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REPUBLICAN TICKET. For State Superintendent of Public Schools JAMES V. WHITE. For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner EDWARD W. FLENTZ. For Supreme Judge—Long Term JOHN KENNETH. For Supreme Judge—Short Term JAMES T. NEVILLE. For Congress—13th Congressional District WM. T. FYNDALE. For Representative GUYEN E. GIBBER. For President Judge County Court WILLIAM H. TANNER. For Judge County Court—1st District N. E. CAVANAH. For Judge County Court—2d District MATT THOMAS. For Judge of Probate S. R. BOWEN. For Clerk of Circuit Court H. R. WILLIAMS. For Recorder of Deeds H. WHIT DODGE. For Clerk County Court FRANK C. MILLER. For Prosecuting Attorney JAMES A. FINCH. For Sheriff LEO HEIBERER. For Collector of Taxes CHARLES HEDGECOCK. For County Treasurer H. W. WHITNELL. For Coroner GEORGE E. JACOBS. Published by order of special committee, W. H. TANNER, Chairman.

AROUND BENTON. The damage to the pea crop by recent rains is estimated at between \$150,000 to \$200,000 in the county. Corn was also considerably damaged—much of it being down and is sprouting. When attending court next week, be sure to call at the Kicker office and make yourself at home. Come in and run the thing while in town. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Stone left for Louisiana Wednesday to visit her sons—Walter and Claude. Metrokin—and will be gone a month. Mrs. Josh French, of Sandywoods was here Saturday and brought the head, neck and wing of a water turkey killed by Geo. W. Venable. Mrs. J. R. Schultz, of Edna, and Mrs. W. D. Cleek, of Illinois, came down Friday to spend a few days with relatives. When asked why no Democratic club was organized here local statesman replied, "Aint got no saloon."

FROM NEW HAMBURG. The Benton patriots came out Saturday to put in the harness for the November election. Although it had been extensively advertised that Messrs. Arnold and DeReign would speak only about the usual Saturday crowd was on hand. A small crowd went to the school house to hear the speakers, and about a dozen were organized into a Democratic club, with Nick Daunenmueller as president and Vincent Heisserer as secretary. It is safe to predict, however, that neither the president nor the secretary will vote straight. We've got the "scratches" out here, and it is not likely that we'll get cured before the election. Hence a flood of scratched ballots may be expected from this precinct. Willie, son of Andrew Kluge, fell over a log Saturday and broke his arm. The society of Christian Mothers had their annual celebration Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. August Dobogone, of Oran, were here Sunday. Mrs. Phillip Weirich returned from the hospital last week. A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Essner Sunday. Miss Rosa Schott, of Chaffee, was here Sunday.

FROM CROSS PLAINS. Wm. Harrison's new house and barn will soon be completed, and Fritz Miller is building an addition to his house. M. Arnold, A. DeReign and R. A. Kingsbury delivered able speeches at the school-house Monday night. Wm. Harrison was elected chairman, and Thos. Snowden, clerk of the Democratic Club. Dr. S. J. Wade and A. Fortes attended the Democratic meeting Monday night. The ladies will give a box supper Oct. 20th, if they can get the school-house. Miss Emma Hahn visited Miss May Hinkle Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Spradlin visited our school Friday. Arthur Murchison was in our vicinity Sunday. Mrs. S. Rapp is very sick.

FROM LITTLE RIVER. W. A. Hamilton came over on the river last week and made several gallons of cider. He said he was going to save it until Christmas when he would proceed to celebrate. Joe Utage was at Oran last week and brought back a heating stove which feels mighty comfortable these cool mornings. Houston Phillips and wife spent Sunday with the family of John Gibbs. J. F. Grant and family visited at the home of W. R. Batts Sunday. Charley Vaughn, who has been very sick, is much improved. Sol Alexander, of Morehouse was here last week to scale logs. James Forester, of Hickory Grove, was here Sunday. The Misses Smith spent Sunday with Edna Batts. Little River is a big river now.

Happenings in and Around Oran.

After the announcement was made that Rev. S. R. Bowman would lecture to the pupils of the public school on the 12th the further announcement was made through the press that Gov. Folk would speak at Benton and W. J. Bryan at Sikeston and Cape Girardeau on the same day. As the dates would conflict and some would want to hear Bryan, and others Folk, it was thought best to have Rev. Bowman deliver his address to the school on the 5th. At the appointed time the speaker, about 250 pupils and a few patrons of the school were on hand. The text for his remarks was from the sentence, "Come and See." Speaking from his observations and experience as a teacher, he felt satisfied that much of the trouble arising in school could be avoided if the patrons before making complaint would come and see. Before giving credence to every idle report should come and see. Patrons would be much more capable of judging the school work if they would only come and see. He spoke of the evolution of the English alphabet from the ancient semite code—illustrated by drawings on the blackboard the original formation of the letters of the alphabet and the changes that had been made at various periods down to the present time when they are now as near perfect as they can be made. In his closing remarks he made an able and eloquent appeal to the pupils to strive to improve the grand opportunities afforded them. The time had come when a higher education was demanded. In every vocation of life the demand is for better educated men and women. Rev. H. W. Whitnell will lecture at the school on Friday the 19th at 2:30 p. m. Come out and hear this distinguished speaker.

Rev. Henry W. Whitnell, who succeeds Rev. J. M. King as pastor of the M. E. church, was born in Calloway county, Ky., educated at Wingo college and Huntington University, Tenn., graduating from the latter institution in 1897 with the degree of L. L. B. Was a professional shorthand reporter for several years. Practiced law at Paducah, Ky., for some time and entered the ministry in Mississippi six years ago and was transferred to the St. Louis conference. He preached his inaugural sermon Sunday, September 30, from the text found in Psalms: "The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree." He handled his subject in a masterly way showing preparation and careful thought. His illustrations were apt and to the point. If we are not badly mistaken Oran has three of the best ministers for a town of its size in Southeast Missouri. Take Whitnell, pastor of the M. E. church, Bowman of the Baptist church and Rev. Heimbacher of the Guardian Angel church, each in their chosen vocation. May the work of these men redound to much and lasting good.

Rev. Father Heimbacher says that as soon as he can spare the time he will take the census of all living in the parish under his jurisdiction. He wants to know exactly how many constitute the congregation and how many of the children are availing themselves of the privileges of the school. If there be any not attending why not? He is anxious that all the children in the parish attend school. The compulsory school law provides that all children between certain ages must attend some school—which one is left optional. The school board is in favor of enforcing the law and we assure Rev. Heimbacher that we will gladly aid him in the grand work he has undertaken. George Metz says that in making improvements one thing generally calls for another. He has about completed the erection of the finest residence in this locality. The next in order is to build a fence in front of this residence. He will make a rock wall about two feet in height and on this build a neat and substantial iron fence. Buildings of this character add much to the appearance of a locality. Ed. Miller, T. A. Cooksey and Andrew Metz have returned from their trip to Live Oak county, Texas. Ed. thinks they have struck a bonanza—the grandest and best country in the world—where oranges, bananas and cotton grow promiscuously and can be had for the picking, where negroes and Mexicans cultivate what little land it is necessary to cultivate as a matter of pastime. Simon Reiminger, of near New Hamburg, has exchanged his farm for the Milt Dyer farm west of Oran. Reiminger to retain possession of his home farm until the wheat crop of 1907 is harvested. Dr. W. H. Wessott is sick with typhoid fever and Dr. U. P. Haw, of Benton, is the attending physician. B. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, and M. L. Oster, of Diehlstadt, were in town Monday. Mrs. William Hunter, of Benton, was shopping here Saturday.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT. Carolina and Nora Schiwitz, Addie and Mary Sanders, Henry Miller and Will Berk were guests of B. L. and Fannie Miller Sunday. A. C. Miller and wife spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. David Spradlin. Of course we were rained out for two weeks but will endeavor to make up for lost time. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartzog were in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday. County Superintendent Smith visited our school Monday. Mrs. Emma Wilkinson spent Monday with home folks. Irtie Hawkins spent Sunday with Mary Sanders. Frank Arnold, jr., was at Mucedonia Sunday. Jake Wilkinson visited Bud Boggs Sunday. Lee Brocheal was in this vicinity Sunday. A. A. Smith was in this district Friday. Wooo! Stir up the fire.

FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT. Mrs. Jane Maxwell, of Edna, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edna Pate this week. Mrs. Worrell spent Sunday with Mrs. Denton, of near Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Madden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hand. John Reese and wife spent Sunday at the home of Newt Anderson. Miss Mabel Worrell took dinner with Miss Annie Pate Sunday. Mrs. Newt Anderson took dinner with Mrs. Holloway Sunday. Mrs. Will Utage visited Robert Finley and wife Sunday. All the sick folks of this community are slowly recovering. Mrs. Will Hand's sister from Arkansas is visiting here. Miss Bertie Anderson will go to Graysboro next week. Strayed—Since last spring, a large white and black spotted cow, marked with swallow fork in each ear and dehorned. Reward. J. R. Reynolds, Benton, Mo., Rd. 2t.

FROM DIEHLSTADT. Miss Annie Johnson visited relatives at Cairo, Ill., a few days last week. X. B. Cavanaugh and daughter, Miss Dora, were at Blodgett Saturday. Mesdames Jno. English and Irene Busby spent Friday at Blodgett. Mrs. Emma Hindman spent Sunday and Monday at Morehouse. Mr. Ralph Hurchison of Charleston, was here Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Suter of Blodgett, visited here Sunday. Mrs. M. L. Oster visited relatives at Blodgett Monday. Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitaker visited relatives here Sunday. Miss Addie Bryeans visited Mrs. Fred Miller Monday. Miss Julia Holmes visited friends here Tuesday. Fred Miller went to Charleston Monday. FROM SAND SWITCH. Miss Bertha Doyle, who has been visiting Miss Grace Hampton, returned home Sunday. P. H. Whit and wife and Brooks Braher and wife visited at W. D. Hampton's Sunday. George and Dan Howe and Clyde Pace spent Sunday with Albert Fitts. Miss Fannie Fitts entertained a number of friends Sunday. Ben Howes and Family visited at Mr. Pitt's Sunday. Willie Stagner visited Jack Atkins Sunday. Soup, Beef, Pork, Fish, Chicken, Salads and Pies of all kinds at Ristig's during circuit court.

FROM BLODGETT. L. Powell and daughter, Miss Mary, of Hickman, Ky., arrived here Monday. Mr. Powell returned Tuesday afternoon, but Miss Mary will clerk in the store of Stubbs Marshall Mer. Co. John Suter and wife and little daughter spent Sunday in Diehlstadt. While there John made arrangements to move up here as soon as Mrs. Suter moves to Oran, which we understand will be immediately. Mesdames Wright and Sanders went to Charleston Friday to attend the W. C. T. U. state convention at that place. They were the Blodgett delegates. Mrs. Joe Myers, of Sikeston, was in town Sunday, and the Judge was here Tuesday talking insurance to our people. Percy Keeling left on the early train Sunday for Mill Springs, returning Monday. A girl at the other end. J. E. Morris and children, Louise and Charley, and Mildred Halbeck, went to Cairo Friday, returning Monday. The boys and young men enjoyed themselves Thursday night by chartering Mr. and Mrs. Eaton. Mesdames Sanders and Hay and Miss Cassie Gage are taking in the Cape centennial this week. John Cavanaugh has resigned as mayor of our town and Charley Berry has been appointed. Mrs. Alex Hopper returned to the Cape Friday after visiting Mrs. H. Humphrey a few days. We are informed that the mansions of this place have lodged nearly organized. Mrs. Mary Griffin, of Morehouse, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude B. Hay. Scott Eckridge left Sunday for Marble Hill where he will attend school. Collector Chrimson had business with our tax payers Friday and Saturday. Miss Audrey Moxley visited home folks at East Prairie last week. Miss Bertha Shell spent Sunday with home folks at Charleston. Mrs. English and sister, Miss Elkins, visited here Saturday. A. W. Wright and C. L. Stubbs was in St. Louis this week. Dr. Pressnell was at Charleston Saturday night. Mrs. Jane Peal visited at Morley Saturday. Harden Wood was at Charleston Friday. Charley Berry went to Cairo Tuesday.

FROM COMMERCER. Mrs. George Shero and son, Carter, who have been visiting home folks, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. DeWint, left for St. Louis Saturday. Miss Grace DeWint accompanied them. Mrs. Noma Perline and daughter who have been visiting here left Saturday for Edna to visit her father, C. E. Anderson, returning here Monday. A canning mill belonging to the Miami Produce Co., just across the river from this place, blew up demolishing the mill and killing Fred Miller. Wade Anderson and wife and C. I. Anderson came home Saturday from the Springfield, Ill., fair. Miss Lura Dally returned home Friday from a week's visit to her sister at Jackson. Prof. E. N. Ellis left Friday for his home in Arkansas to bring his family here. Dr. Hutton, wife and baby, of Edna, spent a few days here this week. James Ranney, of Denver, Colo., spent a few hours in town this week. Steve Griggs and brother, of Morley, were here Saturday. Chas. Merritt, of Morley, was here Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Albert DeReign, of Benton, was here Saturday. Chas. Mason and son, of Blodgett, was here Saturday. Chas. Williams' little boy broke his arm Monday. Ralph Hughes, of Morley, is visiting relatives here. B. W. McCallis came down from St. Louis Saturday. C. F. DeWint went to the Cape Saturday. Ed. Hutson went to Memphis Friday. Wm. Rains was at Benton Saturday.

FROM MACEDONIA. A number of friends gathered at the home of Fill Sanders Sunday evening those present were, John Sanders and wife, Sidney Rochell and wife, Ed Garvey and wife, Rose, Belle, Grace, Linnie and Lillie Garvey, Ertie and Tom Hawkins, Jack and George Miller, Sam Spradlin, Otto Schwits and Luther Hughes, they were entertained with music. Miss Addie Sanders who has been visiting at Marion, Ill., the past three weeks returned home Thursday of last week and reported a good time and says she is going back. We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. P. Ranney will spend the winter at Denver. Mr. Ranney will return in a few weeks. The Sandy Prairie School began Monday under the management of Wm. Mitchell, who taught there last term. Miss Florence Cooksey, teacher of the Marshall school, was the guest of Miss Annie Carroll Sunday. Frank and Will Carroll shipped a carload of cattle and hogs to St. Louis Monday. Mrs. Chas. Moore, of Vanduser, attended church and visited relatives here Sunday. The damage done to peas by the continued rains was very heavy in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Miller, of Benton visited Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Sunday. Frank Finley, of Oran, visited his sister here Thursday.

FROM CROOKED CREEK. Phil. Gibbs and wife, of Fayette, Ill., and Arthur Penn and wife, of Commerce, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. M. J. Penn, who is very sick. Will Jones, of Commerce, passed through here Sunday enroute to Macedonia to visit a very dear friend. Mrs. John Burger returned to her home at the Cape and was accompanied by Mrs. John Clymer. Mrs. George Buck spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Renfro Clymer. Charley Reynolds, of Big Island, was on Crooked Creek Sunday. Mrs. C. Rochell visited relatives at Birds Point this week. Mrs. M. J. Penn is very sick with stomach trouble. Mrs. Canada Clymer moved to Edna. Ristig will be pleased to have all his old friends and customers stop with him during circuit court.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MISSOURI. FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and Concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to Section 12, article 6 of the constitution of the State of Missouri, relating to the limit of indebtedness in counties and other municipal corporations. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1906, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Missouri for adoption or rejection the following constitutional amendment, to-wit: That section 12, article 6 of the constitution of the State of Missouri be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word "shall" and before the word "and" in the thirteenth line of said section 12, the following words: "or for the grading, constructing, paving, or maintaining of paved, gravelled, macadamized or rock roads and necessary bridges and culverts therein; and provided further that any county, township, school district or other political corporation, in exercising its powers, shall incur any indebtedness exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, as ascertained by the assessment next before the last assessment for state and county purposes, provided that the amount of such indebtedness: Provided, that with such amount any county may be allowed to become indebted for the purpose of the erection of a court house or jail, or for the grading, constructing, paving, or maintaining of paved, gravelled, macadamized or rock roads and necessary bridges and culverts therein; 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