

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.
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THE JOB.

A few years ago Clarence Johnson came here and was installed as cashier of the Benton Bank. He is agreeable and courteous and seemed an ideal bank cashier. He bought property, built a comfortable home and he and his family were considered permanent fixtures of Benton.

BUT HE DIDN'T OWN HIS JOB.
One evening last week he was notified that his services were no longer needed, and the next morning Arthur Chrismon handled the cash at the bank.

Mr. Johnson had joined the army of the unemployed which, perhaps, upset all his future plans. The change, as it is reported, was the result of rival interests—of individuals—interested in the bank.

Fortunately for Mr. Johnson he did not "hit the road" very long in search of another boss. A bank cashier at Charleston got quit his job and Mr. Johnson got it. I am aware that I am not treating this matter with due respect, for a bank cashier gets about \$100 a month. That should be spoken of as a "position." Only places that pay under \$300 a month should be referred to as "jobs"—but in either case the holders are wage slaves—subject to the boss.

As for Mr. Chrismon, he is equally capable and courteous. He gets \$1,200 a year. And the reason for writing this comes now.

For six years Mr. Chrismon was our collector. He worked about six months of the year and got about \$3,000 for it—or \$500 per month. He now works twelve months of the year and gets \$1,200—or \$100 per month.

Why should men in the public service get three times as much as they could command anywhere else? All of our officials draw from \$2,000 to \$8,000 per year in the public service, and few of them could command \$60 per month anywhere else?

You well know. You go to sleep and let the officials raise their own salaries and lengthen their terms of office, while you dig and grub and foot the bill. That's why.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

Evidently the men in control of the affairs of Scott county are not afraid of the people. At an adjourned term of county court Monday they approved of the plans submitted by their architect to build a court house to cost \$87,000. The people, by their votes, have not said that they want a new court house, and the men in control are afraid to submit it to a vote—fearing that the people will not stand for it.

Keep in mind that the question is not whether or not we need a new court house, but whether the people shall be denied their lawful right in deciding the question of whether or not \$87,000 of their money shall be thus used. We are told that the people rule. If the men who tell you this are sincere, then why don't they let the people decide?

Another evidence of the people's "d-d" spirit of those in control is the appropriation of \$197.65 to the court house organ—\$90 of which was for publishing the financial statement. Before the establishment of the organ this statement was published for SEVEN DOLLARS! Last week I put some very direct questions to "our" attorney about this, but he has handed in no reply. Here is the work of the appropriation machine after a recess of three weeks.

W. C. Lambert Mercantile Co. \$11.75 for coal; Fairbanks Steam Shovel Co. \$7,047.68 for dredging; J. W. Beck & Son \$1,467.59 for dredging; J. M. Arnold \$88.80 as fees; The Mo. P. Ry. \$75 for a bridge built over ditch No. 4; Sullivan-Lambert Lumber Co. \$65.58 for lumber; Joe Hutselover, overseer, \$173.75; W. H. Hutselover, \$22 for telephone wires from the county farm to Benton; Ambrose Bies, overseer, \$116; Ed Dambach \$62.50 for services as engineer on road grader; Scott Co Democrat \$197.65 for stationery and printing financial statement; W. C. Russell, Atty for drainage district 4, \$100; L. P. Guber \$450.50 for boarding prisoners; John Schlitt \$20 for lumber; B. J. Marshall Land Investment Co. allowed \$25 for attorney fees paid for opinion on proceedings on bond issue; L. P. Guber \$59.79 as fees; The Farmers' Supply Co. \$820.85; T. E. Chewing, overseer, \$362.85; C. Bertrand, overseer, \$423.4; H. F. Emerson, overseer, \$195; Judge Francis Myers and Bandy \$5 each salary.

OTHER MATTERS.
The plans for the new court house submitted by the architect were approved and working orders submitted to the court in August. According to the plans submitted the house will cost \$87,000.

John McWilliams appointed attorney to bring suit for delinquent taxes on personal property.

In matter of Jno. I. Diebold road fund, Geo. Heiserer allowed \$100 for land and fence.

\$250 was transferred from the general road fund to road district No. 18.

\$500 was transferred from the general road fund to road district No. 11.

DENTAL NOTICE.
Dr. Williams, Dentist, is now at Benton. Don't fail to call on him and have your teeth properly treated. You can't expect to have health with a mouth full of diseased teeth. Call early in order that time may be reserved for you. Teeth extracted without pain.

HERE AND YONDER.

A serious accident occurred at Vanduser Tuesday. The 10-year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeves was fatally burned by the explosion of a can containing linseed oil compound. It is supposed the boy dropped a lighted match into the can. The accident happened about noon and the boy lived until 6 o'clock in the evening.

Five dwelling houses were destroyed by fire at Ilmo on evening last week. Two of the houses belonged to John Eifert and the others to Mrs. Acton Henry Justice and C. E. Sutton. Fire originated in the Acton house, occupied by O. A. Brown. Mr. Brown was severely burned. The loss is estimated at \$8,000 with insurance.

I sincerely hope that Prosecutor McWilliams will make use of the information furnished him by the Kicker last week. It is such a splendid opportunity for him to prove the fallacy of the Socialist contention that there is nothing in electing a "good man" on a capitalist ticket. As Banks of Oran, says of his bargains, "it's the chance of a life-time."

Chaffee promises to have the latest Socialist local in the Co. Only two months old, it has 37 members and has debates twice a month. If Edna don't want to play second fiddle she'll have to get busy. However, Edna is beginning to debate. All locals should do this. Make the meetings so attractive that no one can afford to stay away.

A large barn on the farm of August Heebe was destroyed by fire, near Chaffee, last week. A mule and a horse were burned to death. Considerable feed and a wagon, buggy and other things were destroyed.

Jack Lambert, a negro from Commerce, was locked up here Sunday. It is said he attempted to cut his wife's throat.

A. Q. Miller, of Benton, will take part in the debate at Chaffee Socialist local, Friday night, June 9. Everybody invited.

Lorenz Seyer, of Ance, was here Monday. He says a delayed train prevented his getting to Morley Saturday.

Ray Maddox and son, William, of Oran, were in Benton Wednesday.

IS HE COMING TOO?

The signal stand for law and order for law justly framed and impartially administered, but we don't believe we will ever get it under existing political, industrial, commercial and financial conditions. We've been watching and waiting for 35 years.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Philip Hahn and Lawrence Reiser and their best girls were at the Cape Sunday, and Philip and Lawrence attended the Woodmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, of Oran, visited the family of N. Schwartz Sunday.

John Hahn and Bennie Westrich left for St. Louis last week, where Bennie went for medical treatment.

Mrs. David Stehr attended the Oran Catholic church Sunday.

Louis Hahn visited his sweetheart Sunday and borrowed a parasol so as to have an excuse to go back.

Mrs. George Gerst's new house ready for occupancy.

The dance at Sike's hall was well attended and all report a nice time.

Robert Georger and wife and Charley Georger and girl attended church here Sunday.

Miss Mary Schlosser of Formelt visited home folks over Sunday.

Father Moeng left for Europe this week, to be gone until September.

John Linhart is building a new house on his farm.

Farmers are cutting wheat. Charley Diebold of St. Louis, is here on a visit.

August and Leo Claus, Albert Dirnberger, and August, Theodore Willie Goetz went fishing Sunday and caught 85 fish.

August Lux and daughter, Miss Clara, autoed to Oran Thursday from Keiso to attend Bank's sale.

Albert Schwartz and wife, of Keiso, were here Sunday.

Saturday Mrs. Tom Swafford went to the Sand visiting. Tom soon followed.

FROM ORAN.

Since returning from Dawson Springs I am asked many questions about this health and pleasure resort. A number of health-giving springs have been discovered there, and so popular have its different mineral waters become that thousands of people visit there every year. Among the ailments completely cured have been aggravated cases of dropsy, rheumatism, dyspepsia, nervous debility and diseases of stomach etc. But all patients sent there by the country physicians are not cured. One man was advised by his physician to be operated on for appendicitis but on his way to Nashville stopped at the springs and found that he had only stomach trouble and was cured by the waters. I asked if they had many cases of appendicitis and was told not many but that many times physicians operated on people for that ailment and the patients were none the wiser.

The sad and tragic death of Mrs. Lily May DeLay, wife of H. A. DeLay, shocked the entire community. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hale and had been ailing for several months. She had gone to St. Louis where an operation was performed. After recovering she had a severe attack of typhoid fever, and from this she had never regained her usual health and was never fully conscious. With a view of improving her condition the family had decided to move to Nevada, hoping that a change of climate, scenery, etc. might be beneficial. But alas! the change was never to be made. About 3 o'clock a. m. on the 2nd inst. she dressed herself, taking a bottle of gasoline and some matches and went to the toilet room and after thoroughly saturating her clothing with the ignited thing she was soon covered in flames. Her cries awakened her husband and father who hastened to her rescue. To these she bade "good-bye". But alas! the pitiless fire had burned too fast and her pure life was consumed and only the charred remains are left to tell the tragic story. Amid the flames of an earthly fire her life went out. In the peace of an eternity may her spirit live forever.

Prof. H. S. Moore, of the S. E. Normal, and daughter, Helen, were the guests of Chas. E. Moore several days the past week.

Misses Ivy Bryans and Helen Harris, who have been attending school at Farmington, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stubblefield attended the Commencement exercises at C. C. J. at Fredericktown.

Wheat cutting has begun. The yield will be above the average. Then Heiserer and family departed Sunday for St. Louis.

Wm. Metz is going to St. Louis this week for medical treatment.

A. M. Sanders, of Blodgett, has moved his family to Oran.

Mrs. Phil Hafner was in Oran this week shopping.

FROM HOPE.
Friends and parents are invited to enjoy next Sunday, June 11, with us. We are looking forward to a happy day and desire your co-operation in our Children's Day exercises. Special program at 2:30, p. m.

Miss McClellan, Jess Cartwright and the Misses Pearl Oliver and Anna McClellan, attended the show at Vanduser Saturday night.

Several friends and relatives gathered at the home of Alvin Carter Saturday night and made ice cream. All had good time.

Mr. Midcalf and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McClellan Sunday.

Miss Nelia Brookman has returned home from Kentucky on a short visit.

Miss Pearl Oliver visited Miss Anna McClellan Sunday.

We have changed the Sunday school to 10 a. m. Come.

The baby of Mrs. Caldwell is sick.

FROM OWENSBY.
Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster visited their daughter Mrs. Jack Hopper Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hopper and her daughter Mrs. Anna Dickerson left Saturday for Metropolis, Ill.

A number of friends enjoyed an ice cream entertainment at H. C. Kings Saturday.

Miss Bernice Ward spent several days with friends in Commerce last week.

Miss Pearl Colbert entertained her friend Sunday with ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith moved near Diehlstadt Monday.

Jim Vandyke spent Saturday and Sunday with his son in Ilmo.

Miss Myrtle Lemley returned from Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walton were in Commerce Friday.

Miss Beulah Simpson has a new organ.

W. P. Mills spent Sunday near Savannah.

Mrs. Harden Wood is sick.

FROM BUGG RIDGE.
Mrs. Lena Shilman was taken to St. Louis Tuesday to have an operation performed for appendicitis.

FROM COMMERCE.

Misses Sofie and Hille Spaulding, of Benton, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Spaulding.

Mrs. Ed McLain, of St. Louis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garvie.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Groves, of Big Island, visited at A. J. Penn's last week.

Mrs. Julie Finley, who has been very sick, is better.

The baptizing Sunday was well attended.

Luther Hughes is very sick.

FROM MACEDONIA.
Lester Jacobs, who has been working at Caruthersville for several months, returned home Wednesday. He celebrated his 21st birthday by giving a dance Monday night. A large crowd was present and all had a nice time.

Lawrence Scherer has a new buggy. Wonder who he will take to the show Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wise were at Keiso Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Miller visited at Ilmo Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. C. M. Weaver went to Johnson City, Ill. Sunday to preach.

Mrs. N. Green visited at Commerce Sunday.

Several from here attended the baptizing and church at Commerce Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, of Ilmo, visited her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hawkins.

Pete Wise and family and Mrs. John Sanders and son Mack and F. M. Sanders and family visited on Big Island Sunday.

Albert Mienz's team became frightened while working in hay Saturday and ran away, throwing him out and breaking his arm.

Miss Mary Sanders visited at Commerce Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Edmonds visited on Big Island Sunday.

Ed Garvey was at Ilmo Sunday and Fredlin Scherer, of Keiso, were here Sunday.

Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Remember, Church Sunday at 11 a. m.

John Glosser, Jess Logal and Fredlin Scherer, of Keiso, were here Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Marlow, of Pinkneyville, Ill. is here visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. Sanders.

Frank Leist, who has been in St. Louis for several months, returned home Monday on a visit.

FROM SANDYWOODS.
Mrs. Geo. Lile and children visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Harris, at Vanduser Sunday.

Mrs. Alpha Emerson and son Arlin, of Bugg Ridge, visited Preston Emerson's family Sunday.

Claud Swanagan and Joyce Emerson attended children's day at Richwoods Sunday.

Preston Emerson and wife attended Sunday school at Morley Sunday.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swannegan is sick.

Amy Swanagan visited Edith Emore Sunday at Morley.

FROM KELSEO.

Quite a crowd gathered at the home of John Enderle Sunday to surprise his son, Albert, on his 21st birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welter Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enderle, Otto and Ranney Miller, of Chaffee, Fred Lux, Ernest Rose, John Reingale and the Misses Josephine Glatstetter, Alvina Lux, Lorina Welter and Emma Enderle, of Chaffee. Refreshments were served and all had a good time.

Mrs. Elsa Ross is still sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fullenwider visited the family of Isaac Rose Sunday.

Miss Emma Enderle, of Chaffee, is spending a few weeks with home folks.

The entertainment at our school house Monday was well attended.

Mrs. John Enderle and baby and Miss Emma Enderle spent Tuesday with Mrs. Lorenz Seyer at Ance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Andrew visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Lux and Mr. Mrs. Geo. Glueck visited the family of G. Glueck Sunday.

The party at Alvina Messmer's Sunday was well attended.

We had a fine rain Monday.

The Scott County Mutual Aid Society had two fire losses last week. One at L. A. Reynolds for \$200 and one at Aug. Heebe for \$400. The company had only \$227 in the treasury, so they borrowed from the Keiso bank on account of the busy time. It will be necessary to make a higher assessment next time.

FROM RANDELS.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aug. Halter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schlosser and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas and families and the Misses Annie Halter and Annie Schlosser and Leo and August Louis Schlitt, Kern and August Schlosser were fishing Sunday and caught plenty of fish. The old folks enjoyed themselves in beer drinking and the young folks played all kinds of games.

Bill Randles dreamed that his house was on fire, and jumping out of bed he seriously hurt one of his eyes against an object.

Will Thomas has about 3 or 4 acres of corn ground to break up but the ground is awfully hard.

Aug. Halter was at Oran and Joe Schlosser was at New Hamburg Monday.

Geo. Melr goes to Perkins very often lately and always likes for a certain house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hagen and family of New Hamburg visited Wm. Howlett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ervin visited Mr. Fredrick Sunday near Bell City.

Miss Lu'a Becklund is visiting her brother John at Campbell.

Will Ervin caught a 33 pound fish and Leo Schlitt a 20 pound one last week.

A large crowd of boys and girls attended the ice cream supper at Perkins Saturday night.

Jesse Becklund was over from Back Slough Saturday after a load of corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Westrich visited home folks at New Hamburg last week.

John Slover, of Allenville, spent a few days last week with his father.

Mrs. Joe Glueck, of New Hamburg, visited home folks Sunday.

Peter Bullinger and his two sons were at Oran Sunday.

Miss Cassie Patterson visited at Back Slough Sunday.

FROM ANCEL.

Lawrence Welter and Wm. Lunford made a flying trip to Crowder Saturday, returning on Sunday.

Quite a crowd from Ance attended the entertainment at Kelseo Monday night.

Robert Morris, of Jackson, and Frank Randles, of White Water, are among us.

Lawrence Welter gave a party in the Hall Monday night. All had a nice time.

Adolph Welter, Bertha Welter and Mrs. C. J. Welter visited at Benton Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Dumey and Mrs. Joe Mergaux drove to the Cape last week.

The town board met at the barbershop Monday night.

Chas. and Fred Lipps, of Big Island, were here Sunday.

Wm. Slover and Bob Morrison were at Perkins Sunday.

T. J. Beardslee has a new threshing machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brucker were at Oran Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Morgan went to Rockview Friday.

C. J. Welter left for Texerkana Saturday.

Regina Seyer left for Big Island Tuesday.

We are building a jail in our town.

The saloon will be opened Saturday.

Mike Welter has received a car of lumber.

Wm. Buh's child is sick.

Frank Gales is sick.

FROM WHITE OAK.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hodges, of near Commerce, spent Sunday with the family of Albert Ware.

Misses Mae Stanley and Cella Collins spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Cassie Joyce.

Roy Nelson has returned to his home at Union City, Tenn. after a weeks visit here.

Mrs. Ada Jones, of Charleston, visited her mother here Sunday.

John Collins and John Schlieder went to Cairo last week.

Ree Huffstutler visited at Morley last week.

J. Gage went to Ky. last week.

Mrs. J. J. Gage is sick.

SOCIALIST LOCALS MEET.

Macedonia—2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month. Gustav Hill-Hilleman, Sec. Commerce, P. O. Hooe—Third Sunday in each month. R. K. McClanahan, Sec. Morley, P. O.

Edna—2d and 4th Thursdays in each month. J. W. Jacob, Sec. Chewing's Chapel.—1st Saturday in each month. W. Henry, Sec. Head—Meets 2d Tuesday night each month. Louis Albrecht, sec. Chaffee—Every Friday night. G. A. Kohr, Secretary.

INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS.

7. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.

By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half each week.

By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.

By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor, and of all uninspected factories.

By abolishing official charity and substitute in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accident, invalidism, old age and death.

POLITICAL DEMANDS.

8. The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequest and to the nearness of kin.

A graduated income tax.

Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

The initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall.

The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress.

National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote.

The enactment of further measures of general education and the conservation of health.

The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of public health.

The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.

That all judges be elected by the people for short terms and that the power to issue injunctions shall be curbed by immediate legislation.

The free administration of justice.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole power of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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