

Interesting News of the Week

The Most Important Happenings of the Week
As Told by our Correspondents

Chranville Chips

Aunt Jennie Laird is on the sick list.

Nova Stevenson and wife took in the picnic at Mike Saturday.

Wm. Lee is remodeling and building a new addition to his barn.

Miss Ida Coleman of Dalton is spending the week with Mrs. Tom Bennett.

Frank Rice returned from a visit to his sister Mrs. Ellen Norman at New Franklin Sunday.

Troy White and Miss Bessie Cavanah visited Mr. and Mrs. Obey Rains Saturday and Sunday.

James Barns made a flying trip to Moberly Sunday. We think he had a widow on his mind.

Our school opened Monday with Miss Orleans Moore as teacher and 30 pupils enrolled.

George Preston accidentally killed a yearling calf Monday. We regret to hear of our good neighbors misfortune but it was our gain. We were presented with a whaling big toothsome roast.

Eccles Echoes

Frank Grindstaff is visiting home folks.

Will and John Kinzle went to Huntsville Saturday on business.

There will be preaching at Eccles church Saturday night and all are invited to attend.

The ice cream supper at Eccles Saturday night was well attended and all report a fine time.

Miss Pearl Welch commenced her school at the Walker school house last Monday.

Mrs. Will Collet who has been very sick with typhoid fever is recovering.

Marion Rutliff and family of near Salisbury spent Sunday with Turner Perkins and family.

Miss Fannie Colyer of Salisbury spent Sunday and Monday with Misses Maud and Bertha Jaco.

Sam Philpott and little daughter, Leola, of Moberly spent from Sunday until Monday evening with L. N. Jaco and family.

L. A. Embree and family, Ben Cox and family, H. E. Perry and family and Tom Pointer Sunday at Mr. J. C. Medlin.

Mrs. Annie Pointer and daughter, Viola, returned home Saturday from a two-weeks' visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Shatto of Norborne.

Salisbury Scribblings

Some of the finest peaches we have seen are on the local market at very reasonable prices.

Miss Lizzie Potts leaves this week for Columbia, where she has a position in Christian College.

Clyde Shupe, street commissioner, has put in a fine culvert north of the station and solved that problem.

Mrs. Amanda Richardson returned Sunday afternoon from a brief visit to her daughter at Quincy, Ill.

Our public schools started off Monday with a good enlistment, and the outlook for a profitable session is good.

Elder Hale, the new pastor of the First Christian Church failed to get here Sunday, but will be on hand next Sunday.

While Harold Brummall was driving his father's auto south on Broadway a tire exploded with the noise of a gun, and no damage was done, save to the tire.

Circuit court convened Monday afternoon with a good docket, and has been grinding

along all week, Judge Lamb presiding, with his usual grace and dignity.

Mrs. Joe C. Hall of Fowler, Kansas, came in Sunday to be with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Slaughter, both of whom are seriously ill.

Our city authorities are taking the necessary steps to issue bonds in the sum of \$10,000 for the repair and extension of the light and water works plants.

The latest word received from W. R. Slaughter is that both himself and wife are somewhat improved and there is now hope of recovery for these worthy people.

Mrs. S. F. Embree has returned to this place, to the delight of all her friends, and will make it her home, provided she does not find it too lonely.

The Chautauqua closed Friday night, in a blaze of glory, and will return next year. When a town once gets the chautauqua habit, it becomes a necessity, instead of a luxury, and our business men deserve a vote of thanks for bringing it back.

There was a lively meeting held by the township board Saturday p. m., to hear evidence pro and con growing out of grading the public road on the west side of the Hill section. One side claimed the grade if left in its present condition would flood their lands, while the other side did not think so. The end is not yet.

Among the attorneys here this week, beside the local bar, we noted Gilmore, of Kansas City; Caples, Denny and Henry, of Glasgow; West, of Brookfield; and Kendrick, of Marcelline. But few cases have been tried so far. Many settled, transferred or continued. A grand jury was called and has been grinding along, but no indictments have been returned up to noon Wednesday.

Early Sunday morning the fire whistle blew a long blast, and all our people rushed out and started up town. The blaze was located in the brick oil room in the rear of Dr. Brummall's drug store, and was soon subdued, with small loss, by the fire department. While running to the fire, Miss Louise Burekhardt of Huntsville, who was visiting at the home of Josh Hunker, collided with a smooth wire, stretched across the south end of the yard lawn of Mrs. J. W. Redd, and fell heavily to the ground. She was badly stunned by the fall, and for some time was unable to rise, but after vomiting freely, with assistance she rose to her feet, and was soon laughing at the incident, but had lost all interest in the fire. We are truly glad her injuries were no more severe, and congratulate her on her lucky escape.

Dalton Dots

Chas. W. Steiman transacted business in Salisbury Monday.

Miss Bertha Meyer is visiting her aunt Mrs. Otto Grotjan this and next week.

Messrs. Joe Jaquot and Roy Mortimeyer of Brunswick are here busy barreling apples this week.

Rev. F. G. Walthers of Brunswick made his regular appointment at the Dalton church Sunday.

Misses Ethel Wells of near Glasgow and Miss Fronia Friesz of near Keytesville commenced their school duties at the Syster and Agee schools.

Rev. W. C. George and Mr. Henry Schulte left Tuesday for Enterprise, Kans., to attend the general conference of the German Methodist church.

Messrs. Ed Bitter and Charley Coy each had a runaway last week. Ed's team ran away with a mower throwing him off he sprained his back while Charlie's horse got away with a buggy, while it didn't hurt him but gave him an awful smash.

A few from here attended the Labor Day celebration near Moberly Monday.

POPULAR PAPER

Read at Teachers' Meeting at Keytesville by Miss Edythh Fetzner, teacher, and published by request of a number of teachers:

The question of purity in everything is largely engrossing the world as well as scientists. The germ theory the not absorbing the medical fraternity as it did a few years ago, is still the accepted fact for most of the ills that flesh is heir to, pausing to say that flesh is not heir to so much of disease as formerly conceived, but rather infection is more largely due to overt acts unhygienic on the part of the individual than to transmission from ancestors.

But infection cannot be laid to impurities in the air, water and food to the extent it is, and be sustained by facts.

The condition of the individual is much more responsible for infection than the germ in what we breathe or eat. No matter how much "alive" the seed may be, if planted in other than fertile ground, it will not germinate. No matter how active the streptococci, unless it lodges in favorable mucus or muscle, it dies and is exhaled or evacuated, and cannot infect.

Bacteria in myriads may be in the drinking water, and since pure water is my subject, I will confine my observation to its condition, yet no disease renal or intestinal, can ensue from its use unless a partially diseased kidney or intestine harbors the germ.

Witness the lower animals, hogs in particular which are said to be more nearly of the physical construction of human beings than any other animal.

They are not affected by the most impure water, unless diseased at the time of using it. Men, whole families, use water from small or larger streams which may be simply saturate solution of decayed or decaying carcasses. The Indian, the explorer, the hunter and the tramp drink from whatever stream or pool that is at hand when he is thirsty and we know of no healthier specimens of man.

I do not mean to be understood as holding that bacteria water is as good as pure water, but rather as endeavoring to inculcate the idea, that if the individual is infected, regardless of the quality of the water he uses, he will become diseased, and that no matter to what extent water may be sterilized or otherwise purified at our schools, if the student uses impure water anywhere else, the precaution mentioned avails nothing.

No unhealthier children can be found on earth than those of the upper classes in the cities. Antiseptic processes are begun before their birth and continued to the age at which the child revolts and gets at least its portion of the proverbial peck of dirt, or ends scientific experiment by dying.

The contrast between the child raised in the city which drinks, eats and sleeps by the clock, plays and works on schedule and is prohibited by the family physician from batting its eyes oftener than a prescribed number of times per minute, and the dirty-faced, chubby, piggy little brat we meet every day in the country, that eats anything and everything any time of the day or night and digest like an ostrich, tells its own story.

But I do not mean that we should not have pure drinking water for the school children,

but do wish to suggest that the idea is growing into a fad and engrossing attention more properly to be applied to other matters.

In discussing the question with Dr. Bondurant Hughes as to the imperative necessity for sterilizing water in order to be healthy, he admitted that typhoid fever was the most prevalent disease resulting from the use of impure water, if not practically the only one.

Admit this without argument, but I ask, who ever heard of typhoid fever becoming epidemic in any school?

If any pupil in any school contracts typhoid fever from the use of impure water at school, why did not the disease become epidemic in the school, the same season obtaining.

It is an established fact, that improperly nourished, under-fed and consequently physically weak children are much more susceptible to disease than others, therefore my claim that more vital matters than chemically pure drink should claim attention of those having in charge the welfare of children.

By all means have good water, but do not drown every other consideration in it.

To insist on a certain kind of water for drinking purposes and requiring water of no kind to be used for a bath, is countermanding the benefit desired.

If interested directors or school superintendents would visit some of our temples of learning when the weather will not permit leaving doors and windows open, they can inhale the force of the last suggestion or what is suggested and arrange for semi-annual ablutions for the pupils if they wish to be comfortable during their next visit.

Every family ought to be required to keep a bath tub, horse trough or duck pond, and furnish the teacher with a health-officer certificate that the children use it regularly, winter and summer, failing in which they may be barred from attending school. Parents not observing the same rules to be allowed no nearer the school premises than the cross roads.

Scrubbing the noses and goose-greasing the hair at home and drinking pure water at school are not, in my humble opinion, the only essentials to health and learning, and the parents who rely on the former and the County Superintendent the latter, should not exhibit disappointment in the teacher if the child's ideas are not made to "shoot sky high the first term."

The spectacle of a company of children clattering along to school with various sizes and kinds of drinking utensils strapped to them, would call for statutory provisions for the protection of vehicles on the public highways. A big automobile at night with all its lamps glowing would not put the old family horse to flight any quicker.

Instead of such a requirement, ordain that a gourd vine or several of them be planted in every school yard, and then the children may have a fresh individual drinking cup every time they get dry.

Any one who has tried to drink from a leaky cup, knows what the effect on discipline would be, when a twelve year old six foot girl would face the school and gulp for dear life to get as much water down her throat as was squirting out on the floor. Each child would perform, have to bring a mop, if not dry frocks, after the first week, six days being the average life of the tin cups with solid bottoms and handles.

By all means, let's have pure water, and any other kind obtainable for sanitary purposes, but a gourd forever, instead of making the children appear like a troupe of tin peddlers on their way to school, and automatic watering pots after they get there.

Communicated.

MARCELINE, Mo. Sept 1, 1911.
EDITOR COURIER,

Keytesville, Mo.

DEAR SIR:—Citizens of Charlton county who formerly lived in Bureau county, Illinois, held their annual re-union at the pleasant farm home of Wm. Palmer, 11-2 miles southeast of Mendon, Mo., Thursday August 31. There were 37 present, being the families of the late Dan Crisman of Keytesville, John Crisman of Brunswick, J. K. Ober, W. C. White, Foster Wirchell, W. S. McNeill, and Wm. Palmer, all of Mendon; and H. R. Mason of Marcelline.

At noon tables were spread under some splendid shade trees and everybody sat down to a feast of good things such as only the Missouri housewife can get up. After dinner W. S. McNeill and W. C. White made short speeches which were much enjoyed. At the business meeting J. K. Ober was elected president and Miss Lulu Crisman was elected secretary and treasurer for the coming year, and the home of J. K. Ober was selected as the meeting place for next year.

After the business meeting, social talk and singing were indulged in until 5 o'clock, when

the entire company ate ice cream, cake and watermelons until "going home" time which was about 6 p. m., as some had quite a distance to go. The writer drove over 34 miles of road and noticed there will be a good deal of corn in this section of Missouri though the cinch bugs are damaging it some. More than usual will be cut. Only about three acres of clover, cut for seed, was seen. The apple crop is good and there are a good many peaches, though some of the latter are small. Live stock of all kinds looked well and we saw two very nice lots of three year old steers. One most noticeable thing was the improvement in the roads, every bit of which showed dragging and in most places good ditches were cut at the side; also noticed two concrete culverts. The best of all was the goodly crop of children to be seen everywhere; children with the bright eyes, rosy cheeks and healthy skin that are the natural inheritance of those who live in good Missouri.

Respectfully,
R. H. MASON.

The Board of Equalization for merchants was in session this week.

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