

AT CHRISTMASTIDE



THE WINDS OF THE CHRISTMASTIDE
 BLOW FROM THE OLD NEW YEAR
 TO THE WINDS OF REASSURE, JOE,
 LET US LIVE ON WITH A FEAR,
 BRING TO THE WELCOMING HEARTH AGAIN
 THE WINDING ONES THAT RUM,
 LET HEARTS OF WOMEN AND HEARTS OF MEN
 BEAT IN THE LIGHT OF HOME,
 FOR THE MERRIEST BELLS ARE THE OLD SILENT BELLS
 CRACKING THE CHILDREN HOME

**Hello! People of Scott County:
 Santa Claus
 Has Been to Morley!**

And left one of the Finest Lines of Christmas Goods ever displayed in the County, and his Strict Orders were that this elegant line of Holiday goods **MUST** be displayed at

EARLES' STORE

I have done my best to obey his orders and the display is great. I will tell you some of the things he left: First he rolled in two barrels of Regular 10-cent mixed candy saying, "Sell this at 5c per pound so that ALL my children can have candy." And he left lots of things good to eat, and

Toys and Books for All!

A fine line of Queensware Novelties and Silverware, Solid and Plated Gold Rings, Fine Watches, in fact, almost anything in the jewelry line.



Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs and Silk Shawls.

SUITS OF CLOTHES AND OVERCOATS FOR ALL AGES!

Yes, Old Santa came in on the Frisco train and his first stop was at my store, where he left everything that is suitable for presents for all classes. Don't fail to come early. It will be easier to make selections

A Complete Line of Stotts' Rubber Boots and Shoes.

B. F. EARLES, - MORLEY.



GAGS AT A GNAT.
 Milo Gresham, of the Sikeston Democrat, lawyer, politician and hot air railroad promoter, is getting good. He pretends to be shocked, because the Kicker is printing an advertisement for the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., of St. Louis, which advertisement announced to unemployed females that work can be had.

So far as I know the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co. is a legitimate and as respectable a concern as does business in the United States—not excepting the Royal Medicine Co., that advertises "Revivo Restores Vitality" in Gresham's sheet.

The advertisement was sent in by R. M. Heuchan, an employe of the company and a former resident of Commerce. His name is a sufficient guarantee to the Kicker that it is not a "burning bait" as Gresham puts it. And he concludes:

"Now Phil for one time in your life acknowledge you done wrong, take out that ad and do what you can to keep young women and girls from going to St. Louis to work in factories."

No, Phil will not acknowledge that he "done" wrong. The only reason I pay any attention to you is because the advertisement is to run for only four weeks and expires with this issue, and I fear that your egotism might cause you to imagine that it was your effort that brought about its discontinuance.

I agree with the idea of Bro. Gresham that it is an outrage that country girls should be advertised for just the same as you would advertise for horses and mules, but such is the natural result of existing social conditions.

And you won't hear Bro. Gresham finding fault with present conditions. He tries to "jolly" you along and advocate "harmony." He will tell you that everything is all right, and that the fellow who complains is a crank. He is one of these stiff colored gentlemen who will frown at any mention of a "fixed" jury or a subservient judge. You could never convince him that the thousand dollar bills found on the papers at Jefferson City three years ago were obtained dishonestly. Oh, no!

Milo is a lawyer.

BOOZE, WOMAN AND POKER.

A special grand jury sworn in here on Monday at 4:30, returned indictments against Dr. A. S. Harrison and John Sweeney, charging them with making and selling with intent to sell, their victim being Dan Crites, a well known and well-to-do farmer who lives near Malden.

The facts leading up to this state of affairs, are reported to be about this:

Dan Crites came here Thursday night, Nov. 20. He had about \$80 with him, it is said, and paid \$85 taxes. Friday he and John Sweeney

went on the afternoon train to Oak City and drank considerable of intoxicants, and came back here about 7 o'clock and with others were carousing around town.

Sometime after 10 o'clock Dr. Harrison joined the party and also partook of liquor freely, and by midnight was just going and was then taken home by friends.

Nothing definite is known as to what became of Crites or Sweeney.

Saturday morning Crites appeared soon after daylight at the Kennett hotel, and was first seen by S. J. Harris, who was in the office. Crites was cold, wet, bruised about the head and bleeding, was very weak and appeared dazed.

He announced that he had been estranged. Dr. Johnson was first called and was later assisted by Dr. Kelly, of this city, and by J. W. Beall of Malden, and those did all that was possible to make the sufferer comfortable.

Crites at first said that he did not know who assaulted him, nor could he tell where it occurred. Later he said that the last persons he remembered being with were the two accused men.

Soon rumors spread and town talk was that these two men and Albert Baker, a young man who had been with them in the night, were Crites' assailants. Baker was arrested and put in jail before noon, and Dr. Harrison was arrested soon after noon, but released on \$5,000 bond. Sweeney could not be found, but Sunday night surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Brooks at the Shelton & Ward mill, and was taken to jail at Caruthersville by that officer.

The man Albert Baker was released from jail Wednesday afternoon, the grand jury having failed to find a bill against him.

It is rumored that a statement by Crites, the injured man, to the grand jury was the principal evidence that caused the indictment. It is said, however, that other witnesses related circumstantial evidence that may have confirmed the Crites statement.

There is talk in connection with the matter of a poker game, and a crap game and a debauch in which a lewd woman may be implicated.

The crime seems to have been committed on the north porch of a large vacant building known as the old Morris hotel. Saturday morning Crites' watch was found there and on the floor was considerable blood. Some one claims to have seen the dismembered parts of Crites' anatomy on the floor of the porch, but these were not found by the officers. Mr. Crites is at the Kennett hotel and is doing as well as could be expected. His wife came down from their home Saturday afternoon and is constantly with him. They have five children.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Kelso, Missouri, will be held, in their office at said place, on the second Tuesday of January (the 9th), for the purpose of electing five directors, and transacting such other business as may come before said meeting. Polls open from 1 to 3 o'clock p. m.

LEO DOMORIS, Cashier.

THE SOUTHEAST.

Jackson Cashbook: A new town is being founded in Scott county called Chaffee. An association of very wealthy men seem to be back of the enterprise and are booming it.

Strange to say, some newspapers in this section of the State are endeavoring to discredit the enterprise in the minds of the public, just as though the building up of towns and opening up of the country are not what we need in Southeast Missouri.

The Spangh trial for the murder of Sheriff Polk at Ironton last Summer which took place at Centerville, Reynolds county last week resulted in the conviction of Wm. Spangh of murder in the first degree and Mrs. Mary E. Spangh of murder in the second degree. Arthur Spangh's case was continued until the spring term of court.

Missouri Cashbook: The State Auditor puts himself on record as opposed to appropriating to the State University the \$475,198 received from the government and known as the war claim. The Auditor is right. The University already receives about \$450 annually per student, and the war claim would look better added to the \$1.35 that annually goes to the public school pupil out in the state.

Southeast Missourian: Wm. H. Turner and Mr. Murray, deputy surveyor of Scott county, were in the city a few days locating the new addition to the city. There will be about 47 acres of excellent, well located land divided into lots, streets and alleys graded, trees set at once, and grand old walks laid.

W. J. Harris was convicted in the Dunklin county circuit court last week of the crime of rape upon the

person of his 16-year old daughter, and sentenced to a term of twenty years in the penitentiary. His attorney will take the case to the supreme court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Delpha C. Burby, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the clerk of the probate court of Scott county, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1924. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of these letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

J. D. FEAL, Administrator.

3-4c ADAM BURGER.

M. J. DIEBOLD,

The Place to Buy Christmas Jewelry.

I have a fine line of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Now is the time to buy your JEWELRY for the HOLIDAYS. Come now, one and all. All goods guaranteed or money refunded.

With every 10c worth you buy in the Jewelry department a ticket will be given you which entitles you to a CHANCE ON A BEAUTIFUL LIFE-SIZE DOLL. Now on Exhibition in Our Window, and will be Given Away on Christmas Day.

M. J. DIEBOLD,
 KELSO, MO.



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