



THE GRAND JURY.

Judge Riley Delivered His Instructions in Plain Language.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Monday morning Judge Riley drove into Benton and soon after took his seat on the bench. The grand jury was called and sworn and the judge, after apologizing for a severe cold, instructed them, in substance as follows:

"It is the duty of grand juries to investigate matters in an impartial way. They should investigate matters concerning those in high standing as well as others. In fact, those holding high positions should be held to stricter accountability. Sometimes juries are influenced to indict a man through malice, while in other cases they are influenced not to indict persons who really should be. It is of the highest importance that grand juries act impartially.

The legislature has laid down a certain line of instructions which it is my duty to give. I shall now try to perform this part of my duty. You are required to look into the affairs of your public officers at least once a year, and oftener if you think the occasion warrants.

The sheriff handles public money, and it is your duty to see that he disposes of it according to law.

Your collector is required to make a monthly settlement with the county treasurer, and a quarterly and annual settlement with the county court.

Clerks of circuit and county courts are required to make settlements also. Their salary is fixed by statute—governed by the population of a county. This population is arrived at by multiplying the vote of the county by five. The clerk shall be permitted to retain his salary and for what amount he may have paid out for deputy hire. The remainder he is required to pay over into the county treasury. When I say the law requires this be done, I mean that it is your duty to see that it is done.

Constables and justices are required to make settlements.

The county treasurer is required to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and is not permitted to pay out money only upon warrants issued by the county court, countersigned by the county clerk.

County courts are your financial agents and are not permitted to borrow county money or become security for same.

Only druggists are permitted to sell liquor in small quantities (except druggists on prescriptions.) Sometimes druggists try to evade the law by getting doctors to issue prescriptions. The prescription must state name of patient and what for. Doctors may be indicted for issuing false prescriptions.

The law prohibits others than regularly registered pharmacists from filling prescriptions—except doctors. Doctors are required to register with the county clerk, showing his diploma.

The Judge concluded by calling attention to offenses affecting public morals.

B. F. Anderson was appointed foreman of the jury.

FROM SIKESTON.

Quite a number of our leading citizens attended the Fair at St. Louis and returned well pleased with their trip.

S. T. Lee, of Cairo, Ill., was in town Thursday and Friday looking after various business interests.

Judge Riley, of New Madrid, while on his way to Benton, spent Sunday night with old friends here.

Sikeston was pretty well represented at court this week.

The new bank building is rapidly nearing completion and as soon as the safe arrives the finishing touches will be given and the door opened for business.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive street, St. Louis.

As a result of a quarrel between two negroes working for Green Greer Frank Hunter shot Bill Scott inflicting a slight flesh wound over the chest. Hunter is still at large.

Oysters in any style at Ristig's restaurant.

THE LOCAL PAPER.

Like a Mirror, It Reflects Its Surroundings.

Few people seriously consider the duty they owe to the local newspaper, and the importance of lending a helping hand. When a man of ordinary intelligence desires to inform himself regarding a certain community or locality, the first thing he seeks is the local paper. If that appears lively and progressive, then he concludes that the locality must be on the up grade. If, on the other hand, the paper is filled with patent medicine thunder and stereotyped advertisements, then it is reasonable to presume that either the publisher or the people are drones—without energy and without enterprise.

Like a mirror, the local newspaper reflects its surroundings. To be of benefit to the community in which it is published a newspaper must be lively, independent and fearless. It must close its eyes and ears to the seductive promises of local spoliemen and politicians and advocate that which is in the interest of all the people.

A majority of the country newspapers of to-day are simply the organs of certain factions or cliques. In nearly every county these factions or cliques exist and they must have an organ so as to deceive and misrepresent matters to the public, while they run things to suit themselves—and in the interest of themselves exclusively.

FROM COMMERCE.

There was a lady drummer in town Tuesday and Wednesday selling Millinery.

Miss Luta Gray came down on the Grey Eagle Saturday night and stayed over till Sunday afternoon.

Don't worry about hard times but buy your goods from Lynch & Beardslee.

Ed Johnson is repairing his saloon building. He has already put down a new floor and is going to put in a new front. It will improve the looks of that side of the street when finished and fitted up with electric lights.

A. N. Ireland went to St. Louis Saturday night via Grey Eagle.

Mr. Bennett, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been here all week looking after his interest in the chalk banks above town. He thinks he will be able to sell quite a lot of this clay in Pennsylvania and Ohio. If he does it will be mined right away.

Mrs. Allie Moore, wife of Harvey Moore and daughter of Hy Head died at her father's home last Sunday of neuralgia of the heart. The remains were interred here Monday.

Ireland's stock of goods is always up to date. He makes a specialty of ladies' fancy dress goods and trimmings. He also carries an elegant line of ladies' and misses' shoes. When you are at Commerce drop in at Ireland's and see what you can see.

Quite a lot of Commerce people went to Hickory Flat Sunday. They report nuts plentiful.

Dick Finley moved to town Tuesday from Big Island. He wants to send his children to school here this winter. He lives in one of Mr. Worsley's houses.

Oda and William Bell came down from St. Louis Monday to attend a suit in court at Benton.

Tom Beardslee and Whit Dodge each have big baby boys at their houses.

Hon. Louis Houck was a passenger on the Grey Eagle Tuesday night.

C. R. Clymer went to St. Louis Tuesday night with stock.

Jno. P. Jones is at home on a 30-day's furlough. John is assistant operator for the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt railroads at Delta.

Mike Heisserer was in town Wednesday.

Heisserer's Store Robbed.

While Wm. Heisserer and his clerks were at supper Thursday evening, just after dark, someone entered the store and took thirty-five or forty dollars in bills from the cash drawer. This is the third time this store has been entered within a short time, and no one can discover where the thief enters. It is supposed that someone has a key. Wm. H. says he will change the lock.

SUNDAY IN JAIL.

How the Nine Prisoners Pass the Time.

Sunday afternoon a Newsboy reporter spent quite a while with the prisoners in jail. The first sight which met his gaze was a rudely constructed barber's chair with Jeff Thorpe in the chair and Albert Evin as barber. After Evin had finished his job R. B. Reynolds took the chair and George Marrs played barber. All this time Chas. Busby was holding a broom handle in position which answered as a head rest. By the side of the reporter stood George Null rattling the "bones;" next to him was beardless Jim Albright, and in the cell stood the "wild man from Dorneo." Westerville was doing the "chores," while others were doing the tall standing around.

The prisoners seem to be above the average in intelligence and are well behaved, says Jailer Gupton.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Miss Sophia Walter is reported very sick with typhoid fever.

Our farmers take advantage of the fair price of wheat and are hauling their surplus to Oran.

It is an odd thing that the temperate zone contains the hardest drinkers on the face of the earth.

Frank Bles took a hunting tour a few days last week.

Ferd and Martin Bisher and John Blattel took a few days hunting on Little River last week.

S. B. Hunter, of Sikeston, was in our town Tuesday.

Rev. G. Koob, of Oran, paid Father Scherer a visit Tuesday.

The family of C. R. Klump arrived Wednesday from Grand Ridge, Illinois.

Marsella, daughter of Chas. Grojean, died Tuesday after a short illness. The interment took place at St. Lawrence cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Several of our people attended court at Benton the fore part of the week.

Jos. Weitfeld rented the John Fetter farm and will soon take possession. Joseph Scherer was at Oran Monday.

Grandma Gosche was at Oran Tuesday.

Doc. Speaks, of Kelso, was in our town Wednesday.

Nic. Schlosser, who has been afflicted with a sore leg, is improving and is able to be about.

FROM KELSO.

Thos. Belk, living about three miles southwest of here, has five apple trees on which a second crop is growing. About the middle of August he gathered the first crop, after which the trees bloomed again, and now there are apples on the trees as large as quail eggs.

Red hot Wiener Wurst—red hot—at Ristigs during court week. Also fish, oysters, celery and pork sausage.

Marriage is a failure when the man handles all the assets and the women all the liabilities.

Hot coffee, strong enough to walk alone, at Ristig's restaurant during court week.

A man is not necessarily above suspicion just because he has held office for years.

Wm. Randall has rented Mike Endler's place and will start a restaurant here.

A little 4-year-old boy died of diphtheria on the 18 inst. He was buried at Cape Girardeau.

The movers who made their headquarters at the old schoolhouse, moved out Saturday.

Clara McFerron, who is attending the Normal at the Cape, came home on a visit last Friday.

The Newsboy is the paper.

Mrs. Delia James and children visited in St. Louis last week.

August Meinz thinks of moving back to the farm.

The young folks had a pleasant play party at Arthur McFerron's Saturday evening.

John Glueck will have some painting done on his house.

Quite a number of our people are at Benton attending court. JACK.

WM. GOODE KIDNAPPED.

Taken From Bird's Point to Kentucky and Lynched.

"Bird's Point, Mo. Oct. 22, 1895. GEO. S. ELLIOTT, Benton, Mo. Goode was kidnapped at 6 p. m. Taken to Kentucky. What shall we do? Wm. KENNICK."

The above telegram was received by the prosecuting attorney of Mississippi county, who is here in attendance at court, Tuesday evening. Mr. Elliott knew what it meant. He knew it meant the last of Wm. Goode. So he at once telegraphed Gov. Stone the particulars and also the sheriff of Crittenden county, Ky.

Two years ago Wm. Goode was a resident of Crittenden county, Ky. He was a farmer, aged about fifty years, nothing against him—except that he had signed a man's bond for appearance, who had been charged with arson.

For this offense Goode was threatened and ordered to leave the state. He did not heed the ku-klux and they proceeded to enforce their threats and, in a body, called at Goode's residence. In the melee Mr. Goode's son was shot, but he succeeded in routing his assailants and shot several of them.

Soon after Goode moved to Bird's Point, and his conduct there is reported good. Several months ago an attempt was made by one Goody and an associate to kidnap him and take him across the river to Kentucky on a bogus warrant. Goode refused to go and was shot at by the associate and then handcuffed. Constable Manley, of Bird's Point, discovered that the writ was a forgery and refused to let them take their prisoner until they would go to Charleston and obtain the proper papers and get a requisition.

Accordingly, all went to Charleston and while there the matter was investigated and the whole conspiracy leaked out. A damage suit was at once instituted by Goode against Goody, with Geo. S. Elliott and H. C. O'Bryan as attorneys for the plaintiff. At the term of circuit court just closed at Charleston the case was tried and judgement obtained against Goody for \$5,000. Saturday Goode was kidnapped by Kentuckians, and it is safe to say he was lynched as soon as he reached Kentucky.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

State vs. Irvin A. Wilson—seduction of ward—nolle prosequere.

State vs. Jas. H. Powell—selling liquor without license, four cases—nolle prosequere.

State vs. A. J. Bucklin—assault to kill—plea of guilty to common assault.

State vs. Asa Crafton—assault to kill—nolle prosequere.

State vs. Newt. Pardon—carrying concealed weapons and assault to kill—\$50 fine for the first and not guilty in second.

State vs. Bud Pardon—petit larceny—nolle prosequere.

State vs. I. A. Wilson—spiriting witness away from court—nolle prosequere.

State vs. Jas. T. Lehigh—adultery, change of venue from New Madrid county—nolle prosequere.

State vs. Moses Cooksey, et al—crap shooting—nolle prosequere as to Ben Whitsell, plea of not guilty case submitted to jury and fines of \$25 as to Cooksey and Stroter.

State vs. Reed Simpson—disturbing public worship—fine \$1.

State vs. Dick Pollard—carrying pistol and shooting on public highway—nolle prosequere in the first and a fine of \$5 for second.

State vs. Joe Jocelyn—carrying pistol—not guilty.

State vs. Dallas Beauchamp—adultery—nolle prosequere.

State vs. R. B. Reynolds—burglary and larceny—two years in penitentiary.

State vs. Henry Lamphere—burglary—three years in penitentiary.

State vs. Jas. Perkins—jail breaking—trial by jury, verdict two years in pen.

Another Independent Boat.

The Steamer C. W. Batchelor will enter the trade between St. Louis and Commerce and will make her first trip to-day. She will run on the time of the late Mary Morton—leaving Commerce Tuesdays and Saturdays of each week.

THE SECOND ROUND.

In the County Against Leftwich Resulted in the Defendant's Favor.

The second chapter of the case of Scott county vs. J. M. Leftwich came up in the circuit court Thursday. It will be remembered that at the April term the defence introduced a motion to set aside the action of our present county court, in which they ordered Mr. Leftwich to pay over the surplus fees collected, on the ground that the said present county court had no right to undo the action of the former court.

The attorneys for the county held that there was no law authorizing the old county court to make an order discharging Mr. Leftwich from any further liability, and that therefore the order of the old court was null and void and should not be recognized; and that at its first session the new court ascertained the amount due the county and made the demand for it.

Judge Riley took the matter under advisement and Thursday decided that the new court could not offset the order of the old court. The question was immediately appealed to a higher court.

The rumor that was immediately circulated that "the case was settled," is by no means true, and was only circulated for effect. At present the attorneys are only "skirmishing" and sparring for wind, and the merits of the case have never been entered into. The matter will be hotly contested by both sides and the end is not yet.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

—W. C. Moore and son, Harvey, Geo. and Arthur Chrisman E. L. Brown and John Harness, of Price's L'd g. were here Thursday. Mr. Moore says he had a large load of wheat, which he was having towed to Cairo, grounded for three days.

—Without Posts. At each entrance to the court house yard all visitors at the court house this week have seen placarded an invitation to examine the work of "The Common Sense" or Tennessee Fence Machine. Hundreds of farmers who have witnessed its work are loud in its praise.

—Conductor J. D. Green, of Glenn Allen, spent a short while in the Newsboy office Wednesday. He owns a large farm near Biadgett and expects to make Scott county his home when he retires from railroad.

—Common Sense. This is the very appropriate name of the Fence Building machine, which has been on exhibition in the court house yard this week. Less than ten cents buys the wire for a rod of first-class farm fence.

—Only one "scrap" has been recorded in Benton this week. George White and Henderson Humphrey were the principals. Result: a shattered beer glass and a sore head for Humphrey.

—Little Irene Arnold swallowed a quarter last Wednesday which lodged in her throat and caused her much pain. A doctor was summoned and succeeded in dislodging it.

—Frank Miller ventured out last Thursday morning for the first time in several weeks. Frank has had a rather tough time with typhoid fever.

—As we go to press we learn that Frank Reddick and John Dirnberger had a setto Thursday evening. Nobody hurt.

—Attorney Frank Moore and M. G. Gresham, of Sikeston, had business at court this week.

—You will save money by trading with Ireland, at Commerce.

—Louis B. Houck dropped into the Newsboy office Thursday.

—J. V. Noell, of Perryville, is here.

She Got Very Angry.

"How do you like your eggs?" asked the landlady of a Biadgett man who was taking a meal at one of the hotels.

"Fresh," was the abrupt reply, and the eggs were brought in raw.

Farm For Sale Cheap.

80 acres of good land, 60 acres in cultivation, with good six-room house, good barn and stables, good water and all modern conveniences. Situated three miles northwest of Commerce. For particulars apply to Henry Burkhardt, Commerce, Mo.

RANDOM REMARKS.

The Newsboy extends a hearty welcome to all visitors, and will do its utmost to make it pleasant for them.

The reason that marriage contracts are kept so quietly these days is because the contracting parties fear they will be given whole pages in the metropolitan papers.

The fact that all angels are pictured as women would cause one to believe that men are scarce in the region where angels abide. This would leave room to wonder what becomes of the preachers?

A young lady may have to coax her lover not to spend so much money on her—but not after they are married.

The honest poor are no scarcer than the honest rich.

Time is the most successful flying machine yet invented.

Starting for Heaven on a grave stone is risky business.

"I move so quietly they can't get onto my curves," remarked an Oran man, last night, as he curved from the sidewalk into the gutter.

The lawyer who makes the most noise is not always the one who uses the best argument.

The young lady who teaches school five days in the week is worth a cart load of the young men who loaf around on the street seven days in a week.

Touching a man's conscience don't amount to much, but when you touch his pocket book then there is a howl.

The Newsboy has "touched" the pocket books of some of our "leading citizens."

Our young men of today are of the "swell" variety. They don't have to work. Some have aged fathers that labor, while others have strong, able-bodied mothers who are able to take in washing.

God never mistakes a kneeling hypocrite for an upright man. Neither does the Newsboy.

In the world of labor and world of capital every tub should stand on its own bottom. But capital is constantly at work trying to knock the bottom out of labor.

The amount of importance some men fill in this world is all in their own eyes.

The professional juror is not wanted. He is next door to the "fixed" juror. However, he is in evidence at every term of court.

Newspapers are often kept down like curs, because they fear to make enemies. All good newspapers have enemies of which they may justly feel proud.

A man never gets to old to hint at what a sly devil he was when a boy. But he always speaks of it as a thing of the past, you know.

No man can serve two masters, but if he is shrewd he may deceive both. No newspaper can serve selfish spoliemen and at the same time do its duty by the people.

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In this country boodle tells. It often tells men in high places to keep mum.

Discontent is a great deal harder on a man's health than a disordered liver. For the latter, use Sackmann's Liver Tonic.

If a woman says she has a secret, don't coax her to tell it. She'll tell it to prove that she has one.

The nickel you put in the contribution box will not cover the dollar you cheated a man out of when the day of final settlement comes.

If it pleases you to hear a friend say he would do anything in the world for you, don't embarrass him by mentioning one or two things you want.

When a man gets too drunk to walk, then he's flying.

A small mind usually has plenty of room for pride.

The face that cannot smile is like a lantern without light. There is a difference between a grin and a smile, however.

It is seldom a woman thinks so without saying so. The trouble is, she generally says so, and then thinks after-ward.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

The Newsboy has turned out more job work this week than any other office has turned out in three months. Business men know where to go when they want neat and clean printing. The Newsboy always guarantees its work to give perfect satisfaction and compares favorably with any city work. We have no "cheap John" establishment, however, and do not handle cheap stationery. We print only on the best paper.

Treasurer Elfrank, of Bollinger county, and Ed. Shelton, of the Tennessee Fence Machine Co., are spending the week in Benton exhibiting their patent picket fence builder.

Prosecuting Attorney Snyder and J. W. Lambaugh, of Jackson, arrived in Benton Tuesday.

The Scott county organs remind us of apes. They watch the Newsboy and then try to imitate. They try to imitate the Newsboy in size, style, and make-up and as far as they are financially able, in display type.

Everybody will want to eat when they come to court next week. It's high time you were thinking about where you are going to get it. But don't worry—Ristig will furnish hot meals at all hours—day or night.

Great metropolitan papers like the Newsboy some times devote a great deal of space to the weather, but since our space is limited we will simply repeat what we have heard thousands of others say: "We need rain."

—George Elliott, J. J. and Clark Russell, H. C. O' Bryan, Jas. Boone and J. Y. Mardyk, of Charleston, and M. J. A. and Jas. Conran, New Madrid, are among the attendants at court.

If you are not a subscriber to the Newsboy, do not leave Benton until you have shown your appreciation for an honest newspaper by giving it your support. Come in and subscribe.

Benton has a great advantage over neighboring towns. We don't have to go to see you unless we want to, but we can bring you to Benton all right.

"You are hereby invited," etc—but that is getting to be an old chestnut. Come and see me. Ireland, Commerce.

Sheriff Batts had the court room floor covered with saw dust, thereby preventing the usual noise caused by the shuffling of feet.

Fresh oysters and fish in any style. Hot Weiner wurst, pork sausage, celery and hot coffee all during court week at Ristig's restaurant.

This is about the time of the year when the sheriff goes over the county and tells the people that they are wanted at Benton p. d. q.

Some three or four couples went from Benton to the Hickory Flat last Sunday. They reported a fine time.

Hon. Louis Houck, Frank Borough and Marshall Grieb, of Cape Girardeau, are among the attendants at court.

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