

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Below are announced candidates subject to the Democratic primary: For Collector—ARTHUR CRISMON. For Recorder—V. L. HARRIS. For Probate Judge—R. A. KINGBERRY. For Sheriff—L. P. GOBER. J. W. FARRIS.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday the county judges met with representatives of Oran and Sikeston to reorganize road districts and G. B. Greer, Chas. McMullin and Chas. Tanner were appointed commissioners for Sikeston and F. S. Bice, C. C. Myers and Clarence Sanders for Oran.

Monday the re-hearing of the season petition of A. L. Daniel, Benton, was taken up and license again refused.

J. H. Held is appointed constable of Richland township.

Eight acres of county farm sold to J. W. Farris for \$600.

Allowances—Benton Record \$36; J. W. Myers, C. E. Myers and W. C. Lambert, \$10 each; J. F. Watkins, \$2.

Because of the failure of Sheriff Watkins to file a sufficient bond the office is declared vacant and the county court will meet to appoint his successor soon.

AROUND BENTON.

Rev. W. H. Evans (Wild Bill) began a revival here Thursday evening of last week and is doing what all other revivalists have failed to do. He is actually penetrating the hearts of some of our old case-hardened sinners, and may yet reach their souls. The church being by far too small the meetings are held in the court house where standing room is at a premium. He will close Sunday night. Many from neighboring towns attend the meetings.

W. R. Murphy left Thursday morning with his son, James, for Springfield, Mo. James will enter the hospital for treatment. He has been quite sick for some time.

The editor who in St. Louis this week, since other newspaper men have no idea of the cost, I may say that a round trip costs \$4.50.

Theo. Eversoll, the miller, left for his home in St. Louis county Monday. He may return when new wheat comes in.

When Attorney-General Hadley gets through with the Oil trusts, he might come down and examine our oil trust.

Uncle Charles Chaney, of Vanduser, was here Thursday. Also Jesse Hipes and M. B. Drury of Kelso.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING.

There will be a Republican mass convention held at Benton Tuesday, April 10, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional conventions. Also to re-organize the County Central Committee. All Republicans should attend. R. A. SPARKS, Chairman. H. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

The doctor and lawyer were in the room and the man was told he must die. The doctor had attended him a few days and the lawyer had written his last will.

"What do I owe you, doctor?" "Only \$100."

"And you, Mr. Lawyer?" "I will be as lenient as the doctor, only \$100."

The dying man paid the bills uncomplainingly and then asked that they be placed on either side of him—one to the right and the other to the left.

"What for?" asked the surprised lawyer and doctor.

"Closing his eyes as if for the last time the sufferer answered, 'It would be such a comfort to die as Christ died.'"

A member of the Secret Order of Redbones, of Benton, was here the other day, tanked up freely, said he had money and wanted to bet on the election. He succeeded in making quite a monkey of himself.

The Schererville school has an enrollment of only sixteen. Evidently some people have not heard of the compulsory school law.

Alex Dumbur is building a new cage. Wonder if he expects to catch a "bird" this spring?

Some of the farmers think that this cold spell killed out the young clover seed last month.

St. Joseph's day was appropriately celebrated Monday.

FROM KELSO.

Joseph Welter is reported to have cut himself badly but don't know how. And also Louis Heiserer, son of Christ Heiserer who cut his foot with a scraper is getting better.

Mrs. C. D. Messner sold her household and kitchen furniture at public auction Thursday, and Saturday she and her family boarded a boat for East St. Louis.

Chas. Heiserer and Louis Burger returned from St. Louis each bringing a span of fine black mules they had purchased while there.

Dr. Rohlmayer went to the Cape Sunday and returned with his wife Monday who had been there several weeks on a visit.

M. B. Drury, traveling agent for the Advance Thresher Co., returned home Sunday after a month's travel in Illinois.

Dohogne & Feldon's new Peerless separator arrived at the depot Saturday and was unloaded Tuesday.

An infant child of Wm. Durny was buried here Wednesday.

J. F. Diebold has just received a car load of prairie hay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hy Petz, jr., a girl Wednesday.

Ignatz Burger's wife is reported dangerously ill.

The little child of Joe Compa is sick.

Mrs. Frank Seyer has erysipelas.

FROM ORAN.

County school supervision has been twice tried in this county and in both instances proved an utter failure. The last time, my old friend Smith O. Schofield had charge of the office. I can truthfully say that I do not believe that there is in Scott county today a man whose educational advantages were better or a more zealous worker than Smith O. Schofield, and yet at the close of his official term, the voters, by an overwhelming majority decided against it. Then why repeat it? Why pay out in the way of salary and office fixtures from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year when nobody is to be benefited by it, and when it can be avoided?

The most zealous advocates of the law will admit that where schools are properly organized, where competent school directors are in charge and do their duty—employ the best qualified and experienced teachers—no benefits could be derived from the law. The district schools are what the people make them. With the people rests the responsibility. I am in favor of grading up the schools. Have the board of examiners before granting a certificate see that the applicant is qualified. Give more heed to the selecting of school directors and employ none but the best qualified teachers and see that they do their duty. Some school districts have adopted a rule of employing only those who hold first grade certificates.

Died at Wyandotte, I. T. March 13, 1906 J. Bruce Mabrey aged 82 years. Deceased came to Scott county in 1864. Taught school at Benton and Pleasant Hill and was married about 1868 to Miss Jennie Fowler, who at the time of the marriage was making her home with her cousin, Mrs. B. F. Allen. After the marriage they removed to Wyandotte, I. T.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris who have been spending the winter in Florida. The Dr. speaks highly of the southern country. He says they are growing corn there now. He will have some advantage of us as he will get to see two spring seasons in one year.

Reece Allen received a telephone message Sunday morning that his brother, Dr. Leslie Allen, of Searcy, Ark., was dangerously sick. Reece left on the next train for that place.

Died Tuesday, March 13, Mrs. Amelia Hager, wife of Joe Hager, aged 73 years and 13 months. They moved to Oran 10 years ago.

E. E. Finley of the saw mill arm of Adams & Finley, will leave in a short time for Frisket, Ark., to take charge of a mill at that place.

George H. Finley has purchased the B. F. Finley farm east of town and will take possession this spring.

Mrs. Anna Lucas has purchased a lot in the Matthews addition and will build a residence thereon.

M. G. Greenham of Sikeston, was in town Thursday taking up county school supervision.

Editor Williams of the Record and W. A. Miller, of Benton, were in town Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Lambert, of Benton, was in town shopping Saturday.

Rev. Helmhaecher spent several days the past week in St. Louis.

Funds are being raised to paint the inside of the Methodist church.

FROM CHAFFEE.

James Blocker and Claude Wylie took dinner with Thos. Belk Monday. They being the commissioners for road district No. 3 plans for working and several new ideas were suggested and discussed. The contracts for working the road this year will be let to the lowest bidder.

Judge Parker, president of the Chaffee bank was here Monday in his private car. In a few more weeks the bank building will be completed and ready for business.

Rev. Wm. Orlan, of near Bloomfield, preached his three fine sermons while visiting here last week. He lived in this neighborhood several years ago.

Mrs. Claude Wylie visited home folks at Morley Sunday and brought Poe Dyer home with her. Poe will take farm training this season.

Grandma Heeb returned Saturday from a few weeks visit to Mrs. Chas. Harrison at Sikeston.

Mrs. Jane Wylie was sick last week with a severe cold, but is improving.

Wm. Evans went to Morley Sunday.

FROM ROCKVIEW.

We would be pleased to have any member or all of the county court to reply in next week's Kicker to the following: We have some places along the bluff road that are practically impassable and by graveling or ballasting with crushed rock, which is abundant here, the road can easily be made permanently good. The people are willing to donate if the court will do likewise and fix up our northern roads. Let us hear from you.

The Frisco R. R. officials paid Chaffee a visit Monday and were delighted to see the vast improvement Chaffee has made in the past few months. They will move their office there the 15th of next month.

Last Friday our constable had a call to capture a Greek who had crushed the skull of another Greek. The injured man is not yet dead.

Owing to the bad weather both quarries have been shut down for the past few days which made business considerably duller.

B. C. Cook and Len Cowger came up from Oran Monday and took one of our ladies back to Oran with them.

L. L. Green returned from St. Louis Friday. He says it's cold up there. The McLean & Jones saw mill force were out ballasting roads this week.

Joe Collier, of Edna, passed through here Tuesday enroute to Chaffee.

G. A. Belmont and T. A. Essner went to St. Louis Tuesday.

George Leubbers is here on a visit to friends and relatives.

John Halter, of Benton, was here Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Essner is visiting at Kelso.

Mrs. Scott Hancock is on the sick list.

FROM MORLEY.

Rev. Leslie Sanders stopped over while on his way to Charleston and preached two sermons at the Baptist church. He went to Charleston Sunday evening, where he will hold a two or three weeks meeting. This is remarkable, as they just had a fine meeting with Dr. Hunt, a noted State Evangelist. The secret of the whole thing is that this "boy" is a natural-born preacher. After the meeting at Charleston he will come back to Morley and finish the meeting here.

P. H. Boyce has made some important changes in his store. The office and cashier's stand are placed near the center of the building—this is to keep the clerks from running themselves to death carrying the cash up. The grocery and hardware departments are in the old drug store, and the display of furniture is where the grocery department used to be.

Our school closed Friday and Prof. Childwell will move back to Lutesville Saturday. Four teachers will be employed here next year as our school was crowded this year.

Dora Huffstater got his face too close to the tea-kettle and got a severe burn. He must have been peeping into the oven to see if the pies were done.

Mrs. C. P. M. Gupton has taken off the first hatch with her incubator, and was well pleased with her success—having hatched a good percent of the eggs.

Mrs. Oscar Rush died last Sunday night of consumption. She had been sick for a long time. The body was taken to Diehlstadt and buried Monday.

Rev. Harvey Atherton preached a good sermon at the Baptist church Friday night. He contemplates attending school at Marble Hill next fall.

Walt Brown is able to be up and about, but says his bruises, breaks and fractures are giving him great pain.

James Swain moved to the country this week and Mr. Benoit moved to the place vacated by Mr. Swain.

Mr. Jones living near the big barn and Barney Corner of near Commerce, each buried a child here last week.

S. S. Grant is in St. Louis this week attending sessions of the grand lodge of A. O. U. W.

L. P. Woodward and two sons, of Vanduser, were up Sunday and attended church.

Mrs. Ada Wylie visited her mother Saturday and Sunday, and attended church.

Wm. Bray and Lee Earles are re-joining over the arrival of bran new boys.

Mrs. Robinson, the blind woman, died Thursday and was buried Friday.

FROM VANDUSER.

A box supper was given by the young ladies of the Baptist church Saturday night. The most exciting feature was a voting contest on a cake for the most popular lady present. Miss Ada Tindall won the cake. Proceeds of supper \$5.75, of voting contest \$32.24.

Misses Opal Johnson and Mary Dabbs, of Morley, visited friends and relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Mr. Bethel, of Crowder, has bought the Armstrong livery stable and moved here the first of the week.

Miss Josie Evans, who has been clerking for W. W. Walters, returned to her home at Morley Wednesday.

Wm. Paul, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to his home at Doniphan Monday.

Miss Bertha Evans visited relatives here the first of the week.

J. A. Armstrong was in St. Louis the first of the week.

Ben Lett and wife, of Oran, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Dabbs is visiting her parents at Parma.

Ammon Batts was at Oran Sunday and Monday.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Since the cold weather farmers have quit farming and gone to chopping wood.

Chas. Steers, of Morehouse, is running logs down the river again.

The Wilson bridge across Little River is in a bad condition.

Burnet Smith and Graves Wilson went to Oran Friday.

W. D. Vaughn had business at Sikeston Saturday.

Geo. Layton and family visited at this place Sunday.

Jim Rhoads was here visiting friends Tuesday.

Joe Utage was at Morley Monday.

FROM GREENBRIER.

James Bedenbaugh while hunting about three weeks ago was struck in the eye by a limb, from the effects of which he has lost the sight of the injured eye.

Mrs. J. H. Marshall, of Crowder, is visiting her niece at Memphis, Tenn.

Don Trece and wife, of Sikeston, visited at J. H. Benton's Sunday.

The 6-month-old baby girl of Warren Hency died Friday night.

Several cases of mumps are reported in this vicinity.

The Socialists organized at Crowder Saturday.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Last week was moving week here. W. A. Miller moved to Benton and Aunt Sophia Hodgkiss moved into the house vacated by him, and Mr. Swain, of Morley, moved into the Hodgkiss house, and Lee Morrow moved into the C. A. Leedy farm.

John Dickerson and wife are the proud parents of a new boy who put in his appearance Sunday.

Harvey Hopper and family, of Little River, are visiting in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morrow have gone to house keeping here.

Born to R. H. McCormick and wife on the 15th a girl.

Little Glenn Taylor is sick.

FROM DIEHLSTDT.

Kill Dew, Frank Miller, Clarence Williams, Louis and Lynn Cox attended the box supper at Henry Hamptons, near Blodgett, Saturday night.

Mrs. Kate Welch, of Charleston, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ostner, at this place Wednesday.

Mrs. Della Rush died at her home in Morley Sunday and was brought here for burial Monday.

Dr. Preenell has had splendid success treating the many cases of pneumonia in this vicinity.

Mrs. Hindman and little daughters, Eunice and Mrie, spent a few days at Morley last week.

Mrs. Dell Sweeney, of Blodgett, is visiting Mrs. Wash Williams this week.

Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Ashline.

M. L. Ostner and family spent Sunday with the family of N. B. Cavanaugh.

Miss Myrtle Maynard, of Charleston, was here Monday.

Miss Junita Rexer has been quite ill, but is improving.

Clarence Warren made a trip to Benton Sunday.

Miss Addie Abshire was sick a few days last week.

Mrs. C. P. M. Gupton are reported some better.

Miss Clara Berns was at Charleston Saturday.

Miss Maude Martindale visited here Monday.

Misses Minnie and Ada Cooper were here Friday.

Miss Pearl Simons visited here last week.

Carl Sharp was at Charleston Saturday.

Mrs. B. Owens is reported some better.

FROM PRICE'S LANDING.

Mrs. Nettie Harness was called to Jonesboro, Ill., Wednesday to be at the bedside of her sister who is sick.

Wm. Hanks and wife and Haston Downing and sister spent Sunday at E. E. Brown's.

Quite a number of our people attended services at the colored church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Rouse, of Charleston, visited Mrs. Nettie Harness Sunday.

Geo. Jones and wife visited the latter's parents at Texas Bend Sunday.

The dance at Tom Scott's Friday night was well attended.

A. S. Brown was in Illinois Sunday.

FROM BLODGETT.

It seems rather queer that any one would solicit an order for coffin and burial robes; yet one of our firms did this last week, their representative calling while the corpse was yet warm. This method did not seem to meet with the approval of those interested, for the articles were bought at another place.

Ina the 14 year old daughter of Mrs. Francis B. Evans, died Friday night of pneumonia. She was buried Sunday.

Evangelist Swope, of Charleston, spent Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Eskridge, who is sick.

J. P. Kesling visited in Charleston and Morehouse the last of the week.

Miss Miller, of St. Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Prensell.

Mrs. Hersinger and children are visiting relatives at Jackson.

Miss Emma V. Haw visited her sister at Oran Saturday.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

The box supper at Henry Hamptons Saturday night was well attended. All present report a pleasant time.

Wm. Pike, of Samos, visited the family of Jno. Schneider Saturday and Sunday.

Milton Stanley, of Cairo, Ill., visited at home Saturday and Sunday.

Omer Felty, of Uniontown, Ky., is a visitor in the country this week.

Dutch Stanley is very sick and is not expected to recover.

Edna Schneider, who has been very ill, is reported better.

Martin Drury is very ill and is not expected to recover.

FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.

Rosie E. Wife of Ed. E. O'Daniel, died of pneumonia on March 15 at 1:40 o'clock. Funeral services were held from the family residence March 16 at 1:40 p. m. by Rev. Lofton. She leaves a husband and four small children to mourn the loss of a true and loving wife and a kind and faithful mother; also three brothers and a father and a host of friends who have sympathy for the four little orphans that are left behind. She lived a true Christian life. Her remains were interred in the Ballentine cemetery.

Several visitors were present at the close of our school to hear the speeches of the children.

Prayer meeting at Unity every Sunday night. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Snowden is much improved and will be home in a few days.

The Aid society meets at Owensby school house next Thursday.

Mrs. Owens is up again after a few days tussle with pneumonia.

Mrs. Bud Pate has a full grown case of mumps.

Mrs. Mary Cheewing is on the sick list.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Mr. Herzog and son, Frank, of near Price's Landing, were the guests of Mrs. Talty Friday night.

Charley Smith, of Illinois, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Malugen.

Mrs. Talty returned from a visit to Rockview.

Little tinus Mizell, who has been sick, is improving.

Dr. Hax, of Benton, has made several trips to see Mr. Lipp's daughter, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Arthur Glyner, who has been sick, is able to be out again.

FROM COMMERCE.

Died at his home in Commerce March 15, William G. Hunter, aged 63. Funeral services were conducted from the family home by Rev. J. O. Coppage Friday evening. Mr. Hunter was born at Franklin, New Jersey in 1844. When 6 years of age he moved with his parents to Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa. In 1868 he was employed in the United States custom house in Chicago. Mr. Hunter came to Missouri about 35 years ago, and of good moral character, sober and industrious and was elected a justice of the peace at Commerce in 1892 and served two terms, and was commissioned a notary public in 1898. He united with the M. E. church in 1885 and two years later was ordained minister of the same church. His remains were laid to rest in the Oakdale cemetery.

Owing to the cold snap the regular packets from St. Louis did not arrive this week.

Rev. Coppage spent Tuesday night in Benton.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Richman Sanders and Miss Alice Lofton were quietly married on Wednesday of last week at 3:30 p. m., at the home of the bride. After a bountiful wedding supper they returned to the home of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buck visited their father and mother Sunday. Miss Grace Spradlin returned home with them to spend the week. Miss Grace entertained a number of friends Sunday.

Misses Addie and Mary Sanders entertained a number of friends Saturday night.

Misses Hattie and Jessie Ellis were the guests of Miss Mabel Palmer Sunday.

Wash Davenport, of Blodgett, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Annetta Imbers, who has been quite sick, is improving.

A number of relatives took dinner with Joe Sanders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith spent Sunday at Edna.

FROM DISTRICT NO. 6.

Mrs. Henry Brooks returned home Sunday after a week's visit to Prices Landing friends.

Mr. Canham and son have returned from a few days visit to St. Louis.

Miss Alma Clymer visited her grandmother Sunday.

Our school opened up Monday with Miss Wylie as teacher.

Dr. Roy Frazier was at W. Y. Prince's Monday.

Mrs. W. Y. Prince is on the sick list.

Business Locals.

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also improved and unimproved lands in the state of Arkansas. If you want to sell, list your farm or property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to your one. If you want to buy, see 10 D. H. HARPER, Benton, Mo.

FOR RENT—I have a building in Vanduser one hundred feet from depot with restaurant and ware room in front and six rooms for family use in the rear, and out buildings. I will sell the stock and rent buildings.

Charles Chaney, Vanduser, Mo. \$50 REWARD.—We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

Stockmen's Union, Vanduser, Mo. STALLION FOR SALE.—I have a fine stallion that I will sell cheap. My reason for selling is that I am getting too