

CHARITON COURIER.

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KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

A UNIQUE will was recently probated in St. Louis county in which the testator, Leopold Retter, left his three unmarried daughters \$1,000, each, over and above their legal share on condition they get married. It is said the daughters are good looking and it is thought they will be able to comply with the terms of the will.

JOHN W. MACKAY, the last survivor of the Multimillionaire Bonanza kings, whose home has been in San Francisco for a number of years, died in London, England, July 20, aged 71 years. He was a native of Ireland, came to this country when 9 years of age, lived for a while in New York, then went west and became connected with mining operations which made him a Multimillionaire.

The Globe Democrat continues to publish, republish and rehash its charge against the Democratic administration of the state of the looting of the school fund, but now that the Joplin convention has nominated two men. Higbee Whybark for judges of the supreme court, both of whom were members of the legislature when the school fund indebtedness certificates were enacted into law and both of them voted for the measure, we think even an honest Republican will be able to see and understand that the Globe Democrat is in insincere and dishonest in making the charges it does, and bestow upon it the contempt that is justly its due.

The most destructive flood for many years has been on for more than a week in the Mississippi bottom between Hannibal, Mo., and Keokuk, Iowa, mostly on the Missouri side, there being several levees that have so far protected the Illinois side of the bottom. The losses consist mostly of growing corn and wheat which had been harvested and was in the shock, and which are complete losses. The loss, already accrued at a conservative estimate is said to reach \$6,000,000 and it is feared will be still heavier whenever another expected rise shall have reached the overflowed district. Great as are the losses of the land owners who though rich two weeks ago are comparatively poor now, their condition is not as bad as the renters who have lost their all. The large acreage of wheat, it was said, was good for an average yield of from 35 to 40 bushels per acre, while the yield of corn was estimated at 100 bushels per acre. All these with the vast amount of labor expended in their production, are gone, and many who are bearing these terrible losses will be dependent upon their more fortunate fellows for a sustenance for a year to come. This condition of affairs affords a golden opportunity for the charity inclined to do a good work. "He that seeth his brother have need and shutteth his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

A DISPATCH from Blackwell Oklahoma, dated July 21 says "The negro family that came to Blackwell last week against the dare of the citizens was given a warm time this morning. About 1,000 persons, with weapons surrounded the house and setting fire to the building drove the negroes out of the corporation." The dispatch goes on to say that only one man was injured in the mob and he was a German farmer and negro sympathizer. He stood on the porch of the burning house and declared that if any negroes were killed a white man would die first. He at once became the center of violence, but personal friends helped him to escape with a few bruises. The negroes made no resistance and promised the crowd, if spared

they would leave town and never return. Blackwell had rid herself of negroes several years ago. The immediate cause of an article in the Wichita Searchlight, a negro paper in which appeared the cry "On to Blackwell with your gun and ammunition; make yourself welcome." As Blackwell is a new town we would like to know the antecedents of its people, whether they are from the north or south. Our guess is that a majority of them is from the north, a people that do not want the presence of the negro, and will not have him around, if they can prevent it while the people of the south are willing to tolerate him as long as he behaves himself. We feel sorry for the negro that is disposed to do right and is not permitted to make his home in this "land of the free and the brave," wherever he desires. It is with the negroes, in some particulars, as it is with some white people. Many times a few "smart alecks" succeed in getting a whole lot of people into trouble.

At this writing the indications are that the administration forces in the Democratic convention at St. Joseph have routed the "insurgents," "horse, foot and dragons". The so called "insurgents" are a lot of young politicians who are ambitious to be leaders and are restless to get the party reins in their own hands. They have forgotten the old adage, "old men for counsel and young men for war." They aspire to be both counselors and warriors. Our Missouri younger politicians should learn a lesson from the action of the convention at St. Joseph and never undertake to rout the fellows in the saddle who have fought many a battle for their party, and never lost a victory, without a good reason for doing so. They might have also learned a lesson from the result in other states, where the youngsters have taken violent hold of the reins and forced the retirement of the old war veterans. Some years ago John McLean, young politician of Ohio, got tired of the rule of such sturdy old Democratic stagers as Allen G. Thurman and became as some of our young Missourians are today, an "insurgent." He made one turn of the political wheel and turned the Democratic party out and the Republican party in, and has never been able, to this day, to undo the result of his misguided ambition. We are sorry to note that our young Virgil Coupling of Carrollton, the state committeeman from the second congressional district was reckoned among the "insurgents" and was cheek by jowl with Frank Walsh in an endeavor to give the administration a black eye. But Virgil is sharp, he quit his foolishness before he had sinned "unto death" and was re-elected as a member of the state committee, but the company he kept has doubtless clipped his wings and he will not roost on the loftiest perch furnished for the state committee, for awhile at least as he was wont do heretofore.

The Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic nominating convention finished its labors at St. Joseph last Tuesday after naming a splendid ticket, to-wit: W. T. Carrington of Springfield for school superintendent; John Knott of Hannibal and Joe Rice of Moberly for railroad and warehouse commissioner. Prof. Carrington and Joe Rice are present incumbents of their respective offices. The ticket is an exceptionally good one, and ought to receive the hearty support of every Democrat in the state, and we doubt not it will. There is always more or less friction in political conventions, but there was nothing like as much in this one as the Republicans predicted and hoped would come to pass.

J. M. Seibert had, previous to

the convention, announced that he would, under no circumstances, accept the chairmanship of the state central committee, hence his re-election nor his retirement was a question to wrangle about.

After calling the convention to order Mr. Seibert read a sensible, well prepared address that every Democrat in the state ought to read and digest. It will do them good.

W. A. Rothwell of Moberly, a talented young lawyer and Democrat, whose popularity extends to every acquaintance, was chosen chairman of the state committee, the office from which Mr. Seibert retires. We expect to hear a good report of him. Conkling of Carrollton and Winter of Milan were re-elected state committeemen from this, the Second congressional district, while quite a list from other districts, that were members of the old committee, were retired, some of them not at their own request. They were regarded as insurgents.

The convention endorsed the platform adopted at the national convention at Kansas City in 1900, but did not particularize. To have done so would have been a waste of time and paper.

Now that both the state conventions have done their work faithfully and with an eye single to harmony and success, let the rank and file be content, go to work and roll up a phenomenal majority for Democracy at the polls in November. We believe they will do it.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

We have heard, incidentally that there was some very reprehensible conduct on the part of some young men up about Mendon last Sunday. While making a merry day of the Sabbath in the Yellow Creek bottom it is said that a half witted boy happened to pass that way, that these young bloods caught him, tied a rock to his feet and threw him into the creek, where he would have drowned had not one of the bnumer gone to the poor fellows rescue, pulled him out and saved his life. This angered another one of the crew bent an something dreadful, who drew his gun on the lifesaver and caused him to hasten to town without clothing or shoes. So far as we know there have been no arrests, but if we have a true statement of the facts in this affair which was almost a murder, these boys ought to be made to understand that there is a law in this country which they ought to respect, the force of which they ought to be made to feel.

Do you want the new railroad that promises to come to Keytesville? If so, do something to get it. Talk for it, and give your mite of money to aid in making the survey; You can well afford to do that much. If you are rich it will add to your store. If you are poor it will give you one more chance to get rich. Don't say if there is any money in the investment there are plenty of capitalists to build it with any concern of yours. Capitalists, except they are mixed up with trusts, do not as a rule force things upon people that they do not want. Remember the electric railroad proposes to run through a country that is without railroads nearer than ten or twelve miles, and every foot passes through either an agricultural region or one overlaid with coal. It will enable the agriculturalist either to ship his products from the farm where he raises them or some near point, instead of hauling or driving them ten to twenty miles. Not only this, but it will enable the passenger to board a train anywhere on the line, and will secure the denizens of both town and country a light for their homes more brilliant and less expensive than coal oil lamps. Hurrah for the railroad.

Culled from Our County Exchanges and Boiled Down

W. S. Gallemore has closed a deal for the Post at Morehouse and has gone to take charge.

Two young negroes have left Salisbury for greener fields, because they found it healthy to do so.

The muscles in Dr. Moore's arm have been strained from pulling teeth for one of his patients.

Mrs. Jo Duff has been stricken with blindness, and will shortly go to Kansas City to be treated by a specialist.

The Big store has a new phonograph which talks and sings like a man or woman, the P.-S. is not certain which.

The board of health has evidence that the ice used in Salisbury, is full of microbes and deleterious to health.

Farmers are bringing wheat to Salisbury as fast as dealers can handle it and they handle it as fast as they can get cars.

Dr. Max Myer of Salisbury has been elected to the chair of gynecology and obstetrics in the state university at Columbia.

Dr. Grinstead is welcomed to Salisbury where he has renewed partnership with Dr. Banning in the drug business and the practice of medicine.

Henry Mueller sold his farm of 151 acres northeast of town at \$46 an acre.

Threshing and harvest are both on about Sumner and hands are getting \$1.50 a day.

Mrs. P. F. Felt, while traveling from Laclede to Sumner, was thrown out of her buggy and had a rib broken in the fall.

Mrs. Joseph Barnhart, east of Sumner found a good-sized nugget of gold in the craw of a chicken Thursday and now all the poultry dealers want her chickens.

Four Young ladies were baptized at the Christian church Wednesday night.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Adriana F. Felt of Mendon and Prof Walker S. Pemberton of Armstrong—July 30.

Thieves are operating again in Mendon. While a meeting was in progress at the Christian church one night a buggy whip was stolen from a vehicle standing at the hitch rack.

Rev. T. W. Cottingham, state evangelist, assisted by Rev. L. B. Coggins of St. Louis, has been holding a meeting in Mendon for some time. There have been several additions to the church.

The young men have recently organized a band that will contain thirteen instruments.

We missed getting a copy of the Salisbury Democrat last week, or we could have extended these notes indefinitely.

Wm. A. Boley, arrested Friday on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon Dave Wharton's wife had his trial before Justice Clark of Dean Lake. Boley proved an alibi and after the trial got up a row with Wharton, which was stopped by the marshal before any blood was spilt.

Wanted. Fifty thousand bushels of wheat, delivered at Keytesville depot, for which I will pay the highest market price. H. C. HYDE, Keytesville, Mo.

Coal for Threshers. Plenty of coal for threshers at Buffington's coal mine, two miles east of Keytesville, at eight cts. a bushel. WM. COOLEY.

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O. B. ANDERSON & SON., Keytesville, Mo.

New Grocery Store

Having opened a nice, fresh stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries in the Young Building, I respectfully solicit a share of your patronage. My goods are all first-class and my prices are right. Highest market price paid for Poultry, Eggs and Butter in either cash or trade. Your Truly.

JNO. F. WHITESIDES, Keytesville, Mo.

To the Public

After having been engaged in the millinery business in Keytesville for thirteen years, I began to realize that I needed a rest, and for that purpose I have sold out to Mrs. Ella B. Mills of Chillicothe, a lady who comes well recommended and will take charge of the shop at once and will, with her children, become identified with the people of Keytesville and live among them, I speak for her a liberal share of the patronage of the people of Keytesville, and vicinity, and at the same time thank them for the liberal trade they have given me during these several years. I will be thankful to all persons who owe me on account if they will call and settle their bills. Their accounts will be found with Miss Jessie Jefferson, who is authorized to receive the money and settle for the same.

MRS. C. P. VANDIVER.

In Society.

Miss Emma Chapman gives a reception in honor of her guests Misses Vanclave, Wayland and James to night, of which we shall hope to give a fuller notice next week.

Miss Gladys Vaughan will entertain a few of her friends at the Club rooms in honor of her guests, Misses Addie Vaughan, Laura and Sadie Scott and Elizabeth Stillwell, all of Carrollton and Bennetta and Nilene Smith of Brunswick, who are visiting Keytesville friends, tonight (Friday).

The young people of this city between the rivers, are certainly having a busy time socially this week, and they seem to enjoy it. On Wednesday evening the Misses Hill gave a hay ride in honor of their guests Misses Mabel Allen, Isabella Tiernan, and Crete Tharilkil; and after the ride the jolly party enjoyed watermelons with their charming hostesses. On Thursday evening Misses Hill gave formal reception in honor of their guests. The scribe has been unable to gather the special features but no one who has been entertained in that hospitable home can question but that everything was arranged for the thorough enjoyment of the fleeting hours by all the guests. Easy grace, and a quick perception of the right thing to do, so characterize the young lady hostesses that we are sure the entertainment has been a complete success.

A carload of Michigan salt, just received, which I am selling at \$1.50 a barrel.

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A splendid, almost new family Organ. Suitable for church or school. E. B. KELLOGG.

Choice Oklahoma Farms for Sale Cheap.

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There will be a ball game between two Keytesville nines on the ball park next Tuesday, August 29.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office July 25, 1902: Birty Sedington, Mrs. Grace Trainer, Samuel Twyman, W. N. Watson, Mr. Henry Write.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised." W. C. GASTON, P. M.

State Superintendent Carrington, a few days ago published the enumeration of school children together with the distribution of the state school fund for the current year. According to this statement the pro rata distribution to each enumerated child in the state is \$1.2070344. As Chariton county has an enumeration of 8,650 children, this will give a fund of \$10,440.85 to be distributed to the various schools in this county. This is a considerable increase over last year, when the enumeration was larger, 8879, and the fund \$9,771.12, a good deal smaller.

The Brookfield Fair.

The Brookfield Merchants' association have taken up the enterprise of giving a real old-fashioned agricultural fair at the Brookfield fair grounds the coming fall. They have subscribed a sufficient sum to guarantee its success. The different committees, which are meeting nightly, are vying with each other in their efforts to get up the most attractive program. The enthusiasm with which the work is being pushed indicates that Brookfield will have the biggest fair ever held there. The dates announced are September 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Marriage Licenses.

Benjamin Hayes, Salisbury
Miss Nannie Price, Keytesville
Benj. Hurt, col., Salisbury
Miss Minnie Wellington, col., Salisbury