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BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES

LOCAL ITEMS

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. 3-6m

Times telephone number 37.

Judge John Francisco will make an excellent mayor

W. D. Orear helps the printer out with a renewal.

John Adair will make the first ward an excellent alderman.

The most complete line of fine Teas to be found in town at FRANK SMITH & SON.

Mrs. Peter Gutridge, an esteemed lady of Deepwater township, died Friday night.

Over twenty car loads of provisions, clothing, etc., was shipped from Kansas City to the starving Cubans Sunday.

The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf depot at Katy, near Clayton, Vernon county, was struck by lightning Friday and burned with contents.

The third ward democrats will land Jesse Trimble safely in the white house on north main street, and he'll make a splendid councilman.

Rev. Lulow and T. P. Crawford, have been spending several days in the west part of the county holding a series of Sunday school conventions.

The school board of Clinton asks for 85 cents levy on the \$100 valuation for the maintenance of their public school. The levy in Butler is only 65 cents.

There must be something wrong over in Johnson county. Tuesday, according to the Democrat of Warrensburg, two train loads of people left that county for north Dakota.

The Millinery parlors of M. & N. Evans are unusually bright and attractive. They are showing all the new shadings, Burnt Orange and Turquoise being the newest. 18-2t

Wm. E. Walton went to Marshfield Mo., on business connected with his brother's estate.

We again wish to call your attention to the fine line of Dried Fruits we have and at a very low price. 18-tf FRANK SMITH & SON

The TIMES regrets to say that the latest reports as to the condition of Dr. Pyle are that there is no change for the better in his case.

The State Bank at Franklin, Ills., was robbed Saturday night and \$10,000 and a lot of valuable bonds and documents taken.

Col. Henry Newman of Randolph county, is arming a regiment of negroes with razors and sending them to Cuba to clean out the Spaniards.

A railroad from Walker station to Eldorado Springs, appears now to be a settled fact. Contractors are at work on the road bed between the two towns.

An attempt was made by burglars to rob the post office at Mammoth Springs, Ark., the other night. The burglars were discovered before they had gotten into the safe and several shots were exchanged.

J. W. Duncan, ex postmaster of Adrian, and a prominent candidate for recorder spent Tuesday in the city and gave the TIMES a fraternal call. There is no better citizen or democrat in the county than John Duncan.

A Butler lady, crying as if her heart would break, was asked the cause of her trouble. She said the Spanish had blowed up the state of Maine, her son belonged to the Butler militia and now he would have to go and fight Spain.

There is one thing we want known and remembered, and that is we are selling more goods and better goods than ever before and the reason is we are selling them for prices to suit the times. F. SMITH & SON

The El Reno, (Ok.) Democrat of the 17th, reports the marriage, in that city of E. R. Talbott and Miss Nora Jennings. Miss Jennings formerly resided in this city and has many friends here who wish her a happy voyage through life.

Sam West, candidate for presiding judge of our county called on the TIMES. Mr. West is one of the county's best citizens and should be successful in his ambitions would make a reliable and trustworthy servant.

The Rich Hill Review complains that some churches are imposed on by foreign elocutionists, lecturers, singers and fakes of one sort and another. Up here in Butler the fakes take charge of our public schools, just to help along the library, you know.

Ed Chadmers a negro, and his wife near Wybark, a small station near Muscogee, Indian Territory, were murdered by a mob Sunday night. Chadmers recently married a white girl named Hadley, and it is thought this caused the tragedy. The bodies of both the victims were literally riddled with bullets.

All Nevada and surrounding county is stirred up over the mysterious disappearance of a young man named Albert Marsh. The general supposition is that he has been murdered and his body hid. Searching parties have been diligently at work but no clue can be obtained as to his whereabouts.

A million pounds of provisions were started from Kansas City by special trains to the starving Cubans Monday. The train goes over the Memphis road and will be put through on fast time, and will be run on a schedule of thirty miles an hour. Thousands of people witnessed the leaving of the train from Kansas City.

The funeral of W. C. Doan, a highly respected farmer of Lone Oak township, took place Sunday from the neighborhood church. Rev. Jarvis, pastor of the South Methodist church this city, conducted the services. Deceased was about 59 years of age, and death was caused from a severe attack of pneumonia. He was only sick four or five days.

G. Tom King, of Callaway county and candidate for railroad and ware house commissioner, accompanied by prosecuting attorney Clark, gave the TIMES a social call Monday. He is making a flying trip over the state in the interest of his candidacy and stopped off in Butler to extend his acquaintance. Mr. King is a substantial looking gentleman and no doubt would fill the office he seeks with ability and credit.

A resolution is to be introduced in congress for an investigation into one of the recent contracts made by the administration for 250,000 tons of coal. This coal is to go to Key West, and the contract was given to a Cleveland firm of which Hanna is a member at a rate a full dollar a ton higher than it could have been bought for elsewhere. By this means the government was swindled out of a quarter of a million dollars.—Ex.

Lightning rod agents are working the farmer again. They have a new clause in their contract which reads: "not to exceed—dollars." In due time the contract you have signed turns up in the hands of a bank or innocent purchaser in the shape of a note for a much larger sum of money than the price agreed upon. The proper thing to do is to sign no contracts for strangers.

The body of a well dressed young man, name unknown, was found in a culvert under the Chicago & Alton railroad tracks a short distance east of Independence, Mo., Saturday. The body was half covered with mud and in his right hand clutched a revolver with which he had shot himself. It was evident that he had been dead a long time. He wore a black overcoat, kid gloves and a blue coat and vest and had \$4.85 in his pocket.

On account of the close confinement and failing health, Elmer Voris, clerk in the post office has resigned the position. Elmer was attentive to business, polite and accommodating, giving general satisfaction to the patrons of the office. Mr. V. L. Johnson who served in the office as chief clerk the past four years, and is thoroughly posted, takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Voris. The TIMES knows the worth of Verney and congratulates Mr. Welton on being able to secure his services.

Our old friend A. M. Fritze has his paper changed from Mulberry to New Ponca, Okla.

Uncle John Daniels, an old and highly respected citizen living south of Butler, renews. We are sorry to report that his estimable wife who has been sick for some time is no better.

The good people of Butler lent a listening ear to the appeals of the starving people in Cuba, and sent a large amount of provisions and clothing to the relief association at Kansas City to be forwarded by the relief train which left that city Monday at noon.

A church wedding in high life took place among our colored citizens at the second M. E. church, at 8:30 o'clock p. m. the 17th inst, the ceremony being performed by Rev. B. D. Dixon, pastor of the church. The contracting parties were Mr. Riley Clark and Miss Mary Briscoe, adopted daughter of uncle Alfred White. The groom holds a position as porter on the Mo. Pacific railroad, his run being from Kansas City to Joplin, and by his gentlemanly conduct to passengers and especially his attentiveness and politeness to ladies with children has made him very popular with the traveling public. He formerly resided in this city. The bride is a handsome mulatto lady, well educated and for a long time has been the reigning belle in colored society.

The case of C. E. Dimmett, charged with robbing an express car on the Pittsburg & Gulf railroad near Kansas City some time ago, and whose preliminary trial was set for the 18th inst, at Kansas City, has taken a more serious turn. On arriving at Kansas City Friday to stand trial, the grand jury had taken action on his case and indicted him on the serious charge of train robbery. A capias was issued immediately and he was taken into custody again and locked in jail. Instead of a preliminary the case will now be tried in the criminal court. Under the law, train robbing is a capital offense in this state. The TIMES sincerely hopes Mr. Dimmett may be able to establish beyond a doubt his entire innocence of the charges against him. K. C. Journal 22.

C. E. Dimmett, who was indicted for robbing an express car on the Pittsburg & Gulf railroad within the city limits, yesterday gave bond in the criminal court at Independence in the sum of \$2,500 with Fernando P. Neal, the Kansas City banker, as surety. Mr. Neal as bondsman, is secured by one of the banks of Butler, Mo., where it is said Dimmett resided before coming to Kansas City. His trial has been set for March 21.

The Particular People.
It's the people who are particular about their shoes—who wish every detail in the making and finish just right every little point as fashion decrees and comfort sanctions—who like the highest types of good footwear—that's the kind of people we get along smoothly with. THE PREVAILING FASHIONS in good reliable shoes are ready for you. This is the season when correct shoes and comfort go hand in hand, and we have just received our spring stock of Men's Women's and Children's up-to-date shoes and oxfords at right prices. Call and see them.

Drysdale & Keasling.
The Small Boy and Pistol.
Sunday afternoon, in company with several other small boys fishing at the lake, Jim Thomas' little son 7 or 8 years of age, met with a serious accident. Mr. Thomas is the possessor of a single barrel derringer. The boys knew this and on the way to the lake sent the little fellow back to get it. He did so and on arriving at the lake undertook to exhibit the weapon, and to explain it's working. The result was as usual in such cases, the pistol was discharged and the bullet passed diagonally through his left hand, going in the palm of his hand and coming out on the back near the thumb, lacerating the flesh and breaking the bones in the hand. The boys were all standing in a bunch and it is a miracle almost that one of them was not killed. The little fellow was scared almost out of his wits, hurried home and the hand was properly dressed.

Our Line of Hosiery.



For spring is the most complete line of fast black hosiery ever shown here. Seamless ribbed hose for boys and girls at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. Ladies' seamless hose at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c. Our special quality at 25c is extra good, all black or with white soles. A complete line of drop-stitch, ribbed, etc. Come to us for good hosiery at low prices.

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Spring Styles.



We are showing all the newest things in Spring Shoes. All the latest colors—newest style toes, etc. Our prices are the lowest.



Come and see them.

Max Weiner.

TO BUY THE ACADEMY.

The Proposition to Purchase this Building and Grounds Should be Voted Unanimously.

The School board at the annual April election, will submit the proposition to the voters of this district to buy the Academy for the use of the public schools. The amount asked is only \$3,500. We are informed by persons in a position to know that the Academy building cost \$5,000 and the two or three acres of ground on which the building stands is worth from \$1,800 to \$2,000. Besides this the rooms, or nearly all of them are seated and ready for use.

At the price offered there certainly is a big bargain in the proposition and as the district needs and must have more school room, there can be no plausible excuse for any tax-payer voting against the purchase of this building.

In buying the Academy the public schools would be admirably located, one in the east, one in the west and one in the north part of town.

The question resolves itself to this: Are the people willing to buy the Academy at the nominal cost of \$3,500 or are they ready to vote bonds to the amount of \$10,000 or \$12,000 to put up a new school building.

Both the United States and Spain are in the market buying horses and mules. The United States is buying cavalry and artillery horses and Spain is buying both horses and mules. The Kansas City and St. Louis markets are having a good run.

Could Eat but Little.

"My husband was subject to stomach trouble for many years. It seemed like dyspepsia and so severe he could eat hardly enough to keep him alive, and sleep was out of the question. He decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and has continued to improve while taking it." Mrs. J. L. Masters, Herndon, Missouri.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy and yet sufficient.

A Practical Joke that Worked all Right in Rich Hill.

A cigarette, a six pound can of powder, two store fronts demolished, four young men badly hurt and the fire department called out, was the result of a practical joke at Rich Hill.

Friday evening about 8 o'clock, the central portion of Rich Hill was startled by a terrific explosion which jarred the business part of the town. On investigation it was ascertained that a six pound can of powder exploded in the gun store of J. M. Hurst. There were six young men in the store at the time, Oscar Hurst, Charley Carson, John Berry, Loud McMurtry and Alonzo Henshaw, and the explosion was the result of a practical joke indulged in by the above named young men.

Two of the boys were smoking cigarettes, one threw his half-smoked, in the coal bucket, and then bantered Oscar Hurst, who held a six pound can of powder, to put some on the cigarette. The challenge was accepted and in an instant an explosion followed. When the smoke cleared away it was found that the store front was blown out as was also the front to the adjoining building. Dr. Delameter and family, who occupied the second story of the building, claimed the damage to their apartments to be about \$200. Mrs. Dalemeter, who was standing in the middle of the room directly over the explosion, says she was raised bodily from the floor. Three of the boys in the building, Hurst, Carson and Berry were badly burned. The accident was a bad one and perhaps the lesson will long be remembered.

Clinton, Ia., March 19—While burning rubbish at her home southwest of here, Mrs. George Risch was burned to death by her clothing catching on fire. Her husband is believed to be fatally burned.

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