

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.
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FOLK NOMINATED.

Cook and Allen in a Tight Place and May Lose.

The big state convention is in session at Jefferson City.
 The convention was called to order Tuesday forenoon. Trainloads of Butler Indians from St. Louis and party rockets from all over the state were present to make a last stand for the flag. Even some of the "honorable" from Scott county are there.
 But the old machine is in a bad way. Their bluff and bluster did not have the desired effect. Congressman Vandiver was chosen temporary chairman.
 The show-down came when an attempt was made to put in a machine. Vandiver was defeated.
 Its weak surrender for Governor.
 The fate of Cook and Allen is not known here. Neither was within fifty of enough pledged votes to nominate him, and it is the general opinion that their defeat is inevitable. They are making a last ditch effort—aided by rooming in every county in the state.
 The St. Louis crowd went to Jefferson City about as well as to withstanding, although they went to the top of Jefferson two years ago. Each of the 111 Harrow delegates 100 bottles of beer was provided.
 But it appears as though will not run this convention.

SIDE LIGHTS.

Observations on Things in General and Particular
 by P. A. HAFNER.
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 F. L. Klostermann, the Cape merchant, was in Benton over Tuesday night on business, and gave us a friendly call.
 Andrew J. Schlem, who has had quite a spell of sickness which barred him from the harvest field, is out again.
 Held timber for sale by D. H. Harper at his place two miles north of Dehlstadt, at \$8 per ton.
 Rev. Dennis and a preacher from Morchouse are conducting a meeting at Cheyenne's chapel.
 Licensed to wed: Andy H. Rannels and May Anna Timmons, Isaiah Ellis and Nan Smith (col.).
 Delicious ice cream, cold drinks and lunches at Henry Magres', Vanduser.
 The Dorcas Society retailed six gallons of ice cream at the courthouse Tuesday evening.
 Miss Friend of Marianna, Ark., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jas. R. Walker.
 Mrs. Wm. Hipp of McMullin has returned from a visit to relatives at Depey Run.
 Deputy Sheriff Wilson and Axel Kjer of Graysboro were here Monday.
 B. F. Earles, the hustling Morley merchant, was here Wednesday.
 Don't miss the Basket Dinner at Cross Plains church Sunday.
 Stock pea seed for sale by W. C. Lambert, Benton depot.
 Will Hunter is "playing devil" in the Record office.
 A few cantaloupes have come in, but they lack flavor.
 Rev. E. E. Burton is again at work in the Record office.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hinkle of Oran, are in Kentucky.
FROM MACEDONIA.
 Miss Della Miller, who has been an invalid for several years, died on the 18th and was buried at the Spradlin cemetery on the 19th. She was 35 years old.
 Will Turner, Mrs. Lawrence Leist and the infants of Mr. Brewer and Will Schatz are on the sick list.
 There is a protracted meeting going on here now.

FROM OAK GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Huey visited Mrs. Hampton, who was very sick, Sunday evening.
 Miss Ellen Michael and Robt. Mullins have gone to Kentucky on a two weeks' visit.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Church, two fine boys, each weighing six pounds.
 Mrs. Martha Wood of Blodgett visited her son, J. R. Wood, this week.
 Blodgett having gone dry, the men sit around on the porch like buzzards.
 Mrs. Huff and daughter visited the Fitts family Sunday.
 Mrs. Michael visited her brother at Dehlstadt Sunday.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nox, Barnes, a fine boy and girl.
 Will Michael went to Charleston on business Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Brogan visited Joe Wase Sunday.
 The city ordinances are ready for the blower.
 Mrs. Wase and her Wase' baby school begins here Monday week.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

This story comes to us from Sikeston. Some time ago James H. Shelby and one Bud Graham of Miner's Switch had a difficulty, in which Bud, being drunk, got the worst of it. Last Saturday Graham went to Sikeston prepared for more trouble and found it. From the door of a saloon Shelby fired at him as he came along in his wagon. He missed. Dropping behind the front of the wagon, Graham fired two shots, both of which took effect in Shelby's second leg, the hip bone of which was very badly shattered. Shelby fired two more shots—one after he was down—but without effect. Graham was arrested, and in making the arrest the marshal's pistol went off, slightly grazing its owner's thigh.

Owing to the editor's absence in St. Louis and the sickness of assistant Hood, the Kicker did not learn of the death of Mrs. E. A. Johnson at Commerce last week until after the paper had gone to press. Death came very suddenly, due to hemorrhage of the lungs, and her relatives and many friends were severely shocked. She was the daughter of D. C. Billings, one of the oldest residents of the city by the river. Mrs. Johnson was 44 years of age, pleasant of disposition and attentive to household duties. She leaves a husband and four children.

For the past two weeks Blodgett has been a dry town. The last session closed up on the 9th. The people down there have decided to get along without a revenue office in their midst and refused to sign petitions. While saloon advocates say it will "kill the town," the opposition say conditions are much improved. The town that insists that the liquor traffic is necessary to keep it alive is in a bad way.

Benton is surrounded by a good farming country, and there is no reason why a good, live business concern that would treat the people fairly should not do a good business. The trouble is that most of the staff consumed in and around Benton is bought in neighboring towns. It now of 254 pounds of sugar alone that was brought into Benton during the present week. There may have been as much more that I did not learn of.

The present crop in charge of the post-office factory seem to understand their business. They have had no mishaps and are down about 100 feet. The contractor, Mr. Wyse of St. Louis, was here over Saturday night. When our authorities get the well and conch house fixed, maybe they will put the roads and bridges in passable condition.

C. E. Noble, contractor, and Geo. Struwe, carpenter, who are erecting a brick mercantile building in Advance, dropped back to Scott county the first of the week. Mrs. Noble is visiting her home folks in Michigan.

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FROM ORAN.

Mrs. Andy Metz, Sr., died Friday evening and was buried in the Catholic cemetery Sunday. She was 70 years old.
 Miss Mamie Wetteroth, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Stehr, will return to St. Louis Thursday.

The Batts, Welle and Bryeans Sunday schools had a splendid lovefeast at the Bryeans schoolhouse Sunday.
 Mrs. Osborne's commodious residence is completed and many more are being planned.
 Meeting in progress at the Baptist church. Already there have been several additions.
 Miss Mabel Matthews of Sikeston visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Bice, several days.

Mrs. Reichert is building a dwelling on the lot she recently bought of Mike Dirmberger.
 World's Fair visitors, coming and going, too numerous for individual mention.
 J. E. Dewhirst from Illinois was the guest of S. H. Dewhirst the past week.

A son of Frank Klippel died Friday and two of his other children are very sick.
 Mrs. Grace Moore of Sikeston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stubblefield.
 Henry Osterloh and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Metz Saturday.
 Mrs. Dan Hart entertained the Oran Aid Society last Friday.

Farmers are bringing in lots of wheat and realizing good prices.
 Marsh Arnold was here Monday, on route to Jefferson City.
 Much sickness on account of heat keeps our doctors busy.
 Miss Annie Balkan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wagner.
 Joe Heisserer threshed 1952 bushels of wheat off 30 acres.
 Henry Kerpeler left Sunday after a two weeks' vacation.
 M. Winey is converting his former store into a dwelling.
 Robt. Ogney is on the sick list.

FROM KELSEO.

TABLE SALE—Tuesday, August 2, 1904. Two mules, a horse, two 2-horse wagons, a buggy, 2 wheat drills, 2 mowers, set plow gears and about 2,000 cotton grain sacks, also 34 king heaters, box stove, cupboard, bedsteads, tables and other household and kitchen furniture, and many other things. Terms—\$5 and under, cash; over \$5, 12-months' credit, purchaser giving 8% secured note.
 A. BAUDENSTEL, Kelseo.

A warm game of ball was played at Ansel Sunday between Kelseo and Bookview. Kelseo scored one while Bookview scored at pleasure. The next time Kelseo plays ball it should be part of the agreement that good shade and a stiff breeze be provided.
 John Willman, assisted by Wm. Unnerstall, is plastering the upstairs of the bank building. Great care is being taken to prevent the soiling of the furniture of Dr. Hutton.

While playing on the street Monday afternoon a little child of Anton Heisserer's was severely bitten by a dog.
 Barney Baudendistel and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudendistel the first of the week.
 Fathers Dagenhart and Schmitt were the guests of Father Klein the first of the week.
 Thos. Williams of the Cape supped with Dr. Hutton and Lee Albert Sunday.
 Mike Walter has just received three carloads of first-class finishing lumber.
 Miss Mary Goshel of Minnesota is here visiting relatives.
 Fred Lauck is now one of the counter jumpers at Drury & Co's.
 The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Schaefer died Friday.
 Miss Giesner of Oran is visiting the family of Joe Welter.

FROM GRAYSBORO.

Postmaster Hillemann has received orders from the Postoffice Department to take invoice of the Kelseo postoffice. This means that the Kelseo postoffice is to be discontinued unless someone bothers up willing to play postmaster at that point.
 Ed Joyce is here working up a membership for the Knights and Ladies of Security, and will organize a lodge Saturday. Cape lodge will install the officers.
 It is believed that the Frisco has bought the Cotton Belt property here. Esomor has it that deeds to lots in the Addition are signed by the Frisco.
 Gray Bros. are enlarging and remodeling their store to meet the increase of trade.
 A laborer at the bridge is reported to have been shot in the stomach Sunday last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Axel Kjer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Schutte at Edna.
 Switch engine 80 came near upsetting Friday, and was off the track two days.
 The new road from the Addition to Axel Kjer's store is now open for travel.
 The Baptist church is nearing completion.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst by death, on June 25, 1904, one of our most esteemed fellow-citizens, Mr. Alonzo Kneezle, a good citizen, a good neighbor, a kind husband and father, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Graysboro and a man who will be greatly missed by the whole community. Be it Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees of the incorporated Village of Graysboro, do most sincerely sympathize with the departed member's wife and children and extend to them our deep condolences in their sad hour of sorrow, and hope that the Holy Spirit may help them to bear their affliction.
 H. C. HERRMAN, Chairman,
 PHILIP PATZ, Clerk,
 SAM CAMPOR, Committee.

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FROM COMMERCE.

A little boy named Leonard Kaffenberger stole a blind man's purse with a check for about \$25 or \$30, but was caught and put in jail.
 Threshing in full swing. The big crop on the islands will reimburse the farmers for their losses last year—and then some.
 Mrs. E. A. Johnson died on Monday the 11th, much regretted by a large circle of friends.
 Misses Ethel and Mary Hurst and Beyrell Garrison left Saturday for Muncie Ind.
 Jas. McPheeters and son, Chester, took the boat for St. Louis Saturday. Will-Nunn of St. Louis was here a few hours Saturday.
 The Misses Wilbourn returned to Cairo Wednesday.
 Buster Slack of Dexter is visiting Ralph Anderson.
 C. I. Anderson is fixing for a hotel for Mrs. Pell.
 A. L. Mills returned from St. Louis Tuesday.
 The river is falling some.

LOOK! A full line of Ladies' Dress Goods August 1st. Call and see them. Men's and Ladies' furnishing goods at great reductions in order to make room for new goods. A fresh line of groceries always on hand at Congleton's.
 Mrs. H. E. Wellman entertained her friends Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. V. Harris in honor of Miss Grace Orrick.
 J. B. Shobe is moving into his new hotel and Mr. Ramsey into the old one this week.
 Mrs. L. Daugherty and children of Morehouse are visiting her parents here.
 Vernon Elmore and Miss Deloma Shobe visited Benton Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wylie of Bleda visited relatives here Sunday.
 Miss Anabel Swain returned from a visit to Sikeston Sunday.
 Miss Grace Orrick of Ironton is visiting Mrs. S. P. Massburg.
 Misses Pearl and Julia Adams of Benton were here Sunday.
 Mrs. B. G. Webb of Oran is visiting Mrs. J. B. Shobe.
 Mrs. Bissel of Benton was here on Monday shopping.

Go to Congleton's for your shoes. A big cut on Ladies' and Children's Slippers. Also cut prices on Men and Boys' Shoes. Call and see them.
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 Mrs. L. P. Woodward is right poorly at this writing.
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Worlds Fair from Morley.

Round trip, good for fifteen days limit, \$5.70. Round trip, good for 60 days limit, \$3.35. Round trip, good for the season, \$7.00. Special coach excursion Monday, July 25. Fare from Morley, round trip, \$9.35; children, \$2.40. Return limit, 7 days from date of sale. Trains leave Morley at 11:30 a.m. Arrive at St. Louis 7:15 p.m. No change. Take the L. M. route—the pioneer road into St. Louis from Southeast Missouri.
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ATTORNEY
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Administrator's Notice.
 NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Lon B. Williams deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the clerk of the Probate Court of Scott county, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 15th day of June, 1904. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and said claims may be exhibited within two years from the date of the publication of this notice if they will be forever barred.
 W. M. FINEBERG, Administrator.

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