

County court meets next Monday.

The best 5c cigars in town are the La Take.

Go to S. M. White for La Take cigars.

If you want to keep posted in 1896, subscribe for the COURIER.

Hard to beat is the La Take cigar. For sale by all wide-awake dealers.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council will be held next Monday night.

A splendid quality of brick are constantly kept for sale at Beazley's brick-yard, Brunswick, Mo.

Miss Addie Steele, of one-half mile east of town, has returned home from a visit to Macon friends and relatives.

Everybody in Keytesville is going to attend the home talent entertainment at the opera house Friday evening, Jan. 3rd.

Our public schools resumed operations again last Monday after a week's enjoyable vacation to both teachers and pupils.

You will miss many hearty laughs if you fail to attend the home talent entertainment at the opera house to-night (Friday).

The La Take cigars have been too long before the people to let others take their place. Try one now; better than ever. Compare them with others.

Little Misses Goldie Hill and Sammie Vaughan, of Keytesville, were the guests of Miss Edna Owen, of Brunswick, from last Thursday afternoon till Sunday morning.

J. M. Wilhite has added largely to his stock of drugs, and can fill your wants with nice fresh drugs at the Dalton drug store. Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.

**When you want the pure article, try Kellogg's pure, hand-made sour-mash whiskey.**

The Dalton drug store is conducted in first-class style by the new proprietor, J. M. Wilhite. Mr. Wilhite is a competent pharmacist, and guarantees his drugs and medicines to be the best.

Launcelet lodge No. 245, Knights of Pythias, will install the new officers for 1896 at their castle hall to-night. All of the members of the lodge who can possibly do so are expected to be present.

The Sumner Star editor's Christmas turkey was a roasted goose, which he was invited to partake of by a considerate friend, who doubtless thought "birds of a feather ought to flock together."

**Go to Hansman & Rick and call for their 891 hand-made Bourbon. You will find it matured well, palatable and strictly pure.**

Brother Lincoln, of the Brunswick News, was presented with a bottle of wine, made in Brunswick, for a Christmas present, and what's more he seems to have drunk it. We don't want to hear another word out of him now about "Bourbon Democracy."

Dr. J. C. HEARNE and wife have returned to San Francisco, Cal. The former was recently acquitted of the charge of murdering Amos J. Stillwell at Hannibal in 1888, and further prosecution of Mrs. Hearne, Dr. Stillwell's wife at the time her husband was murdered, and who was indicted for the crime in connection with Dr. Hearne, has been withdrawn.

Brill, the grocer, will not be under sold.

Miss Nora Hodges, one of Keytesville's popular young ladies, is spending a week with Marcelline friends.

The January term of the Chariton county circuit court convenes at Salisbury on Monday, January 13th. The docket will be found elsewhere in this issue of the COURIER.

We enroll as new subscribers this week. Leota Nubern, Ridgeville, Ind.; Mrs. Ella Paul, Morro, Cal.; Chas. M. Tanner, Marceline; Clyde Shupe, Mendon, and Mrs. H. W. Hoel, St. Louis.

Mr. B. F. Moorman, a prominent tiller of the soil, of Clark township, did the agreeable by the COURIER while in Keytesville last Monday by squaring himself on our subscription books to April, 1897.

Mr. A. F. Owen, of Brunswick, was in Keytesville the first two or three days of this week on business. Mr. Owen is much pleased with his prospects of success with the Brunswick Eagle Roller mill, which his many Keytesville friends will be glad to hear.

L. C. Cloyd, an enterprising young farmer and fine hog breeder, of near Shannondale, was both a pleasant and substantial caller at the COURIER office last Tuesday. Mr. Cloyd raises the celebrated Jersey Red breed of hogs, and is meeting with splendid success.

J. E. Ellis, the genial Westville merchant, was an agreeable caller at the COURIER wigwam while at the capital last Monday. He informed us that he had purchased a 40-acre tract of land, lying one-half mile north of Westville, of Wm. Wagner, of Brunswick, for \$800, provided Mr. Wagner could furnish a satisfactory abstract, but he has not yet done so.

Messrs. Stacy & Courtney, Keytesville's clever millers, have made arrangements with W. W. Duncan to take charge of and run their mill until spring. Mr. Duncan is late of Oklahoma, but formerly of Lexington, Mo., where he followed the milling business for 12 years. He comes to Keytesville highly recommended. If further arrangements are made Mr. Duncan will move his family here in the spring.

"Grandpa" Moore, one of Keytesville's kind-hearted old men, called Tuesday and asked us if we liked rabbit. On being assured that we did, he said he had brought us one, and a young one at that. But when he drew it out of his pocket it proved to be a wooden rabbit that he had carved out of a piece of pine with his pocket-knife. The title ornament now adorns our sanctum sanctorum, and we intend to make it a terror to delinquent subscribers.

M. H. Holcomb, one of Keytesville's wide-awake lumbermen, has taken his son, Roy, in as a partner. We called on them New Year's morning and found Roy as busy as a bee with the broom and dust brush getting the house in first-class condition to receive customers. The COURIER extends congratulations, with best wishes for the success of the new firm. If the son should prove as diligent in business as the father has done, success is assured already.

Messrs. Simpson, Kendrick & Co., a new firm of real estate dealers, with an office over Toben's meat market, recently sold Mr. Newton Long's 320-acre farm, located two miles east of Sumner, to Mr. W. G. Richardson, of Carthage, Mo., for \$10,000, says the Brunswick News. The News says, too, that on Saturday last, Messrs. Simpson, Kendrick & Co., closed a deal with an Illinois man for a 400-acre farm, located one-half mile north of Mendon, also belonging to Mr. Long. The consideration was \$12,000.

Rev. C. K. Shilling occupied the Methodist pulpit in Keytesville last Sunday morning and prophesied to a fairly good-sized audience. Next Sunday all of the three pulpits, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist will be filled by their respective pastors. As that will be the first Sabbath in the new year, let everybody set everybody else a good example and attend church. One who will take the trouble to count them will be surprised at the number of people in Keytesville that rarely, if ever, attend church. Whether they have a good excuse for this stay-at-home custom is not our's to judge.

Miss Lottie Aldridge visited relatives in Salisbury, Wednesday.

Miss Maude Smith, of near Wakenda, Carroll county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. P. Vandiver.

Miss Pearl Warsham gave a pleasant social party to several of her young friends last Tuesday night.

Remember when you want groceries that Brill's stock is all new and fresh, and that he will make you bottom prices.

Sheriff Dempsey and deputies are being kept quite busy serving papers for the January term of circuit court at Salisbury.

Mr. R. W. Agee, a clever farmer and good citizen, of near Shannondale, made us a greatly appreciated call while at the capital last Saturday.

The passing of the bond and tariff bills by the lower house has caused some one to formulate the following motto for the 54th congress: "Take care of monopoly and monopoly will take care of the country."

James Clavin, a hustling young farmer, of near Indian Grove, called Wednesday and paid his subscription to the Great Favorite Weekly till January, 1897. We wish James a happy New Year, and a bride before 1898.

Money was being raised among Keytesville's business men last Wednesday and yesterday for the purpose of employing a night watch. A sufficient sum was subscribed to assure the success of the undertaking, and the man to serve will be selected by the city council next Monday night.

A number of Keytesville's worshippers at the shrine of Terpsichore enjoyed a social hop at the vacant store-room of Mr. J. P. Tippet on North Cherry street on both Thursday and Friday nights of last week, as did also a jolly crowd of youngsters of the "flying size" at Sneed's popular hotel on New Year's eve.

George Conrad, of 1-1/2 miles east of town, visited relatives up near Prairie Hill a portion of last week and the fore part of this week. He reports a large and successful protracted meeting in progress at Prairie Hill, being conducted by Revs. Rout, of Randolph county, and Bacon, of Marshall, Saline county. There had been about 50 conversions up to last Tuesday night, and Mr. Conrad says they almost got him.

The attachment suit of J. M. Hawkins against J. J. Venable for rent amounting to about \$147, tried by jury in Justice C. G. Singleton's court at Keytesville last Monday, resulted in a hung jury, which stood two for plaintiff and four for defendant. Late Monday afternoon the two litigants reached a compromise by which the defendant is to deliver 100 barrels of corn to plaintiff at Dr. H. T. Garnett's, and the plaintiff is to pay the costs involved in the suit—about \$32.

E. Fennell, of Salisbury, who has been so successfully representing John Morrell & Co., a large pork-packing establishment, of Ottumwa, Iowa, but who has been laid up for the past 11 weeks with a badly sprained ankle, came over Wednesday afternoon to visit Keytesville friends and relatives. "Dred" is still on crutches, but when he reached Keytesville he hobbled up the COURIER office's front steps and notified us that he wanted to pay his subscription to the COURIER. Said he had been taking it ever since the first issue, and he just couldn't do without it. And we are glad of it.

The control of the senate is not making the Republicans happy as they had fondly hoped. In order to get rich plums for their kinsmen as committee clerks, etc., they had to make a dicker with the Populists. The Populists were bought off from participation in the organization fight by a promise from the Republican that a majority of the committee on finance should be silver men. This trade of the Republican senators with the Populists is working against Mr. Allison's chances for the presidential nomination, and Speaker Reed is taking advantage of this senatorial blunder.

Broke His Record.

'Squire H. A. Wheeler, of Keytesville, who ties more nuptial knots than any other legally constituted authority in Chariton county, by nearly two to one, surpassed all previous records in 1895. In 1894 he united 31 couples for-better-or-for-worse, but in 1895 he united 32 couples as follows:

IN JANUARY.  
Silas Wallace, col., and Miss Emma J. Strother, col.

L. W. Twitchell and Miss Frances M. Ferguson.

Harvey Jones and Miss Ada Cook. Herman Folkens and Miss Zulica Lee.

Cyrus E. Dunn and Miss Kate Wright.

IN FEBRUARY.  
C. L. Ashby, col., and Miss Ella Page, col.

J. P. Williams and Miss Salina I. White.

J. W. Williams and Miss Leona Cousins.

John Palmer and Miss Rosa E. Owens.

IN MARCH.  
Wm. Hughes, col., and Miss Ella Mitchell, col.

Geo. F. Wahl and Miss Minnie Metcalf.

J. J. Fennell and Miss Julia Powers.

G. W. Guthrie and Miss Mary E. Smith.

T. A. Coleman and Miss Nannie Stuckey.

IN APRIL.  
E. W. Messenger and Miss Mary Ferguson.

IN MAY.  
Pole Fry and Miss Mary C. Brewer.

IN JUNE.  
James L. Lawrence and Miss Aggie Switzer.

IN JULY.  
Wm. J. Horton and Miss Ida Corley.

W. E. Trainer and Miss Belle Williams.

IN SEPTEMBER.  
James L. Moxley and Miss Dora Thomas.

William Drew and Miss Mattie Viers.

Jacob Wray and Miss Hannah Clark.

IN OCTOBER.  
Felix De Coursey and Mrs. Ella Moxley.

IN NOVEMBER.  
Walter Smith and Miss Wyoming Cox.

W. C. Griffin and Miss Minnie Kincaid.

IN DECEMBER.  
J. D. Still and Miss Julietta Baer.

James W. Davis and Mrs. Susan C. Ellis.

C. F. Courtney and Miss Emma C. Gordon.

E. B. Johnson and Miss Maggie M. Gordon.

Chas. W. Singleton and Miss Luella Cooley.

John Ewing, col., and Miss Sissie Wheeler, col.

Thos. G. Parker and Miss Dora B. Shoot.

NOTICE!  
All persons knowing themselves indebted to me by account or note are requested to call and settle. I need the money due me and must have it. You will save yourselves trouble and expense by coming and settling your accounts at once.

Respectfully,  
J. P. TIPPETT,  
Keytesville, Mo.

For Sale.  
I have for sale at my residence on the E. B. Coleman farm, four miles southeast of Keytesville, 5,000 pounds of bright Oronoco tobacco, desirable for chewing or smoking, a sample of which can be seen at M. W. Anderson's store in Keytesville.

A determined man's nature is like oil. No matter what kind of adverse circumstances you compound him with, he will strive to swim on top. Take Sneed's Constipation Cure for dizziness. For sale by druggists.

Go to Brill for groceries, glassware, queensware, tinware, candies, cigars and tobacco.

Go to Hansman & Rick for La Take cigars.

# To Our Friends and Patrons:

At the beginning of the New Year, 1896, we desire to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage they have bestowed upon us during the past year. We thoroughly appreciate such favors, and hope by honorable dealings to retain all of our old friends and gain many new ones during the ensuing year.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, we are respectfully,

## Keytesville Lumber Co.,

W. W. Hancock, Manager.

Mrs. J. P. Tippet Entertains.

It was the good fortune of "ye editor" and wife, among several other couples of Keytesville's "young married folks," to spend an evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tippet last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tippet were assisted in entertaining their guests by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dewey, jr.

The evening was delightfully spent in various games and interesting social converse, and everyone present entered heartily into the pleasantries to be enjoyed.

At 10 o'clock supper was announced, and a feast seldom attained by the art culinary was spread, such as Mrs. Tippet is an adept at preparing.

The bill of fare consisted of oysters, old ham, roasted turkey, French rolls, tea, coffee, pickles, salads, salted almonds, fancy ice-cream, cakes, etc., with wine as a finisher.

Every dish served was of the highest order of perfection, and tickled the palate beyond conception.

After supper another hour was charmingly whiled away before adieus were said.

That the evening was enjoyed to the utmost the happy countenances of all bore ample testimony, and our only regret is that Keytesville doesn't indulge more frequently in such delightful social gatherings, so that "ye editor" could get "filled up" oftener. Let's have 'em.

The Brunswick Tobacco works, now located at Kansas City, and owned by A. G. Kennedy & Son, formerly of Brunswick, have failed. We are not apprised of the extent of the failure, but a young man, representing a law firm, of Kansas City, was in Keytesville last Monday for the purpose of running an attachment for \$10,000 in favor of the Bank of Commerce at Kansas City on 700 or 800 acres of land owned by Mr. Kennedy in this county. This land, however, had all been turned over to Mr. J. A. Merchant, cashier of the Chariton County Exchange bank at Brunswick, a day or two previous to the arrival of the Kansas City young man in Keytesville.

Forrest Pratt, of Kansas City, is the guest of his friend, T. T. Elliott, jr.

Miss Sallie Scott Hill returned last Monday from a visit to Miss Creek Threlkeld at West-End hotel, St. Louis.

Mrs. J. N. Cash, of near Scribner school-house, is, we are glad to hear, convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

Those of our readers who ought to be happiest during 1896 are those who have their COURIER well paid for in advance.

Mr. D. H. Hancock returned from Higginsville last Saturday after a week's visit to his son, David, and family. He reports a delightful visit.

Mrs. T. M. Rowan, of Nevada, Mo., arrived here last Tuesday night for a two weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, of 2 1/2 miles west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hirsch, of Keytesville, are the proud parents of a fine daughter, who laid claim to board and lodging at their house last Monday.

Miss Lucile Hill will return to-day (Friday) from a charming visit to Mrs. J. W. Whaley, of Hannibal. Miss Lucile's cousin, Will H. Scott, will return with her.

The docket of the January term of circuit court at Salisbury contains 31 criminal and 65 civil cases, making a total of 96 cases in all that have been docketed for that term.

Mr. S. N. Bailey, who has been living on what is known as the Neal farm, 2 1/2 miles south of Keytesville, for the past two years, has bought a farm in Randolph county, near Randolph Springs, which he expects to move to about the 1st of March.

Miss Elizabeth Hill, of Keytesville, who has been the guest of her friend, Miss Ethel Callaway, of East Monroe street, for a few days, has returned to her home. While here Miss Hill made many friends, all of whom hope she will return in the near future.—*Mexico Evening Ledger.*