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Buying Goods at K. C.

The Boss and Billy Peterson are in Kansas City this week taking in the Implement Dealers' convention, and hunting for bargains. They will buy not less than three cars of goods for spring trade. The rest of us are hustling around selling the shoes with a national reputation with WALKOVER on the sole, the men's heavy shoes known as the "Western," that never wear out, and the Pingree ladies' shoes, that are the best made. We WE ARE SLAUGHTERING RUBBERS, FELTS AND OVERSHOES. We are selling lots of that famous flour with TURKEY on the sack, the coffee, that everyone likes so well, with MAYFLOWER on the bag. While we rest between the rushes we are cleaning and scraping the bear meat and venison Tom and Charley didn't get while they were in Arkansas. Come and see us and we'll make you glad the boss is gone, for we are knocking the bottom out while we have a chance.

Come and see your humble servants,

Webb Brothers Mercantile Company.

Presbyterian Church.
Subject for 11 a. m. Sunday will be "Will the World let that which is good perish?" Subject at 7 p. m. "Straining at Gnat and Swallowing Camels."
If you are interested in these subjects, come and hear them. We shall be glad to welcome you. J. B. STAPLETON, Pastor.
Oysters and fish now at Campbell's.

ALBA WAS SMOTHERED.

Championship Hinges on Game at Webb Tomorrow.

The Alba basketball team furnished the local crowd with fine practice and the crowd with considerable amusement at Friday night's game. The lads from the burnt-out town were so utterly helpless in the hands of the fast bunch they had undertaken to beat that those of the crowd who weren't engaged in feeling sorry for them were kept laughing at their bewildered antics as Crawford, O. Kyle and Wagner piled goal after goal over their heads.

Capt. Orval Kyle was a wide grin when Alba scored first blood from a free throw, and when this was immediately repeated the same grin, threatening to lap at the back of his neck, prevented any seriousness on the part of the crowd. It was Alba 3, Jasper 0, then; but the smoothly oiled scoring machinery finally got going and the rapidity with which the goals were dropped kept the crowd in one continuous yell. When time was called for the first half Jasper had piled up thirty points, while Alba had totaled only four. The second half was a repetition of the first, but was marked by Alba's only field goal, a lucky shot over Probert, who was at the moment showing the forwards how it should be done. Nobody wanted to, though, for we remember how he shut out the Webb City forwards in the recent game with the boys from the big mining burg. The final score was Jasper 66, Alba 8, and just about represents the comparative strength of the teams. Crawford made 14 field goals, O. Kyle 11, Wagner 5, and R. Kyle 2.

The Jasper boys were anxious to pile up a high score, as Webb had beaten Alba 63 to 9, and a score at least approaching this was desired. The Jasper and Webb teams clash tomorrow night on the Webb court in what is bound to be the most exciting game of the season. Much depends on the outcome. If Kyle and his bunch smother this game it gives Jasper the absolute, indisputable championship of southwest Missouri. If Webb wins the "dope" will be complicated so that another game will be necessary to decide the matter. The season is now far enough advanced that Carthage, Webb and Jasper are plainly in a class by themselves. Of these three Carthage has been practically relegated to the background by Jasper's two victories over them and by their 39 to 23 defeat by Webb last Wednesday night. Jasper beat Webb 57 to 15 and is the only team with an unbroken record of victories. Their victory over Webb, however, was by such a narrow margin that no overconfidence is felt by them in duplicating the feat. Webb has a strong fast team capable of a good showing against the best in the country.

A big crowd of rooters will accompany the Jasper team and if vociferous demonstration will win the game Webb won't have a look-in. But the boys will

not depend on vocal support. Every bit of basket ball ability that is in them will come out tomorrow night. Get you a megaphone and join the crowd. Let's show these people down below that Jasper is on the map.

Inspects Jasper School.

County Superintendent of Schools, Walter Colley submits the following notes from his recent inspection of the Jasper schools.

Total number pupils enrolled, 245
Total number present (Jan. 7) 229
No. tuition pupils, 40
No. teachers employed, 6
Library, 800 volumes.
Value of physical laboratory, \$75
Other school equipment: microscope, 2 globes, case of maps, 2 single maps, history chart, reading chart, county atlas, telephones.

Building first class, school furniture good. Teachers deeply interested in their work. Pupils industrious and well advanced. Three years high school work being done. Ten high school points accredited by state university.

C. W. Stratton Sells Out.

C. W. Stratton sold his grocery business to A. J. Baker and L. E. Thornton, who took possession this morning, yesterday being taken up with invoicing the stock. Mr. Baker is an old hand at the grocery business and the new firm should be able to conduct a first class establishment. Mr. Thornton, the junior member, hail from Milo. They have rented the Schoolcraft building on the south side and will move in within the next few days. Mr. Stratton has not decided what will be his occupation in the future, but will probably not leave Jasper. He only recently bought real-estate property here.

Pension Report.

Congressman Thomas Hackney reports the following increased pensions granted recent deaths of Jasper county during the week ending January 11, 1908:

Willard B. Williams, Oregon, \$17.00; Joseph Wolf, Joplin, \$12.00; Samuel Landauer, Joplin, \$15.00; Thomas Conner, Prosperity, \$15.00; James Gibson, Neek, \$12.00; James T. Foss, Joplin, \$12.00; John E. Stillwell, Joplin, \$12.00; Daniel Rhoads, Joplin, \$ 2.00; Marcus Grannie, Joplin, \$12.00; Noah Oren, Carthage, \$12.00; Kidder Hulin, Alba, \$15.00.

Rebekahs' Installation.

The Rebekahs installed their new staff of officers last Tuesday night and followed the ceremonies with a course of refreshments. Mrs. I. C. Hobson and her installation staff were up from Carthage and had charge of the proceedings. The new officers are:

N. G. Mrs. Jessie Horton.
V. G. Miss Ethel Earl.
Sec. Miss Leona Boots.
Fin. Sec. Mrs. Cora Ward.
Treas. Mrs. Mary Merrill.

Genuine Khaki work clothes, coats and trousers, at Joyce's. Call and see them.

C. H. ROHRER TALKS.

Says Night Trains Came off Because of Slack Business.

C. H. Rohrer, district passenger agent for the Mo. Pacific, with headquarters at Joplin, was in town last Friday morning and talked some on railroad matters of interest to Jasper. According to Mr. Rohrer the two night trains recently taken off between Nevada and Joplin were stopped solely because of the falling off of passenger traffic between those points since the money panic set in, and not because the company "had it in" for any of the towns along the line, as had been reported. Since the first of October these two passenger trains had averaged an earning of about 30 cents per mile for the company. As it costs 60 cents to run them there is nothing surprising in the fact that they are taken off.

The two cent fare has also played havoc with the finances of the company, according to Mr. Rohrer, to such an extent that since the panic set in the company has been losing in the neighborhood of \$20,000 every month it operates.

The road, he says is disposed to do the right thing by its patrons, but too much should not be expected. A railroad company, although a "souless" corporation, never the less is governed by the same natural laws that govern everything else. It cannot indefinitely run trains at a loss, and should not be expected to do so. Unlike any other business, the railroads have their own passenger freight rates made for them by the people, who expect them to conform to them. While not disposed to evade these laws, Mr. Rohrer is of the opinion that a railroad's right to fix its own schedules and the number of its trains should not be questioned. They will run every train that makes money for them and should not be forced to run those that lose money. He believes that the two cent fare and maximum freight law should have been subjected to trial before being made an absolute law, and thinks they will fall through at the first test case. A merchant whose business was subjected to such limitations would shout his money wrongs from the housetops, but in the case of the railroads they must submit as gracefully as possible to avoid further limitations. Receivership has been the result, in many cases, and reorganization, from which the smaller stockholders are excluded.

Mr. Rohrer had no recent information concerning the suit brought against the company by Attorney Bright, but was disposed to regard the matter as practically settled for the present by taking off of the trains.

Wm. McCoy returned Sunday from a two week's visit with his sister, Mrs. Ed Greenwood, in Howell county. The Greenwood home burned to the ground last Wednesday, the members of the family having a rather narrow escape from the flames, which had made considerable headway before being discovered.

Clean-up Sale of all Winter Goods

We must move our Winter Stock to make ready for the spring season. Special prices now prevail on all the following goods, which we are determined not to carry over. Winter is not over—there's plenty of hard, bitter cold weather coming to us yet. This is the last chance to get these goods at such prices.

Fleece-Lined Waistings

These waistings are exceptional values, even at the original price. A good assortment still on hand and you can find what you want.

15c Waistings for 12c
12c Waistings for 10c

All nice, new goods; not a shoddy piece among them.

Underwear

\$1.00 Garments, now 75c
75c garments, now 50c
50c garments, now 40c

Caps, Caps.

1.00 Caps, now 75c
75c Caps, now 50c
50c Caps, now 40c

BLANKETS, FASCINATORS, SHAWLS, all winter goods now go at reduced price.

Remember, we do not misrepresent our goods. It is an ironclad rule of this store to sell goods for just exactly what they ARE; no more no less. Therefore, when we tell you you are getting a 75c value for 50c, you may depend upon it for a FACT.

Yours for Real Bargains,

Chandler & Son