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A Street Fight.

Several of our citizens who hadn't "seen any Christmas" had their desires in that direction fairly well gratified last Monday afternoon by witnessing set-to between W. T. Rice and "Bill" Cooley, both suburban residents of Keytesville.

The trouble first started between Cooley and T. H. Binford over some real or imaginary grievance Cooley had against Mr. Binford for having wronged his (Cooley's) father several years ago.

Mr. Binford being an old man with very defective vision J. W. Hughes of 2 1-2 miles northwest of town chided Cooley for wanting to strike a man of Mr. Binford's age. Just at this juncture of the fracas W. T. Rice chimed in and remarked to Cooley that if he wanted to hit anybody to hit him. Mr. Hughes stepped gracefully to one side and left Rice with "a scrap" on his hands. At it he and Cooley went, but they soon clinched and landed in the gutter in front of Dempsey's saloon. They pommelled and scratched each other in regular *a la* school boy and tom-cat style, until Cooley got out his pocket-knife and attempted to cut Rice's throat. Everybody standing around seemed anxious "to see a fight," but they did not want to witness a tragedy, so the combatants were separated by bystanders after hard work, and were placed under arrest by City Marshal Embree. Rice tamely submitted to arrest, but Cooley rebelled, and it required the Herculean efforts of four men to land him in the calaboose. Finding himself in durance vile Cooley's fury knew no bounds, and he proceeded to wreak vengeance on the city by smashing the calaboose stove into a number of pieces. After he had been given time to sober up Cooley was taken before Mayor Knaus before whom he pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and was fined \$2.50 and costs besides being required to pay for the calaboose stove he had smashed into smithereens.

In slashing at Rice with his knife Cooley inflicted a slight cut near the ear, and it may be that he will be called upon by the state to answer to the charge of felonious assault.

Rice when taken before the mayor was discharged, as he was regarded as being on the defensive instead of the offensive side of the *melee*.

Christmas drunks come high sometimes, but there are those who will have them regardless of what they cost.

The Tomb.

TURNER.—Mrs. John Turner of five miles southwest of Triplett died the 21st inst. of dropsy.

WILLIAMSON.—The remains of Miss Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williamson formerly of near Mendon, arrived at Mendon last Sunday, the young lady having died in the Indian Territory. We were unable to learn particulars.

BLACK.—Daniel Black died at the residence of his son, J. T., two miles east of Westville, last Saturday, after a brief illness of *la grippe*, aged 86 years. The deceased was a native of Kentucky, but had lived in Chariton a long time. He leaves several children, his wife having preceded him to the other shore.

POTTER.—W. W. Potter, one of Yellow Creek township's prominent farmers and good citizens, died Friday night, Dec. 24th, at the residence of his son-in-law, Levi Reed, in Maywood, Wyandotte county, Kas., after a lingering illness of stomach trouble, aged 73 years, 9 months and 15 days.

Something over three months ago Mr. Potter was advised by his attending physician that a change would be good for him, so he went to Kansas

City where he spent about a week with his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Mills, and went from there to Maywood, Kas., to visit his daughter Mrs. Levi Reed, at whose home he was stricken with his last and fatal illness.

He was a native of New York, in which state he was born March 8th, 1824. He was twice married, both times in Illinois. His first wife was a Miss Bryant, by whom he had four children, two of whom are still living, viz: Mrs. J. B. Shafer of Norwood, Mo., and Mrs. Levi Reed of Maywood, Kas. His second wife was Miss Margaret Steward. This union was blessed with the advent of seven children, all whom, with their mother, survive the husband and father. These children are: F. W. Potter of Sumner, Mrs. F. L. Buck of near Rothville, Mrs. F. T. Mayhugh of near Mendon, Mrs. W. J. Mills of Kansas City, General Potter, unmarried, who lives with his mother at the old homestead in Yellow Creek township, where the family has resided ever since moving to Chariton county, 32 years ago; A. J. Potter of Sumner, and Mrs. W. H. Newsome of near Mendon.

During his protracted illness Mr. Potter's sufferings were at times intense, but he bore up under them with remarkable fortitude, and while not a member of any religious denomination, he professed faith in the Savior of mankind about ten days before his death, and gave every assurance that the grim reaper had no terrors for him, and that he regarded his future as bright as a May morning. His only regret was that he had not entered the vineyard of his Master long before the eleventh hour.

The remains were shipped from Norwood, Kas., to Mendon and conveyed from there to his home last Sunday, from whence they were taken to Sumner the following day, where impressive and appropriate funeral services were held by Rev. J. D. Mendenhall, who paid a high tribute to the character of the deceased and poured forth the comforting balm of consolation to loved ones, whose eyes were bedimmed with tears and whose hearts were sad and sore, by pointing them to the promise of the scripture which gives the blessed assurance that by living upright lives they may all be united in an unbroken family circle around the great white throne where there will be no sickness, no suffering, no sorrow, no death.

Immediately following the funeral discourse interment took place in Odd Fellows' cemetery, where the sleeping dust of this highly esteemed and deeply mourned citizen of Chariton county now lies to await the final resurrection, which "is the silver lining to the dark clouds of death, and we know that the sun is shining beyond."

HAMMOND.—Hon. Chas. Hammond of Brunswick died at the residence of his son, C. C. Hammond, in Salisbury, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after a protracted illness of gout and nervous prostration, aged 61 years, 7 months and 25 days. The deceased was a native of West Virginia, but had resided in Chariton county since 1858. His early life in this county was spent in teaching school, during which time he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1860. In the same year he was married to Miss Pocahontas Cabell, a most estimable lady, who, with two children, C. C. Hammond of Salisbury and Mrs. C. W. Bowman of Kansas City, survive him. The name of Chas. Hammond was a synonym for all that goes to make up a noble and enviable character—loyal citizenship, a model husband, an indulgent and affectionate father and a devout Christian gentleman, he having been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for many years. Truly may it be said of him: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. C. Hemenway of Glasgow at the Presbyterian church in

Brunswick tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be followed by interment in Elliott Grove cemetery. His last repose is like one who has calmly drawn the robes of his couch about him and lain down to pleasant dreams. He will be missed wherever known, but most, of course, by his wife and children who so ardently revered and adored him.

The Criminal Calendar.

Wm. Blackwell, a white man 29 years of age, was brought to Keytesville Wednesday by Constable Richard Ashby of Brunswick and lodged in jail upon a commitment issued from Justice C. E. Finch's court. Blackwell is charged upon the affidavit of George W. Cunningham, administrator of the estate of Dr. J. F. Cunningham, with cutting and appropriating to his own use 30 hickory trees valued at \$5, and belonging to Dr. J. F. Cunningham's heirs. When taken before Justice Finch, Blackwell's bond was fixed at \$100, which he was unable to give, hence was committed to jail to await his trial, which was set for Tuesday, January 4th.

A miniature "race war" between the white and colored tough elements at Brunswick took place last Friday and Saturday nights. No corpses, however, were discovered after the din and smoke of battle had subsided and cleared away, but a few sore heads and blackened optics followed in the wake of the conflict. Three arrests have resulted so far, viz: "Bob" Magruder and Elias Watkins, charged with assaulting Nora Bigby, a negro barber, and Wm. Cavanaugh, charged with assaulting Chas. B. Ford, etc. The defendants will all be tried before Justice G. W. Rutledge at Brunswick next Tuesday, January 4th.

The case of the state against G. W. Rutledge, the Dalton liveryman whose arrest upon suspicion of having been a party to the theft of 1,000 pounds of wool from G. B. Hurt of near Shannondale the 21st of last June was chronicled in the last issue of the COURIER, was called in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court at Keytesville last Wednesday, but no preliminary trial was had for the reason that Prosecuting Attorney Collet had made the discovery since Rutledge's arrest that "Richard Roe," a legal term for an unknown party, had been indicted by the grand jury at the last July term of circuit court at Salisbury in connection with Burl Jones who was arrested at Marshall, Saline county, shortly after Mr. Hurt's wool was stolen, Jones having been the young man who sheared the sheep from which the clip was feloniously appropriated and hauled to Moberly where it was sold to I. Weisburg & Co. As stated in the COURIER last week Rutledge was identified by John Mosely as the man for whom he hitched up the team at S. B. Elliott's livery stable in Salisbury with which the wool was conveyed to Moberly, and also by Ed. Miller, I. Weisburg & Co.'s clerk, as the man from whom he bought the wool. Notwithstanding this seeming unquestionable identification, Rutledge's friends claim that he will be able to establish an alibi when his case goes to trial at the ensuing January term of circuit court at Salisbury. Owing to the fact that Rutledge had been previously indicted, proceedings against him were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney last Wednesday, and he was thereupon arrested upon a capias issued from the circuit court last July, which fixed his bond at \$1,000, but the prisoner was unable to give the required bail, and was committed to jail. Rutledge's attorney, L. N. Dempsey, insisted upon a preliminary trial, but Prosecuting Attorney Collet held that as the accused had already been indicted for the offense for which he had been arrested, Justice DeMoss' court had no jurisdiction, in which view of the case Justice DeMoss concurred.

An Old Negro Killed.

John Redding, an old-time colored resident of Keytesville who had been making his home at "Aunt Mandy" Williams' (better known as Ewing) an aged negro woman of this place, for the past 20 or 21 years, was struck a blow in the side by William Ewing, "Aunt Mandy's" 46-year-old son, who also makes his home with her, about 6 o'clock last night and died in about 5 or 10 minutes afterward.

The particulars of the sad affair are as follows:

"Uncle John," as he was called by both old and young, had cut and carried some dry wood into the kitchen to be used in the cooking stove. When William came home shortly before 6 o'clock considerably under the influence of liquor, he got this dry wood out of the kitchen and put it into the heating stove. "Uncle John" registered his objection and told William he did not want him to burn that wood, and threatened to take it out of the stove, whereupon William cursed the old man and dared him to touch the wood. Although feeble and much advanced in years "Uncle John" was not disposed "to take a dare" and commenced to remove the wood from the stove. He took out a couple of sticks and William told him if he took out any more he would kill him, emphasizing his threat with oaths. "Uncle John" plucked another stick of wood from the stove, and just as he straightened up William struck the decrepit old man a terrific blow in the left side and knocked him to the southwest corner of the room, a distance of eight or ten feet. "Uncle John" got up, stuck of wood in hand, and told William if he struck him again he (John) would strike him (William) with that stick of wood. The old fellow walked across the room, sank into a chair, commenced to quiver and threw his head back on the bed. "Aunt Mandy," who had been an eye-witness to the shocking scene, went to the old man and raised his head, but his neck had already begun to stiffen, and turning to William "Aunt Mandy" said: "William, you have killed John." William replied: "I don't care a d— if I have, and you, too."

"Aunt Mandy" gave the alarm and a number of parties soon reached her house, among the first being Major Marmaduke, col., who took "Uncle John" up in his arms and laid him down upon the bed, but the poor old man only drew one breath after he was laid down, and that was his last.

Sheriff Dempsey, with his usual promptness, put in his appearance and placed William Ewing under arrest and lodged him in jail. After realizing the awfulness of the deed he had committed William broke down and wept like a child, and told the sheriff he believed he would take a knife and cut his own throat, but his knife was taken from him by the officer.

A coroner's inquest was held this (Friday) morning by Dr. G. M. Dewey and also an autopsy held on the body.

Five witnesses were examined, but their testimony developed nothing of importance in addition to what has already been given, except that the autopsy showed the heart to be very much enlarged, and that the lungs were nearly gone and that the deceased was in a very precarious state of health.

Dr. Dewey, the coroner, gives it as his opinion that the blow the victim of William Ewing's rage received produced paralysis of the heart and death ensued before reaction could take place.

The coroner's jury, composed of Capt. R. M. Scott, J. C. Rucker, G. B. Gilliam, W. W. Ward, Miller Lessley and R. P. Trent, after hearing the evidence and examining the body returned the following verdict:

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came to his immediate death by a blow from the hand of William Ewing, and remote cause from diseased heart." The exact age of the deceased is not known, but "Uncle Tom" Elliott says that John Redding, col., was considered an old man when he (Uncle Tom) took up his residence in Keytesville in 1851.

It is a source of much regret to "Uncle John's" friends, both white and black, that after living all these years he at last met a violent death. He was liked by everybody, and was as polished in his manners as the most sincere disciple of Chesterfield.

There was strong talk among the colored people last night of lynching William Ewing, the murderer, and about the only thing which prevented it was the lack of a determined leader.

Ewing is a quarrelsome, disagreeable, domineering negro among his own race, and particularly so when under the influence of liquor. He had repeatedly abused his old mother and Uncle John Redding, and his mother testified before the coroner's jury that she was afraid of William. His case will be investigated by the grand jury at the January term of circuit court, pending which he will languish in jail. "Old Uncle John's" remains will be interred in a neat casket, purchased by his friends, in the City cemetery tomorrow. Messrs. Hunt & Rucker will officiate as undertakers.

Wedding Bells.

GRIFFLE-JOHNSON.—J. T. Griffle of Musselfork and Miss Lutie Johnson of Charneville were married at the residence of the officiating justice of the peace, H. A. Wheeler, in Keytesville, Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

RICE-COOLEY.—J. E. Rice and Miss Elva Cooley of near Keytesville were married at the residence of the officiating justice of the peace, Squire H. A. Wheeler, in this city Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th.

WATSON-MCCOLLUM.—Wm. Watson of Brookfield and Miss Vina McCollum of Musselfork were married at the residence of the officiating justice of the peace, H. A. Wheeler, in Keytesville, Saturday, Dec. 25th, 1897.

CULBERSON-AGEE.—Victor Culber-son of Silver City, N. M., and Miss

Mary Agee of near Brunswick were married at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, Rev. J. O. Edmonston sealing the plighted vows.

BLANKENSHIP-BENTLEY.—Ed. H. Blankenship and Miss Etta Bentley of near Keytesville were married while seated in a buggy near Agee school-house, four miles southeast of this place, Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, Squire H. A. Wheeler launching their hymeneal bark. The COURIER hopes for Ed. and his fair bride health, wealth and happiness.

BRANDT-WEBB.—Wm. C. Brandt and Miss Iva B. Webb were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Webb, 3 1-2 miles south of Dalton, Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, Rev. M. Krattli officiating. May the brightest joys and fondest expectations of this worthy young couple in their relations as man and wife be fully realized is the wish of the COURIER.

CUSHING-BASEY.—Geo. W. Cushing, a leading druggist of Denver, Col., and Miss Daisy Clinton Basey, a prepossessing daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Basey of Brunswick, were married at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, Rev. W. F. Richardson of Kansas City making the twin one. After a bridal tour in St. Louis Mr. and Mrs. Cushing will be "at home" to their friends in Denver.

HERRING-STEPHENS.—C. H. Herring, an energetic farmer and exemplary young man of five miles northwest of Keytesville, and Miss Frankie Stephenson, an excellent young lady of near Guthridge Mills, were married at the residence of A. L. Welch in this city Tuesday, Dec. 28th, Rev. S. W. Johnson making the twin one. The COURIER extends congratulations and hopes for Mr. and Mrs. Herring a long, happy and useful married life. May good luck always be their guardian angel.

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