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THE CIRCUIT COURT.

They who say "there is nothing new under the sun" must be mistaken. Anyhow I witnessed something in the court room Monday morning that I had never observed before. Judge Kelly was calling the criminal docket and one by one the paroled prisoners went up to prove their good conduct. The thing got monotonous and I went out. Presently I returned and as I sat down a name was called—not very loud. I heard no one answer and although the man was under \$500 bond for his appearance, the docket does not show that he has any attorney. Consequently, under such circumstances, there is a forfeiture of the bond. But this case was continued. The absent defendant was the Honorable Thos. F. Rucker, late commander-in-chief of the Democratic hosts of Scott county, charged with obtaining money by means of false and bogus checks. Last April the Kicker commented on this case as follows:

"The matter that is evidently worrying 'the party' is the Thos. F. Rucker case. Mr. Rucker was here and the case was continued but the docket does not show by whom nor why? Last October the docket showed that the case was continued by consent. I have not the least desire to see Mr. Rucker nor anybody else punished. I do not believe in the barbaric practice of punishment as a cure for crime. It does no good. But I do want our people to get next to how 'the law' works. So keep your eye on this case."

Commenting on the alarming conditions prevailing in this country as a result of the bickerings of the courts, S. M. Sexton in the Searchlight, says:

"It finds expression in lynch law, in mob violence and secret crimes against property. When we urge enraged citizens to let the law take its course, we are instantly told that the law has no course—that it is a lawless, timeless cess-pool stinking with sin, denial and delay."

The greater portion of the criminal cases were continued. The following paroled persons reported and paroles continued: Ed. Abernathy, Arthur Mena, Robt. Gross, Ed. Manning, Wm. Fortis, Milford Smithson, Otto Stanley, Chas. Chillum, Frank Grathouse was dismissed.

Cases against the following were dismissed: J. J. Astor, selling liquor on Sunday; St. Redman, felonious assault; Dolph Cambren, grand larceny; James Pertle, robbery; Mollie Brashear, rape; J. J. Astor, keeping unsanitary hotel; Joe Tyler, carrying concealed weapons; Leslie Dewitt, et al, burglary.

Henry Radcliffe was tried by jury Monday afternoon for wife abandonment and was given 90 days in jail and a fine of \$100 all to help the wife keep up the home.

Lynn Brundrett, carrying concealed weapons, submitted to court and found not guilty.

Joe Flynn, burglary and larceny, acquitted by the court.

Henry Cason, felonious assault, trial by jury, acquitted.

O. L. Seabough, unlawfully practicing veterinary medicine and surgery, plea of guilty and fined \$50.

Leonard McMullin, running automobile at unlawful speed, plea of guilty and fined \$25.

John H. Armstrong, carrying pistol, plea of guilty and fined \$100.

Both sides announced ready Tuesday in the John Utzage case charged with the murder of the Knuckled brothers while marshal Fornfelt. The court ordered a venire of 30 additional jurors for Wednesday morning. The trial will begin Thursday morning.

The regular petit jurors are: Don. Wagener, Henry Sanders, Glen B. Clippard, J. M. Tisdal, Wm. Michael, J. Z. Sutton, A. B. Martin, J. E. Mayse, Wm. Fisher, J. W. Arbaugh, C. F. Porter, Oscar Sexton, Ben Huber, Lawrence Hagan, E. E. Smith, Joe Kieffer, A. J. McFadden, August Rodemayor, Gustav Hilemann, Henry Petz, Louis Dumey.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.
County court met in adjourned session Tuesday.

The financial statement of Sikeston Special Road District filed and approved and allowed \$1,800, being half of dramsion license paid in since February 6.

J. C. Sanders makes final report in matter of obstructions in ditch 4 and is allowed balance due \$12—total cost being \$75.

Allowances—J. E. Warner, engineer ditch 10, \$452.05; A. L. Drury, criminal costs, \$415.44; Jas. McPeeters, fees out of county revenue, \$427.97, and out of drainage district, \$30.40. T. E. Sitton, blacksmithing, \$2.

Quite a number of allowances were made for the care of paupers and court adjourned to Monday, Sept. 1.

If the workers did not have to support the army, navy, prisons, poor houses, asylums and other institutions born of capitalism, the expense of government would be so little that you would hardly notice it.

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CORN CROP SHORT HALF.

Washington, August 6.—A loss of 300,000,000 bushels of corn, the nation's greatest farm crop, has resulted from great damage wrought by drought and other conditions since July 1, the government's agricultural experts estimated today in their August crop report. A total production of 2,672,000 bushels of corn was predicted. This is 452,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop. The general conditions of corn was placed at 75.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 86.9 on July 1. Kansas was hit hardest, the conditions there having been reduced from 81 per cent in July to 30 on August 1. Oklahoma came next with a condition of 44 against 97 in July, and Nebraska reported 67, against 91 July 1. These three states have almost 19 per cent of the total area planted to corn this year.

J. H. WILSON ACQUITTED.

Saturday I noticed quite a number of people here from Illinois, and that a trial was on. I am so disgusted with what passes for law and justice that I seldom go about these trials. And, judging from the very few spectators, other people must be in the same fix.

Noticing quite a number of lawyers in attendance I asked Dr. Mayfield of Illinois what it was all about. His reply was "a fight." Further inquiry revealed that Officer J. H. Wilson, of Illinois, was on trial.

Although the trial was held across the street, I did not go over until the arguments of the lawyers began. One who understands can get as much out of that as out of the evidence. One who does not understand can, in many instances, get very little out of either.

Motley and Young represented the defendant, while Daugherty and McWilliams looked after the prosecution. From the arguments it appeared that bad feeling had existed between Lyman T. Smith, who operates a pool hall and Officer Wilson for several years; that Wilson was in Joe Pelley's saloon when Smith intoxicated, came in; that some words passed; that when Smith insinuated that Wilson was accepting bribes from violators of the laws, Wilson called him a strike man, drew his pistol and stuck him about the eye, inflicting a wound that required seven stitches; that Smith got Wilson down; that when Dr. Mayfield arrived Smith was in a fainting condition; that afterward Wilson said in a barber shop, "I wanted him to get me down so I could kill him."

The argument for the defense was chiefly directed to Wilson being an officer of the law, and that Illinois was a tough place. Yet it did not appear that Smith had violated any law, nor that Wilson was acting in the capacity of an officer.

The case was tried before Squire Legrand. The charge was felonious assault. It was explained to the justice that it was only his duty to find whether or not the offense had been committed, and by whom; that the trial was a matter for the circuit court.

Squire Legrand asked if he could hold Wilson for a lesser offense than felonious assault. When told that he could not he said, "Then I'll turn him loose."

I don't know how others may view it, but an officer is permitted by law to carry weapons, and it seems to me that when he uses such weapons other than in the discharge of his duty, he should be held even more strictly accountable than an ordinary citizen.

The brutality of "peace" officers toward citizens—especially working men—is becoming alarming the country over.

THE SUBS.

Sol Diebold got in the ring with two this week. The other fellows are talking about the drought.

Vanduser—Wm. Spann.
Benton—Wm. Ellis, G. W. Minter, S. Darnell, H. E. Moore.
Oran—Albert Banks, Tobe Fink, Chas. Hughes.

New Hamburg—George Eiehora, Arthur Vetter.
Morley—J. S. Thompson, Alvin Carter.

Commerce—John Vetter.
Illmo—Robt. E. Vils.
W. J. Halter & Co., Truman, Ark.; T. E. Adams, Plant City, Fla.; Joe Ressel, Randlett, Okla.; Wade Reid, Truman, Ark.

HERE AND YONDER

The Kicker family has been feasting on peach cobbler and other dainties made of the fruit. The peaches were supplied by Sol Diebold, Henry Sanders and Gustav Hilemann. And all were fine. Macedonia will have an ice cream supper and musical Saturday night, August 16 for the benefit of the church. Bring your dish and spoon.

John A. Kern has advertised a sale of his personal property at the Allen farm August 23, after which he will return to his own farm.

Mrs. Rowland and son, Buford, of Mississippi are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris. All took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Spaulding Sunday.

J. C. Wilson of Arkansas, who has been in the Sand for several weeks, returned home this week. W. A. Miller bought the Farris restaurant and is feeding many of the people this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vetter of Big Island attended church at Benton Sunday.

FARM FOR SALE.
I will sell all or part of 171 acres; 140 acres in cultivation one and a half miles northwest of Commerce, Mo. Good buildings plenty of water and lots of fruit. J. M. Sanders, Commerce, Mo.

FROM KILSO

Among those who attended church here Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Welker of near Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. John Bollinger of Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Compas, and baby of New Hamburg and Miss Regina Seyer of Advance.

Medames L. Seyer, E. Kenkel, L. Daunenmueller, and the Misses Paulina Leib, Colletta Goscha, Bertha and Julia Enderle and Frank Rains Sundayed with the family of O. Daunenmueller.

Ben Enderle and family and Mrs. John Enderle, Isaac Ross and son, Ernest, were shopping at Cape Girardeau one day last week.

Miss Regina, Paulina, and Katie Blattle and Miss Colletta Scheafner spent Sunday evening with Louisa and Lorina Schlosser.

Joe Enderle, who is staying with his brother near Oran spent a few days of last week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin and children, Albert and Paul Dumey spent a few hours with the family of John Enderle Sunday.

Leo Willman and the Misses Francis Diebold and Annie Blattle of St. Louis are here visiting home folks.

Isaac Ross and sons, Dennis, Thos. and Lovie went to Sandywoods to get water-melons Sunday.

Ben Enderle and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heuring.

Miss Rosa Zent, of Anzell spent Sunday night with the family of Joe Scherer.

A jolly crowd gathered at the home of Jake Leib Jr. Sunday. Ernest Ross spent a few days of last week at White Water.

George Heuring and Theophil Scherer were here Saturday.

The dance at Kelo Thursday night was well attended.

Andrew Scherer has returned from Minnesota.

Dick Welker is visiting in St. Louis.

FROM FORTNELL.

Andy Ash and two strangers got into trouble at Anzell Monday. The strangers had been out fishing and on their return noticed a wagon that they supposed contained melons and asked if they could get a melon. Ash was intoxicated and began cursing the newcomers. Finally the strangers showed fight, and one of them attempted to use his shot gun, but Ash hid to it so he could not use it. Then the other stranger drew a pistol and shot—the bullet penetrating Mr. Ash's arm and striking a rib, which it followed nearly to the center of the back where it lodged under the skin. Doctors removed the ball and say Ash is feeling along nicely. He has a family and lives about a mile west of Anzell. The strangers were arrested by Deputy Constable Otto Dannenmueller and taken to Benton jail.

Friday night Switchman Wagner was run over by flat-cars in the yards and both legs were cut off. He was taken to Dr. Mayfield's office where he died 30 minutes later. Mr. Wagner was getting out of the way of one train and stepped on the track of another. He leaves a wife and two small children who live in North Illinois. He was buried at Cape Girardeau.

T. E. Robinson met with an accident that nearly cost his life. He was repairing a dump car and the door of it fell off and just grazed his head—almost severing one ear. Had the door struck him on the head it would have killed him.

Andrew Scherer, son of Joseph Scherer, a good farmer who lives near here, has returned from a years stay in Minnesota and Canada and thinks home cooking will be good enough for him.

Ray Earles and A. J. Heist and the Misses Bertina Owens, Margie Holliday, Jessie Barnes and Mrs. Dockery took a trip to Rock Spgs, Illinois.

Armor George of Chaffee was "pinched" here for out-running the speed limit with his auto. It cost him \$15 in fine and trimming.

Ed. Kaiser, Jr. was here one day last week advertising the Cape business college, for which institution he will teach.

Wm. Uellmann has bought a new Ford auto so he can "honk."

G. Davis of Swinton Mo., visited his daughter here.

Otis Vancil, who is in the hospital at Texarkana, is said to be recovering rapidly and will soon be home.

Frank Hahn, who is afflicted with asthma, is in Colorado in the hope of being benefited by the climate.

Misses Mae and Cecil Teller of Bloomfield are visiting their sisters, Mrs. J. O. Bess and Miss Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finch returned from St. Louis accompanied by Mr. Finch's sister, Miss Mary.

Mrs. W. A. Merrill, who has been visiting her parents the past month has returned home.

Uellmann Tena Sprenger, Emma Roth, Dina Menneke, Martha Roth and Anna Westerhold. It was one of the largest funerals ever held at the Lutheran church. The deceased leaves her parents, two brothers, six sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Aug. Mustbach will leave next Saturday for Parker, South Dakota, to visit her son, Rev. Henry Sprenger. She will be accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bowers of the Cape.

Miss Emilie Albrecht will arrive home this week from Valparaiso Ind., where she has been attending school since last September.

Wm. Roth and family visited the family of G. F. Slemers at Jackson last week.

Miss Dora Menneke left last Saturday to visit her cousins in Indiana.

Joe Sprenger and Miss Anna Albrecht were at Benton Monday.

Geo. Roth is attending court at Benton this week.

FROM CHAFFEE.

Chaffee is a little sore over the stopping of the "accommodation train" that formerly allowed us to leave for St. Louis in the morning and return in the evening, and Cape Girardeau is sore over the C. & E. I. train no longer coming in there. It is said the real reason for discontinuing the C. & E. I. into Cape is because since the reversion of the Frisco a charge of one dollar per mile is made for the use of its track into that city, while formerly there was no charge—the result of a "gentleman's agreement" between the roads.

The six extra engineers who were reduced to firemen will no doubt have time to reflect on what is meant by prosperity and good times generally.

Our ball team is touring some of the adjoining counties and expect to return with the scalps of New Madrid, Kennett, Portageville, Dexter and Senath.

Judge Bandy, family and party are on their return from a hunting, fishing and camping trip in the Ozarks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heeb visited the family of Frank Hendrix Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Harrison and three children, Emory, Norval and Elvie, of near Sikeston, are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Finley and Miss Dottie French of Poplar Bluff were visitors here last week.

Chaffee is to have a two-days picnic August 22-23. A good attendance is expected.

Leo Halter is having water-works installed in his residence and meat market.

The city council rejected all bids for the erection of the new city hall and jail.

Ike Eilers had very important business at Stumptown Saturday.

The hot weather has brought much sickness to our people.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ferguson last week.

Clover is being cut around here.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

The annual chicken stew of the threshing crew was held at John Dirnberger's Wednesday. This is an event looked forward to with great anticipation by those interested and a full report of how John and others devoured the feast will appear next week.

Wm. Urhahn and Miss Amelia Scherer were united in marriage Tuesday. After the ceremony the invited guests were entertained at the home of the bride's parents. The newly wedded couple will occupy what is known as the John Urhahn farm.

Sunday was the name's day of Lawrence Bucher and a crowd gathered at his home to help do justice to the occasion. New Hamburg is always of a jovial disposition and knows how to make it pleasant for those around him.

August and Geo. Glaus and their families, Jacob Urhahn and sons, Ulrich, Albert and Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Glaus, Albert Goetz and Adam Dirnberger helped Mrs. Ulrich Glaus celebrate her 64th birthday Sunday.

Wendolin Heisserer and family from the swamps, Anton Halter from Oran spent Sunday with Andrew Gerst and family and Martin Glastetter and wife visited the family of John Gosche.

S. Schwarz has advertised a sale of his personal property for August 19 and will retire from farming. His son, Alphon, will take charge of the farm.

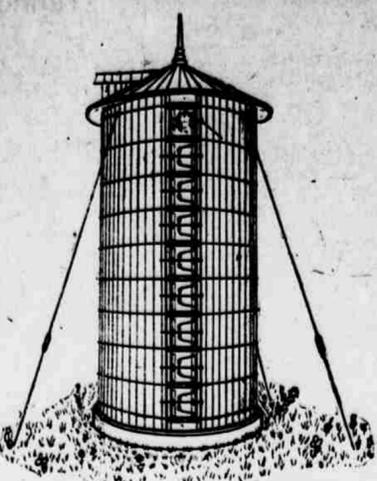
The news has just reached here that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Swoford at Benton, Ill. and named Margaret Lee. John Stike has advertised another of his famous balls. The one given three weeks ago was well attended and all had a fine time.

John Hamm and Chas. Diebold and their families were out on Hubbie Creek fishing and caught plenty of fish.

August Glaus and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Glaus and Ulrich Urhahn were at the Cape Monday.

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FROM MORLEY.

Will Revelle loaded three cars of melons from 12 acres of land. The three cars averaged him near \$130 each. With a good rain there would be two more cars on the 12 acres.

Marvin Taylor, our constable, made several arrests Saturday night, but several of the arrested parties made their escape.

Mr. Taylor, of Vienna, Ill., who has been visiting his brother-in-law, John Cummins, returned home Monday.

Dr. W. D. Tomlinson and R. L. Harrison, each lost a horse last week. Spinal disease seemed to be cause.

Alx. Foster and family, who lived on the Albert Foster farm this summer, have moved to Bell City.

Mr. Hammond, of Matthes crossing, visited our Sunday school Sunday.

Wm. Black loaded several cars of good melons last week, also this week.

Dr. R. A. Sparks, of West Plains, visited R. L. Harrison last week.

George Jacobs is gathering his Elberta peach crop.

Deventer Miller of Sikeston, was here last week.

Mrs. Mary Harris is sick.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND.

E. L. Fields returned home Saturday from Kentucky, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Eugie Williams.

Corn is very much damaged. Hot winds seems to be the trouble here instead of want of rain.

After a three weeks stay at Marion, Ky., Grand-mother Cox and son, Claud returned Saturday.

FROM HILLDALE.

A party of about 36 of us went to Beech Ridge lake fishing Thursday. They had a good time—but did not get their appetite for fish satisfied.

Miss Hattie Britt left for Zalus Saturday to visit the family of J. S. Spicer who recently moved there from Morley.

Mrs. B. H. Seitman and two children, Henry and Maggie, and Mrs. Henry Brinker and baby, are visiting in Illinois.

Luther Gipson and son Earlie have been in the Sand the past week hauling melons for Harve Robinson.

Charley Phelps does not need an auto when his whole family can go visiting on a mule.

Miss Maggie Bryant has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hitt, the past week.

FROM RANDELS.

Clarence Beardsley, Wm. Johnson and Walter Smith went to DeRay Sunday to witness the ball game between that place and Oran.

Score, 13 to 4 in favor of DeRay.

Louis Kilbafner and Wm. Schott and their families from New Hamburg visited at Joe Schlosser's last week.

Six car loads of watermelons passed thru here over the Cotton Belt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gosche, of New Hamburg were here Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Bollinger was at Oran most of last week.

Leo Bollinger of Holland, Mo., is here on a visit.

Miss Olivia Mier is here visiting from Oran.

FROM LONE ROCK.

Leslie Dennis, George Rogers, W. Robert and Leo Morrie went to Dutchtown to a picnic Thursday.

Mrs. J. Sears, who received an injury from a fall a few weeks ago is improving fast.

Romonus Halter and son, Lawrence, went to Schumer Springs Wednesday.

Wm. Morrie and wife of Chaffee are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Earl Blocker and Umont Howell attended church at Oran Sunday night.

Pius Halter and Lum Montgomery were at Bernie last week.

Mrs. E. E. Prindle went to Allen-ville Friday.

LIMPID LEGAL LANGUAGE.

"If I were to give you an orange," said Judge Foote, of Topeka, to D. O. McCray, I would say, "I give you the orange;" but should the transaction be entrusted to a lawyer to put in writing, he would adopt this form: "I hereby give, grant and convey to you all my interest, right, title and advantage of and in said orange, together with its find, skin, juice, pulp and pits, and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, suck, or otherwise eat the same, or give away all or any part thereof, with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp or pits, anything hereinbefore, or in any other deed or deeds, instrument of any nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding."

HEADS AND LEGS.

Pulpiteer—"I've been running my legs off trying to find out something about Socialism, and I haven't found anything worth knowing."

Workingman—"Well, if you had used your head instead of your legs you might have learned something all right, all right."

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Andrew Amrhein deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., to be begun and holden at the court house, in the town of Benton said county and state, on the third Monday in August, 1918.

Frank J. Amrhein, Admr.

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