

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The response to the call in last week's Kicker has been very satisfactory. Of the 150 who had allowed their subscription to lapse, about one-half have renewed. I trust that within the next week the remainder will do likewise.

This week I have begun the work of adding a second story to the Kicker building. The cost will exceed \$1,500. I "pawed" the greater portion of my Benton real estate to the county for \$1,000. The remainder I must get from friends of the paper.

Help the Kicker and it will help you. Send in a dollar to pay for 100 bricks.

BIG DAY FOR BENTON.

On next Thursday, August 29, the people of Benton are going to put the big pot in the little one. A monster picnic, celebration and barbecue is billed for that day.

On the same day the Home Mission Society will prepare a fine dinner. If you are not interested in picnics, come and get a good dinner. The ladies want to remove the debt from the parsonage and will prepare a dinner of barbecued beef, pork and mutton, and chicken vegetables, salads, pickles, pies and cakes.

AROUND BENTON.

At Blodgett J. D. Green has consented to act as agent for the Kicker. Subscribers there can renew through him, and they who are not subscribers can secure the paper through him. Every man or woman who must earn bread in the sweat of the face should become an active agent and worker for the Kicker. They should see to it that working class papers circulate among the workers. Let the other fellows support the other papers.

That was a monster crowd at the New Hamburg picnic Tuesday—the largest ever. Usually those people have enough, and to spare, for all, but the crowd of Tuesday devoured everything in sight. It was an orderly crowd and everybody seemed to have a good time. Threatening weather caused many to start for home early in the evening, and about 6 o'clock rain did interfere with the festivities.

Alex. Hughes, of near Prices Landing, was here Saturday. He says the neighbors down there want to see items from that section in the Kicker, and if there is anything down there, who can get the items to the postoffice by Tuesday evening, the Kicker would be pleased to have them. That neighborhood could have a rural route, except for the bad condition of the roads in winter.

Frank Vanduser, was brought here and lodged in jail Monday evening to answer to the charge of robbery. He is said to have "touched" a native of Vanduser to the extent of ten dollars. Vanduser is said to be a race-track follower and sport. He will have a preliminary hearing at Vanduser—August 23.

The Catholics of Oran have billed another of their famous picnics at the fair grounds for Wednesday, September 4. The Oran people are second to none when it comes to good dinners and entertainment.

Although it was getting late, yet J. A. Collins and Joe Stanley, of Sandywoods township, found time on their return from the picnic Tuesday to drop in and spend a short while with the editor.

Ed and Arnold Telker, John Willmann, Gus Leible, Henry Layton and the Misses Nettie Telker and Minnie Rowling, of Charleston, visited the Charles Bertrand family Tuesday.

John B. Treinen, of St. Louis, came down last week to visit the family of Lawrence Gangle and other relatives and eat watermelons. He will probably return Sunday.

The Misses Addie and Clara Joyce, who spent a week with their cousin, Miss Ethel Joyce, of Richwoods, returned Sunday accompanied by Miss Ethel.

W. P. Lee, of Chaffee, was in Benton Saturday and made a noise just like a Chaffee man. He said his town was booming and everything in a buzz.

Church Rasberry says John Hughes is not a resident of Macedonia but lives further up. Church says Macedonia people trade horses fair.

Wm. Black, of Morley, was here Saturday and says the melon farmers now have the coin. Mr. Black had sold seven cars for \$1,000.

Mrs. Henry Eifert, of near Illinois, visited the family of her brother, Wm. Ristig, the first of the week.

FROM WARD'S SWITCH.

Albert Bear and Miss Beulah and Lina Minter, of Vanduser, visited at G. R. Diamond's Sunday.

Miss Lillie O'Connor, of Richwoods, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Dora Dickerson.

Bob and Bud Griesam, of Cairo, Ky., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. G. B. Diamond.

Lewis Dickerson is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bertha Madden, at Portageville.

John York and Miss Mamie McBride went to Morley Sunday afternoon.

G. R. Diamond and son, Charlie, went to the Cape Monday.

Mrs. Marr's baby is sick.

FROM ORAN.

The licensing of the saloons has engendered much bitter feeling and the foolish jesting and ribaldry engaged in by the successful parties only tends to aggravate affairs. The temperance element feels sore over their defeat and have been very denunciatory of the court and of the rulings of a majority of that body (Bugg and Thomas.) While I did not sign the saloon petition and honestly believe the country would be much better off without them, yet I am not ready to endorse the views of the extremist in regard to the objection of some to the saloon and I believe, the objection is well taken, that when once the saloons get in power they begin intrenching themselves, so as to control the municipal affairs of the county. To succeed in this and carry out their ends oftentimes the most subservient tool, regardless of qualifications, morality or honesty, is put in place and power. An instance of that kind might be cited here in our own town. Who is it that does not remember the lawlessness here during the regime of Ed. Dornmeyer as city marshal. The corruption existing today in county affairs in St. Louis county—the dereliction of the officials is all attributable to the saloon element that predominates affairs in that county.

I was pleased to meet here Thursday my old friend and fellow sinner, Absalom McElmurry of Charleston. "Ab," as he is familiarly known, went into the dry goods business here about the date of the completion of the Iron Mountain Railroad. As a dry goods merchant he prospered; but ere he had been in business long he imagined, in order to draw trade he must have a saloon. JUST AS SOME PEOPLE TALK IT HERE NOW, WE'LL BE ERECTING A SALOON building directly over Crooked Creek and adjoining the store building and fitted it up and put a man in charge; but ere many moons business in the dry goods department began to fall, for want of the proper attention, and by the close of the second year the store and saloon had floated off down the creek. About the close of the year 1869, McElmurry folded his tent and taking his few belongings returned to Charleston and again embarked in business. This time, however, with better success, as he fought shy of saloons and looked out for breakers.

I want to thank the correspondent here of the Benton Record for the kind words she has been pleased to say about my work in the capacity of school director at this place. Wherever I have had the honor of serving the people, I have endeavored to build up an interest in education. I may have made mistakes—doubtless have—as I do not claim to be infallible, yet I can truthfully say that I have always tried to do my duty.

About twenty of the former patrons of the saloons here came up Saturday to be at the grand opening expected to come off that day and when they learned that the opening day had been deferred until Monday they were somewhat crestfallen, but to quench their thirst drove over to Chaffee.

The fruit crop in some localities in the hills is reported to be very good. The apples are large, of good color and fine flavor. In the peach crop "budded fruit" is good while the seedling trees are loaded with fruit—the peaches are generally small.

Moore & Stubblefield have closed out their dry goods and grocery store to B. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, and the invoice is being taken. He may at first advertise and sell what he can here and remove the remainder of the stock to Blodgett.

Rosee Steck, of Benton, was here Sunday and has been here previous to that trying to lease or buy of Mantle the butcher shop now owned by the latter. I don't know whether the trade was consummated or not.

Mrs. Maggie Burgess, of St. Louis formerly Miss Maggie Cook, and resided at one time at Benton and Commerce, is the guest of her son, Allen A. Burgess, and will remain here during the winter months.

H. F. Emory, formerly of Sikeston but lately of Essex, has been employed as clerk in the dry goods establishment of Emory & Heisserer here.

S. H. Dewhurst went to Olney, Ill. last week returning with his family, who had been visiting relatives there for several weeks.

James Phegley, on the McGraw farm, south of town, has sold his interest there to Seph Niswanger and will go back to Illinois.

Waldo Johnson, of Gasconade county, who was employed as one of the assistant teachers, was here Saturday getting acquainted.

W. H. Stubblefield Jr. departed Tuesday for Davenport, Iowa, where his trainer, L. D. Rash, now has his race stock.

Joseph A. Howlet, of Charleston, came up Thursday to embalm the body of Dr. Winters, who died on Wednesday night.

Rev. J. M. England, pastor of the M. E. Church at Blodgett, and Mrs. Arthur Pell were visitors here Thursday.

Prof. Henry S. Moore, of Cape Girardeau, spent several days here last week looking after his farming interest.

R. L. Harrison, of Morley, was

here Thursday. Bob is a farmer now and seems to enjoy it.

Roy Williams and wife, of Cape Girardeau, are visiting relatives here.

Prosecuting Attorney Mosely was here Thursday on official business. E. E. Lutes and family are at Schumer Springs this week. Joseph O. Heas went to Jackson Saturday on business.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

It is reported that Solomon Diebold will move back on his farm near New Hamburg, and John Kern, who lived on his place, has now rented the farm of his father-in-law, Philipp Schitter, and Mr. Schitter will become a resident of New Hamburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Baudendistel have a new cook. She makes considerable noise for her size. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Baudendistel, of Edna, stood as sponsors at the baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blattel and Mr. and Mrs. John Hahn will leave for St. Louis Thursday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vogt, who moved up there last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wilhelm visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wahl, of Commerce, Sunday.

Oscar and Arthur McCray have returned from a visit to their aunt in Dunklin county.

Mrs. Dr. Cruise returned from a two months visit to her parents in Lincoln county.

Henry Grojean, John Blattel and Leo Gosche were at Randles Thursday.

FROM KELSO.

Lawrenz Hoefler left for Saint Louis to live with his sister, Mrs. John G. Scherer. Mr. Hoefler is 73 years old and says he came here 57 years ago from Kentucky with only sixty cents in his pocket. He leaves two children—Louis Hoefler and Mrs. Sam Menz. The trip to St. Louis was his first ride on the cars.

Kelso, Mo., 8-20-'07.

This is to certify that I have today received a check for \$10.65, in full payment of indemnity claim for accident to my eye while working in the flour mill of Joseph F. Diebold. The promptness and fairness of the Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago commends it to all fair-minded men.

(Signed) Joseph A. Weidfield. Real estate transactions are under way whereby Frank Weismuller will own and occupy the farm of Peter Robert. Price will be between \$50 and \$70 per acre.

Jacob Enderlee Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John I. Diebold left Saturday for St. Paul by steamer and will make the entire trip by river.

Barney Baudendistel of the New Hamburg parish and Mrs. Charles Robert of the Cape were here last week.

Wm. Legrand of Benton was an early caller just a few doors south of the postoffice Tuesday morning.

FROM BLODGETT.

Melons prices last week were extremely good. Ed. Green sold a car last Tuesday for \$185, which is the highest price that has been paid for many years at this place.

Claude S. Hale, who has been attending school at Cape Girardeau, spent a couple of days last week here, and left Sunday for his home at Caruthersville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peal and Mrs. Jane Peal left Monday afternoon for the Jamestown Exposition and other points of interest in the east.

Murray Tanner, of Oran, spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. A. Pell last Wednesday.

Chas. L. Stubbs and Thos. Horton made a business trip to Sikeston Monday afternoon.

Oda Whitener, of Fredericktown, was shaking hands with old friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh and Miss Alice Lutes went to Diehlstadt Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Sanders and children went to Kentucky Sunday.

Miss Alice Lutes, of Lutesville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cavanaugh.

Miss Kate Rodgers spent Sunday with friends at Oran.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brury, of Modock, Ill., are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. V. Sanders, who has been quite sick but is improving.

Jim Hageson, of Fayetteville, Ill., and Miss Belle Garvey, of Commerce, visited home folks Sunday.

Harley Hutson and George Everheart, of Fayetteville, Ill., drove out into this county Sunday.

Mrs. Giddie Robell, of Cape Girardeau, is visiting at Fill Sanders' this week.

Thomas Swofford and Clara Sutherland were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Laura Robinson and Carolina Schivitz were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ditterline, of the sand, visited Mrs. Hy. Koch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Sanders visited the mill Monday.

Mrs. Minda Allen, of Morley, is up here.

FROM MORLEY.

Among the successful melon raisers of Morley are: Braxton Nations, who has sold \$1,700 worth of melons from 50 acres; Chas. Hinkle, about \$1,500 from 36 acres; S. B. Grant, \$525 for 3 cars; Josh Kirby, \$525 for 3 cars; Wm. H. Black, \$1,150 from 25 acres, and two or three cars to load yet.

Those who are in a position to know how many baskets were used in the cantaloupe market are too busy to give us the figures until the melon season closes.

Miss Edna Tomlinson, of Southside, Tenn., is visiting her brother, Dr. T. E. Tomlinson. Miss Tomlinson is first assistant in our school here.

Mrs. Audry Williams Swain is bad sick with typhoid fever. Her little baby has a hard time of it by being deprived of its mother's support.

Owing to the melon rush, hot weather and sickness the opening of the Ward school was put off and will begin August 26.

P. H. Boyce has ordered the new school books adopted by Prof. Smith and the Board of Education.

E. Daugherty and Fred Yeakey are doing some carpenter work on one of Mr. Daugherty's houses.

Gertie, sister of Cale Lancaster, died at Vanduser Sunday morning and was buried here Monday.

Valentine Bosen and wife, of Morehouse, buried their baby, at this cemetery, last Monday.

Since the strike it is almost impossible to get a message sent from Morley to St. Louis.

A. L. Mills, justice of the peace of Commerce, was here Monday to take an affidavit.

Mr. Portwood, who lived near town died Friday and was buried here Saturday.

B. B. Nalley's family will move here as soon as he can get a suitable home.

Geo. Lile's sister's little child was brought here for burial Monday.

Albert Welch and family visited J. B. Kirkpatrick's family last Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh D. Dyer, visited her son, Homer, at Boonville last week.

Glen Brewster left Tuesday to visit relatives in Vincennes, Ind.

Cale and Charlie Lancaster are peddling melons to St. Louis.

Clarence Warren, of Diehlstadt, visited in Morley Sunday.

Frank Emerson, of Bugg Ridge, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Hinkle visited Morley friends Saturday.

The little child of Luther Gipson is very sick.

Charlie Gross, of Vanduser, was here Sunday.

Lon. Osmitz moved to town this week.

FROM VANDUSER.

Miss Addie Joyce of Benton was the guest of Mrs. Ella Joyce and C. J. Mason part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Potter spent Sunday with the Joe Utnage family on Little River.

Dr. Davis has moved his drug store into the building vacated by John Crutcher.

The 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lancaster (Girtie) died Sunday.

Bryan Woodward and two of Mr. Hamilton's children have the measles.

W. A. Hamilton and others are in attendance at the Dexter Log Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirk have returned from their Indiana visit.

Charles Beatty of Sikeston visited the family of J. W. Arbaugh.

Frank Barnett is selling out and will move to Indian Territory.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woodward died Friday.

Miss May Bryeans attended the chautauq at Dexter Friday.

Mr. Oller has malaria.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Vanduser Camp M. W. A. attended the Log Rolling at Dexter and was awarded the \$25 banner.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cartwright has been very sick, but is better.

Mrs. George Utnage of Blodgett visited the family of Joe Utnage last week.

J. F. Grant and family visited near Morley Sunday.

River low; fishing fine.

PUBLIC SALE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1907. On the James Morrow place, 4 miles north of Blodgett, on the Charleston road, I will sell three good work mules, a good farm wagon a binder, mower, two cultivators, three 2-horse plows, double shovels, 1-horse plow, about 65 acres growing corn, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS: \$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 6 months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. If promptly paid at maturity no interest will be charged.

E. H. MCCORMICK.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY. Office up-stairs in Robertson B'd'. BENTON, MO. 31

FROM REDMAN.

Billy Simmons' team ran away with the buggy Monday, tearing up his buggy and running into Tom Ditterline's buggy, breaking it and bruising up Mr. Ditterline.

Mr. Duval is loading a car of melons today (Wednesday)—the best yet loaded, some weighing 60 pounds.

Mr. Pool has had some very large cantaloupes this year. He took one out of his patch weighing 23 lb. Who said Johnson Lambert wasn't a horse trader? Traded horses twice last week.

Mrs. Blanche Simmons visited her mother, Mrs. Hopson, at Cross Plains Sunday.

J. H. Moore is improving his place by building a poultry house and granary.

Elmer Heney made a lucky find one day last week of a pocket-book and money.

Christian Hanzer and wife have begun housekeeping near Cheving Chapel.

Charles Simmons took a load of melons to Thebes Saturday clearing \$9.15.

Pea harvest will be here next week and the pea crop looks good. Thos. Swofford sold pigs two months old for \$3 per head.

Mrs. Ditterline and daughters spent Sunday in the hills.

Whit Dodge, of Commerce, was here Tuesday.

FROM COMMERCE.

Rev. O. T. Coppage and wife left Wednesday for the North Missouri Conference.

Wade Anderson was in St. Louis a few days this week, coming home Wednesday. His wife accompanied him. She has been visiting her sisters, Misses Pat and Lydia Maupin, of Denver, Colo., for a month.

Jay Denton, of St. Louis, was here a day or two this week visiting H. C. DeWint.

Misses Virgia and Jessie Anderson and Emma Matthews left on the "Cape Girardeau" Tuesday for St. Louis.

Ed. Hutson and Wm. Raines have bought the livery stable from Chas. Peatry.

Aunt Lizzie Billings, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Bauen, of Creol Springs, for the summer, came home Wednesday.

Misses Nettie Marshall and Leona Eaches were visiting friends in Morley this week.

Business Locals.

Found—at Redman Switch—a pocket-book containing a sum of money. Owner can have same by calling on E. Heney, describing said property and paying for this notice.

FOR SALE in Sikeston, Mo., 8 lots; 3-room cottage, good out-buildings, near schoolhouse; good orchard. Price \$1,550. See Joe M. Bennett, Farmers' Supply Co.

FOR SALE—A first-class family horse. Try him. Price \$200. B. J. Tenkoff, Oran, Mo. 40-2t

For Sale—A new Standard sewing machine. C. C. Goetting & Son, Benton, Mo. 39t

For Sale—A span of medium sized work mules. Frank J. Messmer, Sr., Kelso, Mo. 38-4t

Thorough Berkshire hogs for sale. E. L. Miller, Oran, Mo. 37-5t

If you wish to buy or sell real estate in Scott county it will pay you to consult D. H. Harper, Oran

\$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.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date of the 1st day of May 1907, being duly acknowledged and recorded in trust record book number 26, at page 206, being one of the land records of the County of Scott, State of Mo., W. J. Stone and Etta Stone, his wife, conveyed to James McPheters as trustee the following described real estate (plus being and situate in the County of Scott, State of Missouri), to-wit:

The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-five (25) in township twenty-eight (28) north of range twelve (12) east; and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the east-half of the southeast quarter; and all of the northeast quarter of section thirty-six (36) in township twenty-eight (28) north of range twelve (12) east; and the west-half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-one (31) in township twenty-eight (28) north of range twelve (12) east containing in the aggregate 420 acres.

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note therein particularly described, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned Trustee at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in accordance with the provisions and stipulations of said deed of trust, and by virtue of authority vested in me, will on

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 1907 at the court house door in the town of Benton, Scott county, state of Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above described real estate, to pay said note, with cost of executing this trust.

(W-32) James McPheters, Trustee.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of

KATIE HARKEN, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., to be held at Benton, in said county, on the 26th day of August, 1907.

JACOB UHRMAN, Adm.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of

THOMAS W. AKERS, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., to be held at Benton, in said county, on the 26th day of August, 1907.

MOLLIE AKERS, Adm.

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: Take notice that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Henry Schutte deceased will, at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., to be held at Benton, in said county, on the 26th day of August, 1907, receive and return the claim and debt of administrator

B. F. EARLE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

We take great pleasure in announcing to our patrons and the general public that we will have with us for the following days only:

SEPTEMBER 2, 3 AND 4, AN EXPERT OPTICIAN, representing the celebrated firm of A. K. Hawkes Co., Atlanta, Ga., the largest and most favorably known optical establishment in the South.

He will Test Eyesight and Fit Glasses

The doctor is a graduate of one of the leading Ophthalmic Colleges in the United States, is thoroughly conversant with all modern methods in refractive science, including Retinoscopy, Ophthalmology, etc., and has had long experience in his specialty.

REMEMBER

That we have arranged this engagement an secured the services of a man of ability and reputation, and that we personally guarantee his work. All examinations are free, and only regular prices will be charged for glasses.

YOU CAN SAVE MONEY and obtain the highest class of professional service in this line by taking advantage of this opportunity. Bear in mind the dates, September 2, 3 and 4.

B. F. EARLES, - MORLEY, MO.

COME!

Be With us at Benton

August 29

We'll Make it

Warm for You!

AT ORAN