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AROUND BENTON.

Vincent and Thomas Duceall returned Monday from Perryville where they were called by telegram to be present at the funeral of their only sister, Mrs. Josephine Jarvaux, who died of pneumonia. They did not get the message in time Friday to catch a Frisco train to the Cape and were obliged to go to the Cape on horse back to take a train from that point to Perryville. Their nephew, Jesse Jarvaux, was stricken with heart failure at the funeral and is not expected to recover.

For the first time in months the Kicker visited Oran Tuesday to see how that town was getting along after running on one leg. The Metz saloon closed Friday at midnight and it is confidently predicted that the other saloon will close in February. It is also reported that an anti-saloon sentiment is developing in Kelso township. The man who would have predicted such conditions twelve months ago would have been regarded as dangerous to be at large.

J. C. Moize, of near Edna, was in Benton Tuesday. Mr. Metz conducts a small store there and has been the victim of three burglaries within the past six weeks. On the nights of October 25 and 26 last week was entered and goods amounting to about \$75 was taken. On November 21 the place was again entered and relieved of about \$20 worth. This ought to satisfy Mr. Metz of the blessings that progress and the higher civilization brings.

W. B. Gries and family, of Sylvania township, passed through Benton Saturday evening to visit the family of Josh Hutton, in Sandywoods. Mrs. Gries lives on the Alva Hayden place, west of Oran, and says she leaves every day and let the water all over the country. On the Dr. Harter place water reached the roof of the building occupied by J. W. Huff and family, and Mr. Huff and his neighbors have been suffering.

Sikeston Enterprise. The cash register which was stolen from the Thompson butcher shop a week ago was found the other day out in the woods. Baker's what he had in mind. The thief or thieves only secured \$1.00 for their prize. The register was not locked but this they did not know, as they need not have taken the register away. They had priced the marble top to get the change, and that was not found.

Robert G. Stone and family, of Canada, will spend the winter at Commerce. About two years ago Mr. Stone left Commerce to try his luck in the North-west territory. He bought some swamp land and about 88 acres. This land now ranges in price from \$27 to \$35 an acre. He is satisfied with his adopted home and will return in the spring. Mr. Stone was in Benton Tuesday.

Solomon Diebold brought in a specimen of his work as a broom-maker Monday. It was quite a neat little broom and he assured the Kicker that it was not made by the press. When he returns to his farm he intends to engage in broom-making. Then the rest will have to wait to reduce the price of his product or stay out of this territory.

The Menely quartette entertained the people of Benton Monday and Tuesday evenings. It's great. Their singing was as you have heard. Tuesday evening a dedication to those who vote the same ticket as the liquor dealers on election day and fight the traffic the remainder of the time.

J. T. Williams, of Cape Girardeau, and Jacob Enderle, of Kelso, were here Wednesday. Mr. Williams has bought several acres of land from Mr. Enderle and will move on in the spring and engage in the horticulture and dairy business.

The Kicker had about concluded that there was little to be thankful for Thursday, when it popped W. A. Miller with "Wont you and Mrs. Hadner come down and eat turkey with us?" The feast was enjoyed.

There will be a Santa Claus celebration at the court house, Benton, Thursday evening, December 6, beginning 7:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the Catholic congregation.

D. H. Harper returned from his Tennessee trip Sunday. He says the rainfall there last week was the heaviest ever known. Railroad traffic was delayed three days.

The Misses Della Randsman and Agness Gunn, of Illinois, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. James Walker.

S. R. Jones and Wm. Ellis, of Commerce, were in Benton this week assisting Assessor Buck.

Probate court was in session this week. Mrs. Wright accompanied the judge Monday.

Attorney McWilliams returned from a visit to home folks in Cape county Friday.

The Benton brass band is to give a concert in the court house December 12.

W. H. Beal, the Oran tinner, is putting metal ceiling in the court house.

With a brass band and several new pianos in town, there is music in the air.

FROM CROSS PLAINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Baker, W. Hale and H. Bradshaw visited Mr. Liddell and family Sunday.

Five perfect attendance certificates were issued for the month ending November 23.

Will Gingers had the misfortune to lose a fine horse which died of blind staggers.

Mrs. Mary Hinkle and son, Roy, were at Blodgett Saturday.

Mrs. Thos. Snowden visited Mrs. Wm. Bray Tuesday.

The farmers had a splendid meeting Tuesday night.

Wm. Utzage is delivering wood to the school house.

Happenings in and Around Oran.

As the year is drawing to a close a summary of the growth of the town would not be amiss. The whole number of buildings erected during the present year does not exceed those of the year previous, yet while this is the case the buildings that have been put up have been on a more substantial basis and exceed in cost those of any former year. The frame structures that stood so many years on Main street and were an eyesore to the public went down with the fire of last year and the block built up with substantial brick business houses that would be a credit to any town. In private residences very marked improvement has been made. The houses are constructed out of better material and more substantially built and some of them supplied with all modern conveniences. Improvements are still going on. The contract for the Baptist church has been let and work has commenced. The building of the priest house is assumed and will be put up in the early spring. These two buildings, one in the north and one in the south part of town, will give a new class and will add much to the appearance of town. But our progressive citizens are not content to let matters stop with these. They propose to engage in other enterprises and it is reported that they are to have another bank and a whole sale liquor house. Good. If there is anything in the world needed to make Oran a prosperous town it is more money in the pockets of its citizens.

It is the opinion of the Kicker that any time in the future Oran will be a city of progress and sought to be a city of progress.

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Never within the recollection of the oldest inhabitants have we had with us so many people that were so well versed in the law, that were able to interpret and explain the laws that could stand and give utterance to so many fine spun theories. Hardly one among us but what has mastered the whole revenue and school law. The repeaters of the statutory law and the repeaters of Blackstone over on the hill had better look well to their laurels as they are scooped by these newlings under the hill. Talk to a man here about a tax levy to improve the streets and, although his assessment shows his worldly possessions at less than \$100, he immediately has a case of "Jim Jones" and will dilate the remainder of the week in what an enormous tax he would be compelled to pay. Take again, the man that tries to have his children evade the compulsory school law and he can give you as many reasons why it should not be enforced as there are stars in a rainbow. Then I have seen school teachers since the attendance at the Association where they brushed up against the high dignitaries that ascribed every provision of that law and each point out to old timers who have made this law a study for over forty years wherein they have been detected in their official duties. Have been engineering as to how the district could build or lengthen the school term or were authorized to rent houses for school purposes without an affirmative vote of the tax payers. I have been enlightened on this subject for which I am thankful.

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FROM COMMERCE.

Mesdames Bill and Crowder, of the Cape, spent a few days here this week. Dr. Frazer, J. P. Jones and Whit Dodge are in the city.

Dr. Davis and wife, of Cairo, spent Thanksgiving here. Miss Adelle Lynch spent Thanksgiving in the city.

John Riggs, of Kennett, is visiting relatives here. H. C. DeWint left Sunday for St. Louis.

Born to John Chandler and wife a girl.

Mr. Goddard and family left Wednesday for Texas where they will make their future home.

Aaron Powers, of Edna, spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandmother here.

Jim Grover, who has been visiting his sister at Sikeston, returned home Sunday.

Wm. Spradlin went to Texas Wednesday where he will visit a few days.

Sara Cramer, of Commerce, spent last week here with her brother.

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Everybody invited.

There will be a play party at Oscar Reynolds Saturday night.

El. Garvey and John Warren were at Blodgett Sunday.

H. and Robt. Miller are visiting in Illinois.

Miss Rose Garvey spent Sunday at home.

El. Garvey was at Benton Saturday.

Miss Izone Spradlin is sick.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Omber Totty and wife, of Campbell District, and Arthur Penn and wife, of Commerce, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malugen.

A. J. Penn and sister, Mrs. Fannie Gibbs, spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Clymer, at Edna.

Ben Totty, of St. Louis, who has been spending a few days with his mother has returned home.

Charley Reynolds and Miss Irene Penn attended church at Commerce Sunday night.

The only breaking at Walter Wise's Friday night was well attended.

Mesdames Matilda Malugen and Fannie Gibbs spent Tuesday at Commerce.

Abel Vaughn, of near Prices Landing, was in our neighborhood Sunday.

Mrs. C. Rochell visited Mrs. Lizzie Williams at Commerce Friday.

Ed. Totty and wife are visiting relatives at Rockview this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerey spent Sunday at the home of A. J. Penn.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.

Mollie Sanders, Frank Arnold, Henry and George Miller and Will Bell took dinner with Bob and Fannie Miller Sunday.

Rickie Miller, Nora Schiwitz and Virka Robinson spent Sunday with Nellie Arnold.

Miss Virgie Hawkins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Smith, at Commerce.

Ward Smith and family Sundayed at the home of Thos. Hawkins.

Miss Virgie Hawkins spent Thursday with Fannie Miller.

Sam Spradlin was in this neighborhood Saturday.

Addie Sanders was in this vicinity Monday.

Mrs. Hy Schiwitz was at Edna Saturday.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Rev. Randol preached here Sunday morning and Rev. Earles Sunday night. Rev. Oglevie began a series of meetings here Tuesday night.

Our farmer's union is progressing nicely, meeting each second and fourth Saturday nights. Come out and be with us.

Several of the boys were up at Benton Tuesday night to hear the Menely quartette.

Mrs. Polly Smith and daughter visited near Morley Sunday.

FROM VANDUSER.

A. H. Phillips and wife and little son, Arlie, Mrs. Tom Chaney and C. J. Mason spent Sunday with J. S. Wallace and family.

C. J. Mason has purchased some lots in the Woodward addition and will build a residence soon.

W. B. Smith, of Little River, has rented C. J. Mason's farm and will move to it soon.

Mrs. Eva Woodward and Mrs. Vovels were at Morley and Oran Tuesday.

The Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Spann on Friday, December 7.

Don't forget preaching Saturday night and Sunday at Armstrong's hall.

W. B. Smith sold 41 head of cattle to J. H. Harrison Tuesday for \$1907.

John Gibbs and family visited at the home H. L. Fields Sunday.

Rev. Howle will preach here the second Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Ports and family visited at L. P. Woodward's Sunday.

The high water has driven nearly everybody out of the swamps.

Our school is preparing for a holiday entertainment.

Corn in the field here is all under water.

Little Flora Potts is sick.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Earl Jones has advertised his property for sale and will move to the Cape soon.

The high water did considerable damage here but begin to recede Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones visited Marvin Taylor and wife Sunday.

Mrs. N. C. Batts and children visited Mrs. Burnett Smith Sunday.

C. E. Brown is having his residence repaired.

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FROM BLODGETT.

A child of the Marshall fell in a tub of water Sunday and when discovered was to all appearances dead. Vigorous work, however, brought symptoms of life after a considerable time, and the child is now getting along all right.

Dr. Tucker sold 11 head of full blood Berkshire pigs Saturday. The sale was quite well attended, considering that it was the first thing of the kind ever held here, and the pigs brought very fair prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. W. D. Williams and grand-daughter, Mary Ainsworth, left for Kentucky Tuesday—the two former to locate, the latter on a visit.

Charley Stubbs, Ab. Wright, John Peal and Dr. Allen attended Probate court at Benton Tuesday. Judge Hutchason was there Monday.

Mrs. Hay went to Cairo Monday to assist in bringing back Mrs. G. Williams, who has been in the hospital three weeks.

After an absence of a week from her school duties, Miss Bertha Shell returned Friday and began teaching again Monday.

The land boys have ordered instruments and soon the locomotive will not be the only tool, too hard heard.

Dick Burke shipped two cars, hogs Monday—one from Sikeston and one from here. He went to St. Louis with them.

Lee Strader, wife and child, of Charleston, visited the family of Ike Howlett a few days this week.

The Johnstone Land Co. shipped 128 head of cattle and 30 head of hogs Saturday.

The Woman's Home Mission held an open session at the church Sunday night.

Will Mackley and wife visited relatives at the Cape last week.

Mrs. Pressnell and brother visited at Charleston Sunday.

Calvin Adams arrived home from Arkansas Tuesday.

Mrs. Hogan, of Morehouse, is visiting relatives here.

W. A. Miller, of Benton, was here Saturday.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

A man visiting in this neighborhood who is fond of a nip made a mistake when he went to visit his little brown jug and got hold of the vinegar jug—boon!

George Pendleton and nephew, Jerome Scamland, of St. Louis, who have been visiting J. W. Huffstutler and family for the past week returned home Sunday.

Misses Maude Sherer and Georgia Childers and Sam Dozier spent Sunday at Diehlstadt with the latter's cousin, Mrs. Emma Martin.

Will Holmes has rented a place near Bernie and will move soon. We are sorry to lose him but hope that he will return.

The party given at Squire Murchison's Friday night to celebrate their son, Arthur's, 21st birthday was well attended.

Ed. Felty and Miss Ella Schneider were quietly married at Benton last Tuesday.

Buck Brown and Cora Kincaid visited near Prices Landing Sunday.

Arthur Murchison visited near Benton