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Keytesville on Cannon Ball Route—Chicago to Kansas City

The Chamber of Commerce has just received word from Geo. S. Faxon, of Plano, Ill., president and publicity director of the Cannon Ball Association of Illinois, bearing the news that the association has rendered its decision, which puts Keytesville on the Cannon Ball Trail. It will be remembered that some time ago Mr. Faxon made a trip through this part of the state inspecting the several routes proposed for the Missouri link of this trail.

The Cannon Ball Route starts at Chicago and at present stops at Quincy. It will enter Missouri from that city, go to Taylor, then south to Palmyra, thence into Shelbyville, from there to Clarence, then to Ma-

con, over the ocean-to-ocean high way, and then south to Moberly. After leaving Moberly the trail will follow the North Cross State Highway to Kansas City.

The Cannon Ball Trail Association of Illinois is an active organization more than twelve years old. Mr. Faxon says of it, that it is one of the best marked trails in the state, that within twenty months the trail, from Chicago to Quincy, will be hard-surfaced with re-inforced steel concrete 18 feet wide.

The next step of development in the Cannon Ball Trail will be to extend the route through Kansas and other western states on through to California.

Maitland Entertainers Here Keytesville Debating Team Wins Over Salisbury Friday



THE MAITLAND ENTERTAINERS

One of the treats of the season awaits you in this novel organization, the Maitland Entertainers. A trio of young men that embodies all the excellent good qualities of the popular male quartet is in itself a distinct surprise, yet when it presents all the pleasing combinations of this quartet in a manner to be envied by the best of quartets it becomes a feature on any course. When you have such combinations as violin, marimbaphone and piano; vocal duets, vocal trios, pianologues and novelty sketches with each and every number a unique offering by reason of the versatility of the artists, a program of surprising merit is produced.

Each member, while chosen for this individual specialty because of his versatility and personality, adapts himself to the harmony of the varied instrumentalizations which pervade the program.

Harold Dodds, accompanist has in addition to his ability on the piano a pleasing tenor voice, while his playing on the marimbaphone is very distinctive.

Paul Kennedy possesses a rich baritone voice which with his winning personality never fails to win his audience. He is also an accomplished player of the marimbaphone.

Harold Catlet, as the baritone soloist and reader of the company completes the organization of an unusual talented trio. In addition to the charm of his colorful voice, his imitative readings will find a ready response with his hearers.

Brilliantly, artistry and novelty are outstanding features of this versatile company of young men. They will linger in your mind as one of the prominent and delightful numbers on our course.

At the Keytesville High School last Friday night a goodly percentage of the boosters of the K. H. S. gathered to listen to the debating team of the local school and a team from Salisbury high school.

The affair had been advertised and great interest was taken in the affair. The subject, was "Resolved that we have the Closed Shop in America."

The school auditorium was well filled and everyone there seemed to be there for a purpose of seeing their favorites win—this can also be said for the boosters that accompanied the team from Salisbury.

Keytesville presented the affirmative side of the question, while Salisbury was lined up on the negative side.

Keytesville was represented by the Misses Dorothy Richardson and Allie Mae Latham; Salisbury, Miss Edwards and Francis Brummall.

The crowd gathered early to gain their favorite points of vantage to be able to hear, and at about 8 o'clock Supt. of Schools, C. C. Carlstead made the customary announcements, read the rules regulating the debate and announced the short program which was to open the festivities.

Miss Jessie Richardson came forward and gave a most pleasing violin solo with an encore which was appreciated by all. After this the debaters were introduced.

The speeches on both sides were excellent and for a time it looked as though the negatives had a chance. One of the judges thought so all the time, and the final vote was Salisbury one, Keytesville, two.

The judges were, J. A. Wisdom, Supt. of Vocational Agriculture, of Chillicothe. Hon. F. C. Jasse, Brunswick, and O. F. Revercomb, Supt. of Schools, Fayette.

After the decision was rendered by Supt. Carlstead, the Keytesville yell was indulged in for the benefit of the

audience, and they have some "war cry," too.

While the judges were summing up their notes preparatory to casting their decisions as to the winners, a short intermission was filled in by the pupils of Miss McCann, who, in addition to instructing several classes in the high school, is the musical director of the K. H. S. orchestra and the glee club.

Of course the glee club was all to the good—good singing when well directed is a treat, something everyone enjoys, but the work of the orchestra was a revelation to all. Then came the surprise of the evening. Two little youngsters, only about four and a half feet long came forward and rendered a violin-cornet solo—Joe Heber Wright, cornetist, and Milton Bennett, violinist. Their efforts at entertaining were roundly cheered, and in justice to their instructor, Miss McCann and to the youngsters, themselves, it must be said their work was excellent.

This appears to be the first occasion that the general public have had this year to attend doings that pertained strictly to the work of the Keytesville High School, and the entertainment features were thoroughly enjoyed by all. It seems that the school is performing wonders this year, and citizens are hereby notified that all future performances of the school should be attended well—just to keep up with the doings of the youngsters.

Of course, the great thing that interested those in attendance was the debate against the team from Salisbury. Everyone wanted to see the home team win. But Salisbury ought not to feel disgraced in their efforts to win. They won the decision of one of the judges and if they are really looking for sympathy they can write to Moberly for consolation, for last Friday night the team from Kirksville cleaned them up in a three to nothing decision.

CHARITON COUNTY IS FIGHTING TO FRONT

The work of the farm Bureau of Chariton county goes on apace, and in a great measure is due to the individual work of Fred B. Miller of Sumner; B. C. Smutz, Brunswick; Edwin Grotjas, Keytesville; C. W. Garhart, Salisbury; Freeman Kinwade and W. S. Pemberton of Mendon and Roy W. Hechler of Dalton. These men have given their time and energy absolutely without salary or payment of expenses in any way.

The Corn Show at Keytesville is being credited all over the state to the activity of the Farm Bureau. Everyone knows what a success it was. One of the remarks heard often at the show was the great improvement over the exhibit which was shown from this county three years ago when Mr. Jordan put on one of the biggest shows ever held in this state. At this time corn was brought to Chariton County from many states outside of Missouri. This corn purchased largely by Chariton County farmers has been improving the quality of corn in Chariton county the past three years. The show which we have just held has brought out the fact that the corn of the county has been greatly improved in quality and no doubt in yield per acre by this effort which was started and continued during the past three years, efforts attained largely through Farm Bureau activity.

The breeders of Duroc Jersey hogs living in the vicinity of Mendon and Sumner held a sale a week or two ago and the quality of the hogs offered was exceptionally good. Going back a little we would like to mention the fact that these men purchased their hogs from the Carroll County Breeders during the past three or four years. The Carroll County Breeders started holding combination sales about five or six years ago and we are glad to report the improvement in the quality and development of the hogs now being offered in the sales is very far ahead of that of the hogs which were offered in the first sale held at Carrollton.

This is another proof of the value of Farm Bureau work showing how it has extended over a period of years both in live stock and corn in Carroll and Chariton counties.

While Chariton County has no home demonstration agent yet, there are several communities where the farm women are anxious to help themselves. We have just recently arranged for Miss Rocheford of the Home Economics Department of the College to spend the week commencing November 28th in giving demonstrations in the repair of household furniture and household equipment.

Along the extensive areas of bottom land near the streams in Chariton County the interest in sweet clover is beginning to be shown. Sweet clover is especially adapted to sowing on these areas which some times overflow and just recently the farmers near Mendon have called my attention to the fact they wish to sow 80 and 40 acres respectively. This clover will be sowed on wheat in the spring and then later pastured with cattle if it succeeds as they suspect.—From the Farm News.

STATE CAN ORDER VACCINATION

The Attorney General at Jefferson City has stated that the state board of health has authority to enforce vaccination and isolation of persons affected with contagious disease.

This opinion was expressed Friday of last week by the Attorney General in reply to questions submitted two days ago by Dr. Cortez E. Enloe, secretary of the state board of health.

"Undoubtedly," the opinion read, in part, "the authority to require the vaccination of all persons when it may be deemed necessary to the public health and safety is included within the powers delegated to the state board of health by the legislature."

IT PAYS TO MARRY OFTEN—IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT

Chicago.—Secret Service operatives—men who have followed their work to the ends of the earth and have seen all the joys and pathos connected with the occupation, willingly admitted today that the story told by Mrs. Helen Ferguson Drexler, the pretty 22-year-old girl who has confessed to having been married to sixteen men during the last three years, was by far the most peculiar to which they have yet listened.

The young woman, who was arrested in a loop hotel yesterday by government agents, told her tale to Capt. Thomas L. Porter of the service today. She admitted the charge on which she was arrested, of having married the men, all of whom were either soldiers or sailors, for the sole reason of securing the allotment issued by the War Department Blak Bureau to the wife of a man in the service.

"You men try to make me admit to the marriage of ten men," she said. "Why, that is just more than half. I had sixteen of them during my career and was going to marry another in a few days if I had not been arrested."

First Man Killed
"Why didn't you settle down with the first man you married?" asked Capt. Porter.

"Well, that is the whole thing," she replied.

"I wanted to, but it was not the wish of my husband.
"The first man to whom I was married was an auto salesman in Boston in 1918. I had just gone there from Brooklyn, where I was brought up. My mother had died and my father disappeared a short time after her death. My only brother had been killed in France. A short time after I landed in Boston, I got a position in a dry goods store. Then I met Wilfred Taylor, just over 20 years old. We decided to get married. After the wedding we lived together until he was called to war and went off to France. Shortly afterward I got word of his death. I tried to forget, but being by myself, I was soon forced to seek company, and finally married a man from New York. I was getting the allotment from the government due me from my first husband at that time. I lived with my second husband contentedly for several months. He joined the navy. I got an allotment from him. One day I met a woman who heard of the two allotments I was getting from the government, amounting to \$80 a month. She suggested that in as much as the money was easy, I should keep it up and marry again. I could make hundreds of dollars a month by this scheme if it worked."

Made \$500 a Month
"I consented and married again, this time a soldier at Brooklyn Navy Yards named John Kelly. He signed his allotment to me. I left him and went in search of another husband.
"From then on, life was just one husband after another. The income amounted to \$500 a month. After two years I had married ten men. I can't recall all the names. I went to Norfolk, Va., and married again. Each time I only stayed with my husband until I got the allotment signed to me and then left."

"Finally I came to Chicago. I went to live in Waukegan, near the Great Lakes Training station. Then in rapid succession I was wed to Thomas Joseph Means, Patrick Poeller and Paul Greyson, sailors assigned there. They did not know the difference.
"On August 17, I married Albert Drexler, who was a soldier at Camp Grant. That was the last. He was the sixteenth. But a young sailor at Great Lakes was to have been the next if I had not been caught."

Mrs. Drexler was held under bonds of \$10,000.

\$175,000 BOONE HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED DECEMBER 10

The formal opening of the Boone County hospital, erected through a \$175,000 bond issue by the people of the county, will take place December 10th.

The building will be open all day for inspection and exercises will be held in the main corridor. Prominent Boone County people will assist in the reception that will be held that day. Miss Eleanor Keely of Kansas City has been elected superintendent with power to elect her own staff of nurses.

HER "DEAR BOY" NOW AFTER DIVORCE

Boise, Ida., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Lydia Southard, who smized when she was arrested for murder and never faltered during the whole trial, collapsed today when she was told that her fifth husband, Paul Southard was suing her for divorce.

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. John D. Taylor attended a breakfast given by the Columbia U. D. C.'s Saturday morning. She reports a delightful time.

The members of the Christian church will have a turkey dinner at the church on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 8 o'clock for the members only. At 8 o'clock there will be a tree for the Bible school and other entertainment.

The Rebekah lodge met last Thursday evening and elected new officers for the next six months. Mrs. T. Nix was elected Noble Grand, Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, Vice Grand, Miss Christine Arensmeier, treasurer, M. S. Walther, secretary.

The Odd Fellows lodge met Monday night and elected new officers for the next six months. There was a large attendance. After the business was over the ladies of the Rebekah lodge served a bountiful lunch which was highly enjoyed by all present.

The U. D. C.'s will postpone their meeting this month and their next meeting will be January 9, 1922, at the home of Mrs. Warner W. White. The members are requested to notify the hostess if they will be present. The U. D. C.'s also wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage at their bazaar Saturday.

The Methodist Missionary society will entertain the members of the church next Wednesday at the church. They will serve dinner at the noon hour. This is their regular meeting day and they have planned to have a good crowd and the day will be spent in discussion of the future work of the church and their usual missionary program rendered.

The Presbyterians will have a party and bazaar at the home of Mrs. Linnie Sneed next Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments will be served and the admission will be 10 cents. In the evening they will have a 42 party and serve refreshments and the admission will be 25 cents. You are invited to attend. Invitations are being sent out.

Miss Leta Bartz was hostess to about 25 friends at her home Wednesday afternoon. The ladies were asked to bring along their needle work and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent in conversation and sewing. The house was very prettily decorated with fine chrysanthemums which were admired by the guests. A delicious two-course lunch was served.

The Eastern Stars met in regular session Tuesday evening and elected new officers for the coming year. Miss Marion White, Worthy Matron; Frank Arrington, Worthy Patron; Julia Hansman, Associate W. M.; Ruth Martin, Conductress; Mrs. J. E. Montgomery, Associate Conductress; Maggie Ray, treasurer; Herbert Elliott, secretary. Initiation work postponed. Luncheon was served by the social committee.

The town team played the H. S. team at foot ball Tuesday afternoon, and the high school team was defeated by a score of 36 to 6.

You should shop in the Courier first.

Mrs. O. K. Rain, has sold the blacksmith shop formerly operated by her husband, to D. P. Huckaby of this town, who expects to run the place in the interests of the many patrons of this shop.

CASES GO TO COLE

Senator Jno. D. Taylor returned from Fulton Tuesday morning, where he had been in attendance at court in regard to taking a change of venue in the cases of three men he is defending in oil stock unit sales. The cases have been transferred from Callaway county to Cole county. The Fulton County Gazette has the following to report in connection with these cases: "Applications for changes of venue in the cases of the State of Missouri against O. R. Six and Joseph Meiners, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, were filed in the Callaway county circuit court Monday afternoon by former State Senator John D. Taylor Keytesville attorney for the defendants. Affidavits supporting the applications for changes of venue were filed at the same time. These were signed by W. Scott Fox, of this city, and O. C. Thompson, Oscar Smith, John Yates, and J. T. Ficklin, of rural Callaway. The affidavits were sufficient under the law for changing the place of trial of the cases and Judge Harris, at the suggestion of the attorneys, sent them to Cole county."

By agreement of the attorneys on both sides, the case of the State of Missouri against G. F. Richardson, also charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, also was sent to Cole county for trial. Six, Meiners and Richardson sold "units" in the Okmulgee Oil Syndicate to Callaway county farmers a year ago, taking Liberty bonds from many of them as payment for the units.

The fourth man against whom proceedings have been instituted is Frank P. King, who was represented in court by Judge Clarence A. Barnes, of Mexico. The information against King also named Six as a defendant, but the state dismissed as to Six, leaving only the one case against him. Judge Barnes did not indicate whether he would ask for a change of venue for King.

Six, Meiners, Richardson and King were all in court Monday. Though their liberty was at stake, they seemed as care free as if they were off on a vacation.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON TUESDAY

President Harding delivered his message to Congress Tuesday and the salient facts are herewith presented to Courier readers.

The outstanding recommendation for bringing this country back to normal conditions were:

Creation of a virtual industrial court to have judicial or quasi-judicial powers to deal with labor disputes affecting public interests.

Prompt enactment of a permanent tariff bill with adoption of the American valuation plan and a provision for fixing of variable duties by presidential order.

Revision of the shipping act to be based on recommendations shortly to be made in a special message.

Enactment of the allied debt refunding bill.

Encouragement of co-operative market programs to aid farmers.

Speeding up of reclamation legislation to aid ex-soldiers and to provide more homes.

Some revision of a tax bill recently passed.

A constitutional amendment to prohibit the issuance of non-taxable securities.

IN REGARD TO MAILING SUBSCRIPTION STATEMENTS

Our Uncle Sam has laid down a few laws and rules and regulations in regard to mailing out papers to delinquent subscribers. The Courier, in trying to keep up with these regulations, has been mailing out from time to time statements of account. The response has been splendid, and we certainly appreciate the checks and money orders that are being received almost daily. Some of these checks are accompanied by letters stating that the matter has been entirely overlooked. Others simply sent in the check and the statement. Still others write stating that they do not like to be "dunned," and order us to discontinue the Courier.

These are the things that come up in the course of any newspaper man's experience from time to time. They are expected, and, as all editors are hardhearted, unfeeling rascals, nothing like this "gets in under the hide."

But there are several things to be considered from the publisher's standpoint. He has his paper stocks to purchase and the paper houses to pay for their goods—they won't wait, they must have their money when it is due.

Then there is the other side of the proposition that a successful publisher must consider, and especially the present editor of the Courier. It will be remembered that last July this paper was purchased from the Kellogg interests. Naturally we wanted to find out how many of the subscribers wanted to continue taking the paper, and more especially those who were in arrears. In 99 out of a 100 cases those in arrears have come across and are now square with the Courier. In some instances, however we have been confronted with receipts here and showing that the subscription had been paid, and that the proper credit on the list has not been given. Then, too, there were a certain number of complimentary papers sent out by the former editor and these had to be adjusted and in some cases banished from the subscription list.

However, the results of our billing our subscribers has been highly satisfactory, and but few have taken offense because a statement of account has been sent.

A statement of account for a newspaper man is as legitimate as is a statement from the butcher, the grocery man, the auto dealer, or any other line of business endeavor. Too many people imagine that the newspaper game is not a real business to be run on business principles. No one has ever satisfactorily answered this question, but it seems to prevail. Why should it? An editor has his pay roll to meet, rent to pay, stocks of paper to purchase, and also, he is supposed to eat and wear clothes just like other humans.

When we sent out statements of account on subscription, we do not want anyone to think they are being imposed on or "dunned."

The sending out of subscription accounts is the only way an editor has

of knowing if the paper is appreciated enough for the subscriber to want it another year—and, to want it had enough to pay for it in advance. It can be stated that 98 per cent of the subscribers of the Courier are, at this time, paid in advance.

The first of the year, we aim to have a strictly paid-in-advance subscription list. It is business, and there is no reason why the Courier should not be run on a business basis.

When you get your statement, do not feel hurt or insulted or think you have been "dunned." It is our way of knowing if you want the paper for another year.

That's all, thank you.

RUTHERFORD PLANNING SUIT TO TEST BONUS

Judge W. T. Rutherford of St. Louis was in Jefferson City last week investigating the initiative petitions filed July, 1920, asking that a constitutional amendment be presented to the people at the November, 1920, general election, providing that constitutional amendments as general elections at a special as well as general elections. This is a preliminary step before filing a test suit in the Supreme Court in the state soldier bonus law. Before such an amendment was adopted constitutional amendments could be voted upon only at general elections.

Judge Rutherford's investigation was authorized by the FVND Commission, since the bonus amendment was voted upon at a special election and much of its validity depends upon the initiative petitions.

The points involved in the investigation to determine whether or not the initiative petitions are within the law include the number of individuals signing the petitions, whether such signers were legal voters and whether or not the amendments were printed as required by law. Under the constitution, constitutional amendments must be published at least once a week in a newspaper in each county of the state, for four consecutive weeks preceding the election.

UNUSUAL DAMAGE SUIT

It is reported that a domestic employed by one of the prominent farmers near Salisbury is about to commence a suit against her employer in a most unusual damage case in the sum of \$10,000 at the next term of the Circuit Court. It seems that the home of this farmer is not equipped with a modern bathroom, and one Saturday evening early in November, after the family had all gone to town, she drew down the blinds and proceeded to fill an ordinary wash tub full of warm water with the express purpose of taking a bath. The wash tub was drawn up close to the kitchen range and the annual scrub began. After finishing the young lady stepped out of the tub onto a piece of soap laying on the floor. She slipped, sat down on the stove and when she got up she was branded "Majestic."

BABE RUTH GOT HIS—FINED \$3,500 AND SUSPENDED

Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, today fined Babe Ruth, home-run king, his share in the world series money and suspended him until May 20, 1922, for playing exhibition baseball after participating in the world series in violation of the national rules and the judge's order.

Bob Pierce and Bob Meusel, Yankee players, who joined Ruth in the barnstorming trip, were also fined their world series money and suspended until May 20, 1922.