

J. B. STONER DEAD

Former Chariton County Farmer Dies in Green County \$1000 Sewed in Coat

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 10.—Although the owner of 500 acres of valuable land and possessor of a large sum of money, believed to be buried on his farm in Chariton county, J. B. Stoner, a recluse, died in a hospital here early today, apparently in poverty.

Death followed Stoner's removal from a cheap lodging house to the hospital where a physician found nearly \$1000 in currency sewed in a pocket in his coat. Stoner was well known throughout this section for his many eccentricities.

The above from the Sunday Post Dispatch.

There was a family of Stoners who formerly lived in the Prairie Hill neighborhood, related to the family of that name in the western part of the county, but we can find no one at this time who has knowledge of the man named in the above article.

County Court

Court met in session with the following officers, present, A. S. Taylor, M. J. Lain, Barney Reigelsberger, judges, P. R. O'Bryan, sheriff and C. C. Parks, clerk.

Clara Burris files information that Frank Burris, her husband, is an insane person and should be confined in an insane asylum which is by the court considered and after hearing testimony offered, it is ordered and adjudged by the court that Frank Burris, is a person of sound mind and that he be released and go hence without day.

Allowances made Clara Burris, witness fees in insane case \$7.50.

C. T. Wright, same \$2.20. Frank Burris, expenses to his home \$2.50.

Woman Best Shot

At Sedalia, Tuesday, a jury in half an hour freed Mrs. Lenora Evans of the charge of murdering her husband. September 10 last the woman found her husband with another woman in a resort and called him out. Both were armed and when "hub" appeared, both pulled their guns and began firing. Mrs. Evans was the best shot and got her husband, although she was wounded. She was charged with murder in the first degree.

Catchy Notice

The Herring drug store has in its window this week an advertising feature a little out of the ordinary here. It was an ad for a liquid smoke and was made up of a big smoke house through which smoke poured much as it does from a regulation smoke house. The smoke was caused by placing two saucers containing mariatic acid and aqua-ammonia close together within the cabin.

Some Left

There were 199 widows of soldiers in the war of 1812 on the pension rolls last June. The last surviving pensioned soldier of that war died in 1905. The last pensioner of the Revolutionary war died April 2, 1869, and the last surviving widow of a soldier of that war died in November 1906.

Danner-Danner

A. D. Danner and Mrs. Lue Danner, both of Salisbury, were married in their home town this week by Rev. G. A. Shadwick.

Will Cousins jr. and wife are the parents of a child born to them last Sunday.

County Court

Walter Smart was allowed a claim on a note for \$344.00 against J. H. Stumbough's estate. C. B. Agee guardian and curator of Mrs. Lula Banks, files report of sale of real estate. Continued to January for final action.

Louis Kinkhorst is appointed administrator of the estate of William Schroeder with Ludwig Kinkhorst and L. E. Merrill on bond of \$1000.

W. M. Halliburton administrator of the estate of Garrett Dye sale ordered filed and continued for final action to Friday, January 23.

Sued for Commission

The W. H. Ward Land Co. has entered suit against E. G. Richter for \$204 for commission for selling a farm. The suit was tried in the court of Justice William Palmer of Mendon where judgment for \$204 at the rate of \$1.00 per acre for the land sold was given plaintiff. The defendant thereupon appealed to circuit court. The land is parts of sections 1 and 12, township 55, range 19.

The Weston Tobacco Market

The tobacco market at Weston last week, was the strongest of the season. There were 151,510 pounds sold which brought an average of \$8.65, common tobacco forming the larger part of the offerings. The market was topped by Mr. U. G. Hawkins of New Market, Mo., whose sale of 2150 pounds averaged \$15.00. Mr. Hawkins' entire crop of 5065 pounds, sold on this market averaged \$16.08.

Gold-Sawdust

Mrs. Grace Woods of Chicago wants relief. She is 27 years old and married a man 60 years old for \$100 cash at the time of the marriage and "four bags of gold" which the man said he had. She married him and when they got home, asked for the gold. Four bags were produced containing sawdust and coal. Here is a good place to ring down the curtain.

Pastor Delayed

Rev. Pugh, who for some time past has been associate pastor of the first Baptist church here, and who has been called to the church at Salisbury, will not go to that place until some time in February. He will preach here next Sunday and the Sunday following. Rev. Pugh preached at Salisbury yesterday. Moberly Monitor.

Quashed Jury Panel

Judge Lamb, according to the Milan Standard, quashed a panel of jurors selected in that county for the trial of lawsuits, a short time ago. There was irregularity in the drawing of the panel and the court set aside the panel improperly selected and ordered a new lot to be drawn.

Swallowed His Teeth

A farmer near Moberly went that town and got drunk Saturday. During the night he lost his teeth. They were false and played him so. He soon developed pains in the abdominal region and when last seen was making tracks for the office of a physician to seek relief.

The information filed by the assistant prosecuting attorney, O. P. Ray against Ed Boley charges that Boley, November 29 disturbed the peace of Sarah Zimmerman by indecent language threatening her, among other things, with a fight.

Dudley Cooper of Rockford split his foot open with an axe while chopping wood. The injury was rather severe and will lay him up for a while.

BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOL

Issue May be Called for by Election to be Held February

The school board is contemplating the calling of an election to decide upon whether or not bonds shall be issued for the building of a new school. The board hoped to be able to meet this week to decide whether or not the election was to be called in February and also the amount of the bonds to be issued.

A member of the board in discussing the probable plans stated that the maximum amount of bonds that could be issued under the call would be \$14,500. It was probable when the election was called this amount would be asked for and if authority was given for this issue, then the board could utilize what portion of this amount it desired.

No plans have been made definitely. Work of tearing down the condemned portion of the old structure halted with the second story. Enough was torn down so as to insure that the building could not at any time topple over. It was entirely detached from the old part of the school and the remainder of the work awaits further plans.

It is felt that the new part will have to be entirely rebuilt. As to the old part the sentiment seems to be at any rate the east wall will have to be torn out and rebuilt on a new foundation and this may lead to the tearing down of the entire structure and rebuilding. These are only matters discussed. They have not been gone into thoroughly and further examination awaits the meeting of the board and their decision about the bond issue.

Big Fat Ones

If you have horses that are small or large, of any from mere striplings up to 44 years of age, bring them into Keytesville, Friday January 23. There will be three firms of horse buyers here and there will be competition a plenty. Think of it—three buyers here at one and the same time. This ought to mean and probably will, that there will be some bidding for the horses and if the man who has horses and mules to sell can't get a rise from one of the bunch of three he might as well quit trying to sell. The bills call for horses and mules, fat ones the most desirable. If they are fat, any kind of old plugs will get attention. If they are thin, they probably will have to possess some other recommendation than age and experience. Any man who has a real horse or mule, in good flesh, ought to bring him in Friday January 23. If he does, he will go back home with a fat pocketbook, shy some fat horses. Look over their ads.

Roy Coy Arrested

Deputy Sheriff Frank Padgett of Brunswick arrested Roy Coy Thursday night of last week on a warrant issued at Sydney, Ia. and turned him over to Sheriff O'Bryan. The charge against Coy is seduction. He was at the home of Bert Coy south of town when arrested and professed a perfect willingness to return to Iowa and face the charge. Sheriff Ryan of Fremont County Ia. came for the accused last Friday.

The poisoning of animals that eat fodder that was stunted by the drouth, continues in spite of the cold weather and frost. A farmer in Livingston county lost two mules who ate the heads of the fodder and were poisoned by the Prussic acid which has naturally formed there.

Will Market This Month

The bunch of about fifty steers and as many hogs that have been feeding on the Bradshaw farm probably will be marketed about the latter part of this month. The steers are a choice lot of Shorthorns and Durhams, well finished and ought to come pretty close to the top of the market in the 1000 or 1100-lb. class. They are an extra good-looking bunch of uniform size and finish. The hogs will weigh between 250 and 300 lbs. and as the market is a little strong on thin stuff and short on the heavy, finished product of pork, these also ought to fare well. Another gentleman named Smith, living near here expects to market two carloads of cattle, making five loads of cattle and hogs to leave here about January 25 for St. Louis.

Three Shots Fired

Three shots were fired at the home of N. B. Webster Wednesday night and three dogs which had been under his home scrapping took to the tall woods without delay or ceremony. Mr. Webster was annoyed as others have been by dogs fighting under his house. He only shot to scare the dogs but would have done a better job if he had not feared shooting some person. Spectators more than two blocks distant heard the shots and went out in time to see a big white dog bound east at marvelous speed. It is not known if he stopped in the city. Mr. Webster has commenced a noble work.

Griffith-Lippincott

L. T. Griffith of Palisade, Colo., was married to Miss Floy Lippincott of Whitham, Mo., Sunday, the young couple departing for the home of the groom at once.

Rev. performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends of the bride and groom at the home of the bride.

Mr. Griffith is a fruit grower and is enthusiastic on the subject of fruit growing as well as an enthusiast over his good luck in securing such a charming Missouri girl for a wife. The best wishes of the Courier follows them.

Jo Martin Entertains

The Sewing Club visited at the home of Miss Jo Martin as her guest, last Saturday. The members talked, embroidered or sewed and at the usual hour were refreshed with a menu of asparagus patties, two kinds of sandwiches, pickles, fruit salad and coffee. The club expects to meet with Miss Minter next Saturday.

Chariton Statistics

The quarterly statement of the state board of health issued for the months, July, August and September shows for Chariton with a population of 23,503 persons, a birth list of 139 persons with a death list of 47. There were seven infants who died of infantile troubles while tuberculosis claimed the next high number, 5. Heart disease got four and accidents four. Throughout the state August showed the largest list of deaths, while in Chariton, September had this distinction.

Ben Agee and "Lollypop" Wilson, with a famous hunting dog the property of the latter, went possum hunting Wednesday night. They tramped from 8:30 until midnight, got one trail of some sort of wild animal, worked hard and got nothing excepting home, after midnight. They will try again.

Harry Herring was up from Forrest Green Wednesday.

ONE ADJUDGED GUILTY

Linn County Judge Ousted by Judge Lamb at Linneus Another Reprimanded.

Judge John L. Wilkerson was ousted from the Linn county court by a decision of Circuit Judge Fred Lamb, rendered Saturday at Linneus. Wilkerson and his associate, Judge Eugene Sturtevant, were tried at the December term on proceedings instituted by A. L. Burns, prosecuting attorney, charging them with violations of law in business transactions between themselves as individuals and the county court of which they were a part. Specific acts of which they were accused, were buying and selling live stock, feed and building material for which they set their own prices. Sturtevant was reprimanded, Wilkerson is a Democrat, serving his second consecutive term.

War In Movies

The show business at Salisbury excepting at the picture houses, has slumped a little and the showing of regular drama and melodrama at the Karcher opera house is not rushing. The management of the house ran in a number of shows but the people seem to like the ten-cent shows best. There was a rate war in moving picture attractions in that town this week. There are two picture houses, one having recently changed hands. The management is said to have changed the service and showed other reels which did not draw so well as the ones handled by Mr. Dye. The management then went back to the other film service and in order to attract patronage cut the price this week to five cents per show. The other house continued at ten cents but ran six reels to make up for it. Thus the war of the movies progresses.

Spring Feeding

The feature of the Kansas City market last week was the big sales of heavy feeders. Illinois men took feeders at as high as \$8.50 while Iowa took a choice lot of stock weighing about 1000 lbs. It is believed that considerable early spring feeding will be done this year. J. B. Davis of Marshall bought a bunch of stockers. Summer feeding has been the rule in that territory but he believes that considerable spring feeding will be done. J. C. Bundridge of Bucklin also was in the market for a bunch of 925 lb. feeders buying 25 head. R. T. Howe of Slater took out a bunch of cattle numbering 165. They were mixed, young feeding bulls, some good stockers and a choice bunch of feeding steers. The stockers will be roughed through and pastured next season. The remainder will be fed out on grass in the Spring.

Watch These Ads.

Blair Miller was out last week with an ad that gave prices for goods he has on sale at a reduction. Agee Bros. have an ad this week. These ads quote prices that are inducements. When you see an ad with prices, look it over. Ten to one there is something there you want that you can get cheaper now than later.

I. O. O. F. Initiate

Monday of last week the local Odd Fellows had initiation of a member and installation of officers. One member was initiated, William Vance.

Miss Mollie Tippett has been away from her office for more than a week. La grippe.

Communicated

Edtrs. Chariton Courier:—I see it stated in your last issue that there is being circulated a petition to present our county court for an appropriation of money to clear the mud and willows out of the drainage ditch along the Chariton river in this county. Now if the people residing within that drainage district consider themselves benefited by that ditch they are the ones to look after and keep it open. The people at large are not interested in that project, and, speaking for myself I am no more interested in that ditch and the care and upkeep of it than I would be in a project to cultivate an orange grove on the same location. The theory and construction of the ditch was at fault in the first place and I don't consider that any one has been or ever will be benefitted by it in the next thousand years. Owing to the topography of the country through which the ditch runs, the same causes that filled it at this time will fill it again if it is opened up now. And if it were opened and kept open it is wholly inadequate to do the work for which it was designed. The very idea of a little ditch that a rabbit might jump carrying off the water that sometimes comes down that bottom from one to three miles wide and from one to five feet deep is preposterous. It amounts to no more than a mole run would. A ditch twenty feet deep and two hundred feet wide might handle all the water that comes down that river if there was some place other than Missouri river to empty it into, and then it would be kept pretty busy sometimes. To work to its full capacity a ditch should cut off the bends, paralleling the general course of the river without touching it at any point. You know that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so a channel for water to run is no wider than its narrowest part. We people on the upland are not opposed to those residing on the bottom doing all they can do to keep the high water off their farms, provided we are not taxed to do work that will benefit no one as we see it, our tax being high enough now and getting higher every year.

Taxpayer.

Editorial comment:—We have not seen the petition, but if it is to ask the county court to appropriate money from the general revenue fund for any purpose of the ditch mentioned, it is a waste of time. The court would make no such appropriation if it had authority to do so. The law as we understand it, makes it the duty of owners of land next the ditch where an obstruction may form to remove such obstruction and keep that part of the ditch in such condition as will permit free passage of water which includes removing willows and dirt above general level of the bottom. If the owner of such land fails to do as the law requires in this regard, then we are informed, the county court may order such obstruction removed and charge the cost to the land owner, to be collected as other tax. No owner of property not in a drainage district need fear having any tax to pay on account of a ditch or that any tax he pays will be appropriated by the court on account of ditch.

Child Dead

After a life of only three days, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cousins jr. died Tuesday. The remains were buried Wednesday morning in the city cemetery.