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KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI

Shoot the worthless dogs.
 Best Michigan salt for sale by Kubo.
 For a nice cold lunch, call on C. L. White.
 "For good things to eat" call on Kubo.
 For the best timothy seed call on Kubo.
 Agee Bros. are the leaders in groceries.
 Now is a good time to fix up your sidewalks.
 Why can't Keytesville have a street fair this fall?
 Belts and belt buckles at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.
 You get your money's worth in groceries at Kubo's.
 "Here's a snap for you."—Kubo's special leader coffee.
 Read the new racket store's "ad." on our first page.
 Lunches put up especially for fishing parties by C. L. White.
 When you want first-class job work, come to the COURIER office.
 Cold boiled ham, head cheese, brick cheese, etc., at C. L. White's.
 Too much rain for the farmers, but ducks and geese are happy.
 Go to Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's for shirt waist sets and beauty pins.
 Everything the market affords in the way of produce at Agee Bros.
 "Ve editor" had radishes out of his own garden for dinner last Sunday.
 Go to Agee Bros. for the best canned goods, pickles, spices, candies, etc.
 B. P. Chapman of Mendon transacted business in the capital last Friday.
 A full line of staple and fancy groceries at BED-ROCK prices at Agee Bros.
 Sailor and walking hats—the noblest and newest—at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.
 Don't worry about cooking, but go to C. L. White's and get a first-class home lunch.
 For the best teas, coffees, spices, extracts, pickles, candies and cigars, call on Kubo.
 Have you seen those pretty beads at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's? They are all the rage.
 Judge W. W. Rucker and "ve editor" made a business trip to St. Louis the latter part of last week.
 Think of it! "No schemes, no fakes," but honest guaranteed goods for honest money every time you buy of Kubo.
 If you are troubled with your eyes, nose or throat, consult in person or write to Dr. J. T. Aldridge, Keytesville, Mo.
 J. A. McCluhan of Triplett paid his respects to the COURIER while at the capital, Tuesday, on business with the probate court.
 Mrs. A. C. Seiser of Keytesville spent a few hours in Brunswick, Sunday afternoon, the guest of her friend, Miss Olga Keuchler.
 Sumner's curfew law is meeting the hearty approval of the citizens with the exception, of course, of the small boys who are "curfewed."
 Sheriff J. R. Dempsey sold his beautiful all-purpose sorrel gelding last Saturday to White & Rea, horse-buyers from Carrollton, for \$90.
 When you want a county paper, why not get the best one? The best one in Chariton county is the COURIER. Come in and subscribe.
 Major W. H. Bradley of Salisbury has been in Keytesville looking after the interests of some clients in the probate court this week.
 Mrs. W. M. Cock, Sr., of one mile north of Keytesville was taken suddenly ill, Wednesday, but we hope her indisposition will not result in anything serious.

F. F. Bartholomew, Bynumville's finest-looking merchant, transacted business at the capital, Tuesday.
 I have the nicest line of baby caps ever shown in Keytesville. Come in and see them.
 Mrs. C. P. Vandiver.
 Several Brunswick merchants have entered into an agreement to close their places of business at 7 o'clock p. m., except Saturdays, from May 15th to September 15th.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott and little daughter, Dixie of Moberly, came up yesterday to visit Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. L. N. Grinstead, and family.
 Rev. H. D. Maness of Salisbury has moved with his family to Madison, Monroe county, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at that place.
 W. F. Senecker, one of the solid men of Triplett township, made us a pleasant and substantial call, Wednesday, while he was in Keytesville on probate business.
 Messrs. Miller & Lewis have an "ad." on the fifth page, in which they deal in some plain facts. These gentlemen are strictly reliable, and their goods are just as represented.
 Mrs. J. D. Blanton of Nashville, Tenn., arrived here, Sunday afternoon, for a week's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller, and other Keytesville friends and relatives.
 "Shipped in" strawberries have been selling in Keytesville for 20 cents a box. Owing to the exalted price we have been compelled to content ourselves with only a smell of the boxes.
 Ex-City Marshal A. C. Gilchrist of Salisbury is preparing to go into business at Joplin, Mo. He recently returned from a prospecting tour to that city, and was so favorably impressed that he will make Joplin his home.
Money to Loan At 5 1-2 per cent annual interest on unincumbered farm lands. Commission, reasonable. GEO. N. ELLIOTT, Keytesville, Mo. Office in court-house.
 One of the most important features of a merchant's business is advertising. When he neglects this he is sure to complain of dull times. If you have goods for sale and don't tell the people about it how do you expect them to know it?
 Mrs. T. V. Phelps and children went over to Salisbury, Saturday, for a visit to relatives, and "Tod," the genial deputy recorder, had an opportunity to be one of the boys for a few days and to see how he felt before he got married.
 J. W. Agee, the junior member of Keytesville's popular grocery firm of W. G. Agee & Bro., spent Sunday in Huntsville. We hope to be able to have some interesting news to chronicle about "Wes" in the sweet pretty soon.
 Miss Hattie Young of this city has opened a stock of racket goods in the store-room recently vacated by Mrs. M. F. Padonner. Miss Hattie is an estimable young lady and the COURIER wishes her much success in her business venture.
 The COURIER, as usual, was the only paper in the county that published the proceedings at the May term of county court in full last week. Other less enterprising journals will be found in the rear of the ranks on county court proceedings this week.
 The man who went out to milk and sat on his stool in the cow-shed and waited for the cow to back up to him, was the same man that kept store and did not advertise because he believed the purchasing public would back up to his place when it wanted something.
Go to Jos. F. Hansman and call for his 1891 hand-made Bourbon. You will find it matured well, palatable and strictly pure.
Money to Loan on short notice on unincumbered farm lands at from five and one-half to seven per cent annual interest.
 O. B. ANDERSON,
 W. H. LEWIS,
 Keytesville, Mo.
 Office in court-house.

Judge W. W. Rucker and O. B. Anderson and C. B. Crawley attended circuit court at Chillicothe this week looking after the interests of the two first-named gentlemen in a land suit against W. H. Wilson of near Westville.
 What would J. K. Robertson of the Keytesville Signal think of his idolized son, Jimmie, if he would not call a man to account for saying that his father ought to be appointed to the position of oculator in some colored female institution? We respectfully request a reply in the next issue of the Signal.
 Mrs. Mary Young of near Shannondale had work commenced, Monday, tearing away the old frame building west of Mrs. M. Hansman's restaurant, and will at once erect three nice brick business houses on the lots. Keytesville made more improvements during 1898 than any other town in Chariton county and is going to make the same record in 1899.
 A. R. Cawthron of Triplett, who moved to La Junta, Colo., about two months ago was back last week arranging his affairs so as to make La Junta his permanent home. Mr. Cawthron was in Keytesville, Thursday, and informed the COURIER man that he was greatly pleased with the climate at La Junta, and that he was enjoying better health than he had had for many years.
 Mrs. E. J. Mackay has been here for several days storing away her household goods and disposing of some of her personal effects preparatory to entering finally upon her duties as manager of Missouri cottage at the State Industrial Home for Girls in Chillicothe. Mrs. Mackay has rented her residence property to J. W. Lewis, whom she will find to be a model tenant. He will take possession the first of June.
 We see by a Cripple Creek, Col., paper that Miss Mollie O'Bryan, a daughter of Wm. O'Bryan who formerly lived five miles north of Keytesville, has bought the Teutonic gold mine at Cripple Creek from Mrs. Bertha Switzer of Boston. The next day after closing the deal Miss O'Bryan was offered an advance of \$1,500 on her purchase, but declined to accept it.
 Ignorance and prejudice go hand in hand—in fact, they are twin brothers, and are now making their headquarters in a certain newspaper office in Chariton county, much to the disgust of what few decent readers that paper has who are so unfortunate as to have their subscription to the Sunday Sun sheet paid in advance. Better lose what little money you have invested in advance subscription, gentlemen, than to permit such vile literature to enter your family circle.
 Prof. J. P. Coleman and family of Mound City, Mo., are here for a protracted visit to Chariton county friends and relatives. Prof. Coleman is the able superintendent of the public schools at Mound City and has been re-employed for another term. He has a good school and is giving the very best of satisfaction. His son, John, was one of the graduates this year, and although but 15 years of age he was valedictorian of the graduating class.
 The gunboat, Nashville, which fired the first gun in our late war with Spain, is now anchored in the Mississippi river at St. Louis. All railroads are running or will run excursions to the city for the benefit of those who desire to see the famous boat. The excursion over the Wabash will take place tomorrow, and the round-trip from Keytesville will be only \$2 75. Trains en route pass Keytesville at 9:20 a. m. Saturday morning. Tickets good returning up to 9:20 a. m. Monday morning.
 Gilbert Hardesty of Ogden, Ill., was in Keytesville the first of the week prospecting with the view to investing in a Chariton county farm. Mr. Hardesty was much pleased with our county and people and the COURIER would be glad to have him cast his lot among us. He subscribed for the COURIER three months ago and says it is the best county paper he ever saw. This leads us to believe that the gentleman is a very sensible man and is possessed of excellent taste, which readily accounts for his admiration for the Great Favorite Weekly and the good people of Chariton county.

King Solomon

Was the wisest of men, and always bought the best because the best was the cheapest in the end.
 This is why wise people of today should buy their

Dry Goods, Clothing, Dress Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Gent's and Ladies' Furnishings of us.

We can't tell you all we would like to tell you in our "ad." but the most important thing we desire to say is that our Qualities are Reliable, our Styles are Correct and our Prices are Reasonable.

We do not handle cheap goods, because we know they would not give satisfaction to our customers, but we can prove to you that we sell the best goods cheap. Come and see us when you want something in our line that will please you. Durability, Style and Economy meet you at our door.

Respectfully Yours,
Miller & Lewis,
 Keytesville, Mo.

The editor of the COURIER waived formal arraignment in Justice H. A. Wheeler's court last Monday and pleaded not guilty to the charge of felonious assault on a Sumner unmentionable the first inst. Our bond for our appearance before the grand jury at the next November term of circuit court was fixed at \$300, which was furnished.
 P. W. Blakeley of near Mendon has succeeded in placing Milt Bennett in possession of the farm up near Eccles on which Mr. Bennett paid him \$40 rent in advance. It looked at one time like Bennett would not get possession and he instituted proceedings against Blakeley for obtaining money under false pretenses, and Blakeley was bound over to the grand jury at his preliminary trial before Justice J. M. DeMoss. Now that Bennett has been put in possession of the premises over which the trouble arose, there will be no further prosecution of the defendant. Now Pleasant ought to look pleasant.
 John Finnell of three miles south of this place had a fine five-year-old mare killed by an extra Wabash freight train near Keytesville station, Wednesday morning. Mr. Finnell purchased the animal from his brother, Milt, of two miles east of town. Wednesday morning the mare escaped from her owner's premises and started back to her former home. A boy was at once sent in pursuit of her, but when she got to the depot she started east down the railroad track, crossed over the cattle-guard and was shortly afterward run down by an extra freight train and killed.
 The Press-Spectator says of one of the COURIER's Salisbury friends: "Ben Franklin of the North Side was stricken very suddenly last Friday morning while out in his feed lot and fell to the ground. He was carried to his room. Dr. Baker was called and found his pulse almost gone. After treatment he revived and his symptoms were very strongly of spinal meningitis, but these finally passed away and the doctor found it was a complication of heart trouble, but after all it was a narrow escape for Mr. Franklin, and he does not desire a repetition of his experience."

The financial statement of Chariton county for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1899, will be found in this issue of the COURIER, and contains much valuable information regarding the county's finances.
 The Chariton County Republican claims to have been informed that the editor of the COURIER sneaked up behind that Sumner unmentionable last week and struck him with a club. If the Republican was so informed, its informant is a bare-faced liar. The Republican is also of the opinion that the editor of the COURIER received a well-deserved thrashing. The editor of the COURIER and his aggressive methods are a great source of annoyance and cause much loss of sleep to the old blister who runs the Republican and he therefore holds that we deserve any trouble that might befall us. But since the Republican has expressed its opinion, the COURIER will give vent to its views by saying that the best thing the editor of the Republican can do for his party and his country is to crawl off and die. Then the devil would then get his dues.
 That Sumner unmentionable, with whom the editor of the COURIER had a street fight a week ago last Monday, says he knocked us down and that the citizens of Keytesville offered to pay his fine of \$7.50, but he would not have it that way. The facts in the case are that the COURIER man was shoved backwards into a gutter and fell down and was not knocked down by the Sumner bully. As to the citizens of Keytesville offering to pay the unmentionable's fine, we will say that J. K. Robertson of the Keytesville Signal made himself meddlingly and disgustingly officious in the premises, and asked several citizens to contribute toward helping the unmentionable liquidate the little bill the city of Keytesville had against him for pleading guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace of the city by quarreling, challenging and fighting, but the citizens whom Mr. Robertson approached, so far as we have been able to learn, refused, point blank, to assist the unmentionable out of his trouble, and said he had gotten into it and could get out of it the best way he could.

Of course you went to see the Irish bat at W. C. Gaston's last Saturday night, and then joined in the laugh that others had at your expense. Some of "ye editor's" friends were quite anxious for him to see the bird—in fact, they were so anxious that we "smelt a mice" and didn't go. We afterwards learned that the bat was a brick bat.
 The COURIER's new Olds gasoline engine arrived last Friday and was set up, Monday, by Wm. Porsley of Moberly and James Baker of Keytesville. It is a first-class machine, and gives us the best and cheapest motor power that can be obtained, and, with other equipments, makes our office a model for a country print shop. We now have a 6-column quarto Cranston news press, two job presses and a Bennett country folder. The latter will enable us to hereafter send out our paper cut, pasted and folded to our readers, which they will find much more convenient than formerly. We also have a world of up-to-date job type, borders, rules, ornaments, etc., and can bring tears of joy to your eyes in either an attractive advertisement or artistic job printing. The COURIER can always be depended upon to lead the procession.
 Herbert Allen, col., was tried by jury in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court, Monday, upon the charge of felonious assaulting Ola Redding, col., another Keytesville darkey, with a knife. The trial resulted in Allen's acquittal. He and Redding had some trouble ten days or two weeks ago and an altercation followed, which landed Allen in Mayor Dempsey's court where he was fined for assault and battery. Last Sunday while Allen was under the influence of the flowing bowl he slashed at Redding with a knife and cut a hole in his coat. Allen claimed that he was only "playing," but Ed. Smith a colored friend of the Redding boy, swore out a warrant for Allen's arrest charging him with felonious assault, but the charge failed to stick when Allen was tried by a jury in Justice DeMoss' court, Monday. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney J. F. Pratt appeared for the state and O. P. Ray for defendant.