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LOWLANDS OVERFLOWED

Sleet, Snow and Heavy Rains.
Badly Mixed Weather.
• Roads Ruined.

The drop in temperature from 12 below the morning of the thirteenth to 28 above on the twentieth, has been supplemented with all sorts of mixed weather. Some mornings cold as kraut and by afternoon shirt-sleeve temperature—two or three days as fine as sunny Italy in times of peace and touring and the balance of the time, night and day, either raining, drizzling or sobbing and the snow and sleet melted and poured into the streams, altogether forming a combination calculated to perpetuate the synonym of Missouri weather for denoting a general mixture.

For a week the roads leading to towns thru the bottoms have been bad or worse and now impassable, except by boats, and four horses being required to pull a wagon and driver—if loaded, more horses in proportion. The territory south of Salisbury is said to have been more extensively overflowed during the past week than at any time in years, and the bottom lands north of that city have not suffered so much as they would but for the ditch which has been working overtime and overcapacity. The same is true of the bottomlands east and south of this city, the water is still rising south of the railroad and if the rain which set in Wednesday keeps up we will have an unusual flood in that section as well as west of town.

Grand river has been gorged west of Triplett, hence the water stage at Brunswick has not been so high as it otherwise would have been, yet the prospects are for a heavy overflow.

Floods in our neighboring states have been great in many sections and thru Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas high water has done much damage and seriously interfered with traffic. It is feared that railroads will be put out of business generally if there is not a let up to rain fall or alternate freezing and thawing.

Monday the thermometer registered 80 below in Wyoming and the weather bureau informed us that a part of the cold would reach us by Wednesday. On the contrary, Tuesday evening presented some threats of a cold wave but by midnight it was warmer than ever and raining a little later on.

Mayor Right

Mayor Agee was right in listening to the appeal of those who clamored for the enforcement of the Sunday closing law. The ordinance is on the book and those who felt aggrieved by its infraction had a right to complain and the Mayor has nothing else to do but enforce the ordinance or make a big bluff at enforcement.

If this or any other ordinance is obnoxious, unnecessary and damaging to the business of the town, wipe it off the book and go after those who abuse their privileges in the other way.

Federal Aid For Roads

Congress passed the bill appropriating \$25,000,000 for public roads Wednesday. States will now have to take action in order to secure their quota.

Except an ex-preacher St. Louis congressman, who is suing his wife for divorce because she is not up to his standard since he became a national lawmaker, as she claims, all the Missouri delegation supported the appropriation.

Mayor's Grist Mill

The week has been unusually full of cases demanding the attention of the mayor and he has come out of the judicial business with considerable credit to himself.

There are several ordinances which should be taken from the book containing the rules for governing the town, because they are not enforced in many instances and when an attempt to enforce them is put under way, there is general objection. If the ordinances are not there to be enforced, they should be got rid of, the latter suggestion preferable in some cases to the enforcement.

The lid was lifted Sunday by several and the chief police got them and nothing further resulted, as predicted, for the reason that the strict enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance is not popular among merchants and customers as a general rule and discriminates. Since there was no prosecution of the few who took chances and sold some of the necessities of life, such as cigars and cold soup, etc. we refrain from giving further data.

Grant Hurt Jr. did not regard a dare that he ride his horse on the sidewalk on main street as being beneath his acceptance and fell a victim to the ordinance against such wild west proceedings to the tune of \$2.50 and costs Tuesday night.

Arlie Rains was charged by the city collector with having failed and refused to pay city license on two automobile livery rigs he had run before the running was bad, and Rains plead not guilty and stood for a jury trial Tuesday, the result being that he was liberated, it being disclosed that the ordinance was null and void. He had paid on one term but that money was gone.

U. R. Westlake was charged also by the city collector with having failed and refused to pay the city license for a year on his converted antedeluvian Maxwell flivver which he had been operating as a delivery, pleasure and music vehicle for a longer time than he had paid dues on, was exonerated and the amount he had already paid refunded, \$2.50 in hard cash.

James Rucker and Mossy Closson were charged with racing on the streets. There was a difference of opinion as to which could get there and back the quicker, and they "cut loose" in the north section of the city to show the speed of their superior steed. Result, stakes go to the city in the amount of \$2.95 each. Jinks Jenkins had been riding one of the horses until it dumped him in the presence of Rucker who avowed he could stick the charger and beat the Closson horse in a race. This challenge and acceptance enriched the city.

Difference In Men

Human nature may be revealed in many ways. There stands on the street a crowd of boys, holding the ropes on their sleds and waiting for a chance to "hook on." A vehicle approaches, the driver sees the boys, divines their object and gives whip to the horse or turns on more gasoline and robs the boys of a great pleasure. Another man approaches the same group. He stops and tells the the boys to "hook on." My, what a scramble for position. He waits until all are ready and will then go a mile or two out of his way just to give the boys a "joy ride."—Mendon Constitution.

A. F. Arrington went to Kansas City Wednesday to attend a lumbermans' convention.

OUR XLVI ANNIVERSARY

CHARITON COURIER NEARING HALF CENTURY

*First Always in Progressiveness,
Aggressiveness and
Fearlessness*

WHILE the volume number does not indicate the date at which the first paper was printed in this town, it does show that so far back there were predecessors who started on its historical career, that which developed into what the Courier represents at the time of this issue. From the Keytesville Union in the middle sixties, with William Maynard at the head, to the present day, the paper has broadened with the advance of business and other interests.

William Maynard, some short time after the war, opened a print shop on the premises now occupied by Thos. T. Crews' residence near the court house, afterwards moving to the little frame house on the block now owned by James J. Ward. Maynard sold to Bogie & Hunter, of Huntsville, about 1873 and they to William W. Jones about 1876, the paper having changed its name under Bogie & Hunter to The Keytesville Herald. Judge O. F. Smith was the editor under Jones and he called the Herald "the true democratic paper." Wm. Jones sold to J. A. Hudson in 1878 and he to Vandiver & Collins in 1882. Max Collins retiring, establishing a paper at Mendon. The publishers of the Chariton Courier, the name given to it by Hudson, became A. C. Vandiver & Son, who were succeeded about 1885 by C. P. Vandiver, who, together with J. A. Hudson, gave the paper the reputation which it had of being the best paper in north Missouri. C. P. Vandiver died in October, 1910, from the effects of a murderous assault and his widow and step-daughter took charge and conducted the business successfully for about six months, when the plant was sold to E. E. Rettig, who, in June 1911, sold to E. B. Kellogg. Kellogg sold a half interest to J. A. Larison in September, 1912, and in October, 1915, Larison sold his interest to Kellogg.

The notable incidents in the history of the paper occurred under its ownership by Bogie & Hunter, when the policy of the paper was made more aggressive, from a political standpoint; under J. A. Hudson more progressive, from a business view, and under C. P. Vandiver, in every particular. The present owner will let his successor, some time in the 2000's, say in what respect he lent distinction, if any, to the paper that has stood at the head in the county during the greater part of its existence.

Entering on its forty-seventh year, if any moss is observed on its back, it will be democratic; if anything which its readers should be advised of comes within the knowledge of its editor, they may expect to see it published; if any species of crankism bobs up, it will be denounced along with hypocrisy and any other form of superficial "I am better than thou" pretensions; if the interest of the city, county or state can be advanced, the editorial and other columns of the Chariton Courier will be open for as much as they can be made worth to the cause, and if there is any other good purpose which it may be made to serve, it will cheerfully lend a hand. In prosperity it will rejoice with its friends and in adversity cheer them with optimistic views of the better time coming.

Why are red heads almost always a badge for inflammable tempers?

Mrs. Hughes entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon with cards.

The appearance of the Rothville Bee was very much improved the first week Editor Child made it up. Secretary Roach's picture and democratic record were on the first page.

One thing a new paper will do at Brunsck, and that is liven the pace of the reporter on the other.

Last Sunday was a lonesome day; All stores were closed up tighter Except the few which went astray; Yes, trade is growing lighter.

Geo. Herman of Salisbury was over Wednesday morning to see his friend, Mrs. Mary Young who is still on the seriously sick list.

Salisbury Scribblings

Another old land mark. The old frame Dickson hotel is a thing of the past. The last of its kind on Broadway to go; it went Monday morning by the fire route. Those who responded to the fire alarm saw the flames devour the old shack with mingled feeling of regret and hope—regret for the loss and hope for a more worthy successor. It was remodeled many years ago and became famous in its day, but yielded to rivals of brick and stone as time wore on. All the department could do was confine the flames to the doomed building, and save what it could of the contents. There was \$1000 insurance on the building and \$300 on the contents which will partially cover the loss. The building belonged to the E. C. Dickson estate, and will not be rebuilt by the estate, but being one of the best locations in town for a modern hotel, we hope it will not be long until someone will buy the lots and erect thereon an ornament to the city in the way of a hostelry that all can and will appreciate.

O. P. Ray was over Friday on business, but failed to look in on us. This should not occur again O. P.

J. W. Tuder and family of near Shannondale have moved to Kansas City where they will make their future home. Mr. Tuder, for the present, will assist his son in manufacturing an electric smoothing iron that is said to be a success.

Saturday was a pretty day and the old fashioned crowd was in town. It makes one feel like old times to see the people come flocking in at the end of the week.

Elder E. M. Richmond of Moberly passed thru here Saturday on his way to Shannondale where he preached on Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Dameron was called to Clifton Hill Sunday to attend the funeral of her mother.

On the sick list Mrs. Arnold Baier, Mrs. Sutter, W. C. Moredock and Miss Mary Bean.

Dr. J. D. Brummall drove off a water covered bridge, Monday, and had a thrilling escape.

Mrs. Joe Sims has been spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Gehrig. She corresponds for the Democrat, and is a fine news gatherer.

At a called meeting of the city council, Tuesday night, P. C. Simmons was appointed city marshal, vice W. J. Atteberry resigned. It will be remembered Mr. Simmons came within a few votes of election, a year ago, and this with a big petition made his case certain.

Dr. J. F. Welch made a business trip to St. Louis the first of the week.

Minter C. Moredock of St. Louis is here on a visit to his father who remains seriously ill.

Gus Wangler was taken to Moberly Tuesday to be treated for blood poisoning in the hand.

We learn that Lazar Loeb and family will locate in Chicago in the near future. We don't see how we can spare Lazar.

We regret to learn that Miss Mary Bean is in a poor state of health.

A. C. Gilchrist of Tulsa, Okla., one time marshal of this city, and a good one, was here the first of the week visiting friends and relatives. He is the same old "Gill".

W. E. Harshe, one time citizen of this place, died at his home in Columbia Monday morning, aged (Continued on page four.)

PRESIDENT IS COMING

St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka,
Favored With Stops
Route Unknown.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson will leave Washington February 2 for a look at some of the country on the west side of the Mississippi and breakfast in St. Louis and make an address on the morning of Feb. 3. The road over which he will travel has not been named, nor has it been said whether he will appear on the rear of his car at points between St. Louis and Kansas City, but it is fair to presume that he will. The high water along the Wabash and the dangerous track at several points may force north Missouri to lose the honor and pleasure of his presence, but it is for him, just the same.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Holman celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home Tuesday, January 25th 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Schupback and son; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Holman and children; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. C. Jenkins and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hyde and daughter; Misses Lorena, Frances and Ernestine Holman and Warner Holman of Keytesville; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phelan of Moberly were present. A lovely dinner was served. Mrs. Holman was presented with a handsome Elgin gold watch and chain surrounded by seven \$2.50 gold pieces, and a sterling silver pie knife.

Daniel J. Holman and Hattie Davis were married in this county Jan. 25, 1876, Rev. Harvey Hatcher performing the ceremony, at the old homestead four miles north of town. All the children and grand-children except daughter of James A. Holman were present at the anniversary. Miss Helen White was a guest.

Will Revise Ordinances

The city council has under consideration the revision of the city ordinances which were discovered to have at least one big hole in them thru which culprits could slip.

If some of the ordinances are revised out of the book and others modified so that they can and will be enforced all the time, it will be decidedly better than to have a big bunch of them which are not enforced at any time. There is too much lawmaking and too little stability in a lot that is made, this remark applying to acts of the legislature and congress as well as city councils, don't you think so?

The contention made a few years ago by some of our city dads that we would have more money with less coming in has lost by sad experience, but under any conditions brot about by those with losing business conceptions, we must have revenue to keep the municipality going, and it is up to the council to so regulate the tax burden that it will bear proportionately on each and with as little discrimination as can be arrived at.

Fulton Dry

At the local option election in Fulton Tuesday the dry won by 178, the total vote being more than 1100.

There are two saloons in the city of colleges and other infirmaries which will go out of business Feb. 11, and stay out indefinitely, but that don't mean much more than it does here.

J. L. Cropper went to Colorado Monday on a business trip.