

The "Bilt Well"

Shoe \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Recognizing the demand for a Shoe of less price than our now famous "Walk-Over" we have added a full line of "Bilt Well's" in all leathers and toes. "Bilt Well's" are made by Geo. E. Keith Co.,—the makers of the "Walk Over," which is sufficient guarantee that the making is the very best. "Bilt Well's" are made with a welt and have all the style and wearing qualities of the usual \$3.00 shoes. But the shoes will do their Own talking—see them and we hardly think you will buy any of the usual \$3.00 shoes.

"BILT WELLS,"

Enamel and patent leathers \$3.00.

all domestic leathers \$2.50.

"Walk Overs" \$3.50 and \$4.



MENS & BOYS OUTFITTERS

Ex-Judge Stith complimented us pleasantly on Tuesday. He said his corn will average 15 bushels to the acre.

The bill posters for the big circus arrived Tuesday morning and gangs were sent in different directions into the country to bill the small towns.

The dilapidated sidewalk in front of the old academy grounds has been turned and thrown into the streets. That saves damage suits to the city.

Persons who understand cutting corn will have no trouble finding work in another week. Already some of the farmers have begun cutting corn.

The annual reunion of Quantrell's men will be held in Clark's pasture near Blue Springs, Sept. 24 and 25. It will be in the shape of a picnic. It is said less than 100 of the band are alive to-day.

The annual conference of the M. E. church will meet at Marshall, Mo., the 25th. Rev. Cobb, pastor of the church in this city, will preach two more Sundays before taking his leave for conference.

The negro who murdered Miss Mary Henderson near Columbus, Johnson county, is still at large, although every effort has been put forth to accomplish his capture and a reward of \$650 stands for his capture, alive or dead.

The Amsterdam Tempest reports the death and burial of James Burns. The mind of the deceased had been unbalanced for several years and a short time ago he was sent to the asylum at Nevada, where he died a few days ago.

The School Board on Monday employed Prof. Jenkins as principal of the Butler High School. Mr. Jenkins comes highly recommended by Prof. Jesse, President of the State University and other high school authority in the state.

William Favers, arrested at Oklahoma City, charged with the murder of Miss Gazella Wilds at Pierce City, was taken to Kansas City Monday and lodged in jail there for safe keeping. He denies his guilt and claims he can prove an alibi.

Mrs. Webb, of Waverly, Mo., believes in Butler real estate. Through her son-in-law, H. L. Tucker, she has purchased the Walker property on Ohio street, and the residence occupied by Col. Dooley, on North Main street. The investment in the two places, both desirable homes, was \$3,000.

The new town of Lawton is certainly well represented in the newspaper field. In a bundle of papers sent us by Charley Morrison was found the Democrat, Post and Republican, all dailies. A number of weeklies are published in that town. If Lawton doesn't make a city with that kind of backing, she ought to.

John Q. A. Cope, of New Home, favored us with a pleasant call on Saturday. He was in the city to meet his brother Seth, who had been in the new Kiowa country. Mr. Cope says they have had more rain south of the river and will raise more corn than in this section. Through his courtesy New Home's popular merchant, John Lowry, favored us with a renewal.

Our popular young farmer friend H. D. Chambers, favored us pleasantly. He was accompanied by his brother, H. E. Chambers. These young gentlemen contemplated going to the new county, but like a good many of us, their rabbit's foot was not caught and prepared at the right time of the moon. Their friends could never tell why they wanted to change as they are making money and doing well.

Weather prophet Hicks advises the farmers to plant their crops early next season that they may be well developed by July and thus escape the drouth which he says is certain to be prevalent next season. Hicks' calculations and predictions were correct in the main this summer and it will be well for the farmers to heed what he has to say of the future.

THE TIMES was complimented on Tuesday by a pleasant call from Frank O. Miller, press agent for the Adam Forepaugh & Sells Bros. shows. We found Mr. Miller full of business push as becomes an agent for this great enterprise, but a very courteous, clever young gentleman. His home is in Columbus, Ohio, where he started in the newspaper business at the case and worked up to the editorial chair. He has been with these people for four years and is now one of their most trusted advance agents.

R. T. Judy, a prominent farmer of Charlotte, paid us a pleasant call on Friday. He expects to sow considerable wheat this fall.

Dr. McFarland and wife, of Passaic, spent Sunday in Butler. The doctor is enjoying a fine practice at Passaic and is well pleased with his new location.

Mrs. Mike Curry moved to Kansas City Tuesday morning, where she will remain indefinitely. It is to be regretted that our city has lost this most estimable family. Mr. and Mrs. Curry still own property in this place, and it is hoped they may return again after spending the winter in the city.

Our esteemed friend Prof. T. D. Embree, of Ballard, made us a pleasant call Monday and favored us with a subscription for his sister, Mrs. Annie Fleming, at Vilas, Okla. Prof. Embree is one of the brightest and most popular of our country pedagogues, but threatens to desert the profession and devote his time to farming after fulfilling his contract for the coming term.

William Stott died at his home southeast of Butler on August 6th, in his 76th year. He was born in Kentucky. Was brought to Missouri by his parents when an infant, and moved to Bates county twenty-one years ago. He served in the confederate army and is said to have been a brave and good soldier. He served under Gen. John B. Clark. He never married, but lived with his nephews, the Lewis brothers.

We see from the Lamar Democrat that a couple of tough looking young men were arrested in Lamar Tuesday of last week on suspicion of being a brace of thieves and held for a short time. They were attempting to dispose of a gold watch for a small sum and finally succeeded in selling it for \$10. They may be the same chaps that burglarized A. H. Culver's house in this city Saturday night of last week.

Our young friend H. L. Couchman favored us pleasantly on Saturday and had THE TIMES sent to his address at Richards, Mo., where he holds the principalship of the public schools for the coming year. Prof. Couchman is a talented young teacher, a hard student and is determined to make himself thoroughly proficient in his chosen profession. In company with Albert Jenkins, another popular young teacher, he spent his vacation in Montana, and report fine sport hunting and fishing. They saw much of the country and were well pleased with their trip.

The county court on Monday discharged Mr. George E. McDonald and appointed in his stead as superintendent for the completion of the court house, Mr. La Croff, an old and experienced builder and contractor of Nevada. Mr. La Croff built Asylum No. 3 at Nevada, several other state buildings at Columbia and Rolla, besides innumerable public and private buildings all over the west. He bears a most excellent reputation wherever he worked, and the people of his home town swear by him. It is the general expression of those who know Mr. La Croff that the court did well in securing his services.

The fire department was called out again Tuesday evening. This time the barn in the rear of A. L. Fox's residence was burned. A gray horse was badly burned before being extricated from the building. A lot of hay and other feed went with the stable. The burning barn was in close proximity to other buildings and just across the alley from the parsonage of the M. E. church, south, and only for the prompt arrival of the fire department considerable damage might have been done. The burning of Seese's barn Monday evening followed by the burning of the above barn without apparent cause suggests the idea that there might be a fire bug in town.

Last Saturday a strong flow of gas was struck in well number seven, which was put down by the Merwin Oil and Gas Company. This well produces twelve barrels of oil per day and makes the third well that is yielding oil in paying quantities. The output of the three paying wells brings the company a profit of something near \$60.00 per day. The drilling continues and well number 8 is down to a depth of about 100 feet and shows very favorable indications of being a paying well. Another oil company, the "Midland," has secured grounds for operations here, and will have their drill on the field in a few days and begin operations.—Merwin Mirror.

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- Dress Goods,
- Dress Trimmings,
- Flannel Waistings,
- Outing Cloths,
- Percalés,
- Ginghams,
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- Crashes,
- Towels,
- Quilts,
- Blankets,
- Comforts,
- Underwear,
- Topsy Hosiery,
- Yarns
- Corsets,
- Kid Gloves,
- Embroideries,
- Laces,
- Carpets,
- Mattings,
- Curtain Swisses,
- Silkolines,
- Lace Curtains,

We are showing many lines at much lower prices than ever.

McKIBBENS.

A stable in the rear of a house belonging to Mrs. P. K. Hulse in the east part of town and occupied by Mr. Sees, caught fire Monday evening and was partially burned before the flames were extinguished by the fire company. Mr. Sees lost a buggy and harness, a box of bed clothing, about two tons of hay, a couple of stoves and a calf. He had no insurance. It is not known how the fire originated. A neighbor lady first discovered the fire and made an attempt to save the buggy, but the fire had gained such headway in the hay the heat was too intense for her. Mr. Sees estimates his loss at about \$100.

Sheriff Joe Smith left Tuesday noon for Pineville, McDonald county, Mo., to get the Rev. S. P. Slack, being held at that place on Sheriff Smith's request. He is charged with bigamy. About two months ago Squire W. F. Hemstreet married Rev. Slack to Miss Hess, of Walnut township. A woman from Nebraska claiming to be his wife traced him here and on being informed of his marriage, swore out a warrant for him for bigamy. Slack represents himself as being a Baptist minister and from accounts is a smooth individual. After the papers were put into his hands it took Sheriff Smith only a short time to locate his man. He rarely fails to land them when once he gets on their trail, and the mistake Slack made was coming to Sheriff's Smith's county to further his matrimonial desires.

Walker Cannon and Miss Daisy Hulse, surprised their numerous friends Sunday morning by the announcement that they had been united in marriage Saturday at Alton, Ill. Miss Hulse led her friends to believe she was going to St. Louis to study the fall millinery styles, while Mr. Cannon, of course, just slipped away without saying a word, and that's the way they cheated their friends out of the pleasure of being present at the wedding, and bidding them a happy voyage through life. The young couple had been devoted lovers for a long time, and while they took a little advantage of their friends, all wish them a life of happiness and prosperity. The bride is the accomplished daughter of John Hulse of this city, while the groom is one of Butler's best known young business men, being senior member of the Cannon-Weiner Elevator Co. THE TIMES extends congratulations and best wishes.

Frank Voris, living just south of town, has cut and shocked a field of corn on his place. He got fine fodder but no corn. The field was planted early and made a fine prospect but finally surrendered to the drouth.

J. C. Taylor favors us with a renewal. Mr. Taylor rented out his fine farm and went to Texas, Oklahoma and the southwest in quest of health. He has returned much improved and says there is no place like Old Bates.

E. S. Carrithers, proprietor of the American Clothing House, who has been spending a couple of months in Los Angeles, California, has returned home. The occasion of his trip was to see his wife who has been spending a year in Los Angeles for her health and he reports her much improved. Mr. Carrithers says the nights are very pleasant in California and that one sleeps comfortable under two blankets. The orange crop, he said, was very fine.

The county school commissioners Prof. Maxey, Borron and Etter, were in the city Saturday holding examinations. They informed us that the County Institute, which closed at Adrian the last of the week, was the largest ever held in that town, and the largest held in Southwest Missouri this year; the enrollment being 152. Certificates issued were: 20 first; 34 second and 64 third grade; 13 failures and 21 not yet passed on. The commissioners say that they had a very successful session and are well pleased with the work accomplished.

Mrs. Isaac Wilcox, aged 90 years, 2 months and 23 days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Scott, at Foster Wednesday night of last week. The deceased was born in Bath county, Kentucky, June 6th, 1811. She was married to Isaac Wilcox at Mooresville, Indiana, December 16th, 1828, and to this union fifteen children were born, twelve of whom are living. Among the living are Jas. Wilcox, of Everett; Richard Wilcox, of Passaic; Mrs. Chas. Garrison, of near Adrian, and Mrs. Scott, of Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox formerly resided in Butler, coming to this city in the eighties, the husband died here January 29th, 1886, since which time the aged wife has resided in and near Butler, for the last three years she has lived with her children, making her home with her daughter where she died. She joined the Baptist church in 1842 and remained a faithful member of that denomination until death.

TIMES' Telephone No. 37.

A good cook is wanted at the jail. Mrs. J. H. Frizzell is visiting a sister in Paris, Ills.

William T. Gileson is a new subscriber at Butler.

WANTED—A good cook at the jail. Apply to Mrs. Joe T. Smith.

The public schools opened Monday morning.

Men's pants 98c worth \$1.25 at Hill's Cash Store.

J. West Goodwin has revived the Sedalia Bazaar.

Chas. Sprague has sold his residence and also his household goods.

You can find what you want and the price will be right at Hill's Cash Store.

John Carpenter favors us with a renewal for his father, Abe Carpenter, at Iroquois, Ills.

Men's work shirts, extension collar band flat felled seams and yoke only 25c at Hill's Cash Store.

A. H. Calver was elected a member of the state Sunday school association at Chillicothe, last week.

R. L. Graves, now employed in Ft. Scott, Kansas, spent Sunday and Monday in town visiting home folks.

Imperial brand work shirts and overalls the best on earth at Hill's Cash Store.

Charles Fisher, a prominent German farmer of Pleasant Gap, favored us pleasantly and had his name enrolled for THE TIMES.

Mrs. Margaret E. Sliffe, wife of B. F. Sliffe, died at her home, 5 1/2 miles southeast of Adrian, August 26th, in her forty-fourth year.

During the winter months the capacity of the ice plant will be doubled. At least that is the intention of the owners of the plant at present.

An esteemed lady friend, Mrs. Mollie Graham, of Passaic, graced our sanctum on Saturday and favored us with a renewal of her subscription.

A large number of our citizens will light their homes with electric lights, and preparatory to the starting up of the plant are having their residences wired.

Men's ribbed top full seamless socks only 5c per pair at Hill's Cash Store.

Shirley Childs is home on a visit. He has been traveling in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Men's hats 98c worth \$1.25 at Hill's Cash Store.

Dr. McAninch has purchased the Tuttle feed stable in the rear of the Mo. State Bank.

Ladies' hose 9c worth 12 1/2c at Hill's Cash Store.

Mrs. Trigg, of Amoret, was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Nevada Tuesday.

We are leaders in low prices on tinware at Hill's Cash Store.

C. C. Clizer and S. L. Coleman, prominent citizens of Deep Water, were in the city on Tuesday.

The best and cheapest line of gloves in Butler at Hill's Cash Store.

Miss Nellie Austin returned Friday morning from a three weeks visit with friends in St. Louis and Alton, Ills.

Charlie McFarland, youngest son of C. B. McFarland, left for Colorado Springs yesterday morning, where he will join his mother, who is at the Springs.

H. A. Clark, a prosperous and influential citizen of Summit township, and a long time friend and patron of THE TIMES remembers us substantially.

E. A. Porter, a prominent young democratic farmer of Altona, and assessor of Grand River township, was in the city on Saturday on business and favored us pleasantly.

A. L. Dixon favors us with a renewal of his subscription. Lon is one of the best fellows imaginable, was raised in sight of Butler, everybody knows him, and all are his friends.

The Butler Cash Department Store has contracted to furnish pews for seating the auditorium of the new Ohio street Methodist church. The seats come from Wisconsin and are of the latest design.

The Butler Cash Department store is being wired and fifty or six incandescent lights will illuminate the building from basement to the furniture department on the second floor.