

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sumner Squibs.

H. W. Ballew has been on the sick list for a week, but is better now and able to be out.

C. W. Northcott and wife attended the untrifled Republican editorial convention at St. Joseph last week.

Joseph Cash left Thursday of last week for his new home in Southeast Arkansas. His family will leave this week.

Bushnell & Smith received a carload of hogs Monday and two Tuesday and shipped them to Kansas City. Price \$4.20.

T. J. Winn, a good farmer of Triplett township, was in Sumner Saturday and while here renewed his subscription for the COURIER.

Some of the young people held a watch meeting Saturday night at a private residence and at 12 o'clock rang the M. E. church bell. Some of our citizens that didn't catch on got up and rushed down town to the fire they didn't find.

There was a crowd of professional beggars in town Thursday each telling of his misfortunes. All rounded up before dark at the same place with grub enough to feast over night and sufficient clothing to keep off the wintry blasts.

The proprietors of the Sumner flouring-mills have put in new machinery and have been running the past week making flour second to none. The party that now finds fault with our miller will never get through the pearly gates.

A. C. Ballard came from Carrollton here and spent two days and left Tuesday evening for good. A large crowd of his old friends here went to the depot with him. Mr. Ballard was the Wabash agent here for several years, but had to resign on account of ill health.

The 99th birthday of the venerable Thomas Abrams was celebrated Wednesday evening at his home in Cunningham. A good dinner was served. All hoped to be present on a like occasion January 4, 1906. Mr. Abrams has been suffering from a sore foot, but which is improving.

The prize dance at the Pearl opera-house Monday night was largely attended and much interest was taken. The gold ring was awarded by the judges to Mrs. Moore, nee Little. C. J. J. Martyr was present, as usual, and surprised all by engaging in the waltz and two-step, and was right in the push with the best dancers.

Mrs. Ballard, mother of A. C. Ballard, died at the home of her grand-daughter in Kansas Wednesday, where she had gone on a visit until her son, A. C., could locate in his new home. Mrs. Ballard lived in Sumner with her son for many years and was a grand old lady. Her remains were brought to Carrollton by her son for burial.

A. B. Brown left Wednesday for Weatherford, Okla., in answer to a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his daughter, Mrs. R. N. Lind. On his arrival he found her much better. The babe, which was born Christmas, died Saturday and was shipped to Sumner and arrived here Monday at 3 o'clock and was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Green Packer, son of the late James Packer of this township, was killed Thursday by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of M. Brewer, a neighbor. They, with two other parties, were rabbit-hunting, near the home of all. The gun was accidentally discharged at close range, the full charge of shot entering Mr. Packer's head at the top of the left ear, completely tearing away the back part of the skull, causing instant death. Mr. Packer was 34 years old and had made his home with his step-mother since the death of his father. He was an exemplary young man and was converted three weeks ago and joined the M. E. church and was baptized Christmas day.

Miss Matters.

There is on the pieroe made a eytesville Sat- wife and son home, near after a week's

visit with Mrs. Vaughan's sister of near this place.

Chas. Hedrick and family have moved to the Chas. Akers' farm, northwest of here.

Misses Laura and Lou Phillips of the Westville neighborhood visited friends in this vicinity the first of the week.

The officers of the telephone system at this place had a meeting at the Bills schoolhouse Saturday afternoon.

There was a dance given at the home of Wm. Graves Thursday night of last week. Those who enjoy amusement of that kind report a good time.

Ambrose Pierce and Miss Susie Staples, both of this neighborhood, were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. R. S. Maupin, Sunday evening, January 1, 1905. We offer congratulations. A wagon-load of young men entertained them with a charivari Monday night.

Pee Dee Prattle.

John Ford went to Marceline to find Christmas festivities.

Mesdames Walker and Bash visited J. E. Chrane.

Mrs. Dr. Gaines and children spent the holidays with her parents at Clarence, Mo.

Miss Pearl Naylor gave her pupils a nice treat December 23 and a spelling at night.

Mrs. D. W. Maddox of near Hardin is visiting her brother, Wm. Walter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiley of Marceline spent the holidays at her father's, E. S. Richards.

C. B. Kavanaugh and wife and Mrs. T. B. Oldham of Rocky Ford, Colo., visited at S. S. Kelso's Thursday.

Mrs. J. G. McCloud and two younger children spent Christmas with her parents in Brunswick.

Barney Hinkerson and family and Aura and Zula Chrane from Salisbury are visiting in this community.

Rev. P. M. Sears filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday morning at Union church.

Marion Cowser and family and Riley Weatherford and children ate Christmas dinner at John Cowser's.

Schools have re-opened again after the holidays, and, we hope, with added interest from both teacher and pupil.

Dr. Isabella Kelso, who has been visiting her cousin, S. S. Kelso, returned to her home in Waterloo, Iowa, Monday via Kansas City.

The teachers who came home from a distance to spend the holidays were: Misses Wallace Kavanaugh and Adelia Cook and Clarence Littler.

The students who spent the holidays with homefolks were: Roy McKittick from Glasgow, Leslie E. A. Kelso from Columbia, and Curtis Chrane from Warrensburg.

We are glad to learn that Miss Lillie Harlan has nearly recovered from a very serious attack of pleural pneumonia. Have not learned if she will be able to continue teaching at Cross-Roads.

J. E. Chrane and wife and Curtis and Lola Chrane, D. W. Walker, Leslie, Isaac, Olive and Meyri Kelso and Emma Chapman all visited and feasted at Walter Martin's Friday.

T. B. Littler and A. F. Chapman gave the young people an invitation to a social and musicale Friday night. There was a goodly company at both places, and all report a good time.

We hear that P. P. Chrane has sold his farm, known as the old Dr. McEuen place, to some parties from Iowa for a goodly sum. T. T. Trow has also sold the "old Smith farm," 3-4 mile north of Pee Dee.

The union Sunday-school had its annual election December 28. E. B. Welch, Sr., superintendent; D. W. Strickler, assistant superintendent and chorister; Isaac E. Kelso, secretary, and Miss Emma Chapman, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The snowstorm of December 27 is something we don't crave to have repeated. The snow blockaded the roads so that we got no mail from Monday till Thursday evening. Then the

mail-carrier had to shovel drifts out of route. Many having 'phones we did not feel entirely isolated.

Salisbury Scribbings.

John Street fell on the ice last week and fractured several ribs.

Mrs. John West, who has been on the sick list for sometime, is improving slowly.

A man by the name of Smith from Arkansas has purchased the Neal hotel at this place.

Prosecuting Attorney Pratt has removed his office from the P.-S. building to the mayor's office in the Karcher block.

Perry Lee has sold his 160-acre farm, north of town, to Louis Meyer, late of Linn county. Consideration, \$75 an acre.

Eld. Applegate of Camp Point delivered two able sermons at the Christian church Sunday, morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hunker are the proud parents of a little boy whose birth dates from January 2.

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Eugene M. Brockman in Arizona Monday. No particulars.

W. A. Clement has purchased the interest of his partner, W. P. Noel, in the grocery business and is now sole proprietor. We wish all parties to the transaction success.

Mrs. Lizzie Vandeventer was called to Mexico Wednesday by the illness of her uncle, Wm. Sumner. Mrs. Vandeventer had considerable difficulty getting to town on account of snow drifts.

W. W. Blakemore has sold the Arcade department store to Mr. Bloff of Council Bluffs, Iowa. We welcome this gentleman to our midst and trust that Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore will continue to make this place their home.

A. W. Johnson left for Jefferson City Monday where he goes to serve the people of Chariton county in the capacity of representative. Among others who have gone down seeking employment are John Legendre, Harry Marquis, Frank Dunn and W. R. Sweeney.

When C. W. Aldridge returned home one night last week about midnight he found some one was going through the house and looting it. A colored girl who was acting as a domestic in this family was arrested and when arraigned she waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to appear at the next term of circuit court. Being unable to give bond she is now boarding with Sheriff Shaughnessy. She was the 16-year-old daughter of Mary Dameron of this place.

Last week we mentioned the shooting of James Doughty by John Cummins while the former was said to have been prowling around the house of John's father, Lucian Cummins. Doughty lingered until Sunday at noon when he died of septic pneumonia superinduced by the gunshot wound, at least, such was the finding of the jury at the coroner's inquest. Doughty's remains were taken to Pee Dee and interred in the family burying-ground Tuesday. He leaves a wife and three children. We sympathize with the family in their affliction.

Triplett Topics.

Arthur Klee was a Bosworth visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Elliott of Brunswick were in town Friday afternoon.

Mrs. B. A. Gilvin returned home Saturday from a visit to friends in Brunswick.

Miss Daisy Hixon of Hillsboro, Iowa, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. P. C. Roberts.

Miss Cora Walker returned Sunday from a week's visit to friends in Kansas City.

C. A. Greene, who spent the holidays with homefolks, re-

turned to Bethany Friday.

Misses Ora and Jollie Smith of Brunswick visited their grandmother, Mrs. Guillod, Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Bowman and baby are visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. D. Bowman, at Salisbury this week.

Robt. Halley of Armstrong visited his nephews, Dr. C. T. and Henry Collins, from Sunday until Tuesday.

Miss Myrtis Hampton returned to school at Kirksville Monday after spending the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Lucile Triplett, who spent Christmas with homefolks, returned to Chillicothe Monday where she is attending school.

Miss Kallameyer of New Florence, Mo., who spent the holidays with her friends, Misses Eula Hooper and Fannie Moritz, returned home Monday.

Dalton Doings.

Miss Bessie Liggett of Triplett is visiting friends in Dalton.

Ben Cunningham of Decatur, Ills., is visiting friends in Dalton.

J. M. Wilhite transacted business in Salisbury first of the week.

D. A. Pierce of Armstrong was in our burg Monday buying mules.

A happy new year to all the readers of the grand old COURIER.

Jacob Hauswirth attended the Maccabees supper at Salisbury Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor and baby spent new years day in Keytesville.

Miss Mamie Howard returned home Monday after visiting her sister at Moberly.

"Uncle" Ola Hanson is very poorly at this writing. "Uncle" Ola is now 74 years old.

J. L. Cropper and children of Keytesville spent Sunday here with his brother, W. T. Cropper.

Mrs. Sid Webb, who has been in poor health for sometime, is, we are glad to say, somewhat improving.

Misses Vallie and Bettie Payne left Monday for Moberly where they will visit their aunt, Mrs. Parrish, for a few days.

The Modern Woodmen installed their new officers Tuesday night. The Dalton Woodmen are up-to-date in their work.

Geo. Burkhiser, Wabash agent here, is smiling all over his face on account of a big boy at his house. Mother and babe are doing well.

Otis Hastings of Chraneville visited his aunt, Mrs. Frank Pascal, a few days during the holidays. Otis is a boy who is liked by all who know him.

Henry Arensmeier and E. A. Stiner of east of Keytesville delivered stock to Ed Grotjan Monday. Mr. Grotjan buys shipping stock which is delivered here from all parts of the county. Mr. Grotjan shipped one carload of cattle and one of hogs to St. Louis Monday.

Five of our sports, including Willie Terrill and Pete Coleman, went into the neighborhood of Harding Bros., northeast of Dalton, Thursday and succeeded in bringing home 101 rabbits. This is not a rabbit story either. Most all the boys have been sick since, but whether from eating too much rabbit or from the walk we cannot say.

East Chariton Echoes.

Perhaps some of the COURIER readers would like to hear from our community and with the editor's permission I will send a few notes.

Miss Viola Allen spent Christmas with relatives in Prairie Hill.

Miss Maggie Davis took charge of her school at Prairie Valley Monday after spending a week with homefolks, south of Salis-

bury.

There was no service at Prairie Valley church Saturday or Sunday on account of the pastor, Rev. Lynn, failing to be present.

M. R. Cloyd was transferred from this vicinity to Higbee where he will continue to solicit orders for the Europe Art Co.

Our mail-carrier, Frank Tannehill, did not make but two trips last week on account of his route being snow-bound.

Mrs. R. S. Carter and grand-daughter, Miss Katie Carter, spent the holidays with relatives in Kansas City.

Edgar Ehrhardt and bride returned to their home at Thomas Hill Sunday after a week's visit to the latter's parents, R. L. Osbourn and wife.

Mrs. T. J. Rodgers received a hard fall Wednesday and since then has been confined to her bed. She is suffering from a sprained back and side.

On account of bad weather the box social at Henry Magnet's Friday night was not well attended, but those present report a nice time.

Miss Sallie Ryals is again at her post of duty as teacher of Washington school after spending the holidays at her home, near Clifton Hill.

The newly-elected officers for 1905 of Washington Sunday-school are: W. P. Cloyd, superintendent; R. J. Hurt, assistant superintendent; Miss Mary Davidson, secretary; Miss Ora Young, treasurer, and Mrs. L. Y. Cross, organist. School meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The average attendance for the past year was 34.

Brunswick Brevities.

Dr. J. S. Wallace was in Keytesville Tuesday.

A. J. Custer, our popular jeweler, is spending a few days with homefolks in Kansas City.

C. M. Owen of Marshall, Mo., was in town a few days last week. Mr. Owen has a fine position with the Brown Drug Co. of Marshall.

Mrs. Street, a lady living on the hill, lost her house and contents by fire Monday morning. We did not learn particulars.

Our business men are now making their books balance. The bill-collector is to be seen at every turn.

The play, "The Merry Oldster," given here Friday night by home talent, was a success in every particular. Not being a dramatic critic we will not comment, further than to say the players pleased the audience and that is surely sufficient praise.

J. S. Knox and bride left Tuesday for their home, near El Reno, Okla.; where Mr. Knox has been engaged in farming for the past five years, but was born and reared in the vicinity of Indian Grove. He evinced good judgment in returning to old Chariton for his bride in the person of Miss Stella Mitchell, a most excellent young lady of near Indian Grove. The COURIER wishes them the best of good fortune in their Oklahoma home.

The numerous Chariton county friends of Col. W. R. Million will be glad to learn that he is doing a splendid business running a hotel at Boonville. Mr. Million is a good hotel man and is a wholesouled and congenial host.

W. J. Miller of Higbee, a dental classmate of M. W. Taylor of Keytesville in Marion-Sims Medical college, St. Louis, spent a couple of days with Mr. Taylor during the holidays.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to Willett & Zook will please come forward and settle at once at J. C. Coleman's store.

New Suits.

The following new suits for the February, 1905, term of circuit court at Salisbury have been filed with Circuit Clerk Z. T. Lamkin since December 24, 1904:

McDonald Bros. vs. Adams Express Co., damages—appeal. House and Libby are attorneys for plaintiff.

Ira F. Smutz vs. Geo. W. and Mary J. Gilliam, suit on note. L. Benecke represents plaintiff.

J. B. Bushnell vs. Wabash Railroad Co., damages. J. A. Collet is plaintiff's attorney.

W. H. Bradley vs. H. Houston et al, ejectment. Bradley and Hammond are of counsel for plaintiff.

Ernestine Kothe et al vs. Margaret Morrison et al, suit to quiet title. Shackelford and Denny are plaintiff's legal advisers.

The Unitype Co. vs. J. L. Ritzenthaler, suit on notes. Judge O. F. Smith is looking after the interest of plaintiff.

The Unitype Co. vs. J. K. Robertson & Son, suit on notes. The services of Judge O. F. Smith have been retained by plaintiff.

Jacob Wohlgenuth vs. Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., suit on policy. Sasse and Lamb are plaintiff's lawyers.

Lillie B. Crossan vs. same, same. Fred Lamb brought the suit for plaintiff.

Benjamin C. Grossman vs. same, same; Sasse and Lamb are looking after the interests of the plaintiff.

M. A. Knappenberger, trustee, vs. David Evans et al, suit to quiet title. F. C. Sasse represents plaintiff.

Probate Pointers.

Est. Thurber B. Proffitt: J. D. Brummall shows to the court that Thurber B. Proffitt, a minor heir of Wm. B. Proffitt, late of Chariton county, is a non-resident of the state of Missouri and is the owner of property within this state, and has no legally appointed guardian or curator.

Wherefore, it is ordered and adjudged that J. D. Brummall be and is appointed guardian and curator of the estate of said minor. Said Brummall presents his bond as such guardian and curator in the sum of \$1,500 which is approved with R. H. and Alice H. Brummall as securities.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Phoebe A. Hurt, deceased, is admitted to probate on the testimony of Julia B. Young and Peter O'Bryan as subscribing witnesses. By the provisions of Mrs. Hurt's will she first desires that all her just debts be paid. The sum of \$5, each, is bequeathed to her children, Wm. A. and Artemus D. Hurt, Elmira C. Spence and Eugenia G. Dalton, and the sum of \$10 jointly to the children of her deceased son, Lon Hurt. To her daughter, Eliza F. Whitesides, is left a life estate in all of testatrix' real estate and the fee title to said real estate to the heirs of Mrs. Whitesides' body who may be living at the time of her death. The children of the deceased child, if any, are to take the share of the deceased parent. Mrs. Hurt's will was made October 14, 1904.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office Jan. 6, 1905:

Mrs. Frons Adams, L. S. Curry, Miss Lena Harzay, Bill Morgan, Joo. Snyder.

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

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Engel of Chariton township are the proud parents of a pretty baby girl, which is their first born, Christmas week, December 28. This was indeed a fine Christmas present. Mother and baby are doing well.