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ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Showing of the Schools in County for 1914 and 1913

In preparing his annual report for the state superintendent of schools, Supt. Carlstead of the Chariton county schools some figures that will be of interest, some of them especially so when contrasted with the figures for the year 1913. They show favorable increases in statistical figures indicating that the matters pertaining to education are receiving more attention to each year.

A report for the 133 districts wholly within the county show that the number of children of school age in 1914 is: White, 6322; black, 758, a total of 5606 this year.

Schools showing an enrollment less than 15 pupils number 11 less than 25 pupils, 34; less than 40 pupils 63; less than 60, 17, while there are seven schools with an enrollment of more than 60.

The average of salaries for both male and female teachers has increased with the male increase the larger. The salary for male teachers in 1913 was \$55.76 and this year, \$70.00. For females the salary a year ago was \$46.70 and this year, \$48.00, making an average increase of from \$47.85 to \$49.00.

The average numbers of days attended increased in 1914 over the figures of 1913. In 1913 the average attendance was 148.67 and this year, 154.16. Three new school houses were built this year.

The report of cases of tardiness, etc. increased considerable over a year ago. Tardy cases in 1913 numbered 7272 and this year, 9,486. Truancies numbered a year ago 97 and this year, 106. Corporal punishment was resorted to in 1913 in 367 cases while there were 493 cases in 1914.

One of the gratifying features was the increase of the number of boys who enrolled in the high schools this year over the showing of a year previous. In 1913 there were 253 enrolled all told and in 1914, 243. There were 99 boys in 1913 and 144 girls. This year the boys run the number up to 121 and the girls flunked 6. In graduates, the boys also forged ahead this year on their 1913 record. In 1913 23 boys and 37 girls finished their school work and a year later, 27 boys and only 36 girls finished the work.

Libraries have increased 2, books in libraries 1422 and value of same, \$833.

The record for 1914 show teachers with a high school training numbering 140. Teachers with normal school training number 89. These holding their present positions one year or more number 193. The number of white teachers employed is 177 and colored 15. The total valuation of school property, including sites, buildings and furniture is \$234,300.00. The total available fund this year for schools is \$106,296.09 and for 1913 it was \$105,046.75. These amounts included a balance left over from 1912 of \$26,524.67 and 1913, \$22,317.69, respectively. The expenses of the elementary schools this year will be \$73,870.00 and the high schools, \$18,928.00.

House Burned

While the family was attending church, the home of Will Clark about six miles north of Keytesville was burned Tuesday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The entire structure and contents were destroyed before the family returned home.

Prosperous Charitonite

A letter from Chas. Fisher of Alva, Okla. was full of good news and green-back. He compliments the Courier highly, renews for long time and says everything is lovely and the goose will be elevated to the usual altitude Xmas.

Charley sold 6170 bushels of wheat at \$1 and when he learned that he was selling too quick, he held back 3000 which he will swing on to until the war closes, anyway. He said there was a very large acreage being planted this fall, and he has so far put in 200 acres and has 150 yet to plant. He reports that broom corn was a good crop and kafir was good except that planted early. He speaks of federeta being good, his crop making 35 to 40 bushels to the acre. Whether federeta is the indian for pumpkin or prairie dogs, we are not informed, but anyway, Charley had a good turn out. Potatoes plentiful but no fruit. ends his letter by saying thru the Courier Hello, to all old friends, and that his part of Oklahoma is all right, whatever it may be down where Lon Tooley lives.

The Cotton Crop

The Senath Commercial Club of Senath, Mo. writes to the Courier and others as well asking people to buy each a bale of cotton or as many bales as he or she can handle. Southeast Missouri has raised sixty or seventy thousand bales of cotton of 500 lbs. per bale this year and the market is quiet with the prospects bad for the raise to hold the crop for a demand. They ask that each person buy as many bales as possible at 10 cents the lb. and hold it until the price on the market goes to 10 cents or more. The bales will cost \$50.00 each. They say next year the cotton-growers are going to help bring up the price by planting a small acreage but the purchase means a wait of a year or more for the ten-cent price.

Poor Horses Marketed

Reports from the horse markets say that they are overrun with all kinds of nags mostly of the no-account variety. The marketing of horses has been heavy but the demand is light excepting for the classy kind that can be use in military service. There is a big demand for horses for European service and there are but few serviceable offerings in this variety. There will be small prices for a while for the poor stuff but a fair price can be had for army horses.

Meeting of Presbytery

The Presbytery of Missouri of the Southern Presbyterian church will meet Sept. 29, Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. in Aunt Katie's church about 15 miles north of this place. An unusually interesting meeting is expected good preaching, good singing, and a Sunday School Conference all Wednesday afternoon. The good people up there extend a hearty invitation to all.

Long Delayed Return

The certificate of the Fidler-Fox wedding that occurred in February was returned to the Recorder September 19. The law gives three months to return licenses but some one seems to have forgotten this one for a while.

The sale Tuesday by McAuley and son was good, everything considered. Horses sold cheap, but they were not in the best of shape for selling well. Cattle sold well.

ODD FELLOWS AT DALTON

Fourth Annual Association of I. O. O. F. Meets There September 25

The local Odd Fellows gave the initiatory work to two candidates, Henry Cowser and Arthur Colley, Monday of this week, as a preliminary for their degrees which are to be administered to them and probably a dozen others at the fourth annual association of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs at Dalton Friday night, September 25.

The Salisbury I. O. O. F. band will furnish the music and the day will be a big one for Dalton. The association is officers as follows: President, Dr. G. F. Kimball; Vice President, W. W. White; Secretary, R. Wessner; Treasurer, C. D. Reed; Marshal, J. B. Robertson. The association met here last year and bad weather kept many away from the session. The program for the session is:

10:30—Business meeting of the association.

12 to 2 p. m.—Dinner, furnished by the ladies of the church.

2:00—Parade by school children.

2:30—(At Hall, lower floor)

Instrumental selections.

Address of welcome by the mayor.

Response. Song.

3:00—Address by Grand Master Pritchett.

Address—By Deputy Grand Master John P. Boyd.

Quartette.

4:30—Parade of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to ball ground

conducted by the Marshal, followed by game between Dalton pick-up Odd Fellows base ball team against any other Odd Fellow pick-up team.

5:30—Supper served by the ladies of the church

7:30—Rebekahs meet at I. O. O. F. Hall for exemplification of work.

A Silver Loving Cup will be presented to best degree staff.

7:30—The Odd Fellows will meet in lower hall. Second degree will be conferred by Brunswick Lodge No. 34 and the Third Degree by Dalton Lodge No. 264.

Wabash passenger trains No. 1 and No. 4 will make all stops between Brunswick and Moberly.

Home From Revival

Rev. Wolfe arrived home from Millersburg, Mo. where he conducted a revival for a fortnight. He says that for the entire two weeks it rained so much that it was almost impossible to start the meeting right and make much headway. As a consequence he did not meet with the results from his work that he had expected. He left here Thursday morning for Whiting, Ind., where he will minister and also attend the university at Chicago for the coming year.

Easton—Rafferty.

Frank Easton and Miss Bettie Rafferty, the former of Bynumville and the latter of Mussel Fork, came to the city Wednesday and secured a marriage license. They did not leave the recorder's office to have the marital knot tied but sent for Justice R. D. Edwards who accomplished the feat in the usual time.

Mrs. Lee Cuddy went to Fulton Monday for a visit to her father, Joe Hayward, returning Wednesday. She reports Uncle Joe somewhat improved.

Jim Dameron was off the road Wednesday night to visit friends. He left Thursday morning.

Dr. L. R. Perkins Dead

Dr. Luther Rice Perkins died Monday night at the home of his son, John E. Perkins in Kansas City, aged 82. He had been in poor health for several years, the able to get about until recently. He quit his general practice several years since, and left his farm southeast of this city about 8 years ago, taking up his residence in Kansas City. Dr. Perkins was born in Richmond, Va. and was a graduate of the University of Virginia. He was married at Glasgow to Mary Carson August 1855 and his widow and sons, John E., Harvey W., David W., and daughters, Mrs. Cliff Moore and Mrs. John Dinsmore of this neighborhood. Mrs. John P. Coleman of Fayette and Mrs. Charles Maggio of Kansas City survive him. His only surviving sister, Mrs. Wm. Lamkin lives at Billings, Mo. no brothers living. Dr. Perkins practiced medicine in this neighborhood for about 40 years, his only contemporary, Dr. Garnett, surviving him. The remains of the pioneer were brot to the city Tuesday afternoon and conveyed to the home of his son-in-law, John Dinsmore southeast of town, from whence they were taken to Asbury chapel Wednesday and interred. Warren Lodge No. 74 A. F. and A. M. of which he was a member conducting the rites.

Ocean Traffic Resumed

After several weeks suspension ocean liners have begun to carry our freight from N. Y. to Liverpool and in a few days will be in operation between practically all countries and this, except Germany, whose coasts are blockaded by Great Britain.

It is apparent that the war in Europe will create an American Marine for us and more than double our commerce with other countries, especially with South America whose trade England came very near to monopolizing. Securing this trade our products will not only always have a ready market, but prices will be sustained as they have been before for farm products. It means a lot to both producers and consumers here.

War and Rains

The Macon Times prints a story that may have something to do with the explanation of the recent torrent of rains. The Times man says that before the actual hostilities commenced some veterans of the Civil war stated it was their experience that after a hard battle and hard firing, heavy rains were almost sure to follow. They think that the recent battles in Europe are responsible for the heavy rains here and say that if watch is kept of the dates on which there was heavy fighting the heavy rains would be found to coincide with these. If this be true then we all agree that war should cease.

Has Party

Miss Midge Taylor entertained a few friends at her home Wednesday evening. Her guests were Misses Elmira Hurt, Helen White, Mary Hubbard, Ellen Ward and Ben Agee, Edgar Ballard, Jim Dameron and Bob White. They danced the late dances and refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. L. Fidler who went with F. M. Stamper and party from Moberly for an auto tour the first of the week got stalled in the mud at Sedalia. She wrote she was starting for home or some other point Wednesday. The big rain of Monday laid them up for a while.

BIG BATTLE IS A DRAW

Fighting Line 90 Miles Long German and Allied Armies Using Artillery

No information by which actual conditions can be told. Highly conflicting reports from Paris, London admits the destruction by the German destroyers of three of her cruisers and claim to have sunk two German submarines. Fighting all along the line and victory hid by powder smoke and clouded reportorial riffraff

Quail in Town.

The call of a quail, the kind of a call the bird makes when a flock is scattered and the individuals want to get together again, was heard in town about 6 p. m. Tuesday near the Coleman Hotel. It proved to be a cook quail which at first alighted in front of the Dameron garage and then walked across the road and flew into a tree just west of the livery barn near the hotel. The bird was calling loudly but it got no answer. How it managed to be separated so far from the other members of the flock is a question unless, which is probable, someone has been shooting at the bunch and frightened the lone bird so badly that it flew into town.

Salisbury Circuit Court

Several transfers to the Circuit court at Keytesville November term, a few minor cases tried and disposed of, the jury in the Jennings case still out at the time of going to press, Barnes trial to begin Thursday afternoon and prospects for court over next week is about all there is to mention in this issue.

The jury in the Jennings murder case found him guilty and gave him 15 years in the pen we learn as we go to press.

The darkey Obe McAdam drew a two years in the pen for stealing a watch.

Missouri State Fair.

Every farmer, business and professional man in the state should attend this greatest of exhibitions which opens Saturday at Sedalia. In addition to the best of racing, fine stock of all kinds, agriculture, floral and domestic and poultry displays, a number of new features are introduced, such as a midway, free aerial and aerobatic performances, big automobile races with Burman, Chandler and Endicott driving and hundreds of other great attractions.

The Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashono, the Jewish New Year commenced Sunday, September 20 when the year A. M. 5675 will be ushered into existence. The Jewish calendar is a lunar one and the days are all ushered in at 6 p. m. The seventh month, Tishri, is regarded as the actual beginning of the year and it will be so observed. The new year commences a series of holidays which end with Yom Kippur, September 30.

Revival meetings at the Methodist church at Mendon are still in session in charge of Rev. Edwards and another service will commence September 27 at the Christian church with Rev. Lavack of Brookfield at the helm assisted by singer Gordon Brown jr.

Capt. J. C. Wallace returned Wednesday night from an extended business trip thru Kansas and Colorado, 100 miles being in a buggy. He is enthusiastic over the country, especially the small towns, all of which have water works, electric lights and beautifully kept parks.

He Needed Food

A Courier reporter met a man who was hungry, Tuesday morning. He had come from a home where there was a pile of wood. He asked the reporter if he knew where there was someone who had something he could do to earn some food. "I'm hungry," the fellow said. "I'm hungry and have got to have something to eat. I don't want it unless I earn it but there seems to be nothing for a man to do to get something to eat." He said he had gone into several places where he saw woodpiles and thought he would get a chance to work for something to eat. He said he had been in the northwest and that there were 10 men to every job there. It was as bad there as here. He said he had a family in St. Louis and was trying to work his way there. He saw a house nearby where there was another pile of wood and left for that place to try again. He was not a hobo, just a man in hard luck. He didn't ask for money or for something for nothing. He wanted to earn something to eat.

Indian Grove vs. Allen

There was a good game of ball between these clubs last Sunday a. m. at the Boyd Williams grounds northwest of the city, the score being 3-1 in favor of Allen. The line up was as follows:

Indian Grove	Allen
Ray Joseph	c Chas. Schell
Rube Ringer	lb Chas. Bennett
L. Neighbors	2b John Garnett
Dick Clavin	3b Butch Lewis
W. Joseph	lf Virgil Williams
Bert Joseph	cf Boyd Williams
S. Moore	rf Price Stephenson
Dick May	ss Elmer Shoemaker
Jerry Joseph	p Jim Lee Thrash
Umpire	Chas. Kuhler.

Time, until dinner. Errors, few. The features of the game were, struck out by Thrash, 16, by Joseph 9 and the fast double by Garnett at second. Rooters, Raymond Mitchell for Allen and Wood Hughes for the Grove.

Gets State Fair Trip

Chariton county will be represented at the State Fair school this year by Eugene Jaeger of Dalton who won the trip in a competitive examination before the county superintendent of schools, assisted by Dr. J. T. Dewey, September 5. There were two others in the examinations. This gives young Jaeger a week's stay at the fair where he will get some pointers on agricultural developments that will be of material benefit to him.

Emrich-Moore

The marriage of William Emrich and Miss Rilla Moore was solemnized at the residence of Rev. Carter DeWeese by that minister September 15. The minister resides at Indian Grove where the bride also gives her residence. Emrich is from Dalton.

Clines-Laster

T. L. Cline and Daisy Laster, the former of Keytesville and the latter of Brunswick, were married September 17, Thursday by Justice R. D. Edwards, the ceremony being said by the justice at his home in the presence of his family.

Mary Gardner 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gardner had her right arm fractured above the wrist Monday by falling on pavement near the J. L. Cropper residence. She was playing with little Ellen Ward who gave her a push which sent her down on her arm. She says it hasn't hurt much.