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ANNOUNCEMENT.
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of county superintendent of schools of Scott county. Annual school meetings, Tuesday, April 6.
CHARLES D. HARRIS.

I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the office of school superintendent of Scott county at the annual school meetings, Tuesday, April 6.
M. ELMER MONTGOMERY.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.
If the people who have to foot the bill will help me, we can have a barrel of fun. Circuit court publications are placed by the circuit clerk, usually at the direction of the attorney for the plaintiff. In this case the law requires that the most advantageous terms for publication shall be secured, but what is the law among friends—so long as the litigants foot the bill.

In the court house organ I notice several orders of publications—in some of which friends of the Kicker are the victims. Therefore I want to give them a tip. There appears, for instance, the divorce publication of Metha King vs. Bert King. The notice contains five squares. The organs that have a monopoly on this class of printing charge a maximum legal rate—or one dollar per square for the first insertion and 50 cents for each additional. The notice appears four times—five dollars for its first appearance and \$2.50 each for three additional, or \$12.50 in all. But the printer gets but five dollars!

How so? you ask. Inquire of Watt Coleman of the Morley Banner. About a year or so ago Watt was favored with one of these divorce publications and had visions of several square meals. He had figured that he would get \$12.50. When he came here to get his money he laughed at him and told him that none of the papers charged but five dollars.

Watt rushed into the Kicker office breathless. "What do you charge for divorce publications?"

"Five dollars," he answered. "He willed—and wanted to know how that came."

"It is this way," I went on to explain. "The lawyers take a divorce case for \$25 and pay all costs including the publication. When the money comes out of their own pockets they have it done where they get the best rates, and competition has beat the price down to five dollars. When their clients foot the bill it is different."

Watt saw the light. Five dollars for a divorce publication amounts to 40 cents per square for the first insertion and 20 cents for each additional—or a saving of 60 per cent by the application of just ordinary business methods.

Now lets take up the partition publication of Henry Koch and others vs. A. Wandendistel and others. This publication contains eight squares. At the same rate as for divorce publications, the charge would be \$80.00. Let the interested parties who will be asked to pay \$20 demand to know the reason why?

Then there are several back-tax publications that occupy the same space of a divorce publication. If the defendant is asked to pay more than five dollars, let him inquire why?

Oh, we can have lots of fun out of the "law" if we only think it up a little.

ANOTHER WATER-HAUL.
From Pearson's Magazine.
Exactly nine days of operation were required to show every impartial mind that so far as the public is concerned the new currency act is a failure.

Why anybody should think that a law putting all the currency of the country into the control of the Two Groups of Financiers would be a benefit to anybody outside of those groups, is a puzzle, but there seems to be such persons.

Anyway, the thing blew up as soon as it was tried. The very first thing, the redesigning feature, which was to end all our currency troubles, fell to pieces with a crash. There was no redesigning, and plainly enough there will be none.

Also the representatives of the Two Groups on the Reserve Board got to quarreling, and half of them wanted to resign.

THE BIG LEAK.
From the Missouri Ruralist.
Even the average voter is beginning to realize that he is being exploited by a system of government farmed out to spoilsmen. We are beginning to hear of affidavits commissions for cutting out useless political jobs. One in Minnesota has found 75 separate State Boards doing business at state expense—each board working for some special privileged interest.

The biggest item in our expense account for public service is the spoilsman politician. He is the parasite who permeates our whole system of government—township, county, state and nation. He is costing us more than the schools and educational institutions—more than our penal and charitable institutions.

A partisan political machine doesn't care a whoop how it gets rid of the people's money—if the people don't care enough to interfere. It is concerned only with perpetuating itself in power. To perpetuate itself it must have more and more jobs to give out and public contracts to offer as rewards for services rendered to the machine. And the more jobs and public contracts, and the more contracts it all costs the public.

Of course we have laws providing how public contracts shall be let. Also we have civil service laws for protecting useful public servants in office, the kind of men who will not take a spoilsman political job, the kind of men we need at the head of our state institutions. But a well entrenched political machine does not hesitate to violate the law, and many of our laws are purposely constructed by spoilsman legislators so they may be violated. There are many varieties of "jokers."

We do not have to submit to being plucked by our public servants.

HERE AND YONDER.
People are mighty restless. Some who are "free" beg to get into prison so as to be assured of food and shelter. Others in prison want to be "free." Wednesday morning three of the boarders left the jail without leaving any address. In some way they smashed a couple of Yale locks and broke through the south wall. Two of the departed are boys from Sikeston accused of stealing chickens. The other was arrested at Illinois for carrying a pistol while on his way to East St. Louis with a woman in male attire.

A United States freight ship loaded chiefly with cotton and copper for Germany. Struck a mine in the North Sea Friday and sank. The crew was saved. If our ships would stay away from Europe, nothing of this sort could happen. But the lure of profits is too great. While the government at Washington has ordered a "vigorous investigation," yet it is conceded on all sides that the placing of mines during war is perfectly proper, and if you butt into one, it is your own fault.

Charles Oliver of Hooe district gets in with three subs and Mrs. Laura Maxwell of Oran renews and says she can't keep house without the Kicker. W. H. Scherer of Rockview writes that "it does me good to read the Kicker," and then tells me "enclosed find one dollar." But he forgot to put in the dollar. Try again, Mr. Scherer.

A. A. Evans of Morley was here Tuesday to file his bond as road overseer. He also dropped three Kicker subs into the basket. John T. Marrs sends in two renewals from Blodgett and Joe Belk a new one from Chaffee. Thos. P. Stone, a former resident and blacksmith of Benton, is back from the south and will probably locate here again. He is a good workman. Tuesday Mr. Stone bought the Dan Cannon property for \$1,000.

J. R. Utage, who is teaching at Rockview, was here Saturday on his way home to Little River to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Utage.

An adjourned term of county court will meet here Monday. Its chief purpose will be to receive the annual settlement of the collector.

A. B. Greer of St. Louis writes, "I am always glad when Friday comes so I get the Kicker."

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Martin Glattefer and wife, Mike Glaus and family and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gerst and son, surprised Mr. and Mrs. John Dirnberger Jr., Friday night. It was John's 25th birthday.

Leo Grojean and family of Bloomeyer spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Joe Scherer.

Henry Compas' little girl was seriously hurt one day last week while going home from school.

FROM ORAN.
Farmers are discussing the seed corn question. Some are in the habit of sending far away for seed, but it seems that this practice does not pan out well. Carefully selected home grown seed corn is believed by many to be the safest plan and will give the largest yield.

The bankrupt condition of our county is causing considerable comment among the farmers, especially those who had not been keeping up with events by reading the Kicker. We are hoping that the county court will lift the lid so we may see what is underneath.

E. Smith, a Clarkton stock man, is outfitting mules for the farm instead of horses for the army. He bought a lot in Cape county and here and shipped them out Saturday.

It is reported that Miss Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller, and a gentleman from St. Louis were married at the Catholic parsonage by Rev. Heimbacher Monday.

There is considerable Lagrippe, pneumonia and like ailments among our people. The early spring-like weather is blamed for it.

Uncle Berry Finley is going into the poultry business on a small scale and has fenced off some ground for that purpose.

Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schultz, died Monday and was buried at the Catholic cemetery Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Lober died Thursday of last week of pneumonia. She was buried at the Friends cemetery.

Jack Biattel, a good farmer of near Keleso, was here Saturday to buy clover seed.

Otto Bugg, a school teacher of Vanduser, was here Saturday.

Dr. Winters went to St. Louis Saturday, returning Monday.

FROM BLEDA.
Mrs. John Hahn and children are visiting the family of Louis Dannenmueller of New Hamburg parish this week.

Frank Amrhein is credited with having the swiftest team in the neighborhood.

The dredge boat here will begin work about March 1.

Arthur Mier says he is going to be a merchant.

FROM REDMAN.
Miss Grace Loftin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loftin, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Adams and son, Dan, visited the family of Sam Tendell of Oran Saturday and Sunday.

Rob. Cobby of Perry county visited at Will Hawkins Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Pearl Fullerton visited her parents Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Bass and Freeling Bryant were at Ilmo Wednesday.

Uncle Tom Hawkins is very sick with pneumonia.

There is a force at work on the telephone line.

FROM ILLMO.
Last week Miss Mamie Clark, 16 years old, disappeared and it was learned that she had gone to the Cape accompanied by Harry McLean, a young man of that city. Officers at the Cape were notified but got no trace of her until the next day, when her mother arrived and the run-away girl was located at Chaffee. Officers took charge of the girl and delivered her to her mother. Miss Clark admits that she went to the Cape with McLean, and that the arrangements were made for her to go to Chaffee where he would meet her and they were to be married. The mother swore out a warrant for McLean, who says he never promised to marry the girl, and that he does not believe that the girl told such a story.

Some of the early promoters of our stock law are losing some of their "fire." When the law was first adopted the town had no money to pay exceeding \$100 per month for a poundmaster, and no one wanted it at that price. G. I. Moore, so the story goes, said he would guarantee \$25 a month for six months in addition, and Marshal Cruse took the job. It seems that the bonus was paid for a month and a half, when Mr. Moore got tired. At the end of six months the marshal demanded the balance, which was refused. Mr. Cruse brought suit before Squire White and a change of venue was taken to Squire Vickery of Chaffee, where Mr. Cruse got judgment for \$114.98.

North Ilmo had quite a fire last week in which three dwelling houses belonging to August Schivitz and one belonging to Elijah Gaddy were destroyed. The fire started in the Gaddy house from a defective flue. The other houses were occupied by Norman Keller, Jos. Jenkins and Mrs. James.

FROM OWNESBY.
Miss Beulah Simpson who is attending school at Benton, spent from Friday to Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Simpson.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burns last week, but died Friday and was buried the following day.

Miss Kismet Cason was a visitor at Mrs. Reed Simpson's last week. She returned to her home Saturday.

Many farmers are wishing for snow on their wheat, but the young folks want sunshine. Unlike most other schools, Ownesby school did not observe Washington's birthday.

Miss Hessel Simpson of White Oak spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Simpson.

Jack Snead continues to go to the Cape regularly to have his eyes treated.

Harley Smith an employe of the Cary store, lost a fine horse last week.

The musical at Mr. Humphrey's Thursday night was well attended.

A big boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burns on the 18th. The Gibbons family of White Oak moved here last week.

George McFalls returned last week from his Illinois visit.

Miss Stella Rogers, who has been sick, is better.

Uncle Jim Vandyrke was at Benton Wednesday.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Mrs. Alfred Welch entertained a few of her friends at supper Sunday evening. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. C. Newberry, Mrs. Otto Jones and son, Mrs. Otto Layne and two children, and Miss Marie Elfert. All spent a pleasant evening.

The Misses Marie and Augusta Elfert spent Sunday afternoon with the Misses Alma and Emilie Elfert.

Miss Ida Elfert spent Sunday afternoon with the Misses Mattie and Alvina Hilleman.

Miss Marie Elfert spent Thursday with home folks.

FROM ANCELL.
Emil Schlegel bought a team of good-looking mules last week, and says he will try farming for himself for a while. Look out, young ladies! Emil will soon get tired of bathing.

Roland Stevenson and Pleasant King, teachers at Macedonia and Pleasant Hill schools, returned to their schools after a two days visit with R. F. Stevenson.

Car-Load Lump Rock Salt for Stock!
Table Salt, Butter Salt and Barrel Salt, medium. Also Car-load of Eating Potatoes just received. We expect a car-load of Seed Potatoes soon. Yours truly,
A. & D. Schriefer, Fornfelt, Mo.

Hill, on her way to Fornfelt shopping Monday, stopped and took dinner with the family of P. E. Daugherty.

Greely Gilman began plowing for corn last week. He will cultivate 80 acres on the Wm. and Theon Heisserer place near here.

George Walter steamed up his saw mill Monday to finish up a few local orders he had on hand. The Cotton Belt has laid off 45 negroes until March 1. They are known as Reagan's extra gang.

Doctor and August Rodemeyer spent Sunday with the family of Lawrence Welter.

A good many of our farmers are getting seed corn from the north this season.

Hoboes are uncommonly plentiful around here.

FROM COMMERCE.
The new steam-boat line has its boat, the St. James, making regular weekly trips between St. Louis and Memphis, passing down Wednesdays and up Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buck and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis of Benton visited friends and attended the minstrel show Friday evening.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Ellis, Sunday, a son; and to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lofton, Tuesday, a little suffragette, Ocoola, Ark.

Mrs. A. N. Ireland, Mrs. H. T. Blackledge and Theo. Barnell are able to be out again after several weeks illness.

Miss Ella Boudurant is the leader in Sunday school for the Junior League, and the little folks are doing good.

The Bible class meets with Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson Friday afternoon. Subject, King Solomon.

F. E. Siler, the railroad agent, has been sent to Ocoola, Ark., and a Mr. Barber has his place.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. entertained friends at Mrs. Clara Anderson's Monday evening.

P. B. Held went to Cape Monday to meet his wife on her return from St. Louis.

Mrs. Jennie Crowder's house is completed.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.
Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Wm. Sanders went to the barn to get corn for her cow, as she closed the door a block with nails in it fell striking her in the face and a nail stuck in her nose making a painful wound.

Mack Sanders and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of Wash Davenport of Macedonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert House of Fornfelt visited her sister, Mrs. Otto Vetter.

Mrs. C. M. Weaver and daughter, Miss Grace, went to Ilmo Saturday.

Wm. Malugue of Big Island was in our vicinity Sunday.

Arthur Clymer is very sick.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.
The examination for certificates to teach in the public schools of Scott county will be held in the court house at Benton, Mo., Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, 1915, beginning at 8 o'clock each morning.

The order of subjects have not been received yet, but presume they will be same as before. Be here early each morning.

All first grade papers are sent to the state superintendent for grading, and others on request.

Those desiring to make first or second grade certificates should consult the Law on high school requirements or write the county superintendent, Beaumont, the date—Thanking one and all.

Chas. Harris Co. Supt.

JACK AND STALLION FOR SALE.
Mammoth Monarch is registered in the American Breeders Assn No. 4141, color black, coming 5 years old, 15 hands high, extra good head, ears and bone.

Bobbarien was sired by Timberlier No. 45,978, is a beautiful dark gray Percheron stallion, weighs 1700 to 1800 pounds, coming 4 years old, 16 1-2 hands high, extra heavy bone and has splendid style and action. Both animals have proved themselves good breeders and can be bought at a bargain. For particulars write or come to my barn, two miles southwest of Commerce.

PUBLIC SALE.
Wednesday, March 10 And in case of rain, then on the next day at my home, known as the Joe Leist place, 3 1/2 miles south of Fornfelt, I will sell two work mules, four cows, eight yearlings, a Herford bull, two calves, two sows, a Poland-China male, six Poland-China gilts subject to register, 13 shoats, a Registered Duroc male, two registered Duroc sows, mower, hay-rake, riding and walking cultivators, a 3-horse plow, 2-horse plow, section horse and other plows, section disc and Acme harrow, wagon, hack, two biggies, wheat fan, corn sheller, horse power cream separator, blacksmith's tools, and household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

Terms—\$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of six months will be given purchaser giving 8 per cent note with approved security. If promptly paid at maturity, no interest will be charged. Three per cent discount on sums over \$5 for cash.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Workers' Printing Co., of Benton, Mo., for the election of 5 directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in Benton, Mo., Sat. Feb. 27, 1915 beginning at 1 o'clock, p. m., and continuing until all business is disposed of.

At the meeting called for Jan. 30, 1915, the attendance was so small that it was decided to adjourn the meeting to the above date.

Sol. Diebold, Pres.
Phil A. Hafner, Sec.
Benton, Mo., Feb. 2, 1915.

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ANSWERED.
"Is your husband at home?"
"Yes; what do you want with him?"
"I'm—er—revising the voting list, and just wanted to inquire which party he belongs to."
"Do you? Well, I'm the party wot 'e belongs to."

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