownies, had provided a well by the wayside, from which, with an old-fashioned sweep, he drew a present for every boy and girl connected with the Sunday-school.

When this enjoyable feature of the program was consummated, a closing song was sung which was the signal for all to return to their homes.

The program was directed by M. H. Holcomb. He and those connected with him deserve the congratulations and thanks of all for their labors and the abundant success of the nice and highly pleasing entertainment of the evening.

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Methodist Sunday-school entertainment at the church on Christmas eve was pronounced by all present to be highly interesting and entertaining. The decorations were elaborate and beautiful. The painting that hung back of the pulpit, representing the angels that appeared to the shepherds at Christ's birth, was certainly tasty and artistic; in fact, it was the delight of all who beheld it. The praise of Mrs. A. F. Tooley, who painted the picture, was upon all lips, not only for her skill as an artist, but for her indefatigable efforts in behalf of the success of the entertainment. Much credit is also due H. B. Richardson, the efficient Sunday-school superintendent, and to Messrs. J. S. and J. C. Rucker, and to all the ladies connected with the school, including Mesdames Wallace, White, Grinstead, Cox, Lowry and Cook, and Misses Tavis and Maud Mann and Kate Richardson, all of whom did good work toward making the entertainment a success. Many compliments were passed upon Misses Grace Edwards and Idess Wallace for their solos. Ed. T. Miller was at his best on tenor and J. C. Rucker was never known to fail on bass.

Miss Maud Mann presided at the organ with efficiency, dignity and grace.

The young people, large and small, all did splendidly in their respective parts. The house was full to overflowing, standing room being very scarce. The order throughout was unusually good, and the presents, while not costly, were numerous, there being one present or more for every member of the school, both teacher and pupil. Following is the

### PROGRAMME:

Chairman.....H. B. Richardson, S. S. Sup't  
Opening Prayer.....Rev. C. K. Shilling  
Recitation and Song, "Merry Christmas"  
Films.....Infant Class  
Responsive Reading.....Mrs. White's Class  
Solo....."The Old, Old Story"—Shiloh  
....."Miss Idess Wallace"  
Recitation....."Christ and the Little Ones"—Ernestine Smith  
Chorus....."Shepherd's Song"—Filmore  
Responsive Reading.....Mrs. Richardson's Class  
Music....."Hark! Hark! Hark!—Shiloh  
....."Ladies' Quartette and School Recitation"—Sammie Vaughan  
Recitation....."The Huckleberry"—Roy Rucker  
Chorus....."Jolly Boys"—Gabriel  
....."Ten Boys"—Ten Boys  
Recitation....."Gloria in Excelsis Deo"—Frank Drake  
Responsive Reading.....Mrs. Grinstead's Class  
Solo....."Lullaby"—Shiloh, Miss Grace Edwards  
Echo Chorus....."Hark the Music"—Filmore  
Chorus....."Love's Prayer"—Seven Girls  
Music....."Organ Voluntary"—Miss Maud Mann  
....."Christmas Tree"

### Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Most Perfect Made.

Mrs. Walter Veal, of near Snapp, will start for St. Louis to-day accompanied by her father, Mr. W. S. Evans, where she will enter the Baptist sanitarium for treatment, she having been in poor health for some time with ovarian trouble, and which it will require an operation to cure. Dr. S. W. Downing, the lady's family physician will be present when the operation is performed, he having left for the city last night.

CLAYTON ROSS has brought suit, at Chillicothe, against the C. M. & St. P. railroad for \$10,000 damages for injuries received while unloading a freight car, at Ludlow, Livingston county.

Dr. S. W. Downing, wife and baby took Christmas dinner with relatives, at Centralia.

### A Suicidal Policy.

While at the Keytesville depot last Saturday we noticed that an Omaha, Neb., grocery firm was making a delivery of goods to a few parties, who had, no doubt, been gulled into believing that they were getting some "rare bargains," and that "home merchants" had been robbing them for lo! these many years.

Had the purchaser stopped to consider all of the surroundings he or she would have, unquestionably, reached the conclusion that goods bought away from home are high at any price.

No home merchant, whose business is crippled by the patronage these metropolitan retail houses receive, can afford to sell as cheap or pay as high a price for country produce as he otherwise could and would do. The greater the volume of business the less profit a home merchant can afford to sell for.

Besides this, the farmer living adjacent to or the resident of a town who sends away for goods injures the business of the town which he lives nearest to or in, and in doing so depreciates the value of his own property, and at the same time discourages every other enterprise that already exists or that parties may think of establishing in such towns.

Such a policy is suicidal, and we hope that those who have heretofore indulged in it in this community will quit it, and will henceforth prove loyal to their own interests and the welfare of their own town.

Patronize firms who help pay your county and state taxes and whose prosperity will in many ways contribute to your prosperity. Goods bought in Omaha or any other city, thus helping to build up metropolises to the detriment of your own home and town, whose success is your success, are high—very high, at any price.

The trouble in the Christian church, at Ludlow, Livingston county, over the use of the organ which one of the opposing members denominated "the wooden calf," has subsided. The organ was removed to other quarters and doubtless will never be returned to the church, till after Bro. Anderson, who fought against it, shall have joined the ransomed choir above.

### A CARD.

I. N. Reager, the photographer, will be in Keytesville on Monday, the 31st, and Tuesday, the 1st, and every Monday and Tuesday thereafter for the purpose of making negatives. All work warranted. Cabinets, \$2 per dozen. Gallery in Chapman's new building, over Miller & Lewis' dry goods emporium.

Mr. H. C. Hyde informs us that his brother, Rev. G. W. Hyde, who has been under treatment at the Baptist sanitarium, in St. Louis, for kidney trouble, is getting better, and that the doctors think an operation will not be necessary. Mr. Walter E. Hyde is down there also under treatment, having been indisposed for some time.

A very interesting program has been arranged for the Missouri Swine Breeders' association to be held, in Chillicothe, Jan. 8, 9 and 10. We would be glad to know that some of our Chariton county swine breeders will attend the association, and if not members already, to become such at that time.

### Special Notices.

J. Weller Long, state secretary of F. & L. U., will be at Keytesville Jan. 1st, 1895, to inaugurate the new Co-operative Aid degree. Everybody in sympathy with our movement are invited to attend.

G. W. HOCKER, Pres.  
C. A. CLARKSON, Sec.

Mrs. John Taylor, of two miles northeast of Keytesville, is visiting her grand-daughter, Mrs. Luell Summers, near Clifton Hill, Randolph county.

Mesdames H. O. Fisher and B. Hughes, of Dalton, were at the capital last Monday shopping.

### Sheriff Dempsey's Boarders.

The following prisoners are now confined in the county jail: Dave Brummall, col., awaiting the action of the grand jury for attempting to brain his dusky spouse with an axe, at Salisbury.

Richard Clubs, awaiting trial before 'Squire F. M. Lewis, at Sumner, next Wednesday, Jan. 2d, for disturbing the peace of Floyd Crandell and family, of near Mendon, and carrying concealed weapons and exhibiting same in a rude, angry and threatening manner.

Bud Eubanks, col., indicted at the last October term of circuit court for carrying concealed weapons.

Wm. Hughes, col., of Missouri township, serving out a jail sentence for hog stealing.

George Johnson, col., awaiting the action of the grand jury for shooting Dan Williams, col., at a dance at Ike Buttler's, near Keytesville station, four weeks ago.

John L. Lusher, serving a jail sentence for hog stealing.

W. H. Mead, awaiting the action of the grand jury for obtaining goods under false pretenses from S. Simeor, of Sumner.

Buck Pitney, serving a jail sentence for assaulting Mrs. Isaac Marshall, of Salisbury township, last August.

George Snow, serving a jail sentence for stealing a horse blanket and a rubber storm curtain from Thos. Abrams, of Cunningham township.

June Tooley, of Missouri township, serving a jail sentence for hog stealing.

Richard Price, col., of Dalton, awaiting the action of the grand jury for stealing a cow from Carl Schutte, of Bowling Green township.

Wylie Ellis, the ex-Chariton county man, who was arrested, at Marcelline, and jailed at Linneus under a charge of being connected with the parties who burglarized the Bank of Marcelline, was taken to Marcelline on Wednesday of last week for preliminary trial. The prosecuting witness, "Detective" Thos. O'Hara, not putting in an appearance, Ellis was released. The Marcelline papers seem to have some doubt of O'Hara's sincerity as to the revelations he made to the officers, from one of whom he borrowed money and of another overcoat to go on a hunt for the other suspects. His conduct seems to indicate that he knows more about the burglary than he has yet revealed. Later we learn that Ellis has been arrested again.

Dr. C. T. Kimmell, of Kansas City, but for several years a resident of Brunswick and the Bowling Green prairie, came down to Keytesville Tuesday night on business. Time is dealing gently with the doctor, except he is not so feebly as when he lived in Chariton county, and is becoming quite gray. He told us that Mrs. Kimmell is enjoying the best of health, and has taken a wonderful fancy to chicken raising, in which business she has been quite successful. She is rearing some of the most desirable varieties, and has taken a number of premiums at poultry shows.

Elder R. S. Alexander, of St. Joseph, a young preacher of the Christian church, was in Keytesville Wednesday on his way to visit his uncle, James Sportsman, and old acquaintances out in the Guthridge Mills neighborhood. He is a nephew of Mr. Sportsman's first wife and was raised by her. He has been preaching regularly some two years and has been quite successful in his work. His visit will be much appreciated by his old neighbors.

Col. John B. Hale, of Carrollton, has been retained as counsel for the Taylor Bros., who, it is expected, will be tried at the next Jan. term of the Carroll circuit court for murdering the Meeks family, near Brownsville, Linn county, last May. Ex-Governor Chas. P. Johnson, of St. Louis, who had previously been employed to defend the Taylors, has retired from the case.

### Narrow Escapes from Death by Poison.

Last Monday, says the Mendon Citizen, Mrs. D. W. Shupe spread a thin layer of butter on a plate and sprinkled it profusely with strychnine and set the plate in the safe to keep it. At supper time her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Tanner, went to get some butter for the table, and picking up the plate her mother had prepared, put some more butter on the plate and set it on the table for use.

She and then another of the family ate of the butter and one and another complained that it was "bitter."

She then hastily tasted it herself and found it bitter, set it aside and finished another piece of butter for the meal. Tuesday morning Mrs. Shupe some the poisoned butter to fry some eggs with, and the first one of the family who tasted an egg complained that it tasted just like the butter did at supper the night before. The eggs were then thrown away. It was not until some time afterward that Mrs. Shupe ascertained what caused the bitter taste in the butter and then the whole family were badly scared, but owing to the fact that there was so much of the poison that it tasted very bitter on the first bite being taken, and the food spit out, and the further fact that all the family drank milk for supper, no serious results followed the mistake, but it was a very narrow escape for the whole family.

A four-year-old daughter of Jacob Edinger, of Hardin, Ray county, received injuries on Monday of last week from which she died. A neighbor had been cleaning house, and he spilled some straw in the yard to which she set fire and left it. The girl was playing in the ashes and received the burns which constituted her death. She was badly burned before assistance reached her. Death relieved her sufferings in a few hours.

In the election contest for sheriff, in Macon county, the certificate of election was awarded C. F. Williams, the Republican candidate, the first count of the vote having shown that he was elected by 13 votes. Sam Stone, the Democratic candidate, under a recount ordered by Circuit Judge Shackelford, had 35 majority. The case is set for trial Jan. 8th.

Pomeroy Neighbors was arrested Wednesday evening, on a warrant sworn out by Night Watchman Grove Buster, charged with complicity with the bank burglary. He gave bail for his appearance before Justice Laird next Wednesday, at which time we may be able to learn just what there is in it.—Marcelline Journal.

Ed Jones, a Moberly hardware merchant, made an assignment last Friday. His liabilities are placed at \$2,000, but the amount of his assets are not given. Mr. Jones is a son of Rev. W. W. Jones, deceased, a former presiding elder of Chillicothe district, and later the Methodist pastor on Keytesville circuit.

Mrs. Frances Weir, of Kansas City, W. L. Johnson, of Ferguson, Mo., Ed. D. Agee, of Clifton, and J. W. Clark, of Black's Station, Cal., all remembered "the poor printer" Christmas and sent the cash on their subscriptions. May their shadows never grow less, and may the New Year see them prosper as never before.

Will Drace, Frank and James Taylor, Levi Fawks, Lon Moorman, Tots Coleman, John Eli Perkins and Tom Taylor, all students of the Salisbury academy, are "knocking the stuff" out of turkey, and spending the holidays with home folks in or near Keytesville.

Two female students in the Normal school, at Chillicothe, were expelled last week, one for raising a bank check from \$10 to \$100; the other for general unworthiness to say nothing more harsh.

### Wedding Bells.

SMITH-MORRIS.—Mr. Tobe Smith and Miss Maria Morris were married by Rev. D. A. Brown, at Brunswick, on Saturday, Dec. 22nd.

MILLER-BRUCE.—Mr. Harry Miller and Miss Sallie Bruce were married, at Cunningham, on Tuesday, Dec. 25th, 'Squire F. M. Lewis making the twin ones.

ABRAMS-WARD.—Mr. T. J. Abrams and Miss Annie Ward were married, at Cunningham, on Monday, Dec. 24th, 'Squire F. M. Lewis uniting their future lines.

BENNETT-WHEELER.—Mr. Elijah Bennett and Miss Annie Wheeler were married, at Sumner, on Tuesday, Dec. 25th, 'Squire F. M. Lewis doing the splicing.

SMITH-CARROLL.—Mr. I. R. Smith and Miss Letitia Carroll were married, in Salt Creek township, on Thursday, Dec. 26th, Rev. G. E. Kennedy officiating.

OSBORN-PARKS.—Dr. J. H. Osborn, of Kirkeville, Mo., and Miss Nellie Parks, of Salisbury, were married at the bride's home by Rev. S. F. Brite on Thursday, Dec. 20th.

DOOLEY-STANLEY.—Mr. Stephen A. Dooley and Miss Ida D. Stanley, both of Sumner, were married at Sumner, on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, 'Squire F. M. Lewis sealing the marriage vows.

WILLIAMS-HEISEL.—Mr. Arthur E. Williams and Miss Lydia E. Heisel were married, at Mendon, on Tuesday Dec. 25th, Rev. G. A. Robbins pronouncing the nuptial sentence.

WALKER-WASSON.—Mr. Ollie Walker and Miss Lelia Wasson, both of Salisbury, were married in that city, on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Rev. J. W. Ramsey officiating—launching their matrimonial bark.

BUSHNELL-OLDHAM.—Mr. J. T. Bushnell, of near Keytesville, and Miss Ida Oldham, of E. C. were married at the residence of the officiating justice of the peace, 'Squire H. A. Wheeler, in Keytesville, on Monday, Dec. 24th.

CASH-BARNETT.—Mr. Louis Cash and Miss Abarilla Barnett, both of Keytesville, were married, at the residence of Mr. Calvin Shoemaker, four miles northeast of Keytesville, on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, Rev. C. Dewese adjusting the matrimonial yoke.

STARK-McCURRY.—Mr. R. G. Stark, an old Chariton county boy, but now of McGinnis, Texas, and Miss Frankie McCurry, of Cockrell township, were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. James Hise, near Hamden, on Tuesday, Dec. 25th.

ASBURY-FEIFFER.—A decided surprise was created in social circles, at Mendon, last Sunday, when it became known that Dr. L. M. Asbury and Miss Francis Feiffer, a pair of Mendon lovers, had gone to Linneus on the Thursday previous and got married. They returned to Mendon, but the fact of their marriage was not made public until Sunday.

DE ARMAN-COLEMAN.—Mr. A. L. De Arman, of Denison, Tex., and Miss Karlen Coleman, of Salisbury, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coleman, of the latter city, on Monday Dec. 24th, at high noon, Rev. J. W. Ramsey, of the M. E. Church, South, officiating.

BEAN-PATTERSON.—Mr. Frank Bean, of Monroe county, and Miss Vickie Patterson, of Salisbury, were joined in wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mayor D. R. Patterson and wife, in Salisbury, on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, Rev. S. P. Brite welding the matrimonial chain which united the destinies of the contracting couple. The winsome bride is a sister to Mrs. J. M. Mason, of Keytesville. Mr. and Mrs. Bean will reside in Salisbury.

### Notice.

F. R. Cookingham, of Salisbury, is an experienced tuner and repairer of organs, also repairs sewing machines, and guarantees satisfaction. When in need of his services drop him a card. Prices reasonable.

C. S. Scott and family have moved to Marcelline, where Mr. Scott has accepted a position in J. Whitman's dry goods store. We commend them to Marcelline's citizens as being in every way worthy of their confidence.

### Fire in Keytesville.

Fire in Mrs. Martin's millinery store was discovered last Saturday evening just at night fall. Mrs. Martin had left the shop a short time previous to the giving of the alarm. The fire had made considerable headway among some highly combustible materials, including a box of trimmed hats, when the discovery was made. By breaking in the door of her shop, access was gained to the fire, which was soon quenched by a liberal application of water, but not till considerable damage had been done to her stock of millinery goods. How the fire originated is a mystery, as there had been but little fire in the shop during the entire day and which had pretty well gone out in the stove when Mrs. Martin left the room. A box of trimmed hats which she had received but a few days previous was destroyed, also a box of ribbons, plumes and other millinery goods. Mrs. Martin has no known enemies who would be suspected of doing such a dastardly deed, nor is it probable that an incendiary would have done such a thing at that time of day.

For the credit of the community, in the absence of all proof to the contrary, it is hoped the fire was the result of accident, possibly from the dropping of a match which might have been ignited by a mouse. Jo Hansman says that when he got into the place a bunch of papers was on fire on the opposite side of the room from where the main fire occurred, which makes the origin of the fire still more mysterious. Had the fire not been put out it would have undoubtedly resulted in the destruction of the block in which the Farmers' bank is located, as Mrs. Martin's millinery establishment is upstairs over the second room east of the bank.

### The Old and the New Court.

Judge Hyde, the presiding justice of the county court, and Judge Nickerson, associate justice for the eastern district, assisted in holding their last county court at the close of the called term last Wednesday. They have made careful and pains-taking officials and gracefully retire to private life with no stains upon their official records.

The position held by Judge Hyde will be held by Judge Herring, of Brunswick, who is no novice in holding county courts, having served efficiently as associate justice for the western district for four years.

Judge Charles E. Allen was re-elected associate justice for the western district. The fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office for the past two years is a sufficient guarantee that he can be trusted in the future.

Judge Henry Hays, member-elect for the eastern district, is a new man on the bench, but he is known to be a safe man, and will, no doubt, make a discreet and wise official. We predict that the new court will be found adequate to the satisfactory discharge of the duties incumbent upon it, and that the interests of the people whom it serves will be safe in its hands.

### The Lucky Case.

The year's subscription offered by the COURIER to the persons bringing the six longest ears of corn to this office, the six largest ears, and the six ears containing the greatest number of rows, resulted as follows: For the six longest ears, Wm. D. Staples, of near Pee Dee.

For the six largest ears, R. H. Tisdale, Jr., of near Keytesville.

For the six ears containing the greatest number of rows, George Guthridge, col., of near Guthridge Mills.

Miss Jennie Cook, the popular and successful teacher in the primary department of the Brunswick public schools, is spending her holiday vacation quite enjoyably at her pleasant country home, one mile north of Keytesville.

J. H. Leuzinger and sister, Miss Annie, of Moberly, and little Miss Carrie Lewis Wheeler, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wheeler, of four miles northwest of town, have been visiting 'Squire H. A. Wheeler's family this week.

The thermometer registered three degrees above zero, at Keytesville, yesterday morning being far the coldest day of the season.