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An Unfortunate Incident.

Two weeks ago the COURIER chronicled the marriage of R. A. (Arthur) Dodd of near Mendon and Miss Maggie Koehl of the vicinity of Newhall, while they were on board a Santa Fe train in Jackson county, en route to Kansas City for the purpose of spending their honeymoon with relatives of the bridegroom.

Last Thursday, while looking at some Bibles in the large mercantile establishment of Emery, Bird, Thayer & Co. in Kansas City, Mr. Dodd's attention was attracted to something else in the store, and he stepped away from the counter, while still holding the two Bibles in his hand, to inspect whatever it was that had temporarily egrossed his mind. He had no sooner done this than a floor-walker, whose duty it is to prevent shop-lifting, laid violent hands on young Dodd and hustled him off to the police station where the charge of petit larceny was filed against him, both of the Bibles he was accused of appropriating being worth only \$2.35.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd had arranged to return home, Friday or Saturday, and rather than be delayed the young man, upon the advice of an uncle and other friends, concluded to enter a plea of guilty in Justice Jenny's court, and his punishment was assessed at a fine of \$1 and costs.

The unenviable notoriety that would follow in the trail of his plea of guilty, by being given publicity through the Kansas City newspapers seems not to have been considered by Mr. Dodd or his advisers, but after the unfortunate occurrence was published to the world it was then easy to see where the mistake had been made. He should not have pleaded guilty, under any circumstances, to a crime he had never committed.

No young man in Mendon township stands higher than Arthur Dodd, and his name is a synonym for honor and integrity in the community in which he lives. He is deputy tax collector of Mendon township under his father, A. J. Dodd, and during the tax collections of this season he has handled the greater part of the money. Besides he is in comfortable circumstances and has some money out on interest.

His "Bible experience" at Emery, Bird, Thayer & Co.'s, and especially his subsequent plea of guilty to a charge of shoplifting, is deeply deplored by his friends, but no one who knows Arthur Dodd will believe for a moment that he intended anything wrong.

Cupid's Capers.

LAWRENCE-LITRELL:—J. C. Lawrence and Miss Bertha Littrell of Mendon were married at the residence of the bride's mother, near Mendon, Sunday, Feb. 26th, 1899, Rev. G. W. Norris sealing the plighted vows.

BRANDT-GURST:—Henry J. Brandt and Miss Caroline Gurst of Brunswick were married at the residence of the bridegroom's mother in that city, Wednesday, March 1st, 1899, Rev. F. G. Walther tying the nuptial knot.

SALTONSTALL-DODD:—W. M. Saltonstall of Gilliam, Saline county, and Miss Katie Dodd were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dodd, near Mendon, Sunday, Feb. 26th, 1899, Rev. G. W. Norris making the twin one.

Marriage Licenses.

J. C. Lawrence.....Mendon
Miss Bertha Littrell.....Mendon
W. M. Saltonstall.....Gilliam, Mo.
Miss Katie Dodd.....Mendon
Henry Brandt.....Brunswick
Miss Caroline Gurst.....Brunswick
James White, col.....Forest Green
Ardella Wright, col.....Forest Green
Clarence Ellington, col.....Salisbury
Miss Evelina Watts, col.....Salisbury

For Sale.

One black Jack, 15 hands high, 7 years old.
H. C. HYDE.

Miss Minter Entertains the J. T.'s.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable occasions of the J. T. club since its organization was spent with Miss Annie Minter at the hospitable home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. C. Minter, on Lincoln avenue last Friday evening.

Each member of the club seemed at his or her best and was prepared to enter into the fullest depths of the evening's pleasures.

The unraveling of "a floral love tale" was the knottiest and most difficult attraction, although a half dozen succeeded in solving its mysteries. The tie was settled by guessing at a certain page in a book, in which contest Herbert White was successful, and was presented with a beautiful sofa pillow. J. E. Martin won the booby prize—a cigar—with comparatively no competition.

The floral affection narrative and its solution is given below:

"A FLORAL LOVE TALE."

The maiden's name and color of her hair?—Marigold.

An adjective that suited her and her brother's name?—Sweet William. His favorite sport in winter?—Snowball. His favorite musical instrument?—Trumpet.

The hour he awoke his father playing it?—Four O'clock.

What his father gave him for punishment?—Lady's Slipper.

What did he make the boy do?—Balsam.

What office in the church did his father hold?—Elder.

The young man's name and what he wrote it with?—Jonquil.

What he, being single, often lost?—Bachelor's Buttons.

Which of the United States did he seek?—Matrimony.

What candy did he bring her?—Candy Tuft.

What ghostly trophy did he bring her?—Bleeding Heart.

What did she say to John as he knelt before her?—Johnny, Jump-up.

What flower did she give him?—Tulips.

What flower bloomed on her cheeks?—Red Rose.

What flower did she try to cultivate?—Heart's-Ease.

When he proposed to her what did she refer to?—Poppy.

What minister married them?—Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

What did John say when he left her?—Forget-Me-Not.

The refreshments were delicious beyond compare and consisted of—

MENU.

Claret Trappe. Chicken Croquets.
Celery and Nut Salad (crowned with lettuce leaves and served on the half shell).
Graham Biscuits. Lady-finger Crackers.
Radishes. Olives.
Coffee. Salted Peanuts.

Following the serving of refreshments, which everyone declared to be fit for only such dainty epicures as the J. T.'s, a spirited contest took place in which the contestants strived to see which could come nearest cutting a cork to fit a jug's mouth.

Four gentlemen tied in this "struggle for supremacy," and again the page-guessing of a book was resorted to to decide the tie. C. C. Parks was the lucky guesser, and received a nice pin-cushion.

John Ely Perkins evinced his unfamiliarity with jugs and corks and was awarded the booby prize—a negro doll—much to John Ely's embarrassment and the amusement of others.

It was near the hour of 12 o'clock before adieus were spoken and the guests repaired to their respective homes. All were of one mind in singing the praises of Miss Minter as a most entertaining and charming hostess.

Bulls for Sale.

We have three bulls for sale.
ARNSPERGER BROS.
Salisbury, Mo.

The Criminal Calendar.

The case of Edward Brown, the young man charged with disposing of a wagon and team on which Andrew Johnson of near Dalton held a mortgage, was called in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court in Keytesville last Tuesday, but owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the defendant the cause was continued until next Monday. It seems that Mr. Johnson had agreed with the defendant that if he would pay him a certain amount of money and turn over to him the wagon he would not prosecute Brown, but as that was a matter for the state and not for Mr. Johnson to decide, Mr. Brown took a continuance on account of not having had any witnesses subpoenaed when the case came up for trial, Tuesday last.

Petty thieves have been helping themselves to corn that is stored in cribs along the Wabash railroad at Dalton, and which now belongs to John Dorrance of five miles northwest of Keytesville, who bought it of Pratt & Co. of Decatur, Ill., a firm that purchased and cribbed a great deal of corn in this county two or three seasons ago. Mr. Dorrance determined to catch the purloiners of his corn, if possible, and requested H. S. Freeman of Dalton to do what he could to that end. Mr. Freeman, in turn, informed Town Marshal Humphreys that Mr. Dorrance's corn was being stolen, and asked the officer to keep a sharp lookout for the thieves. Tuesday last Mr. Freeman fell upon a plan to capture the thief or thieves. About dusk he procured a bucket of paint and went to the crib where the corn was stored, and sprinkled paint over the corn at the openings in the crib where the ears had been pulled out on frequent foraging expeditions. The plan worked to perfection. Wednesday morning Thos. Agee, col., hied himself to Gen. E. W. Price's mill and elevator at Dalton and unloaded a sack of corn from his shoulder, and informed Moses Fletcher, the miller in charge, that he wanted to trade the corn for meal. Mr. Fletcher had also been let into Mr. Freeman's scheme, and consented to exchange meal for Agee's corn, but put him off with a part of the grit on the grounds that the mill did not have the required amount of meal on hand. Later when the corn was poured out of the sack Mr. Fletcher discovered that there was red paint on several ears of the corn which Agee had brought to the mill, and Mr. Freeman was sent for. A further examination of the corn showed that 21 ears or more contained paint, and Agee's arrest followed, but he gave bond in the sum of \$200 with F. C. Harkz, Sam Lewis, col., and Isaac Hall, col., as securities for his appearance for trial before Justice J. G. Payne at Dalton, Monday, March 6th.

The descriptive lecture of Captain Richard Keene, who was on General Joe Wheeler's staff at the battle of Santiago, was delivered to a highly appreciative audience at the courthouse last night. Captain Keene has a fine voice, a decidedly soldierly and scholarly bearing and gains admirers wherever he goes. His lecture was illustrated with 85 stereopticon views which, when thrown on canvas, showed, true to life, the thrilling incidents of the battles at Santiago, San Juan, El Carney, etc., all of which, in addition to the explanatory remarks made by Captain Keene, were regarded by every one in the audience as a rare treat, in that it was entertaining, instructive and exciting.

The following new suits have been filed for the April term of circuit court this week: James D. Purvis vs. George A. Southerland, equity; C. C. Clickner vs. Joseph S. Milhauser, suit on note. There have so far been 13 new civil and three new criminal cases docketed for the April term of circuit court.

Death's Doings.

PINKSTON:—Miss Susie Pinkston, who came to Keytesville from Kentucky about two months ago to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Julius Reichenbach, died, Wednesday, March 1st, 1899, after a brief illness of spinal meningitis, aged 21 years. Death is always sad but more so when the victim is stricken down in young manhood or womanhood. Funeral services were conducted at Mr. Reichenbach's home yesterday morning by Rev. J. R. Finley, after which the tenement of clay was deposited in the City cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Reichenbach are almost heart-broken over the sudden demise of the young lady, and our entire community bows in sympathy with them in their poignant grief.

NEWSOME:—Miss Ina Dell Newsome, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newsome of Indian Grove, was born April 2nd, 1877, and died of pneumonia, Monday, Feb. 27th, 1899, aged 21 years, 10 months and 25 days. Miss Ina had been a devoted Christian since 1894 when she was converted and joined the Presbyterian church, during a series of meetings conducted by Rev. Franc Mitchell, D. D., at Indian Grove. Her untimely death is a sad, sad blow to her parents, relatives and friends with whom the COURIER tenderly sympathizes in their bereavement. Funeral services were conducted, Tuesday, by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Finley of Keytesville, assisted by Rev. J. O. Edmonston of this place, and were followed by interment in the Presbyterian church cemetery at Indian Grove.

BAKER:—Cattie Hamilton Gardner was born in Chariton county, November 17th, 1856, and died of consumption at her home in Keytesville, Saturday, February 25th, 1899, at 3:20 o'clock a. m. She was united in marriage to James Baker, December 10th, 1872. To this union four children were born—three boys and one girl—only the latter of whom, now Mrs. J. W. Redd of this city, is living. In 1880 Mrs. Baker joined the Little Hill Methodist church, some 12 or 14 miles northeast of Keytesville, but subsequently changed her membership to the Baptist church in Keytesville. During her long illness Mrs. Baker bore her affliction without a murmur, and it was due to her patience, hopefulness and appreciation that made it such a pleasure to her family and sympathizing neighbors and friends to do everything in their power to make her lot in life all that it could be under the distressing circumstances of her protracted illness. Funeral services, pathetic and eloquent, were conducted at the family residence last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Hulten of Salisbury. The remains were laid to rest in the Bennett graveyard, five miles northeast of this place, Sunday, shortly after the noon hour. The COURIER drops the tear of sympathy with the sorrowing husband and grief-stricken daughter, who have lost their dearest companion and most beloved friend.

EGAN:—Dr. James A. Egan of Keytesville was born in Newton county, Ga., Nov. 20th, 1843, and died of Bright's disease at his home in Keytesville, Sunday, Feb. 26th, 1899, aged 55 years, 3 months and 6 days. When but three years of age the subject of this sketch moved to Missouri with his parents, who took up their residence in Randolph county, where they made their home for 10 years. After the Senior Egan's death the widowed mother and her children moved to Chariton county and settled on a farm near where Prairie Hill is now located. James A. Egan was, therefore, raised in the rugged avocation of farm life, and being a southerner by birth it was natural that his sympathies were enlisted with the South during the civil war. When but about 18 years of age he joined Gen. Jackson's

Missouri guards for six months, and at the expiration of his time he became a member of the Third Missouri regiment, First Brigade of volunteers, with which he continued to serve until the close of the war. Among the noted battles he took part in were those at Lexington, Pea Ridge, Port Gibson, Vicksburg and Altoona. The gallant young soldier was wounded four times during his war service for the cause he loved so well, but the most severe injury he sustained was the loss of his right foot at Altoona, Ga., which rendered him a cripple for life. When the bloody conflict between the North and South ended, James A. Egan returned home, after battling four years for the cause of his adored Southland. Having previously acquired a common school education he took a two years' course at McGee at College Mound, Macon county. He next took up the study of medicine and graduated with high honors from the St. Louis Medical college in 1869. He again returned to the county of his adoption and located at Salisbury for the practice of his profession. On Feb. 20th, 1874, Dr. Egan was married to Miss Eveline C. Crawley of Keytesville, and their marriage was blessed with three children—two girls and one boy. Little Sarah is dead, but the mother and two children, Miss Grace and Henry B., survive the lamented husband and father. In 1875 Dr. Egan was appointed by Gov. Chas. Hardin as physician at the state penitentiary, which position the doctor held for four years with credit to himself and honor to Gov. Hardin's administration. At the end of his official term Dr. Egan came back Salisbury and resumed his practice, but in 1880 he was nominated and elected by his Democratic friends to the responsible and lucrative offices of circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder. After these offices were separated by an act of the legislature Dr. Egan was re-elected circuit clerk, and since his term as circuit clerk expired he has continued to make his home in Keytesville and has engaged in various enterprises, but principally conducting the City drug store, which he sold to J. F. Robertson in October, 1897. The doctor's health for several months had been such as to incapacitate him for active business life. He was in the race for circuit clerk at the Democratic primary election, held April 2nd, 1898, but was defeated by Z. T. Lamkin. Dr. Egan was a member of the M. E. church, South, and was an adherent of the Masonic fraternity, which, after appropriate funeral services conducted by Rev. J. O. Edmonston at the family residence, Monday afternoon, took charge of the remains and laid them to rest in the City cemetery with the impressive ceremonies of that order.

The COURIER has a curiosity that is attracting considerable attention, and consists of four cob baskets that were sent to us by Mr. C. N. Butts of Knoxville, Ill., who owns what is known as "the Butts farm," and which lies about half way between Keytesville and Salisbury, on the main road between the two places. Mr. Butts manufactures these baskets, and their attractiveness and usefulness shows that corn-cobs can be utilized to advantage for something else besides cob pipes and fuel.

George Wilson bought a can of cove oysters of C. L. White, a Keytesville grocery merchant, last Saturday night. It was a lucky purchase for George but an unfortunate sale for Mr. White, as a beautiful pearl lurked among the canned bivalves. George will either send or take it to an expert to determine its value.

Rev. George Sharp of Kirksville, who is not only a good preacher but also one of the best men who adorn God's footstool, is delivering a series of very interesting sermons at the Presbyterian church in this city. If you desire to be edified and built up in the Christian faith go out to hear this devout man of God.

Township Organization.

We are in receipt of the house bill of the Missouri legislature amending the township organization law of the state. We concede that it is a decided improvement on the old laws, yet we find nothing in the bill to commend it to the people, especially those who are clamoring for a better system of public roads.

To depend on the township board to construct and maintain the public roads in the county, without providing the necessary funds to have them constructed and kept in repair, is a species of legislative folly that deserves the severest criticism. It is a well-known fact that constitutional limitations have driven township organization to the wall in financial matters, and that these limitations cannot be overcome without a constitutional amendment.

We are aware that the legislature has no authority to amend the constitution, but it has the power to repeal all township laws, and to give the county court jurisdiction of the public highways. This would have been infinitely better than legislating in favor of township control of roads, when the people would have no possible way of carrying the laws into effect.

We know that the citizens of Chariton county are wedded to a system of township organization, and we also know that such a municipal organization would be an advantage to the taxpayers if it could be maintained. But when we are convinced that such an organization cannot be kept up under present conditions, it is certainly the part of wisdom to abandon it for something that can be maintained.

Every township in the county has been short of funds for the last four or five years and the consequence has been that many of them are now hopelessly in debt, with no prospects of ever paying out. There is but one way out of this dilemma, and that is to wind up the financial affairs of the townships and go into liquidation.

The constitution of the state, supplemented by recent decisions of the supreme court, are obstacles that no legislation can surmount.

We have expressed our opinions freely and honestly on this question, being fully advised as to the legal impediments in the way of successfully maintaining township organization. What we have said is sustained by the facts in the case, and we now submit the whole matter to the people of Chariton county, and hope they will conclude to have the question of whether or not our county shall continue under township organization submitted to the voters at the general election in 1900.

Messrs. John Chivers and R. D. Vincent have returned from their prospecting tour through Texas, and are so favorably impressed with that country that they have concluded to cast their lot in the Lone Star state. They have an option on about 1,600 acres of land, near Houston, for which point Mr. Vincent left, Tuesday afternoon, to close the deal. Mr. Chivers has sold his 200-acre farm, two miles north of Keytesville, to W. A. Taylor for \$6,000, and is now negotiating for the sale of his Keytesville residence property. Mr. Vincent expects to sell his farm at the first favorable opportunity. The COURIER regrets to see such good people leave Keytesville and vicinity, but our loss will be Texas' gain.

The beaming countenance of W. J. Doughty of near Charitonville, who was at the capital, Tuesday, told us that some important and pleasing event had just transpired in his existence. Upon inquiry we learned that Mr. Doughty's daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Doughty, gave birth to a fine nine-pound boy, Tuesday morning. The young mother was formerly Miss Nannie Culbertson. She and the babe are doing nicely, but the proud father and prouder grandfather are regarded as *non compos mentis* for the time being, at least.