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WHO WILL EXPLAIN?

For several weeks a question has been agitating the minds of the people, on which they differ greatly in opinion. It is regarding the amount of fees to be retained by the circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder. The law seems very plain on this question, and says that "in all counties having a population of ten thousand and less than fifteen thousand persons, the clerks shall be permitted to retain eleven hundred dollars for themselves, and be allowed to pay for deputies or assistants not exceeding seven hundred dollars."

Mr. Leftwich's friends claim, as we understand them, that he is entitled to the full amount of eighteen hundred dollars, no matter what amount he pays for deputy hire. Others claim that he is not allowed to retain more than eleven hundred dollars for himself, and also such amounts as he may agree to pay his deputy—not exceeding seven hundred dollars. On this point Sec. 5009, R. S. Mo., reads:

"Every clerk of a court of record in every county in this State shall make return quarterly to the county court of all fees by him received to date of return, from whom received and for what services, giving the amount of each fee received, and of the salaries by him actually paid to his deputies or assistants, stating the same in detail and verifying the same by his affidavit. Such statement shall include all fees for all services of whatever character done in his official capacity, giving the name of each deputy or assistant, the length of time each was employed, and the amount of money paid each. The county court shall at each regular session examine such statement, and may examine any person as to the truth of the same, and allow all necessary clerk or deputy hire, not exceeding the amount allowed in the next succeeding section of this chapter for deputies or assistants, and deduct the same from the aggregate amount received by the clerk, and if there be an amount still in the hands of the clerk exceeding the sums specified in the next section succeeding, the court shall ascertain the amount of such excess over and above the amount allowed to be retained by the clerk, and pay to the deputies and assistants, and make an order directing such clerk to pay the amount so ascertained into the county treasury."

For the past five years the fees of this office have averaged \$1,963.43 per year. The average amount paid for deputy hire was \$330 per year—leaving a balance in the hands of the clerk of \$1,589.43. Last year the fees of the office amounted to \$2,377.20, and the amount paid out for deputy hire was only \$300. This left in the hands of the clerk \$2,077.20 when the law says he shall be allowed to retain but eleven hundred dollars for himself.

In order to become enlightened upon this question beyond the shadow of a doubt, we addressed the following letter to our prosecuting attorney:

BENTON, Mo., July 7, 1894.

Jos. L. MOORE,

Provs. Atty. Scott Co.,

SIR:—It being your duty to see after such matters, I wish to put to you the following questions:

1. What construction do you place upon Sec. 5010 R. S. Mo., 1889, relating to fees of clerks?

2. If said section means what it says, then why has the law not been complied with in this county. See Sec. 5009.

3. Has there been any decision by any court of last resort, or by any court, that permits a clerk to apply the excess of fees back on "short years." If so please cite the case.

Respectfully,

PHIL A. HAFNER.

On the following Tuesday we met Mr. Moore and he assured us that he would look the matter up. Thursday we wrote him asking him when we might expect a reply. Friday we met him and he refused to reply. Why was this thus? Why did he agree to "look the matter up," and then, after looking the matter up, refuse to reply? Who will explain?

To Candidates.

The Democratic Central Committee has ordered the primary election tickets to be printed no later than Aug. 11. The fee assessed against candidates for campaign expenses is \$5 for county offices and \$2 for township. Every Democratic candidate desiring his name printed on the ticket must remit the above fee to the Treasurer of the Committee, Jno. M. Leftwich. ALBERT DEKRON, Ch'm Dem. Cen. Com.

PUBLIC SALE

Of the partnership property of Vincent Heiserer and Josephine Halter on the Vincent Heiserer farm, one and one-quarter miles southwest of Benton, Mo., on

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1894.

Two 6-year-old mares with milk colts. Four 2-year-old mares. One 1-year-old mare. One 2-year-old filly. One 1-year-old filly. Eight cows. One heifer. Six or seven head calves. About forty head of stock. Half of all corn, hay and oats.

V. HEISERER, J. HALTER.

BASE BALL NOTES.

There seems to be more interest taken in base ball this season in Scott county than during the past two years. Commerce, Benton, Morley, Blodgett, Diehlstadt, Sikeston and Cross Plains all have clubs in more or less active practice, and already some interesting and well-contested games have been played.

Benton has this year a pretty good diamond, and the boys are playing fairly well, although still somewhat subject to sudden spells of "that tired feeling," and suffering from a lack of "bottom" or staying quality. This defect was what lost them the game last Sunday. The Blodgett team came up and a game was played which was all in the home team's favor during the first six innings. At the beginning of the 7th, the game stood 13 to 1 in favor of Benton. Then Blodgett's superiority in wind began to tell, and in the 7th inning they made 7, in the 8th 10, and in the 9th 5—thus winning by a score of 23 to 21. A brace of minor accidents accentuated the game—nothing of this kind,

fortunately, only Chap Myers and Vic Scofield had fingers "put out," and the club's surgeon, Dr. Butler, had to officiate.

Last week Commerce challenged Diehlstadt to a three game match. It was proposed to play the first of these games at the Benton picnic on last Tuesday, but threshing interfered with Diehlstadt's plans. The Morley club, however, played a very lively game against a Commerce nine, which resulted in the latter's favor, 14 to 8. The game was witnessed by a large crowd of picnickers, and afforded much amusement.

The Commerce second nine and a nine from Tywappity township had a game at Commerce last Sunday. Commerce came out ahead—41 to 9.

Oran is not much of a base ball town itself, and has no home team. The game to be played at the barbecue next Wednesday will be between the Benton and Blodgett clubs, and is sure to be hotly contested, as both nines are of opinion that there's "one cat too many in the illigant town of Kilkenny."

From now on ball games will be more frequent, the threshing being well along and the heat of the summer's work accomplished. Diehlstadt may expect challenges, therefore, and will doubtless give them a warm reception. Play ball!

A Household Necessity.

When Judge Hesse, of Oran, peeped into his postoffice box last Saturday, he was somewhat surprised to find that his usual Newsboy was not there. But he surmised the reason why. Last Monday we met him. He grasped our hand, handed us a "cart wheel," and at the same time remarked: "Phil, I got your notice that my time was up, and I didn't think you'd stop it. I just thought I'd try you. I don't want to flatter you, but since that paper stopped the cat fell in the milk crock, the butter won't churn, my wife is cross, and everything goes wrong. I want you to send it right on. I can't keep house without it."

—We had another letter from "Rev." Cotes last week, only this time he signed himself "B. L. Smith," and gave himself a very good character, indeed. Cotes is a bungling hand at imposition, the identity of his hand writing as Cotes and as Smith being too obvious for a child to miss. We do not believe it would benefit the "Rev." gentleman's health to return to Scott county. He should change his base of operations—there are lots of fools farther on who don't know him yet.

—Next Wednesday you and your relatives and friends are expected at Woodland Park, Oran, there to dine and sup on barbecued meats in particular and the fat of the earth in general. You shall listen to good music, dance, if you will, on the largest floor in Southeast Missouri, ride on the Steam Swing, go to the Horse and Bicycle races, see the fireworks and have a high old holiday to wind up the harvest. Rain or shine you can have a good time, and meet your friends from all over Scott county. Don't stay away.

Can't Be Better!

You may Search and Hunt; You may Investigate and Examine; Yet, when all is done you'll find yourself the loser if you haven't made your purchases of us. Simply because values can't be better than we give.

Nowhere else are they so Good--Comparison always proves

FAMOUS Dry Goods and Clothing House,

BOHNSACK & STRATMAN, Prop's. Cape Girardeau.

THE QUALITY OF OUR GOODS IS UNIMPEACHABLE AND OUR PRICES ARE UNSURPASSABLE.

You can't do better than to take a view of our stock
Get our prices, and take away a BARGAIN.

We want you to buy where you can do the best, and if we can't do better than any other firm we are willing to see you go away. Come and sample our goods and we'll make you happy with Bargains that are at the top notch.

You'll do it
If You're
Wise!



SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Now here's a pretty to-do. It transpires that a Southeast editor, the junior editor of the Poplar Bluff Citizen to-wit, actually had jewelry enough in his house to tempt a burglar, who was caught trying to sell the goods. Bad for the burglar, but an editor with jewelry! Read him out of the profess.

Burglary is an epidemic in Poplar Bluff. That town seems to be in the way of all tramps in the country, and they pay the citizens a great deal of attention.

Stoddard county candidates are out barn-storming and are giving very fair free shows.

R. G. Madison, of Jefferson county, is the Democratic nominee of the Twenty-sixth Senatorial district.

Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register, has, we are sorry to say, cause to sit down very hard on some of Ironton's haut ton young men, whose conduct is a public scandal.

Business in Cape Girardeau is reported ten percent better than a year ago.

The DeSoto Facts and Press candidate for City Attorney was beaten by the Gazette's candidate.

Supt. Hardy, of the Iron Mountain, has thanked the employees on his branch for their conduct during the strike.

The Wayne County Journal is ably edited by a pair of scissors. The Chicago Inter-Ocean supplies the brain work.

J. C. Marsh, a line repairer at Malden, has been robbing the agents there for two years. Caught in the act a few days ago, he deeded his property to the agents and decamped.

The Cash-Book accuses Bro. Tom Allen of sending his paper to President Cleveland and all the crowned heads of Europe, with a request for acknowledgement. Tom has the big head bad, for sure, but this is almost too tough for belief.

Mrs. C. G. Broughton, of Dexter, is one of eight candidates for County clerk in Stoddard county. The gallantry of the Stoddard county voter is therefore on trial.

The only man living who ever killed a buffalo in Jefferson county, or perhaps in the Southeast, is Solomon Sanders, aged 74, and who is now an inmate of Jefferson county poor-house.

Amelia Myer, a woman living near Jackson, was drowned in Caney Creek on the 7th inst. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

—In another place will be found the advertisement of the Cape Girardeau State Normal School. This Institution has a capital staff of instructors, and as the tuition is free it is the duty of every prospective teacher who has any ambition and can spare the time to take advantage of the opportunity it affords.

—Commerce, as usual, was well represented at the picnic Tuesday. We will have to reciprocate when the base ball club of that town gives its forth-coming barbecue.

—Squire Lambert, who has been quite sick for a couple of weeks, is out and about again.

—Miss Addie Wylie is suffering from typhoid and has been a very sick girl for ten days past.

—Mrs. Chas. Proffit, Tom Adams and J. N. Hood helped to swell the sick list this week.

OUR OLD PEOPLE.

While standing near the Oran depot awaiting the southbound train, Monday evening, the Newsboy scribe noticed a pleasant looking old gentleman who attracted his attention. Presently the train hove in sight and its approach was announced by the usual number of bystanders.

"I can't see as well as I used to," said the pleasant-looking old gentleman, looking in the direction of the approaching train.

"How old are you?" ventured the scribe who, by this time had become interested in the old gentleman.

"I am eighty years old."

"What is your name?"

"B. B. Moran."

"Are you any relation to Mitch Moran, of Oran?"

Here the old gentleman's face became all smiles as he answered: "Well, his mother always said that I was his father."

By this time the train had pulled up and we entered the coach, took a seat beside the old man, and continued:

"How old is Uncle Jimmy Friend?"

"I don't know, I don't think he knows himself."

"Are you older than he?"

"I don't know; they claim that I am about two years the oldest."

"Where do you live?"

"Part of the time at Oran and part of the time with my daughter at Morley."

"Whom did your daughter marry?"

"The last time she married a man by the name of Mimnick. He runs Lou Martin's saw mill. She has been married six times."

"How often have you married?"

"Three times. My last wife died four years ago."

"How long have you lived in Scott county?"

"Since 1863."

Here the train signaled for Morley and we separated. Mr. Moran has a very healthy appearance, but complained of neuralgia. He may yet live to see many seasons come and go.

In the hills above Commerce lives a man who voted for Andrew Jackson for president in 1828, and has been voting the Democratic ticket ever since. His name is Ben. Smith, and he is eighty-eight years old. He gets around well for a man of his years, and was in attendance at the ladies' barbecue, at Commerce, last week.

But the halest, healthiest and best looking old gentleman in the county is Andrew Eichhorn, who lives about five miles north of Benton. He is nearly eighty years old and labors every day. He has a large vineyard and attends to it himself. Every season he makes hundreds of gallons of wine and finds ready sale for it. With this industry he has accumulated a snug fortune. Every day he drinks a quart of his wine and is as nimble and sprightly as the editor of the Newsboy.

[Since writing the above we learn that Mr. Eichhorn has moved to St. Louis, and that his son, George, is running the vineyard.]

Disolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Nicholas Schlosser and A. W. Dirnberger is this day dissolved. All parties indebted to the late firm are requested to settle the same with A. W. Dirnberger on or before August 15, 1894. New Hamburg, Mo., 1894.

FROM ORAN.

Cantaloupes in good demand in St. Louis Monday, but only ripe ones were called for.

Mrs. Will Meyers, of Sikeston, was here Monday. There are not more than a dozen Mrs. Meyers' in Scott county. We saw three in Stubblefield's store Monday morning.

Wheat is coming in rapidly at both warehouses although the price is exceedingly low.

Grover is getting an enormous amount of undeserved praise for doing his duty in the late unpleasantness. It does not require much backbone to order out a lot of soldiers.

The railroad magnates are assuming much dignity, and crowing over a victory that is not theirs. If "Uncle Sam" had not interfered the strikers would be on top yet.

A social party at Joe Metz's last Saturday night is said to have been an enjoyable affair.

The S. S. Conference met here Wednesday. Rev. Eure, of Morley, was booked for a sermon Wednesday night and Rev. Smith, of St. Louis, a lecture Thursday night, all at the M. E. church.

Poe, the insurance man of Diehlstadt, was here Monday.

Dr. Scholz and son, of New Hamburg, were here Monday.

Frank Zundel has been offered \$1,200 for his house and lot in this place, an advance of \$200 inside of ten days. How is that for village property, eh?

Daily improvements are being made at the picnic grounds near here. The dining hall will soon be completed.

Rev. Kennedy thinks if the influence of the holy spirit was removed from the world to-day, religion would be a farce, and without the aid of the holy spirit it is impossible to understand the scripture.

"Our Peeping Tom," or whatever his name may be, is still keeping up his evil habits. Some of our citizens chased him out of town last Monday night, but of course this will not stop him. Nothing short of a good beating or a little lead will stop this marauder.

The little folks had a party at Hurley Walker's Monday night. Young folks always enjoy themselves.

Miss Lillie Heiser, of Sikeston, is the guest of Miss Hattie Allman this week.

Misses Essie and Maud McGraw, Hattie Allman and Mrs. Beach took in the barbecue at Benton Tuesday.

All the section men who were laid off two weeks ago went to work Tuesday morning. This indicates that the strike is over, but the cause of the strike is yet in existence and will soon show itself in an aggravated form.

Our Oran wheelman are beginning to show some dexterity in handling their bicycles. Artie Davis seems to be the champion.

Col. Hafner, of Benton, was here Monday and reports business outside the job department rather dull. The superiority of his work in the picnic poster is acknowledged by all.

Several Morleyites were on the noon train Monday en route for Parker's Station where they will pick and can blackberries. Among those we noticed were Rev. W. McDonough and wife and Mrs. J. L. Howie and her two sons.

Albert Crenshaw, of Charleston, has rented the Wheeler warehouse and is buying wheat at this point.

The gentleman who has chicken eating hogs running at large in Oran would keep up his reputation and confer a favor on his neighbors by putting up said hogs. He would also perhaps keep high tempered men from injuring the hogs. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

John Jones, of Commerce, was here Monday. UNO.

CARD.

Benton, Mo., July 20, 1894. To the voters of Scott county:

I have been prevented by sickness so far from making any canvass of the county in support of my candidacy for the County Treasurership. Should I fail to reach you during the balance of the campaign you will understand from the above why I have not had the pleasure of soliciting your vote in person. Respy.

W. C. LAMBERT.

—Cantaloupe shipping is in full blast, and they are bringing good prices—60c. to 70c. per basket. Next week will witness the beginning of the water melon shipments, some of the fruit being almost ripe. Commission men say they anticipate a good market throughout the season, other fruit being so scarce. They have no use for any unripe melons, however, so don't ship any in that condition. The crop in Scott county is a most beautiful one, and our growers should make money this year to a certainty.

CAN YOU SWEAR TO THIS?

The following is a copy of the affidavit to which each office holder elected will be called upon to testify one month after the trouble is over. False affidavit is perjury.

I, Richard Roe, having been elected on Nov. 6, 1894, to the office of Dog Catcher, Township of Moreland, County of Scott, State of Missouri, being duly sworn, and for the purpose of securing my commission as such officer, declare under oath that the following is a just and true sworn statement in detail of all sums of money contributed, disbursed, expended or promised by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief by any other person or persons in my behalf, wholly or in part in endeavoring to secure or in any way in connection with my nomination or election to said office or place, or in connection with the election of any person or persons at said election, and showing the dates when and the persons to and the purposes for which all sums were paid, expended or promised, and that the same is as full and explicit as said affiant is able to make it, as follows, to-wit:

July 17th. To Drinks for the crowd to Joe Compas, 5 cents.

THE PIC-NIC.

The picnic at Benton Tuesday was an unqualified success and attracted the biggest crowd we have had here since the Stone reception two years ago. All of the program was carried out but the bicycle race, for which there were no entries. The horse race was composed of four entries, which came out in the following order: Lightner's, Graham's, Kimmel's and Dick Spaulding's.

The base ball game was keenly enjoyed by a large contingent of the crowd, and was won by a Commerce nine against the Morley club.

The dancing arbor was the scene of activity. Lemley's orchestra provided excellent dance music, and to this the flying feet kept time all the evening, all the night and up till after three o'clock Wednesday morning. Speaking by the candidates was expected, and a few of them were loaded for the occasion, but an overwhelming modesty took epidemic form and nobody would take the lead, nor were any tears shed over the omission.

The best of order everywhere prevailed, no gambling was indulged in and the entire affair was a pleasant outing in which men, women and children had an equally good time.

Nerve and Tact.

The Newsboy's natural history man had a treat yesterday (Thursday), watching the actions of a very small spider which had tackled a formidable looking bumble bee and was determined to take the prize to her larder. The captive insect was at the very least fifty times the size and weight of the tiny mite which had him in her toils. The problem seemed to be how to raise the, to her, enormous mass of the bee from the floor. Mr. Bee was not dead and struggled viciously every time the spinner raised him. She extemporized a sort of block and tackle arrangement, however, and one by one the bee's legs were tied so he could not use them and by patience, perseverance and wonderful instinctive tact, the spider—only a little bigger than a pin's head as to her body—hauled up the elephantine mass and proceeded to wrap him in a silken shroud.

—John Johnson is under a \$200 bond to answer to a charge of criminal assault on a 16-year-old girl on Tuesday last. His examination is set for Friday. Johnson is one of the gang who are to answer to-day (Saturday) to a similar charge regarding Fannie Bates, the Morley girl whose brother-in-law, S. G. Tharpe, took such excellent (?) care of her.

—Here you are! The Commerce Base Ball Club will give a barbecue on Thursday, August 2nd, that is destined to take the entire confectionery. See the bills for particulars. The athletic program is the best ever submitted in Scott county, and the other things will be to match. More about it next week.

—The Populists had a meeting at Cross Plains on Wednesday night at which the speakers were Rev. Reeves, Prof. Revelle, of Marble Hill, Dr. Franklin and Rolen Cannon.

—The case against Henry Ziegenhein, City Collector of St. Louis, for embezzlement, which has attracted much attention, was thrown out of court Wednesday, the evidence being insufficient to sustain the charge.

—Mrs. D. H. Leedy is on the sick list this week.

—Wm. Surrill, of Kewanee, was in Benton Thursday and gave us a pleasant call.