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A Bad Move

Would a new bridge be better?

The county court, under the disadvantage always attending a shortage of cash, has attempted to meet an almost absolutely necessary improvement by ordering the substitution of the bridges across the old and new Chariton rivers east of town and between this city and Salisbury and on the most important route in the county. The span across the old Chariton is 100 feet and span across the ditch which will soon be the main river, is 60 ft. The long bridge is undoubtedly alright for the ditch but the ditch bridge will require lengthening of the span or another pier to make it reach across the old Chariton part way, and the cost of tne exchange is estimated to be about $2000.

A new bridge for the ditch of sufficient length to insure its being long enough for several years would cost perhaps less than $5000. and the one removed fit in hundreds of places in the county where bridges are so badly needed. It has to be taken down anyway and numbers of neighborhoods wou'd haul it to a site and all the other material needed to put it in place, free of charge if they could get it.

It will not be so many years before the old chariton at the point mentioned will be nothing more than a lake but even then, floods come, there will be considerable current and drift and a span as long as the one now there will be needed to prevent what has had to be met so often, the expense of clearing away drift. A long bridge of some kind will be needed at this point for years since the cost of transfer of the bridge will cost nearly as much as a new bridge for the ditch and leave one of them too short at both ends for years if it stands drift and ice flows down the old Chariton, why not reconsider and take no chances on trouble at the old Chariton site? Trouble there will shut off travel just the same as at the ditch. Why not go a little farther and be sure of permanency.

Farm Bureau Notes
(By Sam Jordan)

Better Farm Campaign

On August 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th we want to cover the county as nearly as possible with a serious of meetings. The first meeting each day will be held in connection with a basket dinner and beginning at 10 o'clock on August 8th on the farm of Clarance Garhart, west of Salisbury, the session will begin. This will consist of field demonstrations and lectures b several persons who will be present to take part. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a meeting will be held at Prairie Hill. This will last until perhaps 5 o'clock. The night session at 7:30 will be held at Bynumville. On Tuesday, August 9th, the first meeting and basket dinner will be on the "Chicago" Smith, farm in Clark township. The afternoon session will be held in Mike, and the night session at Mendon. On Friday at 10 o'clock the basket dinner and first meeting will be at Necomber, the afternoon session at Rothville, and the night session at Sumner. On Saturday the first meeting and basket dinner will be at Musselfork, the afternoon meeting at Dalton and the night meeting at Shannodale

Help from the College of Agriculture and the Board of Agriculture, together with many visitor, outside the county, and some outside the state are expected to be with us to assist in the work. At the noon and afternoon sessions and possibly at night, demonstrations will be given in canning fruits and vegetables, in addition to other farm lectures and demonstrations.

It is urged that as many as possible arrange to make the entire trip as they can conveniently do. We will need at least three or four cars to carry our visitors from a distance, and we are very anxious that everyone who can possibly do so accompany us. All persons are cordially invited, also, to be present at any or all of the meetings

This entire county, with just a few exceptions, has a wonderful prospect and we will certainly be glad to show outsiders what we have. If you are interested in the general welfare of the county we are expecting you to strain a point to be with us.

It is not only the crop of the county that we would be glad to show, but there are a good many roads over which we will travel which are most excellent indeed. There are, however, some over which we will have to pass that we might really prefer to take the visitors another way unless we get busy with the drags in the meantime and shape the roads as best we can. Good roads speak about as much for a county as do good crops.

We will pass many corn fields and I am of the opinion that most of us like for the passerby to say good things. If weeds infest our corn it may not speak so well for us because when corn is soaring near the $2.00 mark it will certainly pay to let our land feed the corn rather than the weeds. The fence rows might be trimmed up, but make the main roads the first consideration. We can talk about the fence row and ugly places in the ditches and hollows a little later.

We want this also to be an invitation to the ladies of the county to bring baskets and feed the people. We will do our part to eat a square meal and try to have somebody along to help out in your line of work.

STORING GRAIN

If a fellow could just answer the question whether or not it would pay to store grain he would certainly be valuable indeed. Speculators in and out of Congress are just now making it appear that there is an enormous wheat crop. They are greatly alarmed lest millers and elevators cannot take care of it. Not long ago they were just as badly alarmed over the short wheat crop and urging us with all their vehemence to produce a bumper crop, so the same old story is being repeated, that they are hammering the price and will keep it as low as possible until the wheat has left the farmers' hands. All at once then of course, another shortage will appear and prices will go up.

One of the good ways for storing grain in the absence of granaries is by stacking. Grain well stacked as soon as it is ready produces a better quality then where it is threshed from the shock. The grain must go thru a sweat either in a stack or in a bin. When this proces occurs in the stack it is to be preferred. The storing of the grain is not the only reason for stacking.

While it adds a little work we can usually do it very largely with our own help and it takes a smaller number of hands during threshing time. The ground is also cleared of the grain that early plowing may be done. There ars at least two advantages in early plowing. One is that if we expect to put wheat again in the same land early deep plowing is highly desirable.

Another is that it assists in the destruction of insects to a certain degree, also allows the ground to settle well for a good seed bed in the fall.

CORN AND THE BOARD OF TRADE.

You have perhaps noticed that the Board of Trade set a maximum on December corn of $1.28. They have done the same also for May crop. These men are of course, looking to the common good, over the left shoulder Corn the other day in St. Louis on the track sold for $1.92. A maximum of $1.28 for December corn means that by that time many farmers will have disposed of their crop and most of it that will be for sale as grain will be found in the hands of these people. As a sort of sop they are putting down May corn to $1.28 in order to make men in town feel a little comfortable. They have not told us what they are going to do to corn between December and May, however, it is mighty easy to guess by any person who has been watching their movements. Some of the farmers friends in Congress are doing all they can to hold off certain lines of action, notwithstanding that action is perhaps putting into the pockets of the speculators millions of dollars every month, and of course, at the expense of the producer and the consumer.

THE POTATO CROP

You will no doubt hear in the very near future about the gigantic potato crop. If you are of the opinion that there is a big potato crop in this county just dig in the average potato patch and you will be undeceived. Two very small insect pests have at least cut the potato crop into the middle. One is a plant louse, a little dark green bug, and the other a leaf hopper or a potato thrip, pale green in color, and all of them operating on the underside of the leaf. The leaves begin to curl and die around the outer edges, and they have killed or practically killed many plants before they are half thru growing. So dont be alarmed and sacrifice all of the potatoes you have, fearing that there is a bumper crop and the price will be low.

ALFALFA

To those who are contemplating alfalfa this fall, one or two things should not be forgotten. A crop of timothy, wheat, oats, or similar shallow seeding crop have exhausted very largely the available nitrogen for the present season. If such lands are to be put to alfalfa it would be almost invariably best to put on a little fertilizer in the way of barnyard manure or some commercial product carrying nitrogen such as steamed bone meal. Clover, cowpeas, and soybeans growing in the ground ahead of alfalfa put the nitrogen in the ground, consequently as a rule the extra fertilizer would not be needed quite so badly. Another thing should be kept in mind, that if you put alfalfa in poor land you can expect to be disappointed. Any rich, well drained sweet soil with northern grown seed should successfully produce alfalfa. Failures under such conditions are usually the fault of the man rather than the alfalfa.

So far as the food and feed stuffs speculators are concerned, it matters little which way the political cats at Washington jump, they will get theirs. Congress is still in the muddling business and but for a few senators who have the courage of their convictions, notably two from this state, the country would suffer at the hands of political cowards as it never did before. The food and feed control in this country is too big a job for any one man and producers and consumers who think so are in a large majority.

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BRUNSWICK, MO.

Edgar Tisdale is in Carrollton this week on business.

The carnival at Brunswick is drawing fair crowds.

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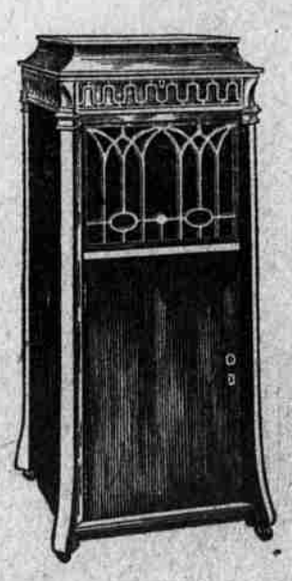

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Band concerts may be held on Saturday nights hereafter.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

There will be a number from this city who will go to Moberly Saturday to renew acquaintance with Ringling Bros.

TO PLAY "MRS. MALAPROP"

Miss Martha Miller of Cambridge Players to Take Leading Part in Production of "The Rivals."

Miss Martha Miller of the Cambridge Players is to play the leading role in Sheridan's "The Rivals" to be given at the Chautauqua on the fifth night.

"Mrs. Malaprop" is the character that makes Sheridan's masterpiece such a delicious comedy. She pronounces all her words correctly but gets them in the wrong place every time. Miss Miller is a genius at character delineation, having starred with her company in Shakespearian repertory in past years.

"The Rivals" is a four-act comedy full of fast and furious fun. Miss Miller will be ably supported by the other members of the company, which is the best of its kind. The scenery and costumes will be very beautiful and elaborate.

Remember, the fifth night of the Chautauqua.

The women of the Red Cross Society of this county deserve great credit for what they have accomplished.

Final Settlement Notice

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of John Callahan deceased, are hereby notified that at the next Regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in August, 1917, at the Court House in Keytesville, in said county, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

Martha E. Callahan
25-28 Admx.

For Sale

The undersigned has decided to sell his 40 acre improved farm 1-4 mile south of Dalton. Come at once if interested.

C. H. Schnakenberg,
25 Dalton, Mo.

Presbyterian Church

All the regular services will be held. The Sabbath school last week was so fine that we wish others might come out and enjoy it. The session begins at 9:30 a. m.

At 11:00 a. m. there will be regular church service. An opportunity will be given to unite with the church, and baptism will be administered to those who are ready. The Lord's supper will be observed and all members are especially urged to be present.

The evening reunion service will be held at 8 o'clock at the Baptist Church. The minister of this church will preach upon the subject "When is the World Worthless."

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