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**HERE AND YONDER**  
From the familiarity which he displayed of what appears in the Kicker while here Saturday, it is evident that Father Moenig reads every line of it every week. He is not a subscriber. From whom does he borrow? Why does he urge his congregation not to read what he himself would swim a creek to get to read? Perhaps the farmers around New Hamburg are as anxious to see the Kicker as he is, and they may not have time to run around and borrow it.

The Kicker has discovered two acts of the Missouri legislature that are creditable. But they are also very Socialistic. One gives school districts the option of voting free text books—the money to purchase the books to come from the foreign insurance fund. The other permits county courts to pension needy mothers. The old Cave People just have to move ahead a little, whether they want to or not.

You bet the politicians believe in letting "the people" rule. They have fixed it so in Missouri that it requires one-third more signatures to submit a question to the people by the initiative, and both houses of the legislature has passed a resolution to submit a constitutional amendment exempting the single tax from the operation of the initiative. That's nerve.

It does seem like some prosperity ought to set in. With war in Europe and Asia and in Mexico, the people who are not fighting, but working and producing, ought to be reaping a harvest of gold. Why, the little Boar was in Africa, and he raised the sale price of horses and mules about double.

W. H. Hutton of Commerce was here Monday and said they expected to take advantage of the new free text book law and vote on the proposition in April. The money to pay for the books comes from the foreign insurance fund. The governor has not yet signed the law, but it is believed he will.

In all the discussion of the court house proposition there has never been any criticism of the workmanship of the building. The work has been done by skilled union labor. The voting of the bond issue means that the building will be completed by the same kind of labor.—Adv.

W. H. Hutton and Uncle Tom Hawkins of Commerce, and Rudolph Scholz of Oran, were here Monday. Rudolph says the prospects for getting a pardon for Adolph Schaefer, who was sent to the pen for embezzlement from this county are favorable.

J. G. Robinson, Co. Sec. of the Stoddard county Socialist party has bought the Pernie Star and will send you his paper five weeks for ten cents as a trial offer—so he writes the Kicker.

Many people seem to be horrified at the existence of peonage in Mexico, but you don't have to go outside of the tenant districts of Southeast Missouri to find something "just as good."

The Kicker has had considerable work during the past two weeks, and Mrs. Hafner, with a full hand with her arm in a sling. Leo Pfefferkorn, of Oran, and Agent Jones, of the Deering Harvester Co., were out taking orders for farm machinery and dropped into Benton Tuesday.

Leo Westrich, the horse and Jack man of New Hamburg, was here last week getting printed matter for his stock. He has full-blooded registered animals this year.

**FROM ORAN.**  
Rev. Montgomery gave an entertaining and instructive lecture Sunday evening on Conservation. He spoke of our national slogan, the conservation of national resources, and spoke of the many ways by which the nation was conserving its resources. Another matter he dwelt upon was the difference between Capital and Labor, and his prediction is that this country will go thru the greatest change ever known during the next 20 years. His talk all along was pure Socialism, but he made the statement that he was not a Socialist, but a Christian. Which reminds me of J. B. Finley, that "Socialism is Christianity."

Fire destroyed the 2-story frame dwelling belonging to M. F. Hedges in the southeast part of town. Nearly all the furniture in the first story was saved, but that in the second story was lost. Owing to a high wind it took heroic work to save nearby buildings. This and other fires during the winter ought to remind us of the necessity of water works. Being just at the foot of the hills, a reservoir could be located on top of the hill east of town and give plenty of pressure for any need and the cost would not be more than half what it cost Sikeston.

The following births were reported to the local registrar, Z. L. Glenn, for February: To Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sturgeon, Feb. 25, a son, Charles St. Cln, Feb. 9, Mary Ellen St. Cln, To Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Elchorn, Feb. 1, Rose Elchorn, To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gosche, Feb. 23, Christine Philomena Gosche, To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone, Feb. 14, Uriel V. Stone, To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meisner, Mar. 10, Lawrence Meisner, To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele, Mar. 4, Woodrow Wilson Steele.

Henry Wellman has resigned his job at Emery & Heisler's and will move to his farm on Bugz Ridge. Miss Cora Blas, formerly with Banks' store, has his place.

George Elerhart of Charleston was here Saturday and it is said he rented the Adams farm northwest of town from T. S. Heisserer and will go to farming.

The Chaffee high school came here Saturday and gave their play "Look out for Paint." It was highly appreciated by those who attended.

Wm. McLean is putting in fixtures and steel for another family grocery. He will be located in the "Hank's" building.

Mr. Westwick, who had rented the McLean place, near town, has sold out to Wm. Newberry, who moved in last week.

Judge Alex Wright fell from a load of hay which he was hauling and was considerably bruised up. Garrett Jensen and Frank Enderle went to Bollinger county to buy work stock Sunday.

Wm. Halton, who was taken to a Memphis hospital, is reported to be up and out again.

J. C. Sanders and family and J. F. Allen visited relatives at the Cape last week.

# Follow the Crowd!

We are now ready to supply your Spring and Summer needs with your choice from \$10,000.00 worth of New Goods just received. Our buyer made a special trip to the eastern markets where he bought an entire stock of spring and summer goods—the largest assortment ever brought to Oran. In our store every section is aglow with new goods from the world's leading markets. It will pay you to attend this sale. This Great Easter

## Sale is Now on and Continues until Saturday, March 29.

- GROCERIES.**  
Eastern granulated sugar, 20 pounds for \$1.00  
Best Peaberry coffee, per pound at this sale, only ..... 25c  
Canned Corn, per can, only ..... 7c  
Canned Kraut, per can, only ..... 7c  
Canned Baked Beans, per can ..... 7c  
Laytons baking powder, can ..... 7c  
Quaker Oat Meal 7c-4 for, 25c  
Quaker Corn Flakes ..... 25c  
Lenox Soap, 8 bars for ..... 7c  
Swift's Pride soap, 9 bars, 25c  
White Flyer Soap, best in the market, 8 bars for ..... 25c  
Headlight Coal Oil, per gal., 11c  
Axe Grease, per box ..... 5c  
Merry War Lye, per can ..... 7c  
Argo Glass Starch, per box ..... 4c  
Shoe polish, per bottle ..... 4c  
A big assortment of fine candy "Mamma, let's get some candy for Easter." All kinds, per pound, only ..... 10c  
Hillside tobacco, 3 sacks for ..... 10c  
Durham tobacco, 3 sacks for ..... 10c  
Prince Albert tobacco, can ..... 7c  
Horsehoe tobacco, per plug ..... 42c  
Star tobacco, per plug ..... 42c  
Twist tobacco, 7 twists for, 25c  
Searchlight and blue star matches, 3 boxes for ..... 10c

- will be included in this landslide in price.  
All of our \$20, \$22.50 and \$25 mens' handmade colored suits, every stitch carefully inspected, a bargain at the price, all the new, fashionable colors, now going at prices that will enable you to buy. Choice ..... \$13.95  
An endless selection of mens' high grade suits, all colors, are wonderful bargains at \$16.50 and 19.50, now reduced to ..... \$9.95  
Nice dress suits for men, all colors. Remember these are all this year's make. Workmanship guaranteed. Fabrics of the highest quality. You would consider them cheap at the usual price of \$13.50 to \$15, but now they are yours for ..... \$7.95  
Men's dress suits, the \$10 and \$12.50 grades, all colors, a flyer for this sale. Out they go at ..... \$4.95  
Men's odd coats, all colors, worth \$5 to \$7, now go at the astonishing low price of ..... \$2.35  
Bye knickerbocker suits, all styles and fancy colors, worth \$4 to \$5, reduced to ..... \$1.95  
Hand tailored boys' knickerbocker suits, worth \$8.50 to \$9, think of it! Only ..... \$3.95  
Pants worth \$4 to \$5, all sizes new and attractive, at ..... \$3.22  
The \$5 quality, all color new patterns—yours for ..... \$2.45  
The \$3 quality, all sizes and colors, now going at ..... \$1.45

- OVERALLS.**  
Mens' extra heavy overalls with bibs, solid blue. Square Deal, sold everywhere for \$1.00, now ..... 70c  
Mens' extra heavy overalls, striped, Square Deal, sold everywhere for \$1.00, now ..... 70c  
Mens' extra heavy jumpers to match.  
You see extra heavy overalls, double seats and knee, worth 75c, now only ..... 42c
- NOTIONS! NOTIONS!**  
Best thread, all colors spools, 2c  
Arm bands ..... 3c  
Safely pins, card ..... 3c  
Pearl buttons 10c kind, card, 3c  
Brass pins, two papers for 5c  
Silketeen, on spools, all colors, per spool only ..... 2c  
Silk bobbin thread spool, 1c  
Beading silk thread spool, 2c
- MILLENNERY!**  
Just received, the finest up-to-date ladies' and misses' children's hats, all colors and shapes, the finest and latest hats ever seen in Oran. We will save you from 40 to 50 per cent on what you spend in our millinery department. Don't buy until you see the elegant line in Banks' Department store. Come on, sister. Let's get a beautiful hat at Banks' Department store for a very little money.

**DRY GOODS.**  
Fancy woolen dress goods worth \$1.25 to \$1.75 per yard, all new colors, now going at per yard, only ..... 72c  
Fancy woolen dress goods, broadcloth, serges, etc. worth 75c and \$1.00, now per yard, only ..... 37c  
Fancy dress goods worth 50c per yard now only ..... 19c  
New colors in fancy spring cotton suitings worth 25c per yard, now per yard ..... 12c  
Dress gingham, all fancy colors worth 15c per yard, now ..... 7c  
Best bleached domestic, extra heavy, per yard ..... 7c  
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Feather ticking, the 35c kind, now on'y, per yard ..... 18c  
15c Straw ticking now, 7.1-2c  
Good toweling, per yard, 4c  
White damask table cloth, worth 65c per yard, now ..... 21c  
White table damask, worth \$1.00 per yard, now only ..... 43c  
Thousands of other items in new spring dry goods that we have not the space to tell about. Come and see.

**A \$75.00 Wagon Given Away at the End of this Sale March 29.**  
Bear in mind we are not offering you odds and ends, but new spring and summer goods of the very latest styles and designs, at greatly reduced prices. Follow the Crowd to the Old Reliable

## Banks' Department Store at Oran.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**  
State of Missouri, } ss.  
County of Scott, } ss.  
Whereas, on Wednesday the 12th day of February, 1913, and the 9th day of the regular February, 1913 Term of the County Court of Scott County, Missouri, a petition signed by more than one hundred voters, by one thousand of the qualified voters of said County who are tax-payers therein, praying the Court that an indebtedness in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars be created for the purpose of building the Court House of said County and furnishing in the proper manner the interior of the County building now on the Public Square in the Town of Benton, Missouri, to put the same in proper condition to meet the requirements of the County's Public Business to be transacted therein, and provide the necessary rooms for the holding of Court and for Keeping of the records, and rooms for the various officers to conduct the County's business therein, and praying that Bonds be issued to secure said indebtedness to run for twenty (20) years, to bear Five (5) per cent interest per annum payable semi-annually, and that said debt be paid off in annual installments as nearly equal as possible, the first installment of Bonds to be paid five years after the issuing of said bonds and that the necessary taxes be levied annually to meet the payment of the interest and principal on said bonds as the same mature, and that an election be called by this Court to be held for the purpose of authorizing the incurring of said indebtedness and the levying of the taxes to provide for the payment thereof;

And the Court having found that said petition is made by more than one Hundred, to-wit: by one thousand Voters of said County who are taxpayers therein, that the representations in said Petition are true, the prayer of said Petition was in all things granted by the said Court and the legal Voters of Scott County, Missouri, are hereby notified that on Tuesday the 25th day of March, 1913, an election will be held at all the voting precincts in said county for the purpose of determining whether or not an indebtedness in the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS shall be created for the building purposes aforesaid, and that bonds be issued to secure said indebtedness to run for Twenty (20) years to bear Five (5) per cent interest per annum, payable semi-annually, and that said Bonds be paid off in annual installments as nearly equal as possible, the first installment of said Bonds to be paid five years after the issuing of said Bonds as the same mature.

Said election shall be held and conducted in the same manner, and the returns thereof made to the County Clerk, and the Vote counted, in all respects the same as in elections for State and County officers, as far as the Law in relation thereto are applicable.

I, James McPheeters, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County of Scott in the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Notice of Election was duly ordered to be made and given by order of Record duly entered at the February Term, 1913 on the 12th day of said month, of the County

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**  
For Sale—A lot of barred Plymouth Rock cockerels and also eggs for setting. Mrs. A. Baudendistel, Fortnell, Mo.  
For Sale—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs for setting—15 for 75 cents; 30 for \$1.25, or \$3.50 per 100. E. A. Dodson, Sikeston, Mo., R. 2, Box 28, 13-4t  
For Sale—Rose Comb Rhode Island red eggs for hatching, \$1.00 for 15; \$1.50 for 30. For sale all spring. Also a 5-year-old horse. Schiwitz Bros., Commerce, Mo., R. 1, Box 11, 12-4t.

**PUBLIC SALE.**  
The undersigned will sell at his place near Benton on Wednesday, March 26th the following property, three head of mules, one mare, one 2-year-old mare colt, 10 head of cattle, about 800 bushels of corn and several tons of hay, wagons, binders, mowers, hay rakes and other farm implements.  
Terms—\$5 and under cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 8 per cent note with approved security. No interest charged if paid at maturity.  
JOHN BOLLINGER, Benton, Mo.

Court of said County of Scott and Juring the sitting of said Court IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as County Clerk aforesaid and hereto affixed the seal of the said Court DONE at office in Benton, Scott County, Missouri, this 14th day of February, 1913.  
(Seal) JAMES MCPHEETERS, Clerk County Court, Scott County Missouri. 2-22-11

**NOTICE.**  
The county graduating exercises will be held March 27 and 28, 1913. Students desiring to pass the county examination for a public school diploma will appear before the township examining boards at the following places—  
Kelso township—East half of township—Fortnell.  
Kelso township—West half of township—Chaffee.  
Moreland township—Benton.  
Sylvania township—Oran.  
Morley township—Morley.  
Tywappity township—Diehlstad  
Commerce township—Commerce  
Sandywoods township—Blodgett  
Richland township—Sikeston.

The examinations will be held in the school houses at the points named. Candidates for graduation in each township will appear for examination at the points named. No examination will be given later to anyone, only in case of sickness preventing applicant attending regular examination.

The Scott county high school declaratory contest will be held in Morley, April 19, 1913. A gold medal will be given to the high schools of the county who select their candidates for the contest and send in their names and subjects in time to be placed on the program. The township spelling contest will be held April 12, 1913.

**CHARLES HARRIS,**  
County Superintendent.

**The Percheron Stallion, John J. Jr.,** is registered with the Percheron Society of America, Chicago, Ill., and approved by the government of the U. S., and his No. is 74475. He was foaled July 4, 1908, is a beautiful bay, weighs 1600 pounds, is 16 1-2 hands high, and was sired by Ampere, No. 41428.  
Hight's Black Night is registered with the American Breeders' Association of Jacks and Jennets No. 3910. He is black with white points, is 15 1-2 hands high, and was foaled Sept. 2, 1908. Both of the above animals are guaranteed to me to be good breeders and sure foal-getters, and will make the season of 1913 at New Hamburg, beginning March 24, and ending June 20.  
Terms to insure—John J., \$15; Hight's Black Night, \$12.50.  
Money due as soon as the fact is ascertained, or the mare traded, sold or removed from county. Colt held as security for service fee. Care will be taken to prevent accident, but will not be responsible should any occur.  
LEO WESTRICH, Owner.  
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