Lagonda Lore.

Mrs. Phoebe Call and her daughter are still very sick.

Lagonda folks got no beans up their noses Christmas week.

Curt Warbritton has rented the Vance place at the fish-trap.

Dr. Trippeer has a few chronic cases and midnight calls that keep him stirring.

C. Boehm of Brockfield will put in machinery for turning out axe-handles at John M. Buster's steam mill on the Chariton.

G. F. Umbarger is way up in the 70's and is mourning the death of his mother, who died in December at Richmond, Ind. She was 97 years old.

Some of us will take advantage of the free passes to go down to Port Arthur soon. That port will be a fine thing for all of us west of the Mississippi.

"Uncle Jesse" McKinney called in at your correspondent's and insisted on singing out the old year. It was rather a gay time, but we all felt a little older when the clock struck 12.

E. E. Rice, his son, John, and J. D. Sharp attended meeting at Concord church over in Macon last Sunday and Sunday night. They seem to think Bro. Wright is a gun of large calibre.

The Christian church people have employed Elder Theo. F. Mayhew for 1898. The elder is a God-fearing man, and it is to be hoped he will lasso some of us old sinners in or break our necks.

Sumner Squibs.

James O'Malley arrived on the 12:40 train Thursday morning on a business trip to his son, Ed.

A select gathering of young people danced the old year out and the new year in at the Lotus club rooms.

T. H. Crank, who has been down sick over three weeks with paralysis, we are sorry to state shows no signs of mprovement.

Saturday evening, Jan. 1st, the Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church gave an oyster and ice-cream supper in the new church. We learn their receipts were about $16.

Mrs. Cecil returned from Bethany by the 12:40 train Tuesday morning, where she had been for medical treatment for a cancer, and was met at the depot by her husband. Unfortunately she is but little improved.

Prof. J. F. Hill of St. Louis, where he is now concluding his studies and who taught the school here one term two years ago, paid Sumner friends a short visit the early part of this week. His old friends were pleased to see him again.

We desire to correct an error which occurred in another part of last week's issue, for which, however, the present writer is not responsible, and which he simply desires to do as a matter of justice to all parties. The name of the lad who so rashly mutilated himself, as described, was not "Carlstead," but Rawlinson.

Brice Brown of Milan, the youngest son of our popular mayor, D. M. Brown, was married Sunday last to Miss Nellie Morris, in the presence of a large assembly of friends and neighbors, at the residence of the bride" mother in Milan. They took the train the same evening to pay a visit to the bridegroom's parents here, and Thursday returned to Milan, their future home. Brice is an old Sumner boy, and his many friends here wish him much joy as a benedict.

Monday evening the Lakewood camp No. 2411, Modern Woodmen of America, installed their officers for the ensuing year in the presence of their wives, families and sweethearts, at the conclusion of which they adjourned to the Lotus club room where they partook of a substantial oyster supper, at which the famishing writer was not forgotten. The following officers were installed: George W. Thompson, V C; C. R. Homan, W A; W. W. Carothers, C; Geo. A. Southerland, E B; J. W. Waugh, E; A. D Foster, C F; Ed L. O'Malley, W; C. W. Northcott, S; J. Q. Hardy, M D; J. D. Stoner, Mgr.

Tuesday, Jan. 4th, about 60 friends and neighbors assembled at "Uncle" Thomas Abrams' residence, in Cunningham, to celebrate his 92nd birthday with a good old-fashioned dinner party. The good things set before them were done ample justice to, and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Five generations were present in the com-pany. Your hun ry correspondent had received a special invitation and was given a right royal welcome. As a temporary stranger, this was a piece of good luck which possibly would not have befallen him had it not accidentally come to light a couple of months ago that, although there is a trifling difference in their ages, his host's and his own birthday occur on the same day of the month. Mr. Abrams was born in Kentucky, but he was one of the first settlers in this county. We hope he will remain long with us. Mr. Abrams has but one son and daughter living. His son arrived in time to participate in the festivities, but it is to be regretted that his daughter, Mrs Cecil, was too much indisposed to be present.

Mendon Mention.

Geo. Grotz and wife were Brookfield callers Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robt. Fletcher is visiting friends near Rothville this week.

W. J. Bogard, who has been spending about two weeks in Texas, returned home Saturday.

Joe Steinbeck returned home Monday from Adams county, Ill., after a pleasant visit of two weeks.

The A., T. & S. F. has cut off all its track men here except one on the west and three on the east section.

Mrs. J. T. Nelson, who has been very sick for the past two months, we are glad to report, is again able to be up.

The roads are getting in good shape where there is any travel, and if it just keeps frozen it will soon be nice sailing.

Mrs. Geo. Bartee, who has been visiting her mother in Polk county for the last two weeks, returned home Tuesday night.

H. B. Felt of Hemmenite, New Mexico, who has been visiting his parents, W. W. Felt and wife, returned home last Tuesday.

The reason we did not appear last week was we had got one week behind the editor and just took a lay off so we could catch up. We will try and not be tardy any more.

Quite a number of our young people had a very pleasant time Tuesday evening at the home of Pierce Lamb, enjoying a social given in honor of Miss Mabel Holiday of Chapin, Ill., who in company with her uncle is visiting Mr. H.'s sister, Mrs. Lamb.

Dalton Doings.

Cooper & Bell shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis Thursday.

Ice is at present being hauled to the ice-houses and many are filled.

Dr. Morrison and J. G. Payne were in Keytesville Monday night. The doctor to see his best girl and J. G. to attend the I. O. O. F. lodge.

T. H. Carskadon shipped seven car loads of corn from this place last week, which were bought from B. H. Hammett. Don't know what price was paid.

Mrs. A. C. Coleman wishes to return her heart-felt thanks to the good people of Dalton and vicinity for favors shown the family during her grandchild's sickness and death.

Chas. Herring, one of Keytesville's best blacksmiths, was over Friday and from here went to Lawson, Mo., to join his wife, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Givens, at that place.

Miss Lizzie Carskadon and her cousin, Miss Agee, returned to Fayette to school Monday. Ed. Carskadon also accompanied them. He will complete his course in book-keeping. Ed.'s health is failing him and farm life is not what he is looking for.

T. H. Carskadon, one of Bowling Green township's best farmers and stock dealers, shipped three car loads of fine fat stock to Chicago Tuesday, which were bought from Wm. Kuhlman and James F. Taylor. Mr. Carskadon is one of the most extensive stock shippers in the county. Having his large farm down in grass he will buy and ship stock in the future until his farm is well rested. Success to you, Mr. C.

The presents at the Brandt-Webb wedding were numerous and nice. The list will be found below:

Robt. Bradley and sister, set of cups, saucers and plates.

Lewis Brandt, brother of groom, china tea-set.

Syrup pitcher and caster, Miss Lillie Brandt.

Pair of towels, Fred Sleyster.

Table cloth, Miss Stena Brandt.

One-half dozen napkins, Ed. Brandt.

Lamp, Mrs. R. W. Minor.

Table cloth and napkins, Rev. M. Krattli and wife.

Pair of towels, W. A. Kraxberger and wife.

Table cloth, Wm. H. Brandt and wife, father and mother of groom.

Pair of blankets, C. C. Webb and wife, father and mother of bride.

Pair of blankets, Henry Brandt.

Set of plates, Joe V. Whitesides.

One dozen plates, Charles Myer and wife.

Preserve stand, G. P. Agee and wife.

Fruit bowl, Herman Paschen.

Mirror, Ed. Agee, wife and sister.

Berry set, ——— Agee.

Water set, W. D. Vaughan.

China pitcher, W. M. Lehnhoff and wife.

China tea-set, Mrs. Mary Brandt.

Table cloth, Mrs. J. H. Brown.

Pair of towels, Miss Mary Brandt.

Teacups and saucers, Jos. Feaker.

Salt and pepper caster, J. R. Redman.

Lamp, Miss Ida Kruse.

Set of glasses, Miss Witia Sleyster.

One-half dozen napkins, Fred Brandt.

Preserve stand, John Feaker and Alfred Kruse.

Lamp, C. C. Parks.

Best wishes through life, and the hope that their path will ever be bright, their pleasures many and their burdens light, J. G. Payne and wife.

Salisbury Scribblings.

Our ice men have been harvesting ice for several days.

Robert, the little son of W. R. Sweeney, is on the sick list.

Salisbury will pay off some of her electric light bonds Feb. 1st.

W. H. Bradley has returned from St. Louis looking fat and sassy.

C. B. Crawley was over Tuesday taking depositions in the Dautel-Heryford case.

H. B. Richardson is over this week getting everything in shape for circuit court next week.

Elder Marshall of Huntsville will preach for us Sunday provided his sick child gets better before that time.

Harry Sinclair and Felix Clearman have bought the furniture store of Roth & Son. They will make a strong team.

B. F. Purcell was in our city this week looking after would-be Klondikers who wish to go to Alaska about the 1st of March.

At the literary Monday night, the question "Resolved, That, mentally and morally speaking, women are stronger than men," was decided in the negative. There now!

Miss Laura Johnson and the Misses Clarkson returned Sunday from a visit to Moberly. Miss Allie Johnson, who was also visiting there, will return the latter part of the week.

Our city council has ordered an ordinance reducing saloon license from $1,000 to $900 a year. Now if they will pass a bill reducing the price of drinks, guzzlers will rise up and call them blessed.

Indian Grove Items.

Clyde Painter of Mendon was visiting in our community again last Sunday.

Mrs. Ervin is quite sick at this writing with pneumonia and catarrh of the stomach.

Grove Buster of Marceline spent New Year's day with "friends" near Indian Grove.

Miss Dora Brown of near Brunswick visited friends and relatives at this place last week.

Quite a number of our young folks were very nicely entertained at Mrs. Henderson's last Friday night.

Misses Nellie and Pearl Riley were the guests of Miss Annie Williams of near Prairie chapel last Sunday.

Miss Leona Hise spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Mattie Mauzey, and attended preaching at Prairie chapel.

Misses Maggie and Ella Rohwedder were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Trow of near Guthridge Mills, New Year's day.

Miss Jessie Henderson was the guest of her friend, Miss Bessie Stevenson of near Guthridge Mills, last Wednesday.

Among those who took dinner with G. K. Adams and wife New Year's day were Dr. Zillmann and wife, J. L. Hise and family, Mrs. Henderson and family and Miss Dora Brown.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newsome Thursday night, in honor of their daughter, Miss Ina, was very successful. Fun ran wild, and every one present received their share, scarcely taking time to enjoy the good things that were served for supper.

Miss Kate Dewey of this place is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Mackay of St. Louis, and will be present at the marriage of her niece, Miss Lettie Mackay, to J. Camnitz Wyett of Atlanta, Ga., next Wednesday, Jan. 12th.

MAIL DELIVERIES.

An Intention to Limit Them to Four a Day in Residential Districts.

BILL TO RESTRICT PENSIONS.

Measures to Pension Missouri and Kansas Militiamen Who Served During the War and Reform Laws Governing Second-Class Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—It is the intention of the post office department to limit the number of mail deliveries in purely residential districts in cities to not more than four per day. In some of the cities in the east the people in residence quarters now receive as high as six or seven deliveries in one day. This, department officials say, is a discrimination against residents in other cities, particularly in the west, where the mail carrier makes his rounds in the residence quarter but twice a day and in the business sections but once or twice more. The practice in the east is the outgrowth of the policy of the department in the past of allotting to postmasters a lump sum for the service in their particular cities, which is generally expended in full. First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, in speaking of the matter, said he believed with the saving of carriers that may be effected by this curtailment of deliveries free delivery may be extended to many places not now accorded such service and, in addition, extra deliveries given to both residential and business sections in cities of the west now lacking adequate accommodations in this respect.

Bill to Restrict Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Pension restriction is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative De Armond, of Missouri. The title describes it as a bill to lessen expenditures for pensions and to protect deserving pensioners. The bill provides that "hereafter no pension shall be allowed or payment on account of any pension made under the dependent pension act of June 27, 1890, to any soldier whomsoever, at any time, when a pension shall not be needed for the reasonable support of such soldier and of his family, if he have a family, and the secretary of the interior shall, by suitable regulations and requirements, cause this provision to be enforced."

Scheme to Defraud Ex-Slaves.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Information has reached the pension bureau of a big scheme started by pension sharks to defraud the ex-slaves of the south. A great many of these negroes have undoubtedly been already swindled. The scheme is based upon a bill introduced by Senator Thurston over a year ago to pension ex-slaves. The pension bureau has learned that agents of certain organizations have been traveling through the south and obtaining from ex-slaves fees for the alleged filing and prosecution of pension claims.

Missouri and Kansas Militia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. Curtis, of Kansas has introduced a bill providing for a pension to militiamen of Missouri and Kansas who served a short time in the war. There were 84 regiments in Missouri whose survivors will be affected by the enactment, but it is believed the republican majority is opposed to the measure. A similar bill was introduced by Crowther, of Missouri, when a member of the house.

Against Second-Class Mail Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Chairman Loud has presented to the house the report of the post office committee on the bill to reform the postal laws governing second-class matter. The purpose of the bill is to limit the pound rate to legitimate newspapers and magazines. In the opinion of the committee the time has come when the bill can be passed.

MISSOURI AT OMAHA.

Arrangements Will Be Made to Give the State a Creditable Representation.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The commissioners appointed by Gov. Stephens to represent Missouri at the Omaha exposition assembled here yesterday and effected an organization and made plans for the future. Missouri has been allotted 1,000 feet of space at the exposition grounds, and it was decided yesterday that the state should have a building and make an exhibit creditable in all respects to the great resources of the commonwealth. It is expected that some $60,000 will be necessary to accomplish this desired end, and committees will look after the financial part of the enterprise. W. N. Allen, of Clinton, is secretary of the executive committee.

An Entire Family as Counterfeiters.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 6.—At one o'clock this morning Samuel Taylor, aged 70, living near Sheridan, Worth county, and nine members of his family were arrested charged with having passed counterfeit nickels and dimes and are now being guarded at their home by a posse of citizens.

A Lease for Fifty Years.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Times from Pekin says that Germany has taken a lease of Kiao-Chau for 50 years. It says also that reports are current there that a French occupation of Hai-Nan island is imminent.

Ten Thousand Wanted for Libel.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 6.—David F. Shupe has begun suit in the circuit court against Thomas Harbison for $10,000 damages for libel. His petition states that Harbison, on two occasions, accused him of theft.

Gen. Booth Coming to America.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Six thousand persons, including 1,000 "salvation lassies" with red, white and blue scarfs, took part in the farewell to Gen. Booth, who is about to sail for the United States.

Convicts Put Out a Fire.

SING SING, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Fire was discovered early to-day in the mess room of the state prison. Instead of attempting to escape, the prisoners went to work and put out the flames.

ELECTRIC ROAD.

Plans for One Between Kansas City and Topeka Being Pushed.

TO PAY ALL HIS OLD DEBTS.

Sterling Honesty of a One-Time Bankrupt—A Preacher's Big Task—An Aged Man Left a Fortune by His Wife.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—The Kansas City, Lawrence & Topeka Electrical Railway & Power company, which proposes to construct and operate an electric railway for both freight and passenger traffic through the Kaw valley from Kansas City to Topeka, is effecting an organization. A charter was granted the company by the secretary of state at Topeka a few days ago and the promoters of the enterprise are working quietly to get matters in shape so that the work of obtaining the right of way and constructing the road can be pushed early in the spring, with a view of having the road in operation between Kansas City and Lawrence by the next autumn.

To Pay All His Old Debts.

AURORA, Ill., Jan. 6.—Fourteen years ago Charles S. Lailbourne was conducting creameries at Dundee and Barrington in this state. He was overtaken by business reverses, and was forced to settle the claims of his creditors at a percentage of their face value. He afterward came to Aurora and went into the business of butter making and butter selling, in which he prospered exceedingly. He has always planned to pay the old claims in full when able, although not legally bound to do so. Recently he has ascertained the addresses of his old patrons, and they will receive $10,000, which will come to them like a gift.

A Preacher's Big Task.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Rev. D. Edward Judson, pastor of the Judson Memorial church, has accepted the chair of practical theology in Colgate university, Hamilton, N. Y., and will devote the salary he receives to paying off the debt of his church. The church is one of the best known in New York and is burdened with a debt of $115,000.

Left a Fortune to Her Husband.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Abraham Smith, 90 years old, an inmate of the Vassar Home for Aged Men, has just been notified that he has been left $40,000 by his wife, from whom he separated ten years ago. His wife lived in New York city, and left her husband because he was unable to support her.

WERE RAILROADS CHEATED?

Detectives Unearth an Alleged Conspiracy by Employed of Kansas City Stock Yards.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—The detective department of the Missouri Pacific railway has unearthed what it thinks is a conspiracy at the Kansas City stock yards by which it has been robbed of several thousand dollars on live stock shipments. False affidavits of shortage in live stock received have been made to the claim department of the Missouri Pacific and shippers have been paid for the number of head of stock reported to be missing. The robbery has, it is said, been going on systematically for years, and nearly every railroad entering Kansas City has been victimized. The amount paid on fraudulent shortage claims during the last five years will run far into the thousands. The railroads are satisfied of the existence of a gang of hog stealers at the stock yards. Fraudulent claims have also been made for cattle and sheep, but the biggest steal has been on hogs. The stock stolen was sold and the proceeds divided among the thieves.

HURLED TO DEATH.

One of a Pair Who Tried to Rob a Passenger Thrown from a Train.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—Charles Dayton, who is supposed to have lived at 115 Fourth avenue, New York city, and to have been a theatrical property man, was found dead under a railroad trestle across Cahokia creek in East St. Louis, Ill. He is supposed to be one of two men who were thrown from an Illinois Central train last night after attempting to rob a passenger in the smoking car.

Neither Bill Suits Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Congressman Walker, of the banking and currency commission of the house, said that both the Gage bill and the monetary commission bill were unnecessarily complicated and either would, if enacted, create much confusion. The Gage bill was the worst of the two. Mr. Walker will push his own bill in committee.

Thieves at a Funeral.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—During the funeral of the late Col. Charles E. Kearney yesterday, pickpockets mingled with the mourners at the Westport Baptist church and at the grave in Union cemetery and, so far as can be ascertained, robbed two women, securing over $400 in money.

A Woman Suicide Identified.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—The young woman whose body lay unclaimed since her mysterious death at the Savoy hotel Tuesday morning has been identified as Mrs. Etta Marshall, the wife of Charles A. Marshall, of Topeka. The couple formerly resided at Garnett, Kan.

Burglars Enjoy Themselves.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 6.—During the absence of Capt. W. A. Mercer, agent at the Winnebago Indian reservation, thieves entered his house, smoked his cigars, drank his wine, ate his provisions and wore his clothes. Then they packed the portable valuables and left.

Out of Politics for a While.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 6.—W. J. Bryan, who has just returned from Mexico, says the report that he is to run for congress from this district is unfounded. "I don't think I am ready to enter politics again," is the way he puts it.

Oh, How Thankful

Pain Was Maddening and Hope Had Been Abandoned—Wonderful Results of Purifying the Blood.

"A very severe pain came in my left knee, which grew worse and worse, and finally a sore broke out above the knee. It discharged a great deal and the pain from my thigh down was maddening. Large, hard, purple spots appeared on my leg. I suffered in this way for years, and gave up all hope of ever being cured. My wife was reading of a case like mine cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and she advised me to try it. I began taking it and when I had used a few bottles I found relief from my suffering. Oh, how thankful I am for this relief! I am stronger than I have ever been in my life. I am in the best of health, have a good appetite and am a new man altogether." J. P. MOORS, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

Special Notice.

Having concluded to quit the woodwork and blacksmithing business, I will give my attention altogether to the painting and trimming of buggies, wagons, etc., just across the street east of J. P. Tippett's blacksmith shop. I expect all accounts due Keeting & Walter to be settled with me during the month of January, 1898. There are many names on my list, and I would appreciate it very much if all would call on me at above place. Remember, it is a vast amount of trouble for me to see each one. Please make it a personal matter to see me and help me out, so that I can meet my obligations. Having earned the money once by honest work, it is wrong for you to make me earn it again in collecting it. So please come around and settle your accounts. "Every little helps." Thanking all my patrons for past favors, and hoping you will continue to patronize me in my present business, I remain,

Truly yours,
EDWARD WALTER.

May Heaven Bless 'Em.

The COURIER has been graciously remembered by the following parties, who have either paid their subscription or become new subscribers to the Great Favorite Weekly since Dec. 3rd, 1897:

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FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of S. A. C. Overton, deceased, are hereby notified that at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in February, 1898, at the court-house in Keytesville, in said county, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

J. W. HAWKINS,
Administrator.

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HENRY HAYES,
Administrator.