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CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.
Owing to rainy weather court business was somewhat retarded and not very much has been done. The grand and petit jurors were sworn in and the grand jury excused until Tuesday morning of next week.

Petit Jury.—W. C. Poynter, R. F. Mason, Hiram Norman, Lem Hamby, W. W. Pell, Andy Miller, Wendoline Scherer, Henry Grojean, Lawrence Diebold, Charles Martin, Alva Hayden, Wm. Newberry, L. J. Drury, A. Fahrnbaker, Jacob Wendall, Wm. Kirkendall, Wm. Callott, J. W. Edward Grover Baker, J. M. Anderson, Geo. Dye.

Grand Jury.—S. S. Grant, Whit Mcody, C. I. Anderson, Harris Rodgers, Ben Berns, Wilson Bryeans, Ches. Mathias, Louis Dohogne, W. T. Shanks, Frank Compas, A. W. Wyle.

The first jury trial Monday was that of Ephraim Powell, charged with making a felonious assault upon Charles Oliver. A jury was called. The evidence showed that at a box supper given by the teachers of the Hooe school, Oliver who was a director was asked to attend and preserve the peace. Trouble arose and in the efforts of Oliver to keep the peace he was stabbed or cut in several places. On the witness stand he could not positively identify the defendant as one of the party engaged in the fight. Verdict, not guilty.

Hawkins Rodgers charged with carrying concealed weapons plead guilty and was fined \$100 and 40 days in jail.

The case of John and Wm. Burke charged with the murder of Andy Ash, near Anceel, was called and a venire of 50 extra men was ordered brought in by noon Tuesday from which to qualify a jury.

Then the case of the State vs. Walter Reed, charged with embezzlement, went to trial with J. A. Finch assisting in the prosecution and Young and Mozley defending. It appears that Walter Reed acted as marshal of Graysboro in 1911-12 and that the village organization had about gone to wreck. While the village record was in evidence, yet the clerk could not find any record of the appointment of Reed, nor that he had qualified as marshal. Nor did Reed put in any claim for salary until after he had got in possession of \$1300 of the foreign insurance fund distributed last year and belonging to the village, and which Reed kept as his salary as marshal. It is one of those cases entirely too frequent in small places, where authority is assumed. After being out several hours the jury gave Reed two years in the pen. And who is to blame? If the county authorities had distributed this money annually as the law directs, instead of keeping it in our bank, this \$1300 would not now be on his back and in the pen. Somehow, "the law" has away of often getting the wrong fellow Reed did wrong. No doubt about that. But, then there are others. There seems to have been no regulation about the affairs at Graysboro at all.

A part of Tuesday afternoon was taken up in qualifying the jurors to try the Burke case. While the challenges were being made the case of the state vs. Richard White and Otto Spann was taken up. This case was from Chaffee and the prosecuting witness was a Mr. Kincannon, who was held up and robbed of a watch and \$7.00 in money December 29, 1912. It was a dark, rainy night. The witness said he knew the boys only by having seen them around town and described one as having on a dark coat and the other a light coat. He said he could see because the boys were between him and a street light a block away.

Attorney G. R. Daugherty was placed on the stand, said he lived in the neighborhood and had frequent occasion to pass the point mentioned as the place of the hold-up; that on similar nights he could not recognize anyone on that corner; that the light referred to was a small one; that he had met people there and walked with them without recognizing them.

A Mr. Hildebrand testified that he was at the Spann home playing pool on the night of December 29, and that Otto came in about the time the alleged hold-up is said to have occurred.

C. F. Spann, a resident of the county 34 years, a good citizen and father of the boy, testified the same.

The time of the alleged hold-up was given by Mr. Kincannon as between 9:30 and 10 o'clock.

I left as soon as I found out there was nothing in the case and did not hear the testimony of the defendants. The jury was only a few minutes in rendering a verdict of not guilty.

Here is a strain put on two young men that will be hard to wash out. They are the sons of work people, of course. Had they not been, "the law" would never have held them on such flimsy evidence—in fact, no evidence at all. I am not acquainted with White, but the father of Otto has been put to a great deal of annoyance and expense. And what recourse has either the father or the boy? And they call this "justice!"

Wednesday morning the Burke murder case went to trial and is in progress as the Kicker goes to press.

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ABOUT WOMEN.
By Mayor J. Stitt Wilson.
The problem of the human race depends upon woman. A stream flows no higher than its source. The stream of humanity has its source in woman. Woman is the mother of the human race, and the human race will rise no higher than the physical and mental and moral qualities that are inherent in the motherhood of the race.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rocks the world. I know a woman has to do something else than rock the cradle but she will rock the cradle whatever she does. That being the case the Socialist movement of the world, from its first inception to this hour has laid the greatest emphasis upon its relationship to woman. The Socialist party was the first movement of the world to stand straight and firm and constant upon the ballot for woman. The Socialist movement is the movement all over the world to-day that stands for equal pay for equal work, for men and women. The Socialist movement all over the world today admits women on equal terms with men to membership in its ranks. Our movement from its beginning has recognized the possibilities of women in all the functions of our common life, and the expression of her life in every field of human endeavor. The Socialist movement in all countries of the world, from its beginning to the present time has felt that it has a mission to the women of the world.

"We live in the Capitalist world tonight. Do you know what the Capitalist world is? It is this: we human beings need things. We need water and light and bread and books and recreation. We need things. We ought to devise some means of satisfying our needs economically and efficiently for all people.

"We propose to supply our needs and our fundamental satisfaction by the people and for the people. Capitalism seeks to supply our needs for profit and it does not supply our needs, but out of our lives it gets this profit, and it leaves an impoverished human race.

"What has the Capitalist system to offer young girls? In the first place, capitalism is not educating her. Ninety per cent of the children never go to high school. Capitalism has failed to educate her. Ten per cent go to high school and one per cent to the university.

"What can Capitalism do for woman as a wife and mother? Capitalism can make her the drudging slave of a slave. God help the woman married to the average workingman! Let us speak plainly. She rises early. She works with little remuneration presents to her hopes and ideals that she can never satisfy out of that meagre income. She rises from her bed after her babies are born and goes to her work long before she should rise from her bed. Nay, more than that, before her baby is born she is wounded in her body and in her mind she wounds her child. What time has she to plant within that little soul greatness? For the working women of the world I plead that you will give your mind and your heart and your will and your ballot and do your part in the organization of the working class to end that capitalism which thus maltreats the womanhood of the world!"

FEELING THE PEOPLE.
From the Chicago American.
A really great mind was that of the French philosopher Diderot. He was the main worker in the preparation of the great encyclopedia which has done so much for human knowledge and thought. He was the author of "Philosophic Reflections" which, in the opinion of the king was burned by the public hangman and consequently had an enormous circulation, thanks to the advertisement.

Here is a saying of Diderot: "To have slaves is nothing; but that which is intolerable is to have slaves while calling them citizens!"

That reminder is still necessary today, although Diderot has been dead more than 125 years.

It is still necessary for people to be reminded that frank, open oppression and misgovernment are pardonable, but that the hypocrisy which swindles men out of a free government deprives them of their rights, "while calling them citizens," is intolerable.

In this country we have a government which we are pleased to call a government by the people. But while it is called a government by the people it is a government by corporations and everybody knows it.

Men with solemn faces get up in our senate and talk about the people, their needs and their rights. Then having gone through the farce of calling us citizens, they vote for the corporations. A Mr. Bailey of Texas gets up, round fat, well-fed, full of the food that the trusts supply. He talks platitudes about the people, and presently he is actually caught as the servant of the corporations. He isn't even a free citizen himself; he takes the orders of the organized money that hired him.

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.

ANSWERED.
"Is your husband at home?"
"Yes; and do you want with him?"

"I'm—er—revising the voting list, and I just wanted to inquire which party he belongs to."
"Do yer? Well, I'm the party wot 'e belongs to."—London Tat.

HERE AND YONDER.
The order of the county court to cut out the public water for private use sure made the patriots get a move on them. Nightly meetings were held and \$1,800 was raised as a "salve" to soothe the court. This money represented \$50 paid by each user of the water. The proposition to the court is to get a 20-year franchise and make each user of the water pay \$50 down and 15 cents per month. The contract had already been let for a water system that would cut out the town. Just what will be done about it would be hard to guess. It will depend largely on what the architect and contractor say. The court seems willing to furnish the town water if it can be done on an equitable basis and without expense to the tax-payers of the county. But it was just too cute for anything to see the old boneheads up before the county court advocating "free love." Evidently they had left their "individual initiative" package at home.

Oscar, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Graham of near Blodgett, was taken to the Cape Sunday to have a pea removed from his ear. The little fellow was out there people were threshing peas Thursday and stuck a pea in his ear so deep that he could not get it out. He said nothing about it until Saturday when his mother washed him and came in contact with the ear. Then the little fellow "squealed" and told the story. The pea was successfully removed.

Mrs. Emeline Parkhurst, the English Suffragette who was ordered deported, as appears in a dispatch on the first page, has been permitted to stay. The matter was brought to the attention of President Wilson, who reversed the order.

Prof. Richards, of the Kelo public school and Adolph Sprenger were Kicker visitors Saturday. Prof. Richards reports only 20 pupils enrolled. That is a thickly populated community and Prof. Richards is a good teacher. Parents should give their children all the education possible. Nothing pays better.

The Doctors of Divinity can picture up a mighty nice heaven for the good—one that it seems anybody would be glad to go to at any time. But when Mr. Doctor of Divinity is threatened with a voyage into that sweet beyond he tells you so much about, he sends for a Doctor of Medicine to save him.

Attorneys Finch and Bailey left for Poplar Bluff Tuesday evening to argue the mandamus proceedings against Scott county officials. It will probably be the first of the year before we know of the result.

The correspondent of the Cape Republican sent in quite a flattering report of the new Scott county court house. When he comes again he should write up the magnificent business structures that surround it.

The rain has given those in attendance at court a good opportunity to see the "spite pond" established along the south side of the Kicker office by those in charge of street "improvements" last year.

Ernest Wellputz, formerly of Fornfelt but now of Cape Girardeau, has filed suit for divorce alleging that his wife is too familiar with other men.

Ernest Grant has gone to Arkansas to spend the winter. Ernest is quite a photographer and makes good pictures.

Clements Westrich and Albert Messner of Kelo and Fred Abbott of Commerce were here Saturday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
The two youngest sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bollinger of Randles visited at their sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Schaefer, Sunday.

Louis and Willie Hahn left for Portageville Saturday, but they made the Hamburg folks believe they were going to St. Louis.

Albert Goetz and family spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of his sister, Mrs. Willie Leibie of Kelo.

Wendolin Heisserer and family and Joe Gerst and family from the swamps Sunday with the family of Martin Glastetter.

Miss Bertha Heuring and little sister, Alma are staying with the family of John G. Scherer.

Quite a number of his friends surprised John Biattel Sunday as it was his birthday.

Levi Miller, who has been in Canada for some time attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Adam Dirnberger is very sick. One of her sisters from East St. Louis is here.

Jacob Biattel and family of Kelo attended church here Sunday.

Frank Messner and Miss Frieda Dummy were at Olen Sunday. Leo Compas helped Chas. Diebold gather corn last week.

Phillip Westrich and son, David, were at Kelo Sunday.

August Glaus was at Chaffee Monday.

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FROM HICKORY GROVE.
We regret to say that S. O. Finley is going to move out of our neighborhood, as they are good neighbors.

Misses Mary and Gladys Finley visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin of Ward's switch spent Sunday with Aunt Polly Smith.

Rev. E. Smith, from Blodgett, preached a fine sermon Sunday.

J. B. Smith visited home folks Saturday, and helped out peas.

Rev. Jones will preach for us Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Nellie Foster visited Miss Effie Morrow Sunday.

Mrs. James Foster is getting well.

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FROM FORN FELT.
Tuesday of last week neighbors were aroused by cries and calls for help emanating from the home of Leo Diebold. Fritz Sandvos and Wm. Diebold hastened to the house to see what the trouble was, and found that Leo had his wife on the floor beating her brutally and nearly choking one of the girls to death. The visitors at once pulled Mr. Diebold off and demanded that he stop, but he resisted and it became necessary for Wm. Diebold to protect himself by flooring the irate husband and father a couple of times. About this time John Diebold, Leo's father, and his brother Joe, of Kelo, arrived in their automobile, and it became necessary for Joe to exercise his muscle in a similar manner as Wm. had done before Leo would capitulate. They took Leo with them to Kelo and began to make preparations at once for the division of the property. It was agreed that Mrs. Leo Diebold should get \$2,000 and the custody of children, and the land to be deeded back to Leo's father, who assumes all indebtedness of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Diebold. It is said Mrs. Diebold has purchased a home at Anceel near her father and will move there at once.

The Misses Mary and Johnny McCutcheon have had built a residence here into which they will move their parents from Crowder. The former has a position in the office of the box factory and the latter at the public school as teacher.

Bill Rubel, sr., and Henry Homer indulged too freely in snake medicine Monday and got a night's lodging at the city hotel.

Otto Schoen spent Sunday at Poplar Bluff attending the K. of C. meeting, at which many new members were taken in.

Mrs. W. H. Tanner and little son of Sikeston spent two days of last week with Mrs. J. A. Finch.

Mrs. Jacob McGaugh died Saturday at Chaffee and was brought here for burial Sunday.

Waldo Johnson was here from St. Louis this week. He is with the Laurel Book Co.

Oscar Gill, of Chicago, brother to Mrs. Ralph Brissenden, visited her last week.

Ben Thompson and Miss Sophia Samers of Jackson were married Sunday.

W. A. Sauer has opened up a shooting gallery west of the bowling alley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kaiser are spending the week in Illinois.

Hobart Hahn spent Sunday at Whitewater with—well, guess?

Mesdames Joe Brinkie and C. G. Auld are visiting in Illinois.

Dr. Hartle is having himself a residence built on the hill.

Miss Pearl Georger is visiting at East Prairie, Mo.

Joe Tillman moved to Anceel Saturday.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Among those who attended the surprise party at Dan Elfert's Tuesday night were the Misses Lydia Elfert, Freda Will, Alma Elfert, Marie Schuette, Augusta Elfert, Clyde Whalen, Emille Elfert, Leslie Will, Mary Elfert, Fred Will, August, Elfert, Wm. Dunger, Roy Elfert, Ida and Edna Elfert, Wm. Elfert, Leona and Mable Elfert, Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Elfert, Chas.

Dunger and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Elfert and Mrs. Theo Elfert and two sons.

Sunday night friends gathered to surprise Miss Augusta Roth. Among the guests were the Misses Alma Elfert, Edna Guth, Augusta Elfert, Martha Sprenger, Mary Elfert, Bertha Roth, Emille Elfert, Freda Roth, Wm. Elfert, Emma Roth, Ed. Elfert, Clyde Whalen, Chas. Elfert, Ed. Will, Wm. Sprenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Albrecht, Oscar and Miss Rosa Roth autoed to the Cape last Wednesday.

Fritz Held spent Thursday of last week with the family of David Elfert of Fornfelt.

George Roth left Saturday for St. Joseph, Mo.

Ernest Elfert and family and Mrs. Geo. Roth and daughter, Miss Paula and Harold Rose Sunday with the family of Casper Roth.

The Misses Alma and Emille Elfert spent Sunday evening with Miss Augusta Elfert.

Mrs. Kaiser, of St. Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Will.

FROM ORAN.
Uncle Jim Allen is over at Benton this week reporting the circuit court doings for the Cape Republican. Uncle Jim got a taste of newspaper work some 40 years ago, when he was connected with the Commerce Dispatch, and he has insisted on being heard ever since. But in the earlier days he was very partisan and would have nothing to do with any publication that did not bear the Democratic label. But he grows wiser as he grows older and will contribute to Democratic, Republican or Socialist papers. It is not likely that he would draw the line on the Bull Moose—as did his old friend J. D. Gillaspie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clemson have returned from their trip south and Mr. Clemson is again in charge of the I-M. depot. Mrs. S. R. Jones, of Commerce, a sister of Mr. Clemson, visited them last week.

George Stehr, Louis Pfefferkorn, Frank McGraw and other from here were at Benton Tuesday and reported many people in attendance at court.

John Braun and son, Oscar, were at Benton Wednesday in attendance at court. Mr. Braun is arranging to move to Tennessee in about a month.

A Misplay, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago, is still in a critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Messmer and Casper Menz of Kelo were here Wednesday of last week.

Miss Beattie Britt, who has been visiting in the northern part of the state, is home again.

The national debts of the world amount to \$88,000,000,000, according to official figures. The holders of this are only a few hundred thousand people, yet at 4 per cent interest it gives them \$1,820,000,000 a year, or an equivalent to \$1 a day from \$4,400,000 slaves, who would board and keep themselves. This is a much sicker plan than chattel slavery, as the poor fellows imagine they are free and work like the dickens to get along.—Wayland.

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FROM MORLEY.
Ray, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Griggs died Sunday at 12:30. He had only been sick a short time and his death was unexpected. He leaves a wife and one child, a brother, two sisters, father and mother and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Jess Dunn has about 20 acres of Kafir corn on the R. L. Harrison farm south-west of town. Though the corn was sown late, yet it made an abundance of hay of good quality. We believe it would be a profitable crop for cattle-feeding.

Ed Havercraft, aged 37 years, died of pneumonia, and was buried in the Morley cemetery Sunday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Swanner, the Baptist pastor.

The cold damp weather and rain has cast a gloom over the farming community in this vicinity. The farmers are unable to take care of the short crop of peas and hay.

Miss Ruth Rowe, of Charleston, is visiting relatives here.

Joe Meritt is preparing to build a concrete walk around his residence lot.

Rev. Burton filled the pulpit Sunday of Rev. Dorris, who is assisting Rev. Chas. Harris in a revival at Point Pleasant.

The farmers around Brooks Junction joined in together and bought a car load of coal. In union is strength.

Cale Porter and his brother, Dock, have gone to Ill. to see their father, whom it is reported was injured.

Dr. T. E. Tomlinson gathered his peanut crop last week. He had about ten acres planted in peanuts.

Miss Serelida Clark, who is teaching at Hunter school, near Sikeston, visited her mother Sunday.

James Bowman, who lives near here, contemplates moving to Imboden, Lawrence Co., Ark.

A Mr. Sanders, from Macedonia, was here Monday to attend the funeral of Ray Griggs.

Squire Huffstutler found a six-pound sweet potato in his patch last week.

Uncle Henry Deiters, who has been gone for some time is at Morley again.

J. J. and Louis Hunter are each having a large barn built on their farms.

Rev. Showmaker came up from Parma to preach the funeral of Ray Griggs.

Grant Jacobs, of Brooks Junction, will move to St. Louis soon.

Sheriff Wm. Ellis was here Sunday.

FROM MULLINS ISLAND.
A crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry Thursday night and all had an enjoyable time.

Wessie Lynn is going to Buckeye next week to put in a wheat crop.

Ray Comstock, from Morehouse, visited relatives here last week.

Herbert Brinkley from Fredonia, Ky., have moved to the Island.

Oscar Mize injured an eye by sticking a corn stalk in it.

Miss Vida Berry spent Sunday with Miss Opal Bolen.

Miss Lussie Brasher visited home folks Sunday.

Homer Williams is very sick.

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HOW SMART WE ARE.
The working man has been told so often by the foxy politicians that he is smart, that most of them have grown to believe it.

When a spell-binder is hired by the money that comes from the Manufacturers' Association and other corrupt sources, he goes out among the dear pee-ee-epul to tell them what is good for them—nit.

His first move is to work his confidence game. He gains their confidence by flattery—by telling how happy he is to be greeted by such an "intelligent audience."

Every sucker in the crowd grins, stretches his neck in an effort to look wise, and says to himself, "He was looking right at me."

Then the spell-binder goes on, compliments the good-looking women and fine babies, and after a sickening mess of this gush he proceeds to unwork the real dope he wants you to swallow.

And you gulp it down—raw! Smart, ain't you?

You have been listening to speeches on the tariff ever since you left the cradle—and you don't know a blamed bit more about it now than when you were in the cradle.

This is an age where mind counts and to neglect the development of the mind of the child is a crime.

A half century ago a strong back and willing hands were all that was necessary to insure the necessities and some of the luxuries of life. As a boy I remember how the young men from the towns flocked to the fields to follow the harvest and earn money. They'd start here and follow the harvest into Minnesota. But this flocking has all changed. The young men are going from the farm to town—to the factory!

The opportunities that were once here for the strong back and willing hands are no more. All the land has been gobbled up—and a hundred everything else worth gobbling. Many of you realize that change has come, but you don't just understand what it did.

THE MACHINE DID IT.
The machine has taken the place of the strong back and willing hands, and the village shoemaker that once pegged away happily as his own boss is succeeded by the monster factory that grinds the souls and bodies of young men and women into—profits! Old people not wanted. What has become of the skillful cradler, binder or plowman of the fields? Or the tramping or falling of wheat?

The machine got them also. The small farmer who hasn't quite woken up yet, hopes against hope to be able to compete with the monster tractor that turns 20 acres of ground in a day, but he will have to give it up—just as did the shoe-maker.

Of course you know times are tight—and that the harder you work the tighter they get. You feel that there is something out of joint, but you can't locate the trouble. And it is the job of your newspapers, educators and politicians to keep you on a blind trail until you are completely enslaved. And one of their strongest weapons is to make you believe you are smart—and free.

So long as the workers take the advice of the boss on political matters the boss will remain boss.



Every Worker
Who earns Bread in the Sweat of his face should be a patron of
The Kicker