

**FROM BLODGETT.**

The band instruments arrived Saturday and the boys satisfied a curiosity to know whether they could make one toot by congregating at the depot about 9:30 and all trying at the same time. The discord that went out from the depot has never been equalled in Blodgett.

Mrs. D. Bryant, of Osceola, Ark., stayed here with her brother, Harry Reddick, Monday night. She has been to St. Louis shopping and stopped here on her way home. Mrs. Reddick accompanied her Tuesday as far as Oran on her way home.

We are to have a Christmas Tree after all. It will be at the Methodist church and is free to all. It will also be an attempt to impart the joys of Christmas time to the masses instead of, as is the usual course, to the classes.

John Griffin has taken his corn sheller to the Mississippi River, but scarcity of help and bad weather combined have prevented him shelling any. All operations have been postponed until after Christmas.

Louis Goetz, was here Wednesday and reported his father, Ignatz, very sick at the hospital at the Cape. Albert Goetz, son of Louis, went up to see about him Wednesday. Ignatz Goetz is 74 years old.

Wm. Getz left Sunday for Ullin, Ill., near which place he has a farm. He took with him an old man to clear up the farm and get it ready to cultivate. While there he may purchase another one.

Sam Shoemaker, of Charleston, came up Monday to look around. He has rented a farm near here and will be one of our citizens after the first of the year.

In the wreck on the north-bound passenger Sunday, Miss Bertha Schell, one of our school teachers, was bruised up some, but not seriously.

Mrs. Ira L. Hodge returned Monday afternoon after an absence of several months. Mr. Hodge accompanied her home.

Presley Friend, Joe Adams, Percy Keeling and Calvin Adams took their girls to a theater at Oran Tuesday night.

Noah Norman has discontinued his concrete house until warm weather. The foundation is completed.

Geo. H. Finch, John T. Murra, Vernon Lofton and others spent Saturday in Oran.

Mrs. Bob Harrison and son, Lyman, of Morley, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Sparks.

Will Seoggin enjoyed a few days hunting on Little River during the past week.

Come to me for your Xmas toys, nuts and candies. W. H. Heisserer.

Ed. Harrison went to Kentucky Sunday to visit relatives.

Arthur Sanders shipped a car load of hogs Monday night.

Mrs. Arthur Pell visited her sister at Oran Saturday.

**FROM CROSS PLAINS.**

On account of water, it is almost impossible to travel to Benton. There should be either more ditching or grading done to improve the roads.

Chas. Simmons and Miss Blanch Hopson were married Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Carlisle.

The report cards which we recently received from Supt. Smith were neatly printed and are satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powell, of Morehouse, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Snowden.

Cross Plains and Hickory Grove Farmer's lodges meet every week regularly.

Rapp and Snowden have ordered a large engine, which will arrive in a few days.

Carlyle Fray and Ernest Wright were in Benton Thursday.

Mr. Rapp has moved into the home recently vacated by Wm. Collic.

Thursday and Friday are examination days at our school.

Mr. French was seriously hurt by a runaway team recently.

Miss Edie Liddell visited Mr. Hopson's family Sunday.

Jas. Shelton is saw milling at the Heisserer saw mill.

Jos. S. Norrid was out at his farm Tuesday.

Rev. Carlisle preached here Sunday.

**FROM COMMERCE.**

Saturday evening Charles Griffith, Harve Murden and Fred Green, all more or less intoxicated, were driving toward home south of town. They were overtaken by a wagon in which were Wm. Riley, wife and daughter and Lou Scott, all colored and a Mr. Kent and his son, white. A difficulty followed during which Murden was severely cut with a knife. Green was hit over the head with a beer bottle, and Griffith had his coat cut by the two negroes.

Scott and Riley were arrested and, before Squire Mills, Wednesday, Scott was fined \$50 and costs and Riley, who is charged with the cutting, waived examination and in default of bond, is in Benton jail. Scott is also laying out his fine in Benton.

At the trial of Scott the evidence developed that when the negroes came up on the whites one of the negroes shouted, "We are going to drive you home." From that racing and cursing back and forth begun and Green got up, stood in the seat of the buggy, put his hand to his hip pocket and yelled, "I'll shoot in among you d-----."

Scott testified that they were trying to pass the buggy, but that on whichever side they attempted to pass the whites would head them off. About this time Harve Moore, returning from Commerce, caught up with the aggregation and Scott said to him, "If I knew that fellow had no gun I'd run some of them in the river."

The buggy in which were the whites got caught in a swag and checked. Riley jumped out of the wagon and ran up on the right side. Mrs. Riley said to Scott, "You've got him into it, now help him out." Scott jumped out and, drawing a beer bottle from his pocket, ran up on the left side. The horse hitched to the buggy became frightened and ran. Murden and Green jumped out and Griffith was thrown out. As Green was getting up from his fall Scott bursted the beer bottle over his head. Green ran.

How the cutting occurred was not brought out at the trial, since Riley is the man accused of handling the knife and he waived examination.

Mrs. Kate Jennings departed this (single) life December 2, via baronette to Illmo, thence by rail to Delta, where she met, married and returned here Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. Pettit. We extend the hand of good fellowship to the happy couple.

A large section of the business portion of Thebes, Ill., burned up Friday night. Seven buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$40,000 with about half that much insurance.

A crowded house greeted the entertainment here Tuesday night. It was fine and was followed by a moving picture show.

E. A. Johnson, Ed. Hutson and Oscar Colwell attended court at Bloomfield this week.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Coppage Sunday.

Pascal Greer, of St. Louis, is down to see the folks.

Chas. Wylie was at the Cape Wednesday.

You will want all kinds of nuts and fruits and candies for Christmas. I have them at prices that please. See what I have before buying elsewhere. H. G. Frobase, Morley.

**FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.**

Robert Holliday, from Kentucky, visited his sister, Mrs. I. N. Anderson, Friday.

Mrs. Ephie Hopper, of the Cape, is spending a few days with Mrs. Ed. Chawning.

Mrs. Newt Anderson sold a wagon load of Christmas turkeys Tuesday.

Will Hand and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Newt Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Vandylke visited Mrs. Bud Pate one day last week.

Newt Anderson and Will Hand were at Oran Monday.

Little Harvey Holloway had his arm severely burned.

Albert Anderson is here from Graysboro this week.

**REVOLUTIONARY.**

"He is a radical of radicals."  
"Yes?"  
"He even advocates the public ownership of legislatures."  
"Good heavens, would he leave no field whatever for private enterprise?"

**FROM KELSO.**

Leo Dohogue, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, says that he will not collect taxes after the 23rd of this month. All desiring him to send for their tax receipts must have him do so before said date.

Miss Cecelia Logel and sister, Alvina, drove over to Ancell Wednesday to assist their brothers, Charles and Fred invoice the stock of goods of Thomas & Logel, this being their annual invoice.

D. C. Meizes, the "oil magnate," and August Hilleman, of Illmo, were here during the past week taking leases on land between here and the river for the purpose of prospecting for oil and gas.

Miss Mildred Davis, the Schererville teacher, was here Monday buying presents for her pupils. Miss Davis will spend the holidays with her mother at Sikeston.

Wm. Reingale, who went to St. Louis to work for the Brown Shoe Co., has returned. He says St. Louis is not near as big as Kelso to him.

J. F. Beggs, of Illmo, was here Wednesday buying up mules. He bought one from Clemens Westrich for which he paid \$175.

The John Schaefer, sr. heirs sold the residence recently occupied by their mother. Frank Weismueller is the purchaser for \$750.

Geo. W. Potter and Ferdinand Seyer were at Rockview Friday. Mr. Potter purchased some hogs from J. H. McLenn.

A good many of our farmers have leased their farms to an Ohio oil company for prospecting for oil.

Leo Diebold and Will Euderle, the tinner, are at Oran putting up an iron fence for Barney Wagoner.

Mrs. Louisa Thomas, of Ancell, wife of Judge-Elect Thomas, is in St. Louis for medical treatment.

Robt. Forshof, of Edna, was here Thursday. He was driving one of Edna's last buggy horses.

Wm. Glastetter has sold his interest in the Schlegel-Glastetter threshing outfit to John Schlegel.

The Logel brothers went to New Hamburg last week to paint Louis Kilhoffer's new house.

F. C. Schwepker has bought the Albert Muntz residence. Did not learn consideration.

August Schaefer and wife and Mrs. Louis Dohogue, of Oran, were here Thursday.

Charles W. Miller, of Morley, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Probate Judge-elect Kingsbury, of Benton, was here Thursday.

Andy Robert, of near Benton, was a visitor here Saturday.

Leo J. Diebold was at Benton Monday.

Chas. Russell, of Benton, was here Monday.

**FROM MACEDONIA.**

The candy party at the home of Phil Sanders Saturday night was well attended and all present reported a good time.

Luther Reynolds who has been in this neighborhood the past week returned to his home at West Vienna, Ill., Monday.

Mrs. Jess Spradlin and daughter, Miss Grace, spent Sunday with Mrs. Phil Sanders and daughter, Miss Addie.

Tom Rashberry, Herman Belk and Joe Spradlin were in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Rose and Bell Garvey spent Sunday with Laura and Fredie Koch and Clara Sutherland.

Yancy Sanders and Herman Belk spent Sunday with Henry and Geo. Miller.

**FROM OAK GROVE.**

Miss Ann Wagoner visited the Misses Carrie and Julia Huey Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Hopper were at Benton Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Florence Huff visited the Oak Grove school Friday.

Bend the Kicker during 1907 and got all the news.

Miss Carrie Huey visited the Mifflin school Thursday.

Mr. Schneider had business at Samos last week.

Ode Felty was at N. G. Hopper's Sunday.

**FROM VANDUSER.**

Miss Mae Bryeans has had to remain at the hotel on account of the high water shutting her off from her boarding place.

The supper served by the ladies of the Methodist church will be open to all that wish to dine as well as the Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Ruby Berry, left Saturday for her home in Madisonville, Ky., after a lengthy visit with friends and relatives here.

There will be a contest at Crowder Saturday night December, 22, by a class of young ladies from Morehouse.

Quite a number of the Ben Hur's from here visited Progress Court at Crowder last Thursday.

Mrs. Arbaugh thinks of investing in some town property here since she disposed of her farm.

Grandpa and grandma Spann contemplate visiting Doniphan during the holidays.

Mrs. Geo. Layton was called to Oran Saturday to see her nephew who was very sick.

East Vanduser is nearly all under water, but is falling very fast at this writing.

Mr. Travis has rented the Dr. Tomlinson farm where Marvin Taylor resided.

Mrs. Potts and daughter, Flora, visited friends at Morley Sunday.

Hog killing is quite fashionable and spare ribs and sausage common.

Mrs. Voyle's little girl is on the puny list this week.

**FROM MISFELT.**

Prof. John Utterback visited home folks at Sikeston Sunday, and on his return was in the train wreck on the Iron Mountain in which several were slightly injured.

Jeff Green and Steve Bounds were in Charleston one day last week.

Noah Mormon, of Blodgett, was in this locality Saturday.

**The Eternal Feminine.**

"The ship will float but a few moments longer! Trust yourself to me and jump! Quick!"  
"Is my hat on straight?"  
"Yes! yes! but come!"  
"Tell me first how does my life preserver set in the back?"—Houston Post.

**Where the Truth Falls.**

Washington had established his reputation for veracity.  
"But," we asked, "what do you say when people ask you how you enjoyed your vacation?"  
Completely stumped, the great man deftly changed the question.—N. Y. Sun.

**Moonlight on the Nile.**

"Why so pensive, my Antony?" said Cleopatra.  
"I am sad," was the answer, "because owing to Shakespeare's tardiness, we are unable to deliver some of our own best speeches to one another."—Washington Star.

**Since Birth.**

"You say you haven't been able to find work in 46 years?" asked the kind lady of Frayed Franklyn.  
"Dat's right, mum."  
"Goodness! How old are you?"  
"Forty-six, mum."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

**Telling Family Secrets.**

Slide—We gave our parrot away the other day. He hated awfully to go.  
Kelly—He got even with you, though.  
Slide—How's that?  
Kelly—He's been giving you away ever since.—Detroit Free Press.

**The Lion's Share.**

"Well, Binks, now that you've won your suit for that inheritance, I suppose you'll buy a new automobile?"  
"No; but my lawyer will."—Cleveland Leader.

**Too Careful.**

"Skinalong says he never takes a chance at anything."  
"That's the reason he never wins."—Detroit Free Press.

**Pertinent Query.**

Green (quoting)—"A fool and his money are soon parted."  
Brown—How much mining stock did you buy?—Chicago Daily News.