

If you want fresh groceries go to J. F. Whitesides.

Mrs. Frank Elledge, hostess of Sneed hotel, entertained the musical and literary club Thursday afternoon.

Geo. L. Swain came down from Kansas City Friday night to attend the funeral services and burial of his uncle, Geo. T. Swain.

Mrs. Harriet Hamilton came over from Salisbury Tuesday and remained until yesterday morning visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. R. O'Bryan.

J. B. Robertson, the editor of the Signal has been on the "puny" list this week, with decided symptoms of love sickness. How soon, Berry?

We are sorry that John A. Goll, one of Missouri township's leading farmers and best citizens, is suffering from a severe case of hemorrhoids, and will perhaps, have to submit to an operation.

There is a minister up about Sumner by the name of Waltz, but he doesn't dance except when his makes him do so.

Chas. T. Swain of Union City, Okla., came up to attend the last sickness of his father, the lamented Geo. T. Swain of five miles northwest of Keytesville, and remained until his father's death and burial.

The Sumner Star complains that it has only received two loads of wood on subscription this winter, and declares if he had to depend on the Star's wood subscribers for fuel old Pluto would have to wear an overcoat to keep from freezing.

W. C. Gaston went to Columbia Wednesday to attend a meeting of the board of curators of Stephens college, and also to visit his daughters, Misses Mabel and Jennie Lind, who are students in that institution.

We call the attention to the card of Samuel Allega who in this week's issue of the COURIER announces himself a candidate for trustee of Keytesville township. Sam is deserving and competent, and if elected will faithfully demean himself in office.

The editor of the Sumner Star is feeling his importance because he got a dressed hog and a load of wood last Thursday. Had the swine been "undressed" it is not likely that Brother Northcott would have permitted it to come in his house owing to his innate modesty.

Salisbury is threatened with a national bank. That town has two splendid banking institutions now, and it strikes us that they are all that are needed—unless the newspapers over there have more money than two banks can take care of.

Jim Thompson, Ed Johnson and Levi Alston, the three negroes who held up and robbed two Syrian peddlers, near Keota, the 1st of last October, pleaded guilty in the Macon circuit court recently and were sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, each.

I have decided to remain in Missouri until May, and expect to do business in cattle, horses and mules, in fact will handle any marketable stock. I have some good yearling and two year old cattle, several horses and mules for sale or exchange. Write me or telephone to Mendon, Mo.

B. C. SMUTZ.

The COURIER'S readers are given a change in the literary menu of this paper this week. The breed of goslings has s

## JEWELRY ITEMS.

Take any item that jewelers sell and we can do you good in the buying. We can show you a larger assortment than can be found elsewhere in this locality. We can show you many special lines and distinct styles that can be had here only. We make you safe as to quality, and we insure the fairness of the price.

See us when you have need of anything that a Jeweler has or of work that a Jeweler does.

**H. M. Sigloch,**  
"City Drug & Jewelry Store."  
Phone 32. Keytesville, Mo.

deteriorated that it should no longer appear on our bill of fare. Our subscribers will doubtless find a new diet quite both relishable and wholesome.

The board of control for the Industrial Home for Girls at Chillicothe has elected Miss Mollie Wells of Louisiana, Mo., and Miss Spratt of Hamilton to succeed Mrs. S. R. Grant and Miss Booth as manager of Marmaduke cottage and secretary of the home, respectively.

R. J. Brown will have a public sale of live stock and farming implements at his farm, three miles northwest of Keytesville, Jan. 30. Mr. Brown will shortly move to Ozark county, Mo., where he will make his home. He is a good citizen and we hate to see him leave Chariton county.

O. J. Kelly and Jas. Landenburger, two good-looking men of near Newhall, were pleasant callers at the COURIER Friday. Mr. Landenburger has been working for the Santa Fe railroad at Marceline, but has abandoned railroading and will engage in farming, near Dean Lake, this year.

J. A. Collet, who recently located in St. Louis for the practice of law as a member of the firm of Crawley, Jamison & Collet, came up Saturday morning and remained a day or two visiting his family and circulating among friends. He reports the business of his firm as being excellent.

There will be held in Keytesville Baptist church a Sunday-school institute Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3 and 4, 1903. A good program has been prepared and good speakers have promised to be present. The institute will be conducted under the superintendance of Chas. Rhoads, state Sunday-school missionary.

"Habit" is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change "abit." If you take off another, you will still have a "bit" left. If you take off another the whole of "it" remains. If you take off another, it is not "it" totally used up. All of which shows that, if you wish to be rid of a "habit", you must throw it off altogether.

Mrs. C. P. Vandiver attended the philharmonic concert at Salisbury Tuesday night, which was given under the auspices of the ladies of the Baptist church. The vocalists were from Chicago, and their singing was of a high order. The total receipt were about \$90, \$30 of which was turned over to the Baptist ladies as their part of the profit of the entertainment.

Cash or trade paid for butter, eggs and poultry at J. F. Whitesides.

Sewing machines from \$5 up at Herman & Ehrhardt's, Salisbury, Mo., for 30 days from Dec. 25, 1902. Now is your time to buy.

A new \$300 piano for sale at \$175. Also a \$125 organ at \$55, nearly new.

E. B. KELLOGG.

C. H. & F. G. Hechler left the first of last week for Columbia to continue their studies in the University after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hechler of near Dalton.

Kindly take notice that Ely's Cream Balm is of great benefit to those suffering from nasal catarrh who cannot inhale freely through the nose, but must treat themselves by spraying. Liquid Cream Balm differs in form, but not medicinally from the Cream Balm that has stood for years at the head of remedies for catarrh. It may be used in any nasal atomizer. The price, including a spraying tube, is 75 cts. Sold by druggists and mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

The Triplet Tribune publishes a list of some of Triplet townships' stock-feeders and the number of cattle and hogs each of them is feeding. The total amount of cattle is 939 and hogs 2,068. G. G. Gallatin and John Dickinson are the largest feeders, the former having 120 head of cattle and 260 head of hogs, and the latter 140 cattle and 325 hogs.

Chas. Huffman, a farmer of near Chillicothe, was arrested Tuesday and lodged in jail on a warrant charging him with criminally assaulting Annie Herrington, the 13-year-old daughter of Rev. Herrington. The girl says that the crime was committed Jan. 1, 1903. Huffman was married two years ago to a Miss Mercer, who is now only 15 years of age.

"Ye editor" left yesterday afternoon to attend the winter meeting of the Missouri Press association, which met at Columbia yesterday morning for a two-days session. We are on the program this afternoon for a paper entitled, "Mending Our Nets," but what we know about "nets" is not worth bragging on. It is our duty, however, to read what we shall have to say about "net-mending" and look wise, and we are going to do both.

Frank H. Roberts of near Newcomer has had bills printed at the COURIER office for a public sale of live stock, corn, hay, and farming implements and household furniture Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. Roberts has sold his farm and will move to Marionville, Mo., some time in February. He is the kind of a man that a community can ill afford to lose, and we are sorry he has decided to seek another location.

Jos. Kaye, an admiring friend of the COURIER, has, we fear, given us the bighead. In writing from Sumner to renew his subscription to the Great Favorite Weekly he says: Enclosed please find money order for \$1, to renew my subscription to the COURIER, the best county paper in the state. "Our friends pardon us under the circumstances if they notice us stepping rather high, and must hold Mr. Kaye responsible for causing us to become stuck up."

J. H. Felt, a farmer of Chillicothe neighborhood, ran a pitchfork through his hand Wednesday while working about a haystack. The Chillicothe Constitution avers that the first Mr. Felt knew of the injury he was seized with a severe pain in the back of his neck, and then saw the pitchfork sticking through the palm of his hand. Lockjaw or blood poisoning is feared from the effects of the wound although no dangerous symptoms had developed at last accounts.

# \$350 PIANO FREE.

The Chariton Courier will give a Cabinet-Grand Emerson Piano absolutely Free to the Chariton County Lady receiving the largest number of votes from subscriptions paid to the Courier between Jan. 2 and May 15, 1903.



The Piano was bought of John N. Taylor of Huntsville, Mo., who has been a dealer in pianos for many years, and who, it is well known, is strictly reliable. Mr. Taylor guarantees the instrument we have purchased of him to be one of the very best on the market, being the product of the famous Emerson Piano Co. The general lines of the piano are very attractive to the eye and the tone exceedingly pleasing to the ear. The instrument can now be seen at Mr. B. Hunt's furniture store in Keytesville.

**To Whom It May Concern:** This is to certify that the retail price of the Emerson Cabinet-Grand piano, recently sold to C. P. Vandiver of the CHARITON COURIER, and the one he is now offering in his contest to the Ladies of Chariton county, is \$350. There is no fictitious value in this price and I guarantee it to be one of the best instruments made.  
JNO. N. TAYLOR.

**Terms of Contest:** The COURIER'S piano contest is open to any lady in Chariton county, and every lady who becomes a contestant is fully authorized to receive subscriptions to the COURIER, either for arrears or for new subscribers. Each subscriber will be entitled to three votes for each cent paid on subscription, whether for arrearages or for payment in advance. Only subscribers, or those who become subscribers, will be entitled to vote. If you would become the possessor of this beautiful piano, or have a lady friend you would like to see get it, go to work at once and have your friends help you. Every person paying \$1 or more in cash on subscription, the regular price of the COURIER for one year, will be entitled to cast 300 votes for every dollar paid for the lady of their choice. The list of the contestants and the number of votes each has received will be published in the COURIER from week to week.

The contest closes Friday, May 15, 1903, at 4 o'clock p. m.

**C. P. VANDIVER, Publisher**  
**COURIER.**

J. F. Whitesides has no stale groceries.

A carload of hard wheat flour from Cedar Point, Kas., best on the market, at C. L. White's.

Fred Rawlins, alias F. V. Avery, alias Whitney, who confessed to Sheriff Gilstrap that he and three other men, J. F. Bowen, Thos. Nee and Thos. Waller, had robbed a bank at Union, Mo., now denies the truth of his confession, and attributes his hallucination that he took part in the robbery to the fact he had been

drinking, and says that ever since he had the typhoid fever the flowing bowl unbalances his mind, whenever he indulges in it, for several days afterward. Rawlins not only confessed his guilt to Sheriff Gilstrap of Macon county, but also made a sworn statement of his connection with the robbery to detectives. He and the other three men he implicated are still in jail at Macon.

County atlases bought.  
MINTER & CRAWLEY,  
Courthouse.

See Agee Bros.' reduction sale "ad." in this issue.

Keytesville is going to make more improvements this year than any other town in Chariton. Some eight or nine business houses, a new opera-house and three or four nice residences in prospect, to say nothing of the Missouri Central Electric railway for which the indications are very favorable. Keep your eye on the capital and watch her grow.

Prof. Allen Moore, president of the Chillicothe normal school, carries life insurance to the amount of \$70,000.