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COUNTY COURT DOIRGS.

County court met Monday with Judges Hutchason and Thomas present—Judge Bugg being in Hot Springs—and the following business was transacted.

Objection of E. Daugherty, et al., in matter of drain ditch 4 continued to first Monday in April.

In matters of bridge across Caney, 1½ miles west of New Hamburg, surveyor to view and report.

Allowances—William Canham, road work, $26.25; B. F. Marshall Mer. Co., $15.50; Addie L. Smith, stenographer, $13.05; C. N. Mozley, $20.55; W. C. Russell, attorney drain district 4, $500; James Spriggs, $10; Benton Record, $22.25; C. N. Mozley, for expense of analyzing stomach of Jas. Hinkle, $50; W. C. Lambert & Sons, $4.25.

Annual settlement of Collector Chrismon approved.

Albert DeReign authorized to purchase new engine for deep well.

Chas. Rahmueller is appointed overseer of road district 4 vice Chas. Heuring, refused to accept.

August Ledure appointed overseer district 7, vice A. C. Miller, refused to accept.

Sheriff ordered to convey Alva Steck to State Hospital at Farmington. $65 appropriated for admission fee.

Court adjourned to April 6.

AROUND BENTON.

There was considerable stir Saturday evening when Mrs. Theresa Lane, aged about 70 years, came through town with her face battered and bandaged, looking for someone to arrest Alva Steck. It seems that Mrs. Lane had information that Alva and Quinten Fornes had stolen some of her chickens, and when she went to the Steck home to give Alva "a piece of her mind," Alva viciously assaulted her. A few years ago Alva was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Farmington. Last year he escaped and has been at home all winter. Sunday morning Deputy Sheriff Ellis locked him up and Monday the county court ordered him taken back to Farmington. Quinten Fornes disappeared.

Owing to sickness Rev. Swope did not arrive Sunday as was announced. He arrived Monday, however, and the meeting began at the church that evening. Fairly good audiences greeted him Monday and Tuesday evenings, and on Wednesday services were held in the court house and will continue there until the close. If Rev. Swope succeeds in making a dent in the case-hardened consciences of some of our sinners he will have done well. That he moved into the court house indicates that he is not afraid to fight the devil under any circumstances.

Barney Bandendistel was in Benton Monday showing his brother, William, the sights. William, down from Perryville on a visit, says he is unmarried and "just looking around."

J. D. O'Connor, and Wm. Mason, of the Morley Coach Horse Co., were in Benton Monday to have bills printed. R. K. Griggs, of Morley, was also here having some work done.

John Welter, of McMullin, passed through Benton Tuesday on his way home from New Hamburg, where he left Mrs. Welter at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Mike Legrand, who is dangerously ill.

Union farmers interested in building a warehouse at the station will meet at Benton, Saturday, March 7, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

E. E. Burton has opened up a stock of groceries and patent medicines in his building north of the square.

L. Daugherty, of Morehouse, has rented the drug store building and will move his stock of drugs here.

R. M. Tirmenstein has been appointed postmaster at Benton vice C. L. Proffit, resigned.

Mrs. Archer, of Morley, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Gober.

H. G. Hopkins, the Commerce shoe maker, and J. Mattingly were in Benton Monday.

Business Locals.

I have again opened my mill, known as the Hickory Grove Grist Mill and grind every Saturday. C. Foster & Son. (18-2t.)

Light and dark strip Cob Gem melon seed, 25c per pound, at W. R. Lemley's. (18-4t.)

FOR SALE.—Lots 7, 8 and 9 in block 1, McGraw's addition to Oran. Wm. Weidfield or Dennis Grasser, New Hamburg, Mo. 17.

I have 200 bushels of first-class blue peas for sale at $200 per bushel. T. J. Ditterline, Commerce, Mo. 17

FOR RENT.—60 acres of corn land. G. A. Campbell, Commerce, Mo. 17-4t.

I have a limited number of S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerels for sale, full stock. W. V. MILLER. 12-tf

Earmers!—Call at the union warehouse No. 1, at Oran, where you can get the best flour, bran, shipstuff, etc., and also the best price for your grain. Mike Bollinger, manager. (14-tf.)

Notice—Edna Socialist local meets 1st and 3d Saturday nights of each month at Red Men's hall, North Illmo. Everybody invited.
J. T. Williams, Sec.

FROM ORAN.

W. R. Rice, a teamster in the employ of a saw mill firm located near Perkins, came here Thursday after supplies. In the afternoon, after loading his wagon, he started on his return. Late that evening one span of the horses driven to the wagon returned home. This created the impression that some mishap had befallen Rice and a search was accordingly made. Near the first bridge beyond Caney Creek the wagon was found fastened hard against a tree; about 200 yards further the other team was entangled in some brush, and about a quarter of a mile further on, after the waters had subsided, the dead body of Rice was found. The supposition is that, finding he could not release the wagon, he had unhitched the team, started home, had fallen into the water and was drowned. Justice Hale went out Saturday and held the inquest. It is said here that when Rice left for home he was considerably under the influence of liquor.

While the rain falls our people discuss the drainage question. What benefit will we derive from the drainage and what increase in the way of taxes? Will the proposed enlargement of the ditches be of sufficient size to carry off the water provided Caney Creek is allowed to overflow after every freshet? These and many other questions are being asked. To go over the country west of town any sane man could tell you that drainage is a necessity—'tis the only salvation for that country. The concensus of opinion is that a ditch will have to be dug sufficiently large to take the water of Caney Creek due west and thus prevent the overflow from that stream.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the principal's meeting at the school house here Saturday was not as well attended as was expected. School matters were discussed in general. An effort will be made to have the principals of the high schools throughout the county visit the country schools and advise with and instruct the teachers of the country districts, so as to bring about more uniformity in school work and thereby attain better results. Wherever it could conveniently be done, the consolidation of two or more districts, or the annexation to a town school where high school privileges were provided, was advised.

A society, "The young Mission Workers," was recently organized here by girls yet in their "teens"—Miss Elsie Winters, president, Miss Jessie Hale, secretary, and Miss Elsie Volkert, treasurer. Their first meeting was held Saturday evening at the residence of Dr. A. L. Bryte whereat a pie supper was spread. Net receipts of the evening $7. These Mission Workers will meet regularly every Saturday evening; will make all kinds of fancy needle work and these will be put on sale and the proceeds applied toward the building of the new M. E. Church.

Now, after the continued rains have made the roads almost impassible, we talk about the necessity, the importance, of building rock roads over the country. Heretofore talk is about all that was ever done. Whether we are to continue along this line from year to year remains to be seen. But a few years ago, one gentleman who aspired to the county court judgeship was very profuse in his promises that, in the event of his election, the first act would be the building of a rock road from this place to Benton. The gentleman was elected but where is your rock road?

While at Benton last week a gentleman of that town showed me the cracks in the court house wall at the south west corner of that building. The building was never put up as the contract called for nor was the foundation what it should have been to insure the permanency of the building. Col. DeReign and myself denounced the workmanship at the time. The necessity of a better building—a safer building—is certainly apparent to every body interested.

W. V. Miller, of near Chaffee, says that the wolf killed near his place had evidently escaped from some show passing through the country. After the killing the head of the afflicted animal was sent to St. Louis to a bacteriologist who pronounced it suffering from hydrophobia. This will bring about the complete annihilation of the dog population.

A business meeting of all the officials of the M. E. Church, South, is called for Thursday evening, whereat decisive steps will be taken relative to the building of a new church by the congregation. The ladies, who are ever foremost in works of this kind, have taken the initiatory steps and begun raising funds to aid in the good work.

Some of us old timers would suggest to County Superintendent Smith that at his county graduation next summer that he have a contest from the classes in the different schools on reading and spelling provided these (which were common school branches) have not been discontinued.

Profs. Johnson and Dewherst, Louis Matthews and Charles Fink and Mrs. Vaughn and Misses Sadie Sloan, Audry Vaughn and Virgie Bryeans attended the school entertainment at Vanduser Saturday evening.

At last the Iron Mountain Company has begun digging the trenches for the foundation of the brick depot which they propose to erect where the old frame structure stood. This is some indication that the depot will be built. To Prosecuting Attorney Mozley and our town council is due the credit for their steadfast determination that the law shall be complied with.

Prof. Arbaugh, principal of the Chaffee school, while here Saturday said that they contemplated building at that place an eight room modern school building this summer. We hope they may succeed as nothing adds more to a town or country than good schools and churches.

Two basket ball teams have been organized here. A boys basket ball club and a girls basket ball club—and a foot ball team by the girls is contemplated. This is all well enough provided it does not interfere with the regular school work or time not taken from the regular studies.

William Oliver, who has been in the mercantile business at Risco, says he has his goods packed for shipment to this place where he will go into business. Later—The goods have arrived here.

Marshal Fink says that Sunday evening two dog showed symptoms of hydrophobia and he thought best to kill both.

FROM BLEDA.

On Tuesday of last week while Henry, son of Romanus Halter, was out duck hunting he shot himself in the hand so that it was necessary to amputate the thumb.

Butch Morrie's horse broke loose Sunday night during the rain and left him to wade and swim home.

Mrs. Joe Mier was at Oran Thursday. It was the 70th brithday of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mier visited their old home in the hills Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halter were here Sunday.

FROM KELSO.

We have located Chas. Logel for the New Hamburg girls. He is nursing a sore hand, but promises to show up down there soon.

Wm. Wilhman, who was arrested last week for assaulting Mr. Hohman with a hatchet, was released on bond.

Mrs. Charles Buhs, who died last week, was brought him for burial.

Tony Messmer is up again after a long spell of sickness.

Our roads—well, we haven't got any. But we pay taxes.

Ferd. Soyer and family moved to the farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Soyer were at Edna last week.

Will Essner and John Glasser were here Sunday.

George Reinagle has the grip.

FROM COMMERCE.

W. E. Ward will leave for Jonesboro, Ark. where he expects to farm in a few days.

Lula Boundrant, daughter of Albert Boundrant, has been very sick for the past week.

The protracted meeting conducted by Rev. Thogmorten is progressing nicely.

Dr. Hutton and family, of Edna, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Grace DeWint visited at Cape Girardeau the first of the week.

Mable Palmer, of Cape Girardeau, visited friends here this week.

Miss Emma Matthews returned from St. Louis Monday.

Mrs. DeWint returned from St. Louis Wednesday.

W. G. Anderson left for St. Louis Tuesday.

John Hilton and Miss Ida Murray were married March 1.

The Grey Eagle came in on her regular trip Tuesday.

Ed. Daley is building a gasoline boat.

A. N. Ireland is sick.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Miss Carrie Garvey of Commerce and J. E. Hegerty of Thebes spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Garvey.

Fritz Miller and wife of Cross Plains spent Sunday with the family of F. M. Sanders.

The leap year party at the home of Henry Shiwitz, Saturday night, was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wilkerson visited at the home of L. L. Smith Sunday.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Mrs. J. W. Arbaugh, of Chaffee, came over last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Williams, who is very sick.

Miss Rose Butler returned Monday from a visit at Redman Switch.

Miss Nellie Smith is visiting relatives at Fayville, Ill. this week.

Little Velma Totty has a severe case of whooping cough.

Frank Herzog, of near Blodgett, was here Thursday.

ATTENTION SOCIALISTS.

All locals are requested to meet and select three delegates to attend a county meeting at Morley, Saturday March 14, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of establishing a county organization. J. H. Branham.

Ladies! See our line of up-to-date millinery. W. H. Heisserer.

We Have Opened Our New Spring Goods

That were bought at depressed prices and brought on only last week. Therefore we are able to depress prices to the people and can offer inducements that will please you. See

Our Line of Spring Dress Goods!

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We are Prepared to Supply the best Footwear for Ladies, Children and Men. In Groceries and Provision we Handle everything, and will pay the best price for Bacon, Lard Poultry and Produce. We can save you Money on

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W. H. HEISSERER, BENTON.

FROM VANDUSER.

Otto Spann has returned to his old stopping ground after eight months stay at McGuire working in a shingle factory. He will hop clods for Will Mason.

Little Nellie Chaney, daughter of Etta Chaney, died of pneumonia Saturday morning and was entered at the Oran Cemetery Sunday.

Misses Mamie and Leona Layton, of Morley, visited their uncle, George Layton, Saturday night and returned Sunday.

The entertainment at the school building was excellent. Proceeds $25.00. It was a credit both to pupils and teachers.

Mrs. Ada Vaughn and daughter, Audry, came down from Oran to attend the exercise and accompany Miss Maggie home.

Floy Hollingshead visited Gracie Bohnhardt and returned to her home at Chaffee Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bugg rendered some nice music Saturday night for the entertainment.

Myrtle Bennett, of Morley, was the guest of her uncle and aunt here Saturday.

R. J. Dubbs is over hunting a location to farm. He likes old Scott county.

Harry Davis has not recovered from a spell of pneumonia contracted last fall.

Mr. Oller has purchased a piano for his daughters, Beatrice and Agnes.

Sunday is Brother Patterson's regular time at the Baptist Church.

J. W. Arbaugh, of Chaffee was in attendance at the entertainment.

Wm. Potts moved over on Caney Creek Monday with Mr. Abshier.

One of Lee Roberts children was quite sick Friday from malaria.

A. J. Lancaster and daughter Altha, are visiting in the Cape.

C. F. Spann, of Chaffee, was visiting relatives here Saturday.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

J. F. Grant is getting the timber out for the new bridge across the river and as soon as the water goes down the contractors will begin work.

Robert Doom spent Saturday with Ray Utnage. Robert and Ray made the wild ducks hide out.

James Metcalf is on the puny list and John Capps has the Kentucky fever.

Henry Rose and wife, of East St. Louis, Ill., spent last week with her parents.

W. D. Vaughn transacted business at Minner's Switch Friday.

Duck hunting is the chief occupation at present.

Mr. Elsperman has a phonograph.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

The debate at Misfeldt Saturday night, on which deserves the most praise Columbus for discovering America or Washington for defending it, was well attended. The affirmative won.

There will be an entertainment at Misfeldt Schoolhouse next Friday night, March 6—it being the last day of school.

Willie Wilson and family visited at Charleston a few days last week and J. W. Huffstutler visited at Morley.

Misses Graham and Powell of Blodgett visited in our district Saturday.

Wm. Lowder, of near Blodgett, visited in our vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. Babb is recovering from a long spell of sickness.

Wm. Cason, who has been very ill, is able to be up.

FROM MORLEY.

Mrs. Agnes Miller, of Diehlstadt, visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin, Sunday.

Leslie Butler, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to his home in Big Creek, Ark. Sunday.

Miss Grace Strickland, of Jonesboro, Ark., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Della Riggins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Underwood moved to their home in town this week.

The body of James Hinkle was exhumed Tuesday for an autopsy.

Rev. A. W. Fizer is suffering from a severe attack of lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith this week.

O. Cooksy, of Oran, is doing some painting for R. L. Buck.

Robt. Randol moved to the Dyer property this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adams' little child is very sick.

Early Clifton, of East Prairie, is visiting here.

FROM WARD'S SWITCH.

Miss Mittie Lancaster and brothers, James and Arthur, of Vanduser, were visitors at Will Watson's Sunday.

Jerry Minter and family, of Benton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson Sunday.

John York and Miss Mamie McBride were married last Wednesday.

Miss Celia Hopper is visiting Miss Laura Smith at Morley.

Miss Pearl Diamond visited Miss Marie Knuckles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zach Davis went to Blodgett Monday.

Mary Lancaster has been sick but is much better.

Chas. Diamond went to Blodgett Saturday.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND.

One would not think that the panic had reached Mullin's Island from the way A. A. Evans and T. A. Anderson are building woven wire fence. They have up $120 worth of wire besides posts and other expences—but they are up-to-date farmers and old rail or hedge fences are out of date.

Miss Beulah Anderson, who has been visiting relatives at Charleston, returned home Saturday—accompanied by her cousin, Ramond Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greer, of Bugg Ridge, attended church at Ward Schoolhouse Sunday.

Jim S'Barger, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up again.

Ebbie Lee Fields visited his aunt, Sarah Williams, at Cary Sunday.

Miss Eugie Fields visited relatives on Bugg Ridge Sunday.

George Perry and family visited on Bugg Ridge Saturday.

John Evans and Roy Hedger were at Sikeston Saturday.

Charles S. Barger was at Sikeston Sunday.

Little Lora Evans is sick.

FROM OWENSBY.

John Reese had a run-a-away and his buggy was left with only three wheels Sunday. Nobody hurt.

Silas Finley, jr., of Hickory Grove attended church Sunday at Cary.

Mrs. I. N. Anderson and daughter visited relatives at Illmo this week.

Miss Mae Lewis of Blodgett visited Miss Mabel Worrall Sunday.

Ernest and Oscar Woods spent Sunday at Cross Plains.

Our school closes March 13.

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FROM DIEHLSTADT.

O. F. Daniel, principal of our school, was at the Cape Saturday.

Wm. Berns, wife and her father, of Indiana, have moved here and will make their home among us.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Horton is very sick.

Miss Mabel Ostner of Charleston visited Miss Mae Cox Sunday.

Kill Dew is improving his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Berns were in Charleston Saturday.

Wash Willams is breaking four young mules.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Abshier.

FROM CROSS PLAINS.

Mrs. Effie Thurman, accompanied by her mother-in-law, left Saturday for Grand Tower Ill., to join her husband.

Mr. Taylor, who has been with his daughter in St. Louis, has returned much improved in health.

School closes in two weeks.

FROM SAVANAH.

The Misses Florence Huffstuttler Cassie Gage, Arminta Puckett and Harley Smith and Charley Gage spent Sunday at S. H. Hampton's.

The Socialist speaking at Lemmons school house was well attended Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gage visited the family of Ben Woods Sunday.

FROM REDMAN.

Wm. McHarry and family, near the Chapel, spent Sunday with the family of Charles Simmons, and Ed Kneezle and wife of Unity visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Simmons.

Warren and Elmer Henry visited George Barnes at Oran Sunday and Elmer has a new buggy.

Felix Thomure and family from the hills spent Sunday with the family of Asa Pool.

Margaret Cameron is visiting her cousin, Ben Cameron, and family.

Christ Kanzler and Chas. Powell went to Bertrand Saturday.

Farmer! For your spring goods, we lead the band. Come and see for yourself. W. H. Heisserer.

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri. Order of publication in vacation of court. To the April Term 1906.

Lillie A. Costner Plaintiff, vs. Robert Costner, Defendant. } Divorce.

Now on this 3rd day of March 1906 comes plaintiff herein by her attorney, James Val Baker, before the undersigned clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott county, Missouri, in vacation of Court and files her petition and affidavit setting among other things that the defendant is a non-resident of the state of Missouri so the ordinary service cannot be had; whereupon it is ordered by the clerk aforesaid in vacation of court that publication be made notifying said defendant that plaintiff has commenced an action against him by petition in the Circuit Court of Scott county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which being to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony contracted between plaintiff and defendant and for the restoration of her maiden name, and that unless said defendant Robert Costner be and appear before this Court at the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton, county of Scott, state of Missouri, on the 20th day of April next, 1906 and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to plaintiff's petition the same will be taken as confessed and a decree of divorce granted as prayed therein, and it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid in vacation of court that a copy hereof be published for four weeks successively in the Scott County Kicker, a newspaper published weekly, at Benton, Scott county, Missouri, to be published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the said April term 1906, of this court.

A true copy from the record.
JAS. M. ARNOLD, Clerk.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court. Done [SEAL] at office in Benton, Mo., this 3rd day of March, 1906.

J. M. ARNOLD, Clerk Circuit Court Scott County, Missouri.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the circuit court of Scott county, Missouri. Order of publication in vacation of court. To the April term 1906.

Nellie Drazzle, Plaintiff, vs. George Drazzle, Defendant. } Divorce.

Now on this 20th day of February 1906 in vacation of court comes plaintiff herein by her attorney, Jas. Val. Baker, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things that defendant, George Drazzle, is a non-resident of the State, and his whereabouts are unknown so the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him in this State. Wherefore it is ordered by the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott county, Missouri, that publication be made notifying said defendant, that plaintiff has commenced action against him by petition in the circuit court of Scott county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which being to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the care and custody of their infant child and for the restoration of her maiden name, as alleged in the petition and unless said defendant, George Drazzle, be and appear before the circuit court of Scott county, Missouri, at the next regular term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton, Mo., on the 20th day of April, 1906, then and there answer or plead to plaintiff's petition the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly as prayed in the petition. And it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid in vacation of court that a copy hereof be published for four weeks successively in the Scott County Kicker, a weekly newspaper published at Benton, Scott county, Missouri, to be published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the April term 1906, of the Scott County Circuit Court.

A true copy from the record.
J. M. Arnold, Clerk.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court. Done [SEAL] at office in Benton, Mo., this 20th day of February, 1906.

J. M. ARNOLD, Clerk Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri.