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## A Brunswick Love Story.

Robert F. Keeley and his estimable better half spent Christmas with friends and relatives, at Brunswick. Bob came home chock full of little episodes heard and talked of during his pleasant visit to that rural and classic suburb to Keytesville, one of which we think worthy of repetition. To the northward of the business center of that busy little town, well upon the bluff, is located the home of one of Brunswick's choicest flowers. Now, there are two of the most talented and promising young gentlemen, of that city, who have since the summer's earliest days been coquetting, but good-naturedly, endeavoring to pluck the alabaster flower and claim it as only his own. The story goes that the young lady looked upon both with favor, and that there had long been a tussle beneath her throbbing bosom to decide which she loved the best. Matters were rapidly nearing a peaceful consummation two weeks ago when the young lady blushing informed lover No. 1 that she would give him a decisive answer on the following Sunday evening, and with an assuring smile and a wink from her off eye, she dismissed her loving suitor. Sunday slowly wended its way around, and on that to-be eventful evening said lover No. 1 concluded that to take a nap, in anticipation of a long, pleasant evening, would be about the proper wrinkle. So about the hour of 5 p. m. he hid himself to his comfortable room and was soon sweetly snoring.

At 7:21, the young lady after anxiously awaiting the appearance of No. 1 these long and weary moments, donned a handsome new cloak, purchased from Miller & Lewis while visiting in Keytesville a few days previous, and stepped to the garden gate. Casting her handsome eye to right, then to the left, she espied lover No. 2 approaching. He had had an inkling of the little transaction that was to have been consummated on that fateful evening. He tremblingly approached, a graceful tip of his hat was recognized, and lover No. 2 and the fondest desire of his heart warmly grasped each other by the hand. No. 2 was invited into the parlor. Ere many pleasant moments had swiftly glided by, the earnest and manly appeals of lover No. 2 changed the tide of love affairs inside household. So, to relate, the deed was signed, sealed, and delivered, and on Washington's birthday there will occur in that little cottage on "the bluff" one of the happiest weddings ever consummated in Brunswick.

It was the bewitching hour of 2:31 a. m., and all was quiet without. The household of lover No. 1 was in an uproar. Young Sleepy Head had slept the golden opportunity of his life away. Just as disastrous, he had slept while all that was to have made life worth living had been ruthlessly grasped from him. And No. 1 lingers about his duties on Broadway with a countenance akin to that of the small boy who let the bird go.

Moral—Young gentlemen, never be caught napping when wooing a fairer maid than yours.

John F. Hamon, an old Brunswick boy, who recently opened a butcher shop, at Excelsior Springs, Mo., bought a carload of cattle from F. M. Elliott, of near Triplett, one day last week, which he will dispose of in his butchering business. John is a hustler, and no mistake.

Hon. W. S. Stockwell, of Salisbury, delivered an interesting address at the public installation of the newly elected Masonic officers, at Brunswick, last Tuesday night.

The small boy and many other people, too, have been having a huge time skating during the past week or ten days.

Gloves—A new line of kid gloves, just received at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's, in black and all of the leading shades.

## Hicks' January forecasts.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks makes the following prognostications of the elements for January, 1895:

It will be well to remember that the disturbing power of both Jupiter and Mars extends over the whole month. This means that there will be a marked predisposition to storms, so that the regular and reactionary periods will begin promptly and continue as a rule beyond their normal limits. As a rule the storms will appear at the regular periods, but disturbances purely of a Mars and Jupiter origin may arise at any time. Unless Jupiter modifies the rule, the same general character of the weather in January will be sustained and continued as long as the Mars influence lasts, which is to the end of February. The 2nd and 3rd are centers of reactionary movements. On and next to these dates, cold will moderate, barometer will fall, and storms of greater or less intensity will travel from west to east. By the 4th general change to colder.

The storm diagram shows a Vulcan period central on the 7th, but the full moon at perigee on the 11th will tend to draw the disturbances into the latter part of the period—say the 9th, 10th and 11th. Storms of snow and rain will visit many sections during this period, and the whole country will experience storm changes, as indicated by the barometer, temperature and winds. A cold wave will set in behind storms early in the period, following them eastward, and dominating generally until secondary changes succeed in regular order about the 13th and 14th. On and about these dates, look for more storminess with rain and snow, followed by marked changes to colder.

The storm diagram shows a Mercury period extending from the 17th to 26th. In this Mercury period falls a regular Vulcan period from 18th to 21st, a reactionary period about the 25th and 26th, the new moon on the 25th and moon in apogee on the 26th. Two distinct storm disturbances will show themselves during this Mercury period, the first from the 19th to 21st, but the most severe being about the 25th and 26th. Much warmer days will precede the storms of rain, sleet and snow, but a general and intense cold wave will follow closely behind them. The last will bring cold weather all over up to about the 29th. The moon being at apogee, or its most distant point from the earth, on the 26th, so near its new, may modify the tendency of the new moon to aggravate our terrestrial affairs. We believe that the moon's greatest influence on the earth is exerted when new moon happens at perigee, it being then not only between us and the sun, but nearest to us. We insist that all our readers watch this point closely. The storm diagram will furnish the data each month. The period, central on the 30th, will bring a return to warmer, causing storms during the closing hours of the month.

Sam Huff, of Dalton, was in town last Friday and made us a pleasant call. Sam tells a good joke on some of his bachelor neighbors, who live on the "cut-off." He was down there the day after Christmas duck hunting, and was invited to the house of Cox brothers to dine. He found the gentlemen preparing an excellent repast. The meats consisted of opossum and turkey, both of which were cooked in the same pot together on a log heap out of doors. This was a singular way Sam thought of mixing meats, but when he was called to the table and tasted the mixed dish he says it proved to be very palatable, in fact was first rate. He enjoyed the dinner amazingly.

## 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.

## After the Wrong Man.

After perusing the controversy between certain rival fruit tree agents, which was published in several Chariton county papers recently, the *Marshall Democrat-News* rises to remark concerning Mr. J. F. McCurdy, one of the parties to the "unpleasantness":

We notice that rival fruit trees in Chariton county, have been trying to make the people of that county believe that our fellow-townsmen, J. F. McCurdy, who has been doing business in that section for two years past for the *Law's Summit Nursery Co.*, has been guilty of forging names to a circular printed by him. We notice in the county papers of Chariton last week that Mr. McCurdy had not only proven the charges false, but has put the "other fellow" in the role of forger.

Mr. McCurdy has been in the business of selling fruit trees in Saline and adjoining counties for the past fifteen years, and his reputation for fair and honest dealing is too well established to be injured by such aspersions. We endorse him and his methods.

## Will Establish a Nursery.

The *Courier* had an agreeable call last Saturday from S. A. Austin, a young man who has leased ten acres of land from Goll Bros., on the Bowling Green prairie, and where he will establish a nursery.

Mr. Austin has had eleven years' experience in the nursery business and no better land could be found in all Missouri for the location of a nursery than that which Mr. Austin has selected, and to which he will add more land as his business increases.

We welcome the new enterprise to Chariton county, and trust its projector will meet with such success and energy and square dealing with the public merit.

## Two Changes of Venue.

The case of the state against Wm. D. Fuller for breaking John H. Walker's arm with a club, at Mike, a few weeks ago, has, we understand, been taken to Salisbury township on a change of venue, but will probably come up before the grand jury at the January term of circuit court. The trouble which led to Fuller's breaking Walker's arm grew out of a difficulty over Fuller's cattle getting into Walker's corn field.

The subsequent suit brought by Walker against Fuller for \$25 damages, alleged to have been done by Fuller's cattle to Walker's corn, has been taken on change of venue to Squire J. T. Robinson's court, in Clark township.

## Tobacco.

H. M. Hamner, of five miles south of town, informs us that he has bought a few crops of old style tobacco for Thos. Jennings, of Brunswick, for which he paid from \$2 50 to \$2 75 per hundred pounds. Mr. Jennings will handle the weed this season at Beazley's factory, in Brunswick. He will be on the market for both old style and burley tobacco, and has paid as high as \$3 a hundred for the latter variety.

## New S. K. A. O. U. W. Officers.

The following officers have been elected by the Select Knights, A. O. U. W., of Keytesville, for the ensuing year:

J. J. Moore, C.  
James F. Taylor, V. C.  
Dr. H. T. Garnett, Lt. C.  
R. H. Tisdale, R. and R. T.  
John F. Whitesides, S. W.

## Farm for Sale.

near Mendon, containing 500 acres, well improved, good house and new barn. Terms made easy, little money down and balance on time to suit purchaser.

## O. B. ANDERSON.

## Fine Turkeys.

Mrs. James F. Taylor, of 212 miles southwest of Keytesville, has 50 thoroughbred bronze turkeys for sale. If you want the best turkeys to raise from, call on Mrs. Taylor.

## Little George Parks Poisoned!

On inside pages of the *Courier* a notice is made of the suicide of little George Parks, only 11 years of age, which took place in the neighboring city of Brunswick. The shocking affair was assumed a somewhat different aspect.

A cloud of suspicion now hangs over the parents. His stomach was supposed to determine whether or not the little boy had been poisoned. Preparations had been made by his parents for the funeral, and after the people of the town began to gather at the home of the Wooley ordered the interment postponed to hold an inquest to ascertain the truth of the many reports which had gained circulation in which it might be imagined that the parents were accessories in the boy's death.

From the fact that the little fellow was too young to know what responsibility meant, and the alleged cruelty of his parents, strange stories have been circulated. The boy's parents stated that he had been about home as usual that morning, and they had noticed nothing peculiar in his actions.

The boy had a book supposed to be stolen. He went to do some chores and did not come back. Father said: "If that little rascal runs away I will wear him out."

It is reported that the parents were exceedingly cruel and negligent of their young son, and at many times he was hungry and cold.

John Parks, the father, fainted at three different times when questioned about his son's death, and upon one occasion fell as upon another. He was accused him of being drunk, and had not a by-stander interceded, a rash act might have followed. He was arrested and bound over to the February term of court.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks have also been arraigned before a justice of the peace for neglecting and refusing to provide necessary food and clothing for their infant son as well as purposely assaulting him, whereby his life was endangered and injured.

Much excitement awaits the outcome of the trial, and the examination of the boy's stomach.

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

## To Our Friends:

We wish to express our gratitude to our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage they have extended us during 1894, and assure them we will be better prepared to supply their wants in the livery line in 1895 than ever before.

We have just added to our business a handsome surry, made by the Birrell Co., of Dallas City, Ill., and one of the finest vehicles ever brought to Keytesville, being up-to-date in every respect.

Our teams and other vehicles are of the best. If you want to "get there" and be sure you will get back, too, do your livery business with Phillips & Son.

Again expressing our thanks for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the public patronage, with compliments of the season we are,

Yours Truly,  
J. A. C. PHILLIPS & SON,  
Keytesville, Mo.

The Pearl drug store, at Brunswick, formerly owned by C. F. Brahear, was sold at assignee's sale to Dr. C. M. Mason, of Auburn, Mo., one day last week. Dr. Mason will replenish the stock and continue business at the old stand. Some weeks ago we mentioned the sale of this same stock of drugs to a Dr. Holmes, of Marcelline, but that trade seems to have subsequently fallen through.

Joseph Woodward, of near Newcomer, took a load of hogs to Brunswick last Thursday, and while on the road his team became frightened and ran away, running fully a mile before it was stopped. Owing to smooth roads the run-a-way resulted in no damage.

## The K. K. K. Club Musicals.

It was to our infinite pleasure and gratification that we attended the musicale given on the evening of the 2d inst., at the opera house, by the young ladies' K. K. K. club, of Keytesville. Every feature of the entertainment was good, and saying this is not enough. The house was filled with an audience of Keytesville's most cultured citizens, who paid the deepest attention to each and every performance of the entertainers.

The opening chorus, "Twilight Bells," gave us a premonition of what was to follow in the manner of its production, and assured us that we were to pass a highly entertaining evening.

This was followed by Frank W. Hill and sister, Miss Lucile, on the mandolin and guitar, which called from the audience a long and hearty applause.

Then came an air from Freischutz, by Miss Nettie Moore. Why need we speak of its highly cultured rendition when but to mention the name of Miss Nettie Moore as the performer is enough to satisfy a Keytesville audience that it was excellently done?

The instrumental music, as given by Mesdames Geo. F. Cox and Alex F. Taylor and Miss Zettie Bean, was fine and most cheerfully received by the audience.

"L'Addio," by Miss Nettie Moore and Ed. T. Miller, was most happily received, as was also "Titania," so charmingly sang by Miss Grace Edwards.

The recitation of "Leah, the Forsaken," by Miss Nettie Moore, was superb.

"Drifting with the Tide," by Miss Nettie Moore and Mrs. Geo. F. Cox and Messrs. Ed. T. Miller and H. L. Mans, was very pleasingly sang and most earnestly enjoyed.

Frank W. Hill's rendition of "The Burgomaster's Death," was indeed very fine, and gave us a glimpse of what successes are in store for him in the art histrionic.

We would like to say more, but what is the use of commenting upon "our girls" and "boys," when but to mention their names in connection with an entertainment and all the country 'round knows that it will be first-class?

Come again, young ladies and gentlemen, with your songs and melodies and your highly cultured entertainments, and an appreciative audience will be on hand to welcome, cheer and thank you for an evening of rare enjoyment.

The net proceeds of the entertainment will be used toward purchasing a piano for the opera house, and amounted to \$40.

## New Year's Eve Ball.

About 12 or 15 couples of Keytesville's trippers of the light fantastic toe highly enjoyed a New Year's eve ball last Monday night. It was rather an impromptu affair, but was none the less pleasurable on that account.

The music was furnished by a colored orchestra from Moberly and while not so excellent in quality was abundant in quantity.

A palatable supper was served at the Keytesville house at midnight by the new host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gillian, after which the mazy waltz and other dances were resumed and kept up until the wee sma' hours.

## The Library Supper.

The supper given for the benefit of the Keytesville library, at the opera house, on Thursday night of last week was a very enjoyable affair, although not largely attended on account of the frigid weather. Thursday night being the coldest night we have had so far this season.

The supper consisted of fresh oysters, raw, stewed or fried, meats, pickles, coffee, etc., which was prepared and served in the most tempting manner of the art culinary. The gross proceeds of the "feed" amounted to \$30.

Miss Pearl Buchanan, a charming young lady, of Moberly, is visiting in our

## Wedding Bells.

MOREHEAD JACKS.—Mr. Howard Morehead and Miss Anna Jacks, a dusky Salisbury couple, were joined in wedlock by Squire T. Newbold, in that city, on Thursday, Dec. 27th.

BROCK-YARD.—Mr. Clifford Brock, of Carroll county, and Miss Lella May Yard, of Brunswick, were married, at Brunswick, on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, Elder J. P. Furnish officiating.

BRECKON-LAMBERT.—Mr. Arthur Breckon and Miss Cosby Lambert, of near Rothville, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Squire T. J. L. Hutcheson, on Sunday, Dec. 30th, at the residence of F. E. Lambert, in Yellow Creek township.

BRIGGS-BIRCHFIELD.—Mr. T. C. Briggs, of Linn county, and Miss Nellie Birchfield were married at the residence of the bride's parents, 2 1/4 miles northeast of Westville, on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, Rev. Jasper Windbigler, of Marcelline, uniting their future lives.

PRATHER-DAVIS.—Mr. Win. Prather and Miss Alice Davis, daughter of C. B. Davis, were married at the residence of the bridegroom's father, Mr. J. J. Prather, in Muscle Fork township, on Thursday, Dec. 27th, Rev. Jacob McEuen welding the golden links of matrimony.

Squire L. A. Spencer, one of Chariton township's solid citizens, was at the capital last Monday on business, and while here placed us under renewed obligations for financial favors and kind words of praise for the *Courier*, which he unreservedly regards as the best newspaper in Chariton county. Such a compliment, coming from a man of Squire Spencer's good sense and sound judgment is worthy of the loftiest appreciation, and can but prove as an incentive for us to keep the *Great Favorite Weekly* up to its present high standard.

## Badly Hurt.

Our father, Mr. A. C. Vandiver, received a very hard fall while getting up ice on the Muscle Fork, Wednesday morning.

His head struck the ice with such force as to render him unconscious, but he soon rallied and was taken home where he was confined to his bed for the remainder of the day.

He was able to be up and about yesterday morning, but was taken to his bed again in the afternoon and is quite sick as we go to press.

Rector Bogle, a Richmond, Mo., gallant, who spent his early boyhood days in Keytesville when his father, Col. T. D. Bogle, ran the Keytesville *Herald*, is visiting friends and relatives in and near Keytesville this week. In company with Ed T. Miller, Rector made the *Courier* a friendly call last Monday afternoon.

We desire to call the earnest attention of our readers to the handsome and somewhat artistic advertisement of Miller & Lewis, the energetic and popular dry goods firm. They know how to write an advertisement, they know what paper to advertise in, and they are emphatically the people's popular merchants. And don't look all day at M. & L.'s ad., for Agee Bros. desire your undivided attention for a brief period to their treatise upon the cash system of doing business.

Neither the oldest inhabitant nor Circuit Clerk Richardson's bran new boy ever saw finer winter weather than that we are now having. Missouri falls and winters are rapidly becoming the envy of the universal earth.

## Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville post-office January 1, 1895:

Rev. J. McClarn, col.; Miss Lillie Hargis, Mr. Andra Harris, Mrs. W. F. Taylor. When calling for the above letters say "advertised."  
JOHN CHIVERS, P. M.

P. M. Bell, of near Triplett, was in Keytesville last Thursday soliciting financial aid for the unfortunates of the Triplett fire on the morning of Dec. 25th.

"Uncle Pow" Agee has been suffering with a gripe for the past week, but has about succeeded in losing it.

Mrs. Nola Hume and daughter, Bonny Lillian, of near Forest Green, are visiting in Keytesville.