

**THE BENTON PICNIC.**  
The picnic and barbecue Thursday was a decided success. While the crowd was very large. Old settlers were conspicuous. The cornet band did good work. As did also the string band. The warm weather did not seem to interfere with the young folks and dancing commenced early. The dinner prepared by the ladies was splendid. The various amusements were well handled and there was perfect order throughout.

**BROWN-JOHNSON.**  
At the residence of Collector Christon, in Benton, Thursday at 11 a. m., A. S. Brown, of Pines Landing, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Charleston, and Miss Ora Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, of Henson, were married by Rev. M. T. Haw, of Jackson.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swank, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Emma Moore, Wm. and Ernest Johnson, all of Charleston, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown and Judge Christon, of Pines Landing.

After the ceremony the bridal party went to the picnic grounds for dinner, where the first table was reserved for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will begin their voyage through life on the farm at Pines Landing.

**AROUND BENTON.**  
Joe Dumey and Ferd. Bisher, both in their 71st year, started from New Hamburg about for the Benton picnic Thursday. On the way Vincent Heisser overtook the travelers and invited them to ride. Mr. Bisher accepted the invitation, but Mr. Dumey said he'd rather walk.

James Caraker brought the Kicker one of those long, sweet watermelons and Thos. Duval donated a nice bunch of peaches. Fruit is always appreciated at the Kicker shop.

Ward L. Smith, aged 85, a former resident of this county, died at Fredericktown and was buried at Morley Thursday. T. J. Stanley was also buried at Morley on the same day.

John Foster, of Hickory Grove, was here Saturday and says he is now a home owner. He bought 58 acres of Claude Hay at \$91 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Grogan and little daughter, Helen, spent the fore part of the week with the family of Dick Finley.

John Pobst, of Bleda, was here Wednesday. He says the Bleda farmers' union is doing good.

Linus Allen returned Wednesday from a trip to the Jameston exposition and the east.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huff, of Sylvania township, came to mill here Saturday.

Miss Annie Albrecht, of the Head School, visited in Benton this week.

**FROM CROSS PLAINS.**  
Rev. Daugherty, of Morley, is conducting a protracted meeting at Unity this week.

Miss Mae Lewis is on the sick list. Silas Finley is business sojourner at Cairo this week.

Sunday School at Unity every Sunday is very well attended.

George Finley, of Oran, visited the family of S. O. Finley Sunday.

The family of Charles Chamberlain, of Charleston, visited the family of H. C. King Saturday and Sunday.

James Vandyk and William Wilson were at Charleston attending court Saturday.

This week will close out the melon trade. The farmers are well pleased with the prices and yield.

It is safe to say that more than nine-tenths of the people at Cary—renters of the Johnstone Land Co.—are out spoken Socialists. Let the good work proceed.

**FROM ROCKVIEW.**  
J. A. Powell and daughter, Dena, Sim Jones and Bill Tucker are sick at this writing and Ralph Haynes, who has been in bed for seven weeks, is able to set up again while Mrs. Frank Felden, who has been dangerously ill, is slowly recovering and her brother, Frank Rosenberg, and family, of Unity, Ill., and her sisters, Mrs. Alice Mignaux, of Edna, and Mrs. Frances Friend, of Oran, were at her home a few days this week.

Rich Hayden's family is visiting Mrs. Hayden's relation at Garesville, Ill. and probably will stay a month or so at that place.

Clint Fitzgerald left our berg and moved to Chaffee. We regret to lose him and family.

J. Bryant has bought a house and lot in Rockview and is moving in. Come on! Rockview will be a city after awhile.

The W. C. T. U. of Rockview is still meeting Sunday evening at 3 o'clock and a large crowd attended last Sunday. Come again.

G. A. Bienenert just keeps on grinding. He says Manlove and McGeorge are stayers.

France Kinder passed through our town Tuesday with a load of watermelons—taking them to his home in Hollinger county.

Arthur Wylie is in our community bailing hay.

**FROM ORAN.**  
Overton Cooky, a former resident of this place, has returned, as he says to school his children.

R. L. Harrison, of Morley, was here Saturday. He has a brick structure on his premises, says that the foundation is giving way, and that he was looking for someone who could raise up the building and put under a better—a more solid—foundation. Bob says he is a member of the Farmers' Union. That he considers it the duty of all farmers to unite for self preservation.

August Flachsbart, the baker, says he will dispose of his effects here next month and take his departure for St. Louis. We regret to see Mr. Flachsbart and his most estimable family leave us. Oran cannot well afford to lose such people. They are a valuable acquisition to any community. He is beyond question the best—the neatest—baker that ever set up shop in town.

Clarence Coleman, a stenographer in the Burlington railway office in St. Louis, and Samuel Coleman, a brakeman on the Frisco line, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Coleman.

The case, of the State of Missouri vs. Tolbert Fink, charged with disturbing the peace and an assault upon Theon and Zeno Heisserer, was set for trial in Justice Hale's court Friday morning. Prosecuting Attorney Mosely and Marshall Arnold appeared on behalf of the state and Judge H. C. O'Bryan for the defense. The defendant's attorney filed an affidavit for a change of venue, but afterward withdrew this and entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$1 in one case and \$5 and costs in the other.

A. R. Atherton tells me that so far he has failed to find or locate the hidden treasure on his farm, hence it will necessitate another visit to Mrs. Josie Forbes at Taskie to get other and further information as to the locality. Upon his return he will employ a competent surveyor to aid him in the work by giving the courses and distances to the exact locality of the hidden treasure.

Any matter that is of interest to the whole community or to every taxpayer is of ought to be a subject of discussion. The expenses of the county and state are kept up by taxation, and every taxpayer should pay his proportionate part toward defraying the necessary expenditures—pay according to his wealth—yet, year after year, a certain class evade this by down right perjury. The assessor does his duty, but he has no way of knowing whether the list given is correct or not. If the judge of the circuit court would give this matter as a special charge to the grand jury it might even up things.

Charles St. Cinc. of Perkins, says that the apple crop was injured by the winds during the recent storm by causing the apples to fall before they were fully matured. However he will be able to put several bushels on the market this season.

The farmers in the hill country are wearing a broad smile now. 'Tis easy to see things are coming their way. Notwithstanding the predictions made earlier in the season the corn crop will be the best raised in many years. The pea crop, the potato crop, in fact, all farm products promises an abundant yield. The recent rains has not only been beneficial in bringing forward the crops but has enabled the farmers to break the land for fall seeding.

J. C. Hafner, the barber, has sold his fixtures to Manley Engle and is looking for another location.

J. D. Rodgers, a resident of this place, but at present clerking for B. F. Marshall & Co. at Blodgett, was at home last week.

William Oliver and Peter Dirmberger, engaged in the mercantile business at Risco, spent several days here last week with their families.

I asked Leo Schott, a prominent German farmer, if it was true that any considerable number of the German farmers had refused to market their farm products at Oran on account of the saloons being knocked out. His reply was: "The German farmers, like any other class, will always sell where they can obtain the best prices regardless of saloons." Leo was asked: "Why did the Germans sell their peas last spring at Morley when there was no saloons there?" He answered: "The prices were better."

W. H. Bessel, the tinner, will move to Fredericktown soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Elwood Alley, of Chaffee, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. L. D. Rash and son, Verni, who have been on an extended visit to relatives at Davenport, Iowa, returned Sunday.

H. F. Emory, formerly of Sikeston, moved his family to this place Monday and will occupy the dwelling vacated by Jas. R. McKnight.

Now that all or about all of the teachers are employed for the term of 1907-8 it might not be amiss to give the names of the Oran teachers and the schools of which they have charge. Of the six teachers employed at Oran, four reside here—Prof. Aulsbury and Misses McLean, Query and Forester. Mrs. Earl Miller and Miss Nellie Lober will teach at Benton; Miss Clara Maddox at Bryans; Miss Tudie Finley at Hooe; Miss Beulah Finley at Sandy Prairie; Miss Ara Finley at Chaffee; Miss Margarette Vaughn

at Vanduser; Rufus Hahn at Vanduser; and Neely Miller at Hunter. These complete the list so far as I have been able to ascertain. Thirteen makes a good showing for a dead town.

Andrew Amrhein, while driving in his buggy in the west part of town, came in contact with a telephone wire and had the entire top of the buggy torn off. Amrhein was anxious to find who was responsible to him for the loss.

For the information of the patrons of the school here I am authorized to say that the school commences on Monday, September 16—in rented rooms. They have about perfected arrangements whereby the school can commence at that time.

The young child of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watkins died on the train enroute from White Springs to this place Monday evening.

Moore Haw and wife, of Charleston, were visiting relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Wright and son, Gerald, are visiting relatives here and at Chaffee.

Mrs. Ba-kof, of St. Louis, accompanied by her children, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Judge Wright.

At the Sunday evening services at the M. E. Church an old time prayer meeting was held. Old time songs were sung. Judge Wright lead the services.

W. L. Reams will move to Fredericktown and Henry Query to Memphis, Tenn. this week.

Joseph Kieffer and James F. Allen will spend the winter at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Mayor Charles Hamm and wife, of Edna, were visiting friends here Saturday.

Misses Estelle Query and Lora Forester attended the teachers meeting at Benton Friday.

J. B. Stubblefield and wife were at Commerce Thursday. It is thought Beach will return to Commerce.

**FROM MT. ZION.**  
Mrs. Leslie will go to St. Louis this week to study styles and buy the fall millinery for B. F. Earles. See announcement later.

Mrs. W. B. Potts and daughter, of Vanduser, were the guests of Mrs. Anna Underwood last week.

Miss Birdie Stanley was suddenly called to Dawson Saturday to attend her sick father.

Deventer Miller made his regular trip to Sikeston Sunday. Wonder what's the attraction?

Mr. and Mrs. Burklow Williams visited in Richwoods Sunday.

Miss Pearl Black is visiting relatives in Brookport.

Miss Ethel Williams visited in Morley Sunday.

Cleveland Evans visited home-folks, near Oran, Sunday.

Lawson Williams went to Vanduser Sunday.

Miss Emma Woodward and Mrs. Neely Potts, of Vanduser, visited Mrs. Audrey Swain Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman visited Mrs. B. C. Williams Tuesday.

Walter Williams visited home-folks Sunday.

Therman Swain went to Commerce Sunday night and says he was rather sleepy Monday morning.

Braxton Nation is still loading melons—two cars daily.

**FROM ROCK CHURCH.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Roth, Miss Louisa Kaiser, and the Misses Frieda and Bertha Rubel left for Denver, Colo. last Monday.

Philip Rubel moved his family to the Cape last week.

The German Lutheran school opens next Monday.

Walter Russler, who has been very low with typhoid, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roth entertained a number of friends at dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Roth, and daughters, Frieda and Bertha, attended the mission feast at Jackson Sunday.

Misses Marie and Emilie Albrecht visited their cousin, Mrs. G. F. Seimers, at Jackson last Sunday. They also attended the missionary festival at that place.

Rev. A. Fuehler is attending conference at Altenburg this week.

The Head School will open next Monday with Miss Anna Albrecht in charge. Those who expect to graduate next spring should begin at once.

Mrs. Otto Zeschin and children, of the Cape, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

**FROM MACEDONIA.**  
Mrs. Koch and daughter, Elda, of Ilmo, were the guests of Hy. Koch and family Monday.

Miss Rose Garvey, of Commerce, has come home to stay awhile.

Monroe Parks, of Fayetteville, Ill., was in this neighborhood Sunday.

Allen Sanders, of Arkansas, came up Saturday to visit relatives.

John Mattingly and wife, of Ilmo, returned home with Mrs. Mattingly's sister, Mrs. Jessie Brury, of Modock, Ill., Saturday.

Preaching at the mill Sunday at 11 a. m. Come.

Everybody around here takes the Kicker.

**FROM BLODGETT.**  
Miss Ethel Stevens, of Glen Allen, has resigned her position in the school here and the board has secured Miss Pearl Lewis, of Mountain View, in her place.

Claude B. Hay, of Morehouse, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Vance Montgomery, of Charleston, spent the latter part of the week with her husband here. Mr. Montgomery accompanied her home Saturday night.

Miss Ruth Sherer went to Oran Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Sanders and children returned from Kentucky the first of the week.

Jack Shuppert, of Fredericktown, spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Kate.

Fred Nunnelee and Harris Rodgers, of Oran, Sunday here.

Mrs. Geo. M. Tucker left Monday for an extended visit with relatives at Webster, N. Y.

Elmer Peal spent Sunday evening with a fair friend at Charleston.

Claude S. Hale returned Sunday from Caruthersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of St. Louis, spent a few hours Wednesday with her brother, Chas. L. Stubbs.

Mrs. Chas. Stubbs and Charles Jr. returned Sunday from an extended visit at Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens, of Chaffee, spent Friday and Saturday here.

**FROM NORTH CUT.**  
Julius Mifelt is doing some bridging and other road work across the North Cut Swamp. The work was badly needed for since the winter rains the road has been almost impassable.

J. S. Murchason is fixing to leave us in a few days.

We hear that the North Cut school will start September 1 with Prof. J. A. Steers as principal.

We think we will soon hear the wedding bells ringing—at least Will Darden thinks so.

Clarence Pool and Grandpa Balcom went to Cairo Wednesday with melons.

T. J. Green is going to load two cars of fine melons Tuesday.

J. Hall was at Cairo Tuesday.

**FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Sigler are the proud parents of a fine girl.

Little Laird McBride is some better.

Ruth Sherer, of Blodgett, visited her cousin, Mrs. Sam Dozier, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel and Della Myers, of Oran, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. Joe Mackley has been very ill but is some better at this writing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Myatt Murchason a 9½ lb boy.

Mrs. Lillie Collins is visiting in Charleston.

John and Jim Collins and John Huffstutler had business in Cairo Monday and Tuesday.

**FROM HICKORY GROVE.**  
Mrs. M. M. Seufert and daughter, Irene, of St. Louis, are here on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. M. Hodgkiss.

Little Ethel Turner, of Blodgett, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. T. C. B. Turner.

Mrs. Jerry Wallace and children visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Harrison, Monday.

Amos Morrow and Ed. Hodgkiss visited Wm. Utnage, near Unity, Sunday.

Miss Tillie Hodgkiss and her aunt, Mrs. M. M. Seufert, of St. Louis, were in Benton shopping Friday.

Our school will begin next Monday.

**FROM OWENSBY.**  
Danie Smith, of New Madrid, is visiting her parents this week.

Albert Anderson and father had business at Commerce last Saturday.

Mrs. Trease died Monday morning at Cary.

Aunt Polly Smith, of Morley, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Stephens is here from Malden to spend several days with her parents and Mrs. Vandyk.

Mrs. Newt Anderson and daughters returned from Garesville, Ill. last Saturday.

Mabel Worrall came home from the Cape last Saturday.

**FROM REDMAN.**  
Warren Heney went to Portageville Sunday.

Arthur Sheldon and Will Ellis arrived home Sunday after a two weeks visit in Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Sheldon on Thursday a 10 lb. girl.

Roy Keezlee was called to Belle City Saturday by the death of his father.

Billy Simmons went to Dutchtown Tuesday.

Grandma Mac and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron were called to Belle City by the death of a relative.

Mr. Bills, of Commerce, is in our vicinity this week.

Mrs. Calvin Triplett and Mrs. Tom Ditterline are visiting Mrs. Triplett's mother at Campbell.

**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
While Henry Miederhof and family were at the New Hamburg picnic thieves broke into his home. When he came back he found everything in the greatest disorder. They missed five dollars and other valuable articles. No trace of the thieves has yet been found.

The amount of money spent at the New Hamburg picnic totaled \$2,300, which will be for the benefit of our steeps.

Mrs. Martin Seufert and little daughter are down from St. Louis on a visit to relations.

Miss Coletta Gerst is back from St. Louis. She will stay with her mother.

**Business Locals.**  
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.

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.

**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 horse, a good brood mare, two farm wagons, 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.

R. H. McCOMBICK.

**Official Statement**  
(CHAPTER No. 125.)  
Of the Financial condition of the Farmers' and Merchants Bank at Cairo, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 22nd day of August 1907, published in the Scott County Kicker, a newspaper printed and published at Benton, State of Missouri, on the 15th day of August, 1907.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, personal	\$70,800.00
Loans on collateral	100.00
Loans real estate	20,000.00
Overdrafts	20.00
Real estate and stocks	100,000.00
Real estate (banking house)	100,000.00
Other real estate	100,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	700.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	11,170.64
Cash items	400.45
Deposits	1,775.72
Stocks	108.72
Other resources as follows:	
Total	\$450,276.51
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$70,000.00
Surplus fund	1,400.00
Undivided profits, net	128.00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	100,000.00
Individual deposits, subject to check	25,425.51
Time certificates of deposit	10,000.00
Demand certificates of deposit	80.00
Checks cashed and not cashed	100,000.00
Bills payable and rediscounts	100,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:	
Total	\$450,276.51

State of Missouri, ss  
County of Scott, ss  
I, Joe F. Diebold, ex. president, and Leo Polakowski, ex. cashier of said bank, each of us do hereby swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
JOE F. DIEBOLD, President.  
LEO POLAKOWSKI, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August, A. D. 1907.  
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
(Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring Jan. 16, 1909.)  
L. J. DANENMUELLER, Notary Public.

**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 20, at page 26, being one of the land records of the County of Scott, State of Mo., W. J. Stone and Ethel Stone, his wife, conveyed to James McPheters as trustee the following described real estate lying, being and situate in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:  
The southwest 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 northwest quarter and the west 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 northwest quarter, and the west-half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-one (31) in township twenty-eight (28) north, of range thirteen (13) east containing in the aggregate 420 acres.

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

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

TEUESDAY, 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.

(18-38) James McPheters, Trustee.

**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.

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**B. F. EARLES, - MORLEY, MO.**

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