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### Wedding Bells.

**DOWELL-SNYDER.**—James R. Dowell and Miss Mabel Snyder of Bynumville were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. W. E. Nelson, in Hamden, Saturday, Jan. 29th. May their highest expectations of matrimonial bliss be fully realized is the wish of the COURIER.

**WELLS-DORMER.**—Frank Wells and Miss Leota Dormer of Mendon were married at that place, Sunday, Jan. 30th, Rev. Geo. W. Norris launching their hymeneal bark, which, we trust, will sail serenely through the years of their wedded life and at last safely anchor them in the haven of eternal rest and happiness.

**HOUSTON-COLLEY.**—Fletcher Houston and Miss Fannie Colley of Prairie Hill were married in that village, Thursday, Jan. 27th. Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff making the twain one. The COURIER heartily joins the many friends of the contracting couple in extending congratulations and best wishes.

**YOUNG-LANCE.**—Wm. Young of Kirksville and Miss Carrie Lance of Indian Grove were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lance, Thursday, Jan. 28th, Rev. C. DeWeese tying the nuptial knot. The COURIER pronounces its blessings upon this happy union of hands and hearts. May they live long to enjoy each other's love, each always vying with the other in making life a continued round of pleasure and enjoyment.

### The Tomb.

**GUNN.**—Wm. Gunn, a highly respected citizen of near Hamden, died of paralysis, Wednesday, Jan. 26th, aged 66 years. He leaves a wife and several children.

**SMITH.**—Mrs. Ida Belle Smith, nee Fletcher, died of dropsy at her home near Guthridge Mills last Sunday. Mrs. Smith was married August 14th, 1894, to E. J. Smith who, with two children, one a mere babe, survive her.

**LAUGHLIN.**—Lilian, the pretty and almost idolized daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laughlin of Brunswick died of scarlet fever last Wednesday, aged 6 years.

### Hammer Bridge Burned.

The Hammer bridge, one of Chariton county's old landmarks which spans the Chariton river three miles south of Keytesville, was set on fire by an incendiary last Friday night, burned in two in the middle and dropped into the river. The bridge was a covered structure and was built during the last year of the 40's. It had been considered unsafe for some time, but it was probably through pure carelessness that it was burned rather than to prevent a disaster. Through the enterprise of Gen. E. W. Price a temporary crossing has been constructed at the old Hammer mill-dam, a short distance below the old bridge, which will be used until a new bridge can be erected or until the high water in spring sweeps it away. There is a great deal of travel along the road on which Hammer bridge was used to cross the Chariton, and we hope the county court will see that a new bridge is built as soon as possible. This makes the second bridge that has been burned in this county within the past year, the Red bridge across the Chariton on the Keytesville and Salisbury road having succumbed to the dastardly work of the fire-bug.

### Horses and Mules Wanted.

I will be in Keytesville, Saturday, February 12th, for the purpose of buying horses and mules for which I will pay the highest market price. They must be from 4 to 8 years old with good hair and in good flesh.  
B. F. DAVIS.

### Chariton County's Insane.

The following unfortunates are now being maintained as county charges at the Nevada and St. Joseph insane asylums:

AT NEVADA.  
Laura Sterner, Wm. Kendall.  
AT ST. JOSEPH.  
Emily Rafferty, Florence Gatterman  
Elizabeth Spencer, Jane Porter,  
Mollie Mills, Bert Goodrich,  
Theresa Wankey, Emma Steinbach,  
Gallus Bertsch, J. W. Smith,  
C. F. Hoffman, T. P. Sears,  
Thos. Perry, F. C. Holt,  
T. J. Green, R. H. Musser,  
R. Harris, Harvey Allen,  
Arlena Spencer, J. W. Smith.

The expense of keeping these patients amounts to \$130 a year for each patient, which includes board and medical attendance, whatever clothing is required being in excess of that amount. The sum expended for board and medical attention for the 22 patients during the past six months foots up \$715 while the clothing bills for the same period amounts to \$629.50.

Besides her insane the county is maintaining two inmates at the deaf and dumb school at Fulton 38 inmates at the county poor farm and two at the Booneville Reform school. The deaf and dumb school inmates cost the county \$160.40 a year, while the 38 paupers at the poor farm are maintained at an annual outlay of \$2,417, while the two inmates at the Booneville Reform school cost \$142.76 a year.

### Epworth League Program.

The following is the Epworth league program for February 6th, '98:  
Subject—Life of Paul

Topic for discussion—His Place in history.

Devotional Exercises.

The man needed by the time—Berry Robertson.

A type of Christian character—Frank Drace.

The thinker of Christianity—Jesse Minter.

The missionary of the Gentiles—Grace Egan.

Select reading—Ellen Rice.

Special prayers in the New Testament.

1 On choosing an apostle—Gussie Egan.

2 The support under persecution—Gussie Minter.

3 Thanksgiving—Marietta Smith.

4 Thanksgiving for the Father's acceptance of his prayer—Nadine Elliott.

Song, the "The old House at Home"—Dell Crawley and Lela Richardson.

Song - - - - - League

Prayer.

Leader. - - Miss Willie Davis.

### May Heaven Bless 'Em.

The following friends have made the winter of "the poor printers" discontent glorious summer by either renewing their subscription or becoming new subscribers to the Great Favorite Weekly during the past week:

### RENEWALS.

W. J. Parks, Fred Spellman,  
Jno. Linneman, W. T. Curran,  
Sasse Bros., T. J. Johns,  
A. F. Willis, A. D. Taylor,  
J. B. Schutte, Frank Gamble,  
Mrs. N. F. Mann, T. W. Vandiver,  
A. C. Steffe, Miss Bessie Mason.

### NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Pheobe Lessley, John Wooten,  
W. R. Mulnix, L. W. Bishop,  
John Carsten, T. E. Spencer,  
J. A. Coleman, J. F. Lucas,  
W. H. Goodman, O. J. Culberson,  
J. B. Cline, H. D. Kifchen,  
Mrs. Susan Davis, Wm. Meyer,  
Christopher Hogan.

### For Rent.

I have between 400 and 500 acres of good corn land to rent on reasonable terms. Apply to F. J. Ellis, Guthridge Mills.

### Barton Case Affirmed.

Sheriff J. R. Dempsey was notified by telegram last Monday that the state against G. A. Barton had been affirmed by the supreme court and requesting him to arrest Barton, who, it will be remembered, is a Dalton negro who knocked Peter Miller, a white man, in the head with some blunt instrument at Dalton, October, 1896.

The trouble grew out of an "patriotic" demonstration by Miller the eyes of Barton while one "McKinley's train" stopped at Dalton on the Wabash railway a few evenings before the November general election in 1896.

Barton took umbrage at some mark made by Miller, who viewed McKinley train and its satellites as a Democratic standpoint, the differences of opinion between Miller and Barton finally resulting in Barton knocking Miller in the head with brick or a piece of iron, producing a dangerous wound.

Barton was arrested, and was indicted for felonious assault with intent to kill at the January, 1897, term of circuit court at Salisbury, but was tried until the following July term when he was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. He took an appeal to the supreme court which sustained the finding of the lower court last Monday.

Barton was arrested by Deputy Sheriff L. A. Magruder upon receipt of the information that the case had been affirmed by the higher court. The prisoner was brought to Keytesville and lodged in jail until the arrival of the marshal of the supreme court yesterday when he was taken to Jefferson City to enter upon the service of his three years' term in the penitentiary.

### Result of a Quarrel Over a Cow.

A special dispatch from Moberly under date of January 31st, gives an account of a short and sharp quarrel among neighbors in Union township, seven miles east of Moberly, last Sunday afternoon, in which Samuel Rupp and his son, Arthur, came near losing their lives at the hands of George H. Plowman. They had previously had trouble about a fence, but the immediate cause was a cow that Plowman had taken up on his premises and kept until legally claimed.

Rupp sent his son, a grown man, for the cow, but Plowman would not give her up, saying there were damages, and told the young man to send his father and a constable. The father and son came, but with no officer. A quarrel ensued, the result being that the Rups joined forces on Plowman and brought him to the ground, striking him many blows in the face and on the body.

Plowman was for many years a Wabash engineer. He is an old union soldier, and has a medal of honor for bravery. He was armed, and as soon as he could steady himself on one knee, he fired four shots, striking young Rupp in the back and inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound.

The first shot at the elder Rupp struck his cap, just above the forehead, and plowed through his hair.

Plowman went to Moberly to appear at court. The Rups came in also and swore out a warrant before Justice Boulware, charging Plowman with shooting with intent to kill. The latter gave bond, and the preliminary hearing was set for next Monday.

### Live Stock Notes.

B. R. Buffington shipped a car load of hogs from Keytesville to St. Louis last Saturday.

A. A. Cloyd of Salisbury shipped a car load of cattle from this place to Chicago last Monday. These were the cattle Mr. Cloyd bought of L. C. Wells of 3 1-2 miles northeast of town.

G. L. Sisler of Keytesville station went to St. Louis last Monday with a car load shipment of "butchers' stuff."

F. E. Herring of near Asbury chapel shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis last Tuesday.

Messrs. Fountain & Green of Boone county shipped two car loads of cattle to Chicago last Wednesday. The buyers bought one of the loads from W. T. Drace of near this place and the other from our fellow townsman, W. G. Agge & Bro., one of our best make grocery firms who have a farm, four miles southeast of Keytesville, this winter. Chas. Wren accompanied them.

John H. Conway of Marshall, Saline county, bought 11 head of mules and 7 head of mares and geldings in Keytesville last Wednesday. He paid from \$30 to \$65 for the mules, while his figures for the mares and geldings ranged from \$20 to \$35.

J. W. Reynolds, who lives about half way between Salisbury and Roanoke, has been in Keytesville and at other points in this county this week buying mules. Up to this morning he had bought 20 head, paying from \$20 to \$75.

### Church Dedication at Sumner.

In accordance with the announcement a few weeks ago, the new Christian church in Sumner was dedicated last Sunday morning. The beautiful building was filled to its utmost capacity by an attentive and well conducted congregation. The dedication ceremonies were performed by Elder T. A. Abbott, secretary of the state board of missions, assisted by Elder O. L. Sumner, the regular pastor.

Eld. Abbott took his text for his eloquent dedicatory sermon from St. John's gospel 3:16, and his subject was "The Value of the Immortal of Soul."

The collection taken up amounted to \$325 and was sufficient to clear the handsome edifice of all indebtedness.

A full choir was present for the occasion, which rendered excellent singing.

The evening service was also largely attended, and the meetings are continuing with unabating interest during this week.

The credit for the erection and completion of the church building and its appurtenances is entirely due to the work of the Ladies' Aid society, which has labored indefatigably from start to finish. May the beautiful structure stand as an enduring monument to their untiring exertions and Christian zeal.

The interior will be furnished with permanent pews on a tasteful plan in the course of a few weeks.

The acoustic properties of the auditorium are very superior and reflect credit on the architect.

### A Negro Boy Accidentally Killed.

A sad sequel to a rabbit hunt occurred on G. W. Welch's farm about 4 1-2 miles south of Keytesville last Saturday. Harry Barnes and George Washington, two negro boys, each carrying a gun, were hunting rabbits when the Washington boy's gun was discharged accidentally, the contents taking effect in the Barnes boy's body, producing death a few minutes afterward.

Dr. G. M. Dewey was officially notified of the tragedy and held an inquest on the dead body last Sunday before the following coroner's jury:

### THE JURY.

A. D. Hurt, Jr., Henry Utter,  
J. J. Dinmore, Jesse Littleton,  
James Cook, Harry Hayes,  
of which Henry Utter was made foreman.

The witnesses subpoenaed before the coroner's jury were:

Bob Hayes, James Welch,  
Richard Hayes, Chas. Woods,  
Geo. Woods, Geo. Washington.

The most important testimony offered was that of Bob Hayes and George Washington, the latter being the boy who did the shooting.

### Bob Hayes testified:

I live at Chas. Woods' in Chariton county, Mo. On the 29th day of January, 1898, I was on Mr. Wash. Welch's farm. I did not see Harry Barnes shot. I was about 40 yards from where the shooting was. After I heard the shooting I got up and went to where the shooting was and saw the deceased lying on the ground. He said: "George, you have killed me." He was talking to George Washington, and George Washington said: "I shot him."

George told me to go and tell his grandmother. Harry told George to straighten his legs out. Harry told George to tell his grandma and all good-bye. Harry had a gun at the time. George had a gun also. There were five of us. Bob Hayes, Harry Barnes, George Washington, Wesley Hayes and Garfield Hayes. George Washington did not deny doing the shooting. George Washington was a first cousin to Harry Barnes. There was no ill feeling between George Washington and Harry Barnes that I know of.

George Washington testified:

I live at Lon Washington's. When the shooting took place I was over on Mr. Wash. Welch's place. When Harry Barnes was shot I was standing by in about six feet of him. I fired the shot that killed him. A rabbit jumped out and I fired one shot, and when I went to shoot again, Harry Barnes aimed to shoot at the rabbit and ran in front of me. I cocked my gun. It failed to stand cocked, and it went off and shot Harry Barnes and he fell to one side and dropped his gun. He said: "George, you have shot me." I asked him where I had shot him, and he said: "In the heart, and I am dying." He told me to tell his grandmother. I have felt very sad about it ever since. I am a first cousin to Harry Barnes. I am 17 years old.

After hearing all of the testimony offered the jury returned the following verdict:

### THE VERDICT.

"We, the jury, find that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot fired by George Washington, accidentally."

The following report of the tragedy is made by the coroner:

### CORONER'S REPORT.

To the honorable county court of Chariton county, Mo.:

"In the inquest had on January 30th, 1898, on the body of Harry Barnes, found dead on the farm of George W. Welch, I beg leave to report that I did not make an autopsy, but on a post mortem examination I found sufficient cause of death.

On the right side of the body was a hole two inches in diameter

made by the discharge of a load of shot from a gun. The sixth and seventh ribs were fractured close to the spine—in fact, torn from the spine. The venacava and aorta were torn in two.

Death was instantaneous or nearly so. The verdict of the jury was undoubtedly correct.

I did not order the arrest of George Washington and his confinement in jail, because I found the killing was purely accidental. If I had ordered the arrest and confinement in jail to await the action of the next grand jury in April next a very considerable amount of unnecessary expense would have been incurred.

Very Respectfully Submitted.

G. M. Dewey,  
Coroner."

Both Barnes and Washington lived in the Hills neighborhood about five miles south of this place. The unfortunate victim of last Saturday's affair was 15 years of age. His remains were taken to Salisbury for interment.

The fees and expenses of holding the inquest amounted to \$36.56.

### J. H. Heisel Sues for a Divorce.

Ex-Mayor John H. Heisel of Brunswick has brought suit against his wife, Frances Heisel, for divorce, the case having been docketed for the next April term of circuit court at Keytesville. Owing to the defendant's being a non-resident of the state service must necessarily be had upon her through an order of publication.

The plaintiff, for his cause of action states that he was married to the defendant from the 1st day of October, 1897, that during all that time plaintiff faithfully demeaned himself and discharged all his duties as the husband of the defendant, and at all times treated her with kindness and affection; but that the said defendant, wholly disregarding her duties as the wife of plaintiff, did on the said day of October, 1892, absent herself, without a reasonable cause, from the bed and home of plaintiff, and has remained away from him and his home ever since that day, and is still away from him and his home, being more than one year next preceding the filing of this petition, and her present whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff.

Plaintiff further states that there were born from said wedlock five children, to-wit: Bessie, Roscoe, Idress, Charlie and Geraldine, of whom Bessie is of age, while Roscoe, Idress and Charley are under care of plaintiff and Geraldine is under care and custody of defendant, so far as is known to plaintiff.

After making a statement concerning his required statutory residence of more than one year in the state, and averring that he believes the defendant is not a resident of the state of Missouri, hence the ordinary process cannot be served upon her, the plaintiff enters his prayer to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted with defendant, asks the court to grant him the care and custody of the three children who are with him, viz: Roscoe, Idress and Charley. (he not desiring to separate the child, Geraldine, from said defendant) and for all other proper relief.

Capt. Louis Benecke of Brunswick is plaintiff's attorney.

### Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office, Feb. 4th, 1898:

Miss Florence Ford.  
J. mes Rihne.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

JNO. CHIVERS, P. M.