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## IT'S RATHER QUIET IN BOODLEDOM.

### Harry Hawes Returns from Europe.--Jefferson Club Receives Him in Royal Style.--Mr. Folk not There.

Well, there hasn't been much doing in Boodledom of late. It has been too dry and dusty. The men who "do" things are kept quite busy washing that dry, dusty feeling out of their throats.

Senator Sullivan wasn't satisfied with being convicted of soliciting a bribe, and therefore, appealed.

Unfortunately for him, his game of chasing around after somebody to "pay the price" is not regarded seriously in Missouri. It is only a petty offense--something like cousin' out loud. He cannot appeal direct to "mamma."

His case goes to the Kansas City court of appeals.

But if the Kansas City court of appeals is any relation to the St. Louis court of appeals (the naturalization mill) or the Missouri Supreme court, then Senator Sullivan will lose no sleep.

And it is quite like that "harmony" exists between these courts.

Right here I want to say that the Kicker has been short on help for several weeks and the editor is compelled to make a "hand" in the mechanical department. For this reason the paper has not been up to its usual standard.

The weather has been too hot for the editor to do much writing, and it has been too hot for the farmer to do much reading.

But the days are growing shorter, and you may depend upon it that the Kicker will be all wool and a yard wide when the reading season for the farmer sets in.

Another installment of Phil. Huffer's Beaville speeches will appear this winter. I want every man who pays taxes to read these speeches. I want the mothers and children to read them--and it wouldn't hurt the politicians and lawyers to imbibe a few chapters of truth.

I want every citizen of the county to become a subscriber to this paper by November. And, at the end of the year, if anyone who subscribes feels that he has not received full value for his money, he is privileged to call and get his money back.

The above proposition may seem unusual--but it is real. I made it last year, and if any subscriber feels that he has not received full value for his money it is his privilege to call at this office and demand a return of the amount paid.

I am not conducting a "party" organ depending upon a close connection with the county treasury for support. Neither can I afford to send this paper out broadcast--hoping later to be able to bulldoze those who take it from the postoffice through an unscrupulous collecting agency.

I want to do a legitimate newspaper business and give to patrons full value for their money!

In this connection I want to say something more. Violating my usual

custom of stopping a paper at the expiration of the time paid for, I have allowed quite a number of papers to continue--believing that the subscribers desired it so and would pay at the first opportunity.

To these I wish to say that I hope to be able to send collectors among you before the close of the year. If you feel that you owe it, and got full value, then pay up the arrearage and as much in advance as suits you. If I erred in continuing the paper to your address you are under no obligation to pay a cent. This leaves the matter all with you. And I have no fear of the result.

I hope to begin the new year on a cash basis, and believe that the people of the county ought to now be able to judge whether or not they want to pay \$1.00 a year in advance for this paper.

The subscription list of this paper passed the 1,000 mark in June. If I am as successful in collecting up and holding my present circulation as I feel sure I will be, the Kicker will put in an up-to-date powerpress and give you a larger paper. So buy your little change on the clock shelf until you have an opportunity to pay the Kicker and help to build it up. It is the people's paper and depends entirely upon the people for support.

Matters have been very quiet in boodledom. Aside from Sullivan the indicted boodle senators got continuances. Frank Ferris, the chief of the senate combine, sent an affidavit to Jefferson City that he was afflicted with catarrh and could not appear for trial. Catarrh is a bladder trouble. The Missouri Sharp Shooter says that Ferris may be suffering from bladder trouble but there is certainly nothing the matter with his gull.

Harry Hawes, president of the Jefferson club and boss of the St. Louis police, returned from a trip to Europe Tuesday evening.

A great reception was arranged in which Mayor Wells, Dave Francis, Ed. Butler and other prominent "party" leaders appeared as shining lights. "Cuddy Mack" was there too.

It was a big blowout. The Jefferson club rooms were crowded with policemen and city employes.

Mayor Reed, of Kansas City, was there. Judge Gantt was unable to attend, but sent his regrets. Joseph Folk did not attend and sent no regrets.

In his address of welcome Mayor Wells said that "Mr. Hawes' health had been undermined by hard work in the interest of good government, the Democracy and the Jefferson Club." I don't know about the good government, but this thing of keeping "the Democracy and the Jefferson club" members out of the penitentiary must be pretty straining on Mr. Hawes.

"Mayor Wells said that the Jefferson club was responsible for the present regime of good government in St.

Louis. But he said nothing about two of its leading members--Barbaglia and Levin--having departed for the penitentiary to serve out sentences for practicing naturalization frauds in the interest of the "party," nor did he mention it that a dozen or more prominent members had been convicted of bribery and perjury and were under sentence to the penitentiary, while still others were in exile!

Wonderful, isn't it, what important matters are sometimes left unaid!

"I am proud to say that I am a member of the Jefferson club," continued the mayor. But he forgot to say whether or not he was proud of the fact that he voted the Republican ticket in 1896 and in 1903!

Then the mayor introduced Mr. Hawes to his policemen and the city employes, and the police boss started right off telling what a hard name St. Louis had abroad. Mr. Hawes seemed to think that if there really was any corruption in St. Louis it ought to be fixed up within the "party" and not advertised to the world.

He did not approve of Joe Folk's way of going straight after the rascals.

"The reputation of the city of St. Louis abroad is that it is the most corrupt city on earth," shouted Mr. Hawes. Well, to whom is the credit due? Are not Hawes, and the mayor, and Ed. Butler and Dave Francis and Jim Sellert in complete control?

Windy Jim Reed, mayor of Kansas City, next got the floor and immediately proceeded to upset his taffy jar. He spoke of Mayor Wells as the best mayor any city in America has today. The Kansas City mayor might change his mind if he could get a fair squint at the chief executive of Benton!

In conclusion I will say that a select committee from the Jefferson club met Mr. Hawes at Union Station and escorted him to the club rooms. Mayor Reed, of Kansas City, Mayor Wells, of St. Louis, and Convict Ed. Butler, of St. Louis, were members of this committee.

Now, what do you think of the mayors of the two chief cities of the state associating themselves in political harness with a man who is regarded as the boss boodler of them all and has a three years' sentence to the penitentiary to his credit?

The Cole county grand jury met at Jefferson City Monday to again take up the boodledom business, but up to the time of going to press nothing startling has developed. The correspondence between ex-Lieut. Gov. Lee and Legislative Agent Kelley is in the hands of the grand jury. This is a move on the part of the boodlers for the evident purpose of discrediting Lee, who is the State's chief witness.

Let every friend of the Kicker act as its agent and send in one or more new subscribers. Put it into the home of every producer.

#### FROM BLODGETT.

A. J. Hampton, who was operator during the melon season, left for his home at Potosi Monday. We regret to see Mr. Hampton go. He proved himself an upright and courteous man while here.

Dr. R. A. Sparks made a business trip to Charleston last Wednesday. R. S. Cunningham went there Thursday and, we understand, will take a position in that city.

Melon season has come and gone. This year's output was 942 cars, a little larger than last year, and it would have been larger still had the weather been warmer.

We believe our little town can boast (?) of more saloons for its size than any town in the State--three saloons to about 400 population.

Judge Leedy, going to Fredericktown the other night, slept through his destination point and awoke at Bismarck. Ask him to explain.

Tony Alt, the 10-year-old son of George Alt, was kicked by a horse Friday and died Saturday. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

R. J. Williams, agent for the Iron Mountain, is sick and has resigned to take a much needed rest. D. M. Gibbons of Oran relieves him.

Fred Woods, who has been agent Williams' clerk during the melon rush, has returned to Oran, and we are sorry to lose him.

The kids of the town gave a hay ride the other night, and from the reports current they must have had a very good time.

Mervith Leedy, who has been with B. F. Marshall & Co. returned to his home at Fredericktown Thursday.

Percy Kesting, cashier at the bank here, will spend his vacation at his home at Logansport, Ind.

B. F. Marshall and other local sports are on Little River hunting and fishing this week.

Our school began Monday with R. L. Buck, Principal, and Miss Emma How, assistant.

Mrs. Lizzie Massey is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cunningham at Blodgett this week.

Misses Ella Tomlinson and Delena Schobe visited Miss Jennie Clemson Sunday.

Judge Leedy will act as cashier at the bank during Mr. Kesting's trip.

H. R. Williams, our P. M., is visiting relatives in St. Louis this week.

Four of our citizens took in the excursion to Fredericktown Saturday.

#### FROM SAVANAH.

T. A. Foster made a trip to Illinois recently to get a drink of sulphur water. Ouch! Tastes like badger.

The greater part of the congregation at prayer meeting stays on the outside of the churchhouse.

Prayer meeting every Sunday night and preaching every second Sunday at Savannah.

W. C. Darby, wife and daughter were delegates to the Baptist Association.

School is progressing nicely with about thirty in regular attendance.

Squire Mackley has gone into the restaurant business at Blodgett.

W. H. Watson moved south of Blodgett on the 7th inst.

Wiley Arnold died on the 4th inst. Farmers are busy cutting peas.

#### FROM MACEDONIA.

W. G. Spradlin and wife attended quarterly meeting at Graysboro last Saturday.

Minnie Jamieson of Oran, who has been visiting relatives here, returned home Monday.

Misses Bertie Daugherty and Linnie Dexter attended church at Graysboro Sunday.

[The country is flooded with circulars from the "Globe Association" of Chicago and other similar concerns, one of which our correspondent sends us. The circular has fraud all over the face of it, and anyone sending in the \$12.75 demanded will pay about that much for his experience.--Ed. Kicker.]

#### FROM CARY.

It will cost you nothing to see our goods unless you buy, but when you find how little it will cost you to buy you will be pretty sure to do so; and be sure that if you do buy you will be abundantly satisfied.

HINKLE & CARRY.

The General Baptist Association begins Thursday. Everybody invited to attend.

James Chowning and wife returned from Kentucky, where they had been visiting.

Miss Katie Pate, who has been low with slow fever, is somewhat better.

Hob Snowden and wife visited his mother Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Utzage and wife returned from St. Louis Saturday.

Rome Pate and Taylor went to Graysboro Monday.

They had prayer meeting at Unity Sunday night.

#### FROM ORAN.

Shawnee Creek Herd of pure bred Poland-China and Berkshire sows has a choice lot of pigs from May and June farrow. On receipt of \$12.50 with order I will deliver a pig of either sex at Oran, Scott county, Mo., September 28th. I will accept \$40 for the sire of these Poland-China pigs; he is grandson of Chief Tecumseh 2d. My Berkshire pigs are grandsons and daughters of Triumph, a prize-winner at the St. Louis and Illinois State Fairs. Have two choice graded Shorthorn cows and heifers. Also a bull calf whose season cost \$5. These are show prospects and the best breeding bull, 1st Duke of Maple Grove, No. 172,442, bred by J. M. Freeman, Cooper county, Mo. Those wanting pigs at these figures must send their order in by September 26. Correspondence promptly answered.

GEORGE E. SCHUETTE.

New Wells, Mo.

Arrangements are in progress to entertain a big crowd at the Fair, and we have so many more houses than we had last year that we will be able to accommodate more people.

There never was a time when money would buy more than it will today. There never was a place where better value could be found than in this store. Goods right, prices right and satisfaction thrown in with every purchase.

HINKLE & CARRY.

Revs. Rudolph and Maddox and Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. Earl Miller and Mrs. Clemson attended the Baptist Association at Pleasant Valley last week.

Do you know that the Great Bargain Store carries the largest and best line of dry goods, clothing and shoes to be found hereabouts?

C. BANK, Oran.

Wm. Friend of Randall's Station is here under the treatment of Dr. Harris. He has been sick for some time.

Bezel & Steinhoff have located at Oran, and are prepared to do tin roofing, guttering, spouting and galvanized tin work.

The public school has enrolled 175 pupils, and there will be many more later on in the fall.

Mrs. Dr. Harris has returned from a visit to Marble Hill, Fredericktown and Marquand.

Married on Saturday evening the 12th, Mr. Morris Hodges to Miss Sylvia Huger.

Not many of our citizens attended the L. O. O. F. celebration at Fredericktown.

Staubenrauch & Lee have moved their sawmill to near the Rock Island depot here.

Miss Leah O'Brien returned Monday afternoon after several weeks' absence.

Mrs. Louis Rockwell visited Mrs. Chas. Kenney Saturday and Sunday.

Linn Myers was here Tuesday visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hight have moved into their new house.

The rain was very acceptable and we want more.

#### FROM KELSO.

Two fresh town sites on tap now. Ansell and Edna. Ansell was launched into existence last week and Edna this week. We shall wait to see who will spring a new town on us next week. Ansell surrounds Kelso station and is owned by Mrs. Della James, and Edna is a mile east of Ansell and is being offered for sale by Henry Schuette. The first building at Ansell, aside from the depot, is a miniature affair on Joe Duney's lot, about 1 x 1, with a clod foundation, and over it is a sign which reads, "Hop Tea Joint." The next building anticipated is a beer house by Drury and Logel.

You can buy goods at 25 per cent less at the Great Bargain Store than anywhere else in Scott county.

C. BANK, Oran.

It is a slight work seeing, is the rival of our mail. Paul Williams resigned his position with Uncle Sam as mail carrier to attend school at the Cape, and C. J. Rush succeeds him temporarily, until a new carrier can be installed.

Mrs. August Musbach died Monday of last week and was buried at the Lutheran church the following day.

Miss Lissie Albrecht, who has been visiting her father, Judge Albrecht, will return to St. Louis this week.

Sam Wray has moved part of his family to Kelso so that his family can get the benefit of the school.

John I. Diebold is arranging to rebuild his barn that was destroyed by fire recently.

Frank and Miss Bertha Hamm returned from a visit to East Prairie Saturday.

John F. Sailer and Miss Annie Hess visited at Gordonville Saturday.

Mose Drury and Valentine Lauch visited Graysboro last week.

Uncle Charley Robert of Cape Girardeau Sundayed with us.

Leo Diebold visited New Hamburg and Benton Monday.

School opened last week with a good attendance.

Miss Pauline Duney has been on the sick list.

#### Printer Wanted.

Good Wages.  
Kicker Office.

#### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Scaffolding of the most substantial kind surrounds our church, and the work of removing the roof has begun. New cornice, new rafters and an entirely new roof will be put on. Andrew Essner of Benton is supervising the work.

If you are in Oran Friday, September 18, looking for your friends, you will find them at Hinkle & Carry's. Everybody will be there, for it is the first day of their grand opening of millinery and dry goods for the fall styles of 1903.

The long hoped for rain came our way Tuesday, and came with a rush, a swirling wind and Donner and blitzen. The temperature fell seemingly fifty degrees in twelve hours.

School opened last week with a full attendance. Our present buildings have become inadequate, and next year a modern, two-story brick schoolhouse will be built.

Go to the Great Bargain Store where you will find the largest line of dry goods, clothing and shoes at the lowest price. C. BANK, Oran.

Joseph Morie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morie, and Miss Alvina Eichhorn, daughter of Geo. Eichhorn, were married here Wednesday last week.

I have a store building and dwelling for rent. A good location for a general store. Building newly painted and in good repair. Apply to Mrs. M. Goshe, New Hamburg.

A full-blooded Herford bull for sale. Three years old and weighs 1,400 pounds. Apply to EWALT HAMM, New Hamburg.

FROM CROWDER.

Miss Alpha Huffstutler, who has been visiting near Benton, returned home the last of the week, to the satisfaction of some of our boys.

Mrs. Norris of Illinois died at her daughter's residence here Tuesday. The bereaved family has the sympathy of this community.

Miss Ethel Potter of Vanduser returned home Friday after a visit to her brother.

A. J. Rifer has sold his stock of merchandise to Mr. Hudleston.

We had a nice little rain here Tuesday, which laid the dust.

Miss Lilly Hency opened school at Hickory Grove Monday.

Sidney Kimbell is clerking for Mr. Hudleston, we see.

Ben Hinkle made a trip to Sikeston Tuesday.

S. P. Marshall returned to Ironton Tuesday.

Frank Constant is visiting in town.

FROM GRAYSBORO.

George Hawkins was very sick and thought he had yellow fever, but the doctor pronounced it yellow jaundice and the patient breathes easier. If he gets over this George thinks his chances of dying of old age are good. He says he has had everything that the average patent medicine is guaranteed to cure, and unless the doctors spring a new one on him he feels safe.

A Graysboro girl has turned down her best fellow, but that's nothing. Sometimes a man may be seen to turn down an alley when he sees his wife coming.

Well, we have a marshal now, and it is to be hoped that the boys will be good.

Our butchershop is doing a good business and furnishes meat regularly to the natives.

The Kicker should be in ever home. It is the paper.

Henry Welch has finished his new house.

Geo. Miller is on the hospital list. Rev. North preached here Saturday.

He Wants to Know.

A Blodgett subscriber writes that a Chicago law firm has notified him that his name appears as a prospective heir to several millions idle money lying in the English Court of Chancery awaiting distribution to the proper heirs. The firm agrees to take the matter up on receipt of \$5, and the subscriber wants to know what the KICKER thinks about it.

Judging from the tone of his letter the KICKER thinks its Blodgett subscriber is not sucker enough to part with his five dollars.

Special Notice.

Having sold my entire mercantile business to Jules Drury, I desire that all those indebted to me come and make settlement at once. Thanking one and all for past patronage, I am, Respectfully,  
A. BAUDERDORF.

Notice.

Oran Lodge No. 350 K. of P. meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Members are required to attend. Visitors invited.  
J. D. BOWMAN, C. C.  
HARRY CARR, K. of P. & S.

#### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Judge Albrecht and Henry Schuette of the Manning settlement at 1 Sam Cannon of Graysboro were here Monday. Judge Albrecht had business with the "grass-rollers." Henry Schuette came to announce that the new town of Edna had sprung up on his farm, and that lots were now on sale. Sam Cannon came down to see the ordinance of Graysboro printed.

Every citizen of Scott and adjoining counties should attend the Missouri County Fair, to be held at Oran on September 30th and October 1st, 2d and 3d. There is now on route a show of cattle and horses than was ever before seen at a county fair, hence you have the assurance of seeing all you want to see, which will pay for your trip there. They have already rented out all stalls they now have on the ground and have put a large force of carpenters to work erecting more buildings to enable them to take care of the stock that they know will be there. There are several large strings of horses that will arrive probably before this news reaches you. Here you are assured of your money's worth if you attend. If you have anything to exhibit, take it or send it there and have it put on exhibition. This is the only way to improve your stock. ORAN FAIR ASSOCIATION.

A. Baudendistel of Kelso was here Wednesday. He has traded his estate property at Kelso for Jules Drury's farm. Mr. Baudendistel is now proceeding to reduce his stock at greatly cut prices before turning the business over to Mr. Drury. Watch the KICKER next week for his announcement.

The artesian well project seems to have joined that "eighteen hundred circulation," and is up in the air. There is nothing doing, and, if reports are correct, there is trouble ahead. The expert driller has abandoned his job, and leaves for the east Saturday.

Adam Burger and Pearl Daugherty of Kelso were here Saturday. They called on the KICKER, and Mr. Burger wanted to know the best way to manage a fence that was out of line. "Vote 'er straight," was the advice given.

There'll be something doing of unusual interest at our store Sept. 18-21. Don't miss the opportunity it presents to you to fix yourself up in a good shape for the Big Fair and for the winter. HINKLE & CARRY.

Wm. Spradlin and Wm. Turnd were here last week. Mr. Spradlin was exhibiting his carpet stretcher, and if you think he is not a up-to-date agent, just get him wot't up.

Vanduser is to have a ball on next Wednesday evening, September 23, Jones' hall. And they understand the "double shuffle" down at Vanduser. You are invited.

All farmers wanting to get some good stock should attend the Oran Fair. There will be some good stock offered during the Fair.

ORAN FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Graves of Fredericktown are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Reeder.

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A DRIVING TOUR.

Is One of the Most Delightful of Summer Recreations.

Of all summer outings that give rest with recreation and freedom from care with constant change of scene, carriage driving is one of the most delightful. Choose you, if choice be granted, a horse who is a fast walker, but who is withal staid and sober, and with dignity above the friskiness kicked out on hill pasture long ago; an honest horse, free from guile, in whom your trust may rest unshaken even by the reins. And choose you a carriage which is large and roomy and comfortable. So are you started for strange adventure. A carriage drive is like unto the tangle of strings at a cobweb party--the beginning you are sure of, but who shall say where it will end? You plan it all beforehand, and in the making of the schedule is great pleasure. But with each day come new perplexities, delightful perplexities, winding, shady, grassy roads; a-bonds of roads with disreputable patches of briars on the one side, and moss-gray moldering old tree trunks on the other wandering apparently without aim into the hills and filling you with an insatiable desire to wander. And there's the most delightful drive in summer and without plan save a general direction, leading to the end of the drive and the dinner of some hotel.

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