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## THE SCHOOL YEAR CLOSED

### Eleven Girls and Boys Finish Studies at K. H. S.—Graduates.

The commencement week, for the local high school opens Sunday of next week, May 25. On this day in the morning the baccalaureate services will be held at the Baptist church Rev. Mitchell delivering the address. On the evening of Wednesday May 28, the commencement will be given at the courthouse. Rabbi Leon Harrison will be the speaker. At both of these events the graduating class of eleven young men and women will occupy the prominent position in the edifices and the minds of those present.

The music for both days will be furnished by choirs. The choir for Sunday will be chiefly of men's voices. The school students will sing for the commencement program.

The program for Sunday follows:

March, After the Vespers  
.....Miss Jo Martin.  
Prayer...Rev. G. C. Ormsbee.  
Duet "Thy Will be Done,"  
Miss Holman, George Chapman.  
Music.....Choir.  
Scripture Reading.....  
Music.....Choir.  
Sermon.....Rev. Mitchell.  
Prayer.....  
Music.....Choir.  
Benediction Rev. G. C. Ormsbee  
The Commencement program is:

Crusaders March...DeKoven  
Miss Dorothy Wayland  
Invocation.  
Song, "Welcome, Sweet Spring," Rubenstein, by High School.  
Essay, "Now We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor?" Helen Inez Thrash.  
Address, "Gospel of Labor," Rabbi Leon Harrison.  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
"Fairy Waltz," Carl Millocker, by High School.

### Local Option Speaking Dates

Elder J. N. Crutcher, a brilliant pastor and evangelist of the Christian Church, will speak as follows:

Monday, May 26, Brunswick, 8 p. m.  
Tuesday, May 27, Triplett, at 1:30 p. m. Sumner at 8 p. m.  
Wednesday, May 28, Rothville, 1:30 p. m. Mendon 8 p. m.  
Thursday, May 29, Keytesville, 8 p. m.  
Friday, May 30, Forest Green, 1:30 p. m. Salisbury 8 p. m.  
Mr. J. F. Cunneen, of Chicago, known as the Machinist Orator, the eloquent Irish orator with pleasing wit and force, will speak each evening at 8 o'clock as follows:

Sunday, May 25, Rothville.  
Monday, May 26, Hamden.  
Tuesday, May 27, Wien.  
Wednesday, May 28, Newhall.  
Thurs., May 29, Indian Grove.  
Friday, May 30, Brunswick.  
Saturday, May 31, Abolt.  
The largest halls will be secured for Mr. Cunneen. He is an orator with national reputation.

Illinois men were plungers at the K. C. markets last week. One man bought two carloads of steers that cost him \$121 each and another man, Frank Holderman of Morris, Ill. planked down \$16,000 in cash for 162 head of cornfed steers weighing over 1300 lbs. each. Considering these prices this is a gamble that takes some nerve.

Mrs. Dye arrived in the city from Salisbury Tuesday afternoon for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Anderson.

## Boys Hike to Canada

About 7 p. m. Monday two young men, a horse and a box-wagon wandered in to town from the west. The men sold postcards of themselves and after getting a little money in this way, drove on through town and went into camp east of the city.

The young men were Waldo Wallis and Kerr Forman of Kansas City who started on their 2500 mile walk. They had covered more than a hundred of it on the five or six days they have been out of Kansas City. They arrived here rather tired, walking in the muddy streets and were ready to go into camp when they reached the right spot.

The boys told some kind of a story about having been working inside a building a long while until their health suffered and that they had started to walk to Montreal, Canada and home again to improve their health. They expected to complete the trip in about six months. They carried their camping outfit with them in the wagon. The boys did not look like people who were suffering invalidism and the pranks look more like a trip for the novelty of the thing than anything else. They were in Salisbury at noon Tuesday camping in a yard.

## Chautauqua Program

The program for the chautauqua this summer is in the hands of the local promoters. The program is to extend over six days, with two performances, an afternoon and evening performance each day. The dates for the chautauqua as nearly as can be ascertained will be the first week in August, commencing Friday, August 1 and closing Wednesday, August 6. The program shows a program for only five days but the contract is for a six days' chautauqua. There probably is an error in the program which will be satisfactorily adjusted. There are two numbers for each day's session, including music, chalk artists and lecturers.

## County S. S. Convention

The Chariton County Sunday School Convention will be held in Mendon May 27-28th. Two specialists in S. S. work, Mrs. Buxton, of Kansas City, and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, of Sedalia, Mo., will attend the convention during the entire session, also Mr. S. L. Williams, of Liberty, our Field Secretary, and Miss Ross Hayes, of St. Louis, temperance lecturer. These attractions, together with a well prepared musical program, will make the convention worth your attention.

## Their Last Stand

When Manager White of the American Theatre announced that the show the following night would be "The Last Stand of the Dalton Boys," the audience at once wondered if he referred to a local happening of a month or two ago when a bunch of Dalton boys were at the American theatre. So far as can be learned, the one night stand here was the last stand.

## Announcement

There will be no preaching service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning or evening, May 25th. The pastor, Rev. C. O. Ransford, will preach at Shannondale and Forest Green and Asbury Chapel that day.

## Lingo-Watterson

Sam Lingo and Miss Marie Watterson were married in this city by Rev. J. L. Swearingen, Wednesday, May 14.

## MACHINE PULLS STUMPS

### Judge Rucker Enjoys Vacation Working on the Farm.

Judge Rucker and a stump-puller made at Centerville, Iowa, are working havoc with the stumps out on the Applegate farm near the Wabash station. Monday they were working in the field just west of the road, where corn was planted amidst the stumps last year. This year, they decided to pull the stumps out.

The stump-puller is a rather insignificant affair, small in size, but so arranged that it has a wonderful leverage sufficient to pull from the earth white oak stumps nearly two feet in diameter above the ground. This means the tearing out bodily of these huge masses of yards of earth and roots and bringing them out onto the surface of the earth.

Judge Rucker had at work a white man, three negroes, three horses and the stump machine. The machine was principally a windlass of small diameter of steel, with one-inch wire cable. The joke was to get the cable around the stumps just above the ground, then adjust the pulleys and start the team around and around the windlass. The horses kept going and the roots underneath the feet of a spectator ten or more feet away began to break, the jar being easily felt. Then the earth and roots of the tree began to rise into the air, steadily and massively. There was no escaping the grasp of this little Hercules and each root succumbed as its time came.

It is slow work getting the roots out this way and tons of earth come up with the roots. Judge Rucker says he will have to get the dirt out of these roots unless it slakes away itself to fill up the holes left by pulling the roots out. Otherwise, the field is pock-marked with the gigantic pits caused by pulling out these stumps.

There are some of the laigest oak stumps that will be dynamited before the puller is put to them. As a dentist sometimes splits a tooth to break the grasp around the jawbone, so these gigantic stumps will be split so the grip of the roots on the earth will be loosened and they will be readier victim to the little giant of a windlass. A scraper will follow the pulling out of these roots and with the scraper, the level of the field will be once more readjusted. The land is good but it requires labor and money to get it cleared for production.

## Nail Pierces Eyeball

While at work Monday, L. M. Carmack foreman of a work gang down at the Musselfork bridge, received a painful and dangerous injury. A nail struck him in the left eye, piercing the eyeball. A local surgeon was called and did what he could to alleviate the man's suffering. He boarded an east bound train Tuesday and went to the city to see what could be done. It appeared that it would be a hard task to save the sight of that eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rucker this week have had as their guests Mrs. Morton Jourdan of St. and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilbert of Johnson City, Tennessee. Mrs. Jourdan arrived Sunday and Mr. Gilbert and wife Wednesday afternoon.

William Willett and family are residing at 1406 Central Avenue in Kansas City.

## STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS

### This County May Get Approximately Sum of \$882

A recapitulation of the recent tax levy for school purposes in the rural district shows that this county will get approximately \$882 in aid from the state for the maintenance of its country schools under the provisions of the Carter-Brydon law which offers state aid to certain districts when it is necessary to guarantee each district 8 months of school.

Many districts that needed the aid did not levy sufficient to secure it while others were wealthy enough that the usual levy provided sufficient funds without the state aid. There are other sources from which there will be obtained about \$2,000 state aid to the schools, that being in excess of the amount received for school purposes last year in the county. Under the state aid law, many counties will receive \$5,000 or \$6,000 in aid under the S. B. 122 and it is a source of regret to the county superintendent that the districts in this county did not put forth a greater effort and receive more aid than they did. The districts which levied the maximum of 65 cents on the \$100 and which had a valuation of \$50,000 or less giving them the benefit of this law, together with the amount each expects to get are as follows:

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|-----------------------|-------|
| District No. 5.....   | \$100 |
| District No. 24.....  | 10    |
| District No. 4.....   | 36    |
| District No. 28.....  | 25    |
| District No. 34.....  | 60    |
| District No. 37.....  | 80    |
| District No. 58.....  | 100   |
| District No. 40.....  | 60    |
| District No. 53.....  | 60    |
| District No. 89.....  | 100   |
| District No. 83.....  | 21    |
| District No. 84.....  | 100   |
| District No. 90.....  | 50    |
| District No. 116..... | 40    |
| District No. 112..... | 40    |

\$882

## Mrs. Mary Cocke

Mrs. Mary Cocke, relict of the late William Cocke, died at her home one mile north of town, at midnight Tuesday, May 20 of illness which she had been afflicted for some time. Her life was despaired of for a week or two before she passed away at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Cocke's maiden name was Mary Fletcher Brown. She was of Virginia stock, her birthplace being that state. She was born in 1839 and was married in Virginia to William Cocke, the son of a Methodist circuit rider, when she was 18 years of age. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cocke moved to Missouri, locating on the farm that has been their home for nearly 65 years. There they reared ten children. All of these reached the estate of man and womanhood. Three have since died. The survivors are: Miss Emma, living at home; Mrs. Alonzo Barnes, Higginsville, Mo.; Mrs. H. H. Sigloch, Mrs. M. B. Hunt, of Keytesville; Mrs. S. E. Everly, Brunswick; Miss Lucy Cocke, Kansas City and T. P. Cocke, who resides at the home place.

Mrs. Cocke, true to the teachings of her childhood was a member of the Methodist church. The funeral services were held at the late home at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, Rev. Ransford officiating. The burial was in the city cemetery. The funeral was largely attended as the decedent was a member of a well known and highly respected family.

Read the Courier ads.

## In Probate Court

Julia Anderson who was guardian of Dempsey Anderson is discharged her ward being of age.

In the Elizabeth Chrisman estate a balance of \$37.84 is shown and the same is ordered distributed.

The guardian of Clara O'Riley is discharged.

Administrator discharged in Joseph Gooch estate, same settled.

Account of \$14.50 of Blanke-Wanneker Candy Co. vs. est. of A. L. Burnell allowed.

A note for \$500 by W. B. Palmer vs. est. J. P. Cunningham allowed.

In the Jerry Hayes estate, Daniel Hayes gets \$6398.00 and pays \$319.90 inheritance tax. The other devisees get \$1.00 and pay 5 cents tax.

In the J. W. Rodgers estate Nannie Rodgers gets \$1453.00 and pays \$72.65 tax. The other devisees get \$290.60 and pay \$14.53 tax.

In the Peter G. Agee estate the heirs pay a tax ranging from 8 to 84 cents.

The balance in the Lee McAllister estate of \$527.88 is distributed as follows: Bessie L. Smith, \$306.14; Ardean McAllister \$221.74.

In the estate of Daniel Crisman executrix had over paid the estate \$780.81 and this amount stands as a judgment against the estate in favor of executrix who was discharged.

An order of distribution was ordered as to \$394.81 balance in the C. J. Hamilton estate.

Will Nickerson is of age and his guardian was ordered to pay him \$395.05 balance of an estate due him.

Roy Wheelbarger, ward, was ordered paid \$716.63 due him from an estate.

A balance of \$3000 in the Hill estate was ordered distributed.

In the E. Vandiver estate \$116.77 was ordered paid L. Stark.

The balance of \$1124.33 in the M. Riley estate was ordered distributed amongst heirs, grandchildren of deceased.

Two accounts for \$88.19 and \$43.00 were allowed against the Jerry Hayes estate.

## A False Report

Considerable anguish of spirit was caused here by the report of an alleged crime of unusual proportions at Fayette, wherein it was reported that a man had terribly mistreated his wife and that she was dead and a mob forming to hang him. As usual the report was found to be based on imagination, principally. The facts are that Jess Patterson, a son of Bob Patterson a former resident of this county who lived at one time near Salisbury, returned to his home at Fayette, Monday, May 12 and abused his wife. He was arrested and the case is now in the courts. Reports direct from Fayette by wire, indicate that Mrs. Patterson is not near to death from her injuries and that there was no mob gathering to hang the prisoner. As the affair happened two weeks ago, it appears that this must be the true report as if it were as first reported the city papers long ago would have worn the story threadbare but no mention was made of the occurrence.

C. F. Owens and family of Lee Summit, Jackson county, were here Sunday visiting E. W. Herring and family. They came Saturday via automobile and went to Moberly Sunday, where Mr. Owen's family remained for a visit. Mr. Owens is a brother-in-law of Mr. Herring.

## IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

### Misdoers and Peace Shatterers Fined by His Honor

Saturday was a busy little day in the mayor's court. It smacked of the time when the city's head had a big time every Saturday when the violators of the city code were haled before His Majesty and touched up for the sum of \$1.00 upward and costs.

Chronologically speaking of events, the first case was against Edgar Wilks, who about noon Saturday, had a scrap with Mr. Simmons, the tailor. The trouble arose over what Wilks alleged Simmons said about him. Wilks accosted Simmons who started upstairs to his shop. Wilks grabbed him by the coat tail and yanked him down. The scrap ensued. Simmons went down twice and once, in going down swung a bucket, skinning Edgar's nose. Edgar's right hand also went out of business for a few days as a result of one of his swings on his opponent. The exercise cost Wilks \$1.00 and costs, assessed by the mayor.

The city marshal Saturday evening raided a crap game in the basement under the Hill building south of Bridge street. Four negroes, Alex. Harris, Ephraim Martin, Jim Swetman and I. Page were taken before the court and charged with being drunk and disorderly. They were told to walk a chalk line and given the other tests common to those thought to be drunk. They all walked pretty well. They were fined \$1.00 and costs each for talking too loud and the mayor granted a stay of execution in each case pending further infraction of dignity and peace of the people of Keytesville and the state in general.

Hamp Drew and Jap Hayes mixed it in C. L. White's grocery store Saturday evening. Hayes was taken before the mayor and fined \$1.00 and costs. This scrap took place about 5 p. m.

Jack Peterson was discovered to be drunk and was taken before the mayor who in the law's name fined him \$1.00 and costs for this diversion.

Joe Robinson had the officers come for his grandson whom he complained of and after the officers had taken their prisoner Robinson refused to press the charge. The mayor thereupon dismissed the case.

There was a fight involving some negroes Saturday night and a physician was called to attend one Jim "Bitin' Dog" Woods who was thought to have a broken leg or something as a result of his martial stunts. The physician was called about 12:30 a. m. Sunday and examining Woods found he was unfractured. It is reported sotto voce that the physician was so annoyed by the circumstances that he gave his patient a cordial boot before he left.

The mayor attended to John Martin's case and fined the husky brunette the sum of five iron men and costs.

## Drowned in the Grand

A boy named King, son of J. R. King of Chillicothe was drowned in the Grand river Sunday. He had been fishing with a man named McCray who boarded at the King home. McCray went up stream a few hundred yards and when he returned the lad was gone. His body was recovered about midnight Sunday after the rescuing party dragged the river.

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