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## Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin.

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The weather-crop bulletin issued by the Missouri weather service for the week ending May 18th, says:

In most sections of the state the weather during the past week has been very unfavorable to growing crops. The mean temperature was from 8 to 13 degrees below the normal, and frost was reported in some portion of the state on every day except the 15th, very heavy frosts occurring on the 12th and 14th. The greatest damage by frost occurred in the eastern portion of the state, from Knox and Lewis counties southward to Stoddard and Mississippi, and on bottom lands in portions of Clinton, DeKalb, Genry, Worth, Harrison, Grundy, Putnam and Nodaway counties. Many fields of corn were cut to the ground; gardens and potatoes were ruined or seriously injured, and in some districts much damage was done to wheat. Fruit also suffered considerably in some counties, and much damage was done to melons. In other portions of the state the principal damage was to tender vegetation on bottom lands. Good rains fell in most counties of the central and eastern sections improving the conditions of wheat, oats, grasses and gardens, but over most of the western counties the rainfall was less than .50 inch, and at the close of the week rain was badly needed. Chinch-bugs have continued to do great damage to wheat in many counties, though in some localities their ravages have been checked by the cool weather and rain. In a number of the southern and eastern counties much wheat has been ruined by fly. In many of the western counties oats will fall considerably short of an average crop. Corn has made but little growth and looks yellow as a result of the low temperature. Much replanting has been necessary on account of frost and the ravages of cut-worms. No damage to cotton is reported. In the eastern sections grasses have improved, but in most of the western counties meadows are short. Tree fruits are still dropping badly and while, as a rule, enough remains for a good crop, in some localities they have nearly fallen off. It is feared the continued cool weather will cause additional loss.

## Had His Pleasure Spoiled.

The rain that fell here last Sunday was a good thing on crops, but brought discomfort to a certain Keytesville young man who drove to a neighboring town some 10 or 12 miles distant to see his or somebody's else sweetheart. He made a trip all right, but after enjoying the smiles of the young lady for a short time, it began to rain, and fearing an exceedingly dark night in which he must necessarily drive home, he concluded to start home before the thick darkness enveloped the earth. A part of the way toward his young lady's home lay through a hilly region, and while the young man's horse, in other respects was in fair condition, he was not being "alick shod." The rain soon made the roads very slippery and the pull cart and driver was a feat impossible to accomplish. So, when the hill, and that was the young man had to get out in the mud and drive on foot, continuing all the while when he goes on a kind again it will be stay longer or have an dry weather.

Quite a number of Chariton county citizens, this case of Hig Less-Theodore h of last

Sidney, a little 4 or 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Whitesides, 2 1/2 miles southwest of town, fell out of the stable last Monday and was rendered unconscious. She was able to be up about the next day.

## Jack the Measurer.

London had "Jack the Ripper," St. Louis, "Jack the Kiesser," Brooklyn, we believe it was, "Jack the Clipper," and now it has just developed that Salisbury, Mo., another great city, has been made notorious by the possession of "Jack the Measurer," in the person of Robt. Probst, jr., a youth 17 or 18 years of age, and who is one of the junior proprietors of Robt. Probst & Sons' bakery and restaurant at Salisbury.

It seems that young Probst "in his cussed desire to see a little higher" had been telling the misses who came to the restaurant that a St. Louis firm had offered four pounds of candy to the Salisbury girl who had the largest leg, and had appointed him (Probst) to take the measurements.

Among Probst's victims was Mabel Wallace, a 12 year-old daughter of Mrs. S. L. Wallace, a widow.

Mabel told her story in the courtroom before Acting Mayor Thomas on Thursday of last week, according to the Salisbury Democrat, as follows:

On the Sunday previous Mabel said that she, in company with several other little girls, called at Probst's place of business and purchased 10 cts worth of cakes which she started out with, asking young Probst to charge the cakes to her brother, but this he refused to do, took the cakes from Mabel and put them back into the show case. Mabel then took her departure and did not see young Probst again until Monday night when he met her on the street and told her to come up to the restaurant the next day and he would treat her to ice-cream.

On Tuesday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock she went into the restaurant, where she saw Probst and was invited by him into the ice-cream parlor where she was given a dish of cream and cake. While eating this, Probst told her a St. Louis candy firm would give four pounds of candy to the Salisbury girl who had the biggest leg, and had appointed him to take the dimensions, telling her all of the other girls were trying for the prize and mentioned the names of a number of girls, one of whom, he said, was ahead so far. Mabel finally consented for him to take the measure of her lower limb, when he got a string and told her he would have to measure up to her hip, when she objected. He grabbed her and attempted to take the measurement by main force. After reporting what had happened a warrant was sworn out and Probst was arrested, and released on bond, for his appearance for trial on Thursday.

When the case was called for trial, Probst asked for a jury, which, after hearing the testimony, could not agree, but finally a two-thirds verdict was decided upon, resulting in the defendant's being fined \$1 and costs.

The testimony, we understand, was very conflicting and it was for that reason, perhaps, that Probst was not more severely punished.

Among those Mabel Wallace said Probst had told her whose lower extremities he had measured, was a little daughter of City Marshal Gilchrist of Salisbury. The marshal, after making due inquiry of his daughter, who admitted the truth of Probst's statement, Mr. Gilchrist went back up town and proceeded to slug Probst in the most approved style.

It is a pity that he was not also submitted to a good cow-hiding by the parents of every one of the girls whom he had defiled.

Since the exposure of his rascality Probst has left Salisbury, and his departure is doubtless considered a good riddance.

It is said that you can now buy tape lines in Salisbury at your own price.

**MONEY** Eastern and individual money in any amount at low rates and on long time. Patronize home agents. H. C. MINTER, Keytesville, Mo.

## Township Mass-Meetings.

Be sure to attend your township Democratic mass meeting to-morrow which selects delegates to the county Democratic convention on next Tuesday, May 28th, to obtain an expression from the Democrats of Chariton county on the silver question.

The various townships are entitled to delegates at the county convention as follows, the basis of representation being one delegate for every 15 votes or fraction of 8 or more votes polled for Wm. J. Stone for governor in 1892:

Townships.	No. of Votes.	No. of Delegates.
Bee Branch.....	187.....	9
Bowling Green.....	97.....	7
Brunswick.....	409.....	27
Chariton.....	98.....	7
Clark.....	143.....	10
Cockrell.....	121.....	8
Cunningham.....	125.....	8
Keytesville.....	536.....	36
Mendon.....	122.....	8
Missouri.....	77.....	5
Muscle Fork.....	173.....	12
Salisbury.....	783.....	51
Salt Creek.....	74.....	5
Triplet.....	196.....	13
Wayland.....	179.....	12
Yellow Creek.....	170.....	12

Total, 3,440. 229

## Gave Leg Bail.

The case of the state against Frank Gamble, a coal miner living three or four miles northeast of Keytesville, and who had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Joel T. Perkins, charging him with carrying concealed weapons, was called in "Squire J. M. DeMoss" court on May 16th, but a continuance was taken by the defendant until May 29th.

A bank told in the sum of \$200 for his appearance for trial on the 29th inst., was given Gamble to obtain bond, but after going down stairs he, like the lost ship, never returned.

He doubtless found leg bail most convenient, and gave that by going out at the back door of one of the saloons.

Gamble has an unsavory "rep," and is one of the parties on whose fence white caps left a note of warning and a bunch of switches three or four weeks ago.

LATEX—Gamble came in Wednesday and gave himself up, and promised to furnish the required bond, but had not done so up to yesterday morning.

## Burglars Visit Rothville.

The dry-goods store of E. F. Hamilton and the hardware store of the Rothville Hardware Co. at Rothville, were both burglarized last Saturday night, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to gain an entrance to J. B. Pfister's drug store.

The thief, or thieves, first went to Cameron's blacksmith shop and secured tools with which to break into the stores named, but for some reason failed to effect an entrance to Pfister's drug store.

At Hamilton's dry goods store they broke out a window light, which they reached through and unlocked the back door. They traded their old shoes and socks for new shoes and "clean" socks, and also appropriated other articles of merchandise amounting, in all, to \$35 or \$30.

At the Rothville Co.'s hardware store they prised open the front door and helped themselves to about a dozen razors and some three dozen pocket knives.

The free-booters had not been captured as last reports, but suspicion attaches to two white men and a negro who were put off a Santa Fe train at Mendon Saturday afternoon.

Circuit Clerk Richardson Sent to the "Pen."

The many friends of Circuit Clerk H. B. Richardson, a man who has enjoyed the confidence and respect of nearly every man, woman and child in Chariton county, who knows him, will be surprised to hear that he was sent to the penitentiary by Sheriff Dempsey last Monday, but will be glad to hear that he went only to take James Moore, who was sent up for two years at the recent April term of circuit court for stealing a mule from J. N. Gipson of near Lagonda. Mr. Richardson was accompanied by his son, Lilber, who went along to see that they didn't lock up his "pa" instead of the other fellow.

## The Tomb.

MILLS—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mills died at the residence of her son-in-law, E. B. Elliott, near Keytesville, May 20th, 1895, after an illness of several weeks' duration of Bright's disease and paralysis, aged 68 years. She had been in poor health for several years, but all the time bore her sufferings with Christian resignation.

Deceased was a twin sister of Major T. H. Walton of Salisbury, and belonged to one of Chariton county's most respected families. She was born in Virginia in December, 1826, and at the age of seven years came, with her parents, to Missouri and settled in Chariton county, where she lived till called to a home in a brighter world.

She was married three times; first, to Mr. Eshelrod Parks, and of this union five children were born, but only one of whom, Mrs. Doctor Aldridge, of Keytesville remains.

Her second marriage, of which there were three children born, was to Mr. Tyrans Birch, only one of these, Mrs. E. B. Elliott, is left to mourn the loss of a dear mother.

Her third marriage was to Mr. J. J. Mills, who for a long time was a resident of Keytesville and vicinity and, of course, well-known here. Thus, it will be seen that many dear ones, including six children, have preceded her to the "Great Beyond." She has left, of near relatives, one brother, two daughters and seven grandchildren, who realize their loss and who, we hope, will meet her in the "sweet by and by" to part no more. The writer had known the subject of this sketch since 1856, when he came to Chariton county, during the life time of Mr. Birch, who was an excellent Christian gentleman. Her's was then a happy home, because it was a Christian home. Our judgment of her was that she was a quiet, meek, submissive Christian, plain and unassuming, yet firm like the rock upon which she built her hope of a blissful future. As a mother, she was painstaking and "careful for many things." The welfare of her children and of her grandchildren, of whom she was very fond, was ever uppermost in her mind. But she is gone, and they miss her. Impressive funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. C. K. Shilling, after which a long procession of Keytesville friends accompanied the remains to the beautiful cemetery at Salisbury, where they were laid to rest beside the sleeping dust of her daughter, Charlotte, Mrs. Ledra Silvey, to await the first resurrection.

LANE—John Lane, a farmer living near Medina, 11 miles north of Keytesville, died of congestion of the stomach and bowels last Tuesday after an illness of some weeks. Mr. Lane was about 43 or 44 years old and leaves a wife and three or four children.

**The People's Dry Goods Co. call the attention of the young men and the old ones, too, to their nobby line of Giescke shoes.**

## Meeting of the People's Party County Committee.

Mr. COURTESY—The People's party county committee met pursuant to a call of the chairman, at Keytesville, on May 21st, 1895.

The first order of business of the committee was the acceptance of the resignation of the county chairman, E. C. Stacy, and the election of Oscar F. Wood as chairman in Stacy's stead.

The second order of business was the election of A. C. Yocum as secretary of the county committee, W. P. Dwis having resigned.

The third order of business was the perfecting of the county organization.

First, by choosing township sub-committees from the following townships: Brunswick township, John E. Foggia, Brunswick, Mo.

Triplet township, Ed. Easter, Triplet, Mo.

Cunningham township, Wm. A. Caristead, Sumner, Mo.

Salt Creek township, Ezra Neighbors, Newhall, Mo.

Second, by having speakers in the county. Third, by soliciting subscriptions for a newspaper literature.

The fourth order of business was the vote to hold a county rally on July 4th at or near Keytesville fairgrounds.

Fifth order of business was the choosing of Hon. Tom Watson of Iowa, and Jerry Simpson of Kansas, Frank E. Richey and O. D. Jones of Missouri, speakers for said rally.

The sixth order of business was the passing of a resolution endorsing the Omaha platform, plus the initiative and referendum.

The seventh order of business was adjournment of the committee to meet again at the court-house, in Keytesville, on Saturday, June 5th, 1895.

Oscar F. Wood, Chairman. A. C. Yocum, Secretary.

**Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder** World's Fair Highest Award.

T. T. Elliott, jr., left for St. Louis last Monday with his three children. Marcie May, Ida M. and Master Tom, where the little ones will spend a couple of months visiting their grandmother, Mrs. M. Mumme.

**Plow shoes \$1. Sold by the People's Dry Goods Co.** The financial clouds are beginning to have a silvery lining. Democrats, see that you attend your township mass meeting to-morrow.

## Wedding Bells.

**FRANKLIN-DABNEY**—Mr. Reubin Franklin and Miss Fannie Dabney, a pair of Bruzewick's dusky lovers, were married in that city on Sunday, May 19th, Rev. O. T. Redd doing the splicing.

**GROTTJAN-STANDLEY**—Mr. W. A. Grotjan and Miss Cora Standley, both of near Westville, were married at the office of the officiating justice of the peace, Squire J. M. De Moss, in Keytesville, on Wednesday, May 22nd.

**SCHERBE-RUDER**—Mr. W. E. Scherbe and Miss Nannie Ruder were married by Col. C. W. Bell, one of Salisbury township's brand new justices of the peace, on Sunday, May 19th.

**SHANNON-MORRIS**—Mr. John Shannon and Mrs. Sarah Morris were united for better or for worse by Squire Geo. W. Cunningham at Brunswick on Sunday, May 19th.

**TEBBE-HUSTEDDE**—Mr. George Tebbe of Missouri township and Miss Mary Hustedde of Saline county were married in West Glasgow on Tuesday, May 14th, Rev. Father Thobe of Glasgow officiating.

**FRAZIER-JOHNSON**—Mr. W. P. Frazier and Miss Rebecca L. Johnson, both of Salisbury, were married in that city by and at the residence of Rev. J. P. Rice on Tuesday, May 21st.

## Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

## To Be Tried Next Monday.

The case of the six Chariton county toughs, charged with having outraged Mrs. Theodore Gregory, near Daiton, on March 7th, last, is set for trial in the Sullivan county circuit court at Milan next Monday, May 27th, at 1 o'clock, p. m., and at which time all of the witnesses are expected to be present.

Attorney John M. Swallow of Milan has been employed to assist L. N. Dempsey in the defense, while the prosecution will be conducted by Prosecuting Att'y Wallace and J. A. Collet of Keytesville, and Hon. C. Hammond of Brunswick, assisted by Prosecuting Attorney Pierce of Sullivan county.

Every inch of the legal grounds in the case will be hotly contested by the opposing counsel, and the outcome of the case will be looked forward to with intense interest by every law-abiding citizen of Chariton county.

We hope that the scales of justice will be fairly balanced, and that right may prevail in the end.

The slogan at the trial should be: "Let no guilty man escape, and let no innocent man be punished."

## Disgraceful.

Word comes from Milan that the liberties of the jail yard are allowed the six Chariton county young men who are charged with the diabolical crime of rape, and that they are also allowed to go to the saloon to indulge in the flowing bowl. If such is the case, the sheriff or jailer of Sullivan county should blush for shame to allow prisoners, who are charged with a crime for which the maximum punishment is the gallows, such liberties. In fact, the allowance of such privileges is disgraceful to the officer who grants it, and such an officer is a dangerous enemy to society.

We will guarantee such censurable conduct on the part of Sullivan county officials has not been permitted with the knowledge or approbation of Judge Becker, and we hope he will see to it at once that these wrongs are righted.

## Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away

is the truthful, startling title of a book about No-To-Bac, the harmless, guaranteed tobacco habit cure that braces up nicotineated nerves, eliminates the nicotine poison, makes weak men gain strength, vigor and manhood. You run no physical or financial risk, as No-To-Bac is sold W. C. Gaston under a guarantee to cure or money refunded. Book free, Address Sterling Remedy Co., New York or Chicago.

## Marriage License.

W. E. Scherbe and Miss Nannie Ruder, Jno. Shannon and Mrs. Sarah Morris; W. P. Frazier and Miss Rebecca L. Johnson; W. A. Grotjan and Miss Cora Standley; Reubin Franklin, col., and Miss Fannie Dabney, col.

"Uncle Ben" Crawley is in Marcieine visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. K. West.

Democrats, don't fail to attend your township mass-meeting to-morrow, and help select delegates to the county convention, May 28th.

Lost.—Between Dr. Aldridge's residence and the Courser office, a pair of nickel-plated tweezers. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to Harry Aldridge.

Sparks from the fine set fire to the roof of Dr. J. T. Aldridge's summer kitchen last Wednesday, but timely attention prevented the building from burning to the ground. Damage slight.

Eighty-one steers were sent to the Kansas City market last Wednesday from Mexico. They averaged 808 pounds and were sold at \$2.55 per hundred. Transportation of these cattle cost \$125.40 per car.

Squire J. T. Robinson of Clark township was at the capital Monday on business. He had not paid the capital a visit for a long time and he had almost concluded that he had forgotten Keytesville was the county seat. "Uncle Jim" ought to come often and stay longer.

Notwithstanding we have had no killing frosts in this section of country, the prospect for a bountiful fruit crop has been materially lessened by apples and peaches falling off the trees. We think the Geniting apples are all gone, while the Ben Davis variety will be scarce.

Perhaps never before in the history of this country were rains so partial. In some portions, heavy rains have done great damage to the growing crops while in others they are being ruined by the drought. Some of the ranchmen in the Southwest have been forced to ship their cattle to Missouri in order to sell them or to get pasture. East of the Chariton river in this county there has been a surplus of rain, while west of it more rain is badly needed, except in portions of Clark, Bee Branch and Cockrell townships.

Since Mr. Carlele's speech at Covington, the St. Louis Republic has had its eyes open to see the enormity and fallacy of the gold bug plan, and we think a few more speeches from Mr. Carlele-like the Covington speech will place the Republic squarely upon the free silver platform. Among other good things we found the following in an editorial taken from that paper of the 21st: "Silver must be called in as money of full value and full redemption to aid in maintaining these currencies and debts, or debt payment will sooner or later become almost or quite impossible."

The opening of the Chickasaw reservation on the border of Oklahoma caused a large assemblage of home seekers at Ingram and other points along the line in order to begin the run yesterday afternoon. It was estimated that fifteen thousand people, including men, women and children had been camping there for weeks past, all ready to move at a moment's warning. Seekers outnumbered the homes ten to one, but every one hopes for good luck until he finds that fate has decreed against him.

"The way of the transgressor is hard," as shown in the case of J. H. Woolwine, who was arrested at O-sage City, Kansas, Wednesday and taken to Jefferson City on a requisition from Gov. Stone, to serve a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary for criminally assaulting a 13-year-old girl in Andrain County two years ago. Woolwine was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. Pending a decision of the supreme court he was released on bail. Last Saturday the supreme court confirmed the finding of the lower court.

County Surveyor Carter went up near Bynumville yesterday to survey a 233-acre tract of land, part of which is in section 4-53-17 and part in 6-55-17. This is the same land to which Capt. L. Bencke of Brunswick discovered the title to be in the government not long since, and at once entered it at the government land office at Springfield, Mo. The parties who have been supposed to own this land and who have had it in peaceable possession for a number of years, are A. J. Bartholomew, a man named Gobie, and Judge Berry Owens, or rather his estate. Yesterday made the third time Mr. Carter had gone to make the survey, as the parties living there had twice before entered their protest against his surveying the land. Capt. Bencke subsequently mandamused him, and he was again dispatched under the protection of one or two special deputy sheriffs to do the work desired by Capt. Bencke. A long-drawn out law-suit over this land is believed to be imminent.