

# CHARITON COURIER.

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## Ask Any Wife

Who has tried Blanke's Coffee what she thinks of it. See if she doesn't praise it "to the skies."

Ask any husband who has tried a cup of this fine-flavored drink. See if he doesn't tell you it's the best he ever drank.

Ask your doctor, your lawyer, ask anybody, and the opinion will always be the same.

Blanke's Coffee is better than any other brand in the world. That is all I claim for it. The price is 33 1-3 cents a pound, or three pounds for a dollar.

## I Don't

Take any chances at all in my business. It never pays to experiment in Groceries. I simply buy the kinds of food that have a high reputation. Then I know my customers will be satisfied.

Is it any wonder, then, that I'm known as the leading grocer in Keytesville? Is it any wonder that my business is always booming when other folks are talking about dull times?

## S. M. WHITE,

Pure Food Grocer.

KEYTESVILLE, - - - MISSOURI.

### Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to call the Republicans of Chariton county, met in convention at Keytesville, Saturday, August 1st, 1896, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket. The central committee recommended F. C. Sasse as temporary chairman and O. F. Smith as temporary secretary of the convention. At 1 o'clock, when the convention was called to order, on motion the temporary officers were made the permanent officers of the convention.

On motion, a committee composed of one from each township, was appointed on credentials and order of business. Also a committee, composed of one from each township, was appointed on resolutions.

The committee on credentials and order of business submitted the following report:

Your committee on credentials and order of business beg leave to report that there are no contests coming from any of the townships, and we therefore, recommend that the delegates present from the various townships be entitled to seats in this convention and empowered to cast the full vote of their several townships.

Your committee would further report the following order of business:

1. Action upon the report of the committee on credentials and order of business.
  2. Action upon the report of the committee on resolutions.
  3. Calling the roll of the townships for names of central committeemen.
  4. Nomination of candidates for county offices in the following order: Representative, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, treasurer, surveyor, public administrator, coroner, judge of the eastern district, judge of the western district, all of which is respectfully submitted. F. M. Lewis, chairman, P. T. Smith, secretary of the committee.
- On motion the report of the com-

mittee was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report:

The Republicans of Chariton county, in delegated convention assembled, declare as follows:

First. We heartily endorse the national and state Republican platforms adopted at the St. Louis and Springfield conventions and believe that the future prosperity of our nation depends upon the ratification of the same by the voters of our country at the ensuing election.

Second. We recognize the good judgment of the delegates to said conventions by nominating the patriots and statesmen, McKinley for president, and G. A. Hobart for vice-president, on our national ticket, and entire state ticket, headed by Hon. R. E. Lewis for governor, and pledge them our undivided and hearty support.

Third. We denounce the national Democratic platform adopted at Chicago, and call attention to its anarchic tendencies. It questions the honor and integrity of our highest tribunal, the supreme court of the United States, and lends its aid to riot and lawlessness by characterizing as an arbitrary interference the lawful intervention of the Federal authority to suppress disorder.

Fourth. We believe that the interest of the citizens and tax-payers, of Chariton county, will be best subserved by the maintenance in good faith of the township organization, and we condemn all direct and indirect attacks upon this system of local self government and especially all attempts to cripple said system by withholding the needed appropriation and failing to set apart the necessary amount of the county revenue to which the townships are entitled under the law.

Fifth. While we are not concerned as partisans in the manner in which the Democrats manage their internal affairs yet, we as citizens of Chariton county, have an interest in the administration of public affairs by the officers nominated by the Democratic party; and we believe that due regard to the character and personal conduct of candidates who secure nominations is a matter of public concern and that whenever unlawful means are employed to secure a nomination considered tantamount to an election the laws of the state should be observed, and for these reasons we condemn the shameful manner of open and notorious bribery of voters as practiced at the late Democratic primary, and we call upon all well disposed persons, irrespective of party, to assist us in defeating these corrupt practices to be crowned by success at the polls.

Sixth. We believe that the best interests of the people of this state can be subserved by the publication of school books used in the public schools by the state, and sold to the people for enough only to cover publication and transportation cost, and our candidate for representative pledges his best endeavor to secure such reform concerning our school text books.

On motion the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted and the committee discharged.

The roll of townships was then called for the names of the members of the county Republican central committee selected for the next ensuing two years, which reported as follows: Bee Branch..... Wm. B. Clark Brunswick..... F. C. Sasse Bowling Green..... Geo. Hechler Clark..... John F. Brewer Cunningham..... F. M. Lewis Chariton..... A. H. Renne Keytesville..... M. G. Holcomb Mendon..... H. M. Allen Missouri..... Jacob S. Meyer Mussel Fork..... S. S. Kelso Salisbury..... Wm. R. Sweeney Salt Creek..... P. T. Smith Triplett..... W. H. Conrad Wayland..... A. S. Dean Yellow Creek..... A. S. Dean After which the convention pro-

ceeded to nominate the following named candidates to fill the various offices to be elected at the next general election:

For representative, Lucian A. Spencer; for prosecuting attorney, F. C. Sasse; for sheriff, F. B. McCurry; for treasurer, F. F. Bartholomew; for surveyor, R. A. Roberts; for public administrator, George W. Smith; for coroner, Dr. G. M. Dewey; for judge of eastern district, F. M. Meyer; for judge of western district, Charles W. Steinman.

There being no further business the convention adjourned.

O. F. SMITH, F. C. SASSE, Secretary. Chairman.

After the adjournment of the convention the members of the central committee met and organized for the next ensuing two years by the election of F. C. Sasse, chairman; B. F. McCurry, secretary, and George Hechler, treasurer. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. F. B. MCCURRY, F. C. SASSE, Secretary. Chairman.

### County Court Proceedings.

County court convened in regular session at Keytesville Aug. 3rd, 1896.

There were present L. H. Herring, presiding justice, Henry Hays and C. E. Allen, associate justices, J. E. Dempsey, sheriff, and R. D. Edwards, clerk.

A. L. Wires, deputy bridge commissioner, presents report of the completion of bridge across Lake creek, and recommending the payment of \$135 to George Barteel for the building of same.

Same makes report of re-placement of bridge across Salt creek and recommends that George Barteel, the contractor, be paid \$96 therefor.

Same as to bridge across Clark's branch and recommends the payment of \$102 to A. L. Armstrong, contractor.

Ordered, upon consent of securities of Mrs. N. F. Mann to school fund for \$600, release one acre of land described as a part of the land mortgaged to secure payment of said fund.

G. H. Higginbottom granted license to keep dramshop in Brunswick, he having filed the required petition and bond.

Ordered that \$60 be appropriated to build a bridge in Cockrell township between sections 5 and 6, township 55, range 17.

A. L. Wires, deputy bridge commissioner, contract for building suspension bridge across the Chariton river near the Buster Mill site, awarded to Runyon Bridge construction company, at and for the sum of \$1350.

### ALLOWANCES AS FOLLOWS.

George Barteel, for building bridge across Lake creek.....	\$ 135 00
Same for replacing bridge across Salt creek.....	98 00
A. L. Armstrong for repairs to bridge across Clark's branch.....	102 00
A. G. Sterner for cash paid for labor in repairing bridge across Give branch in Wayland township.....	5 00
Jno. O. Dougherty for support of Polly Montgomery one quarter.....	18 75
M. T. Davenport as superintendent of county poor farm for July.....	50 00
Theo. Buffington for services as laborer at county poor farm one month.....	18 00
J. C. Wallace salary as prosecuting attorney for July.....	66 70

### Letter List.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office Aug. 7th, 1896.  
J. W. Gladstone.  
John Hughes.  
B. F. Medley.  
When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

JOHN CHIVERS, P. M.

### Salt Salt

A car load of barrel salt, just received, at L. E. Cock's

### The Populist Convention.

The Populists, of Chariton county, held a convention last Tuesday for the purpose of nominating a ticket.

C. Hedgepeth, of Salisbury, was elected chairman and W. T. Davis, of Byamville, was elected secretary.

The townships it was found had there representation present as follows:

TOWNSHIPS.	DELEGATES
Bee Branch.....	7
Bowling Green.....	1
Brunswick.....	3
Chariton.....	1
Clark.....	1
Cunningham.....	1
Cockrell.....	1
Keytesville.....	6
Mendon.....	1
Missouri.....	2
Mussel Fork.....	4
Salisbury.....	6
Salt Creek.....	1
Triplett.....	1
Wayland.....	1
Yellow Creek.....	1

Oscar Wood nominated A. C. Yocum for representative. Rules were suspended and Yocum was nominated by acclamation.

Samuel Elliott nominated Oscar Wood for sheriff. Chairman announced that Mr. Wood had about all the honor he could well carry, as at the Sedalia convention, last week, he had been nominated for state treasurer, whereupon Mr. Elliott withdrew the name of Mr. Wood. John Crawford nominated Robert Cooper for sheriff and Mr. Cooper declined the honor, John Foggan nominated F. M. Elliott and Mr. Elliott also declined for the reason that he expected to move out of the county before the election. Isaac Hickerson nominated Wm. Prather for sheriff.

A. C. Yocum nominated F. Byon McCurry who is also the Republican nominee for the same office. The vote being taken and counted it was found that McCurry had 16 votes, Prather 17 and Cooper 3.

On second ballot Cooper's name was withdrawn—McCurry had 16 votes and Prather 20. Prather was declared the nominee.

Wm. H. Taylor was nominated for treasurer by acclamation, his name being presented by A. C. Yocum.

J. W. Miller nominated J. N. Gipson for judge of the Eastern district. S. Yocum nominated J. W. Miller for same office. Mr. Burrus nominated John Crawford. Mr. Crawford declined. The ballot being taken resulted in the choice of Mr. Gipson, who it will be remembered is a Democrat, and was a candidate before the last primary election for representative and made a good race.

For judge of the Western district, J. W. Wilkinson, who was defeated in the Republican nominating convention for the same office. Charles Steinman, who is the Republican nominee and C. E. Allen, who is the incumbent and the Democratic nominee for reelection were severally nominated. The vote being counted, Allen was declared the nominee by a handsome majority, though we have not the exact vote.

James Johnson nominated A. F. Arrington for county surveyor. Mr. Arrington is the nominee on the Democratic ticket for the same office. Jno. Foggan nominated R. A. Roberts for the same office. Mr. Roberts is the Republican nominee also. Arrington received 23 votes and Roberts 1.

When nominations for prosecuting attorney were reached the chairman called "Uncle Sam" Elliott to preside whereupon Mr. Hedgepeth in eloquent terms put in nomination Judge O. F. Smith, which was seconded by Mr. Wood. The thought no doubt occurred to many of the spectators that all the eloquence of the convention had been bottled up for this one occasion, but the eloquence of the two speeches was like "sweetness wasted on the desert air."

Judge Smith being present arose and in equally as eloquent terms announced to the convention that under no circumstances could he accept the

honor they had conferred, that he had been entertained as well as amused at their proceedings, but that he was a Republican in good standing and no longer than last Saturday had helped the Republicans to nominate a candidate for prosecuting attorney and would be very far from consenting to become a candidate against him. Mr. Coonts moved that the office of prosecuting attorney be left vacant so far as their nomination was concerned. The vote on this proposition was not taken. A. C. Yocum then nominated F. C. Sasse, the Republican nominee. The rules were suspended and the nomination of Mr. Sasse made unanimous.

For coroner, Mr. Wood nominated Dr. Dewey, who is also the Republican and Democratic nominee. Mr. Coonts nominated Dr. Billeter. Billeter received 25 votes and Dewey 11.

For public administrator J. W. Miller, a Populist, and T. E. Mackay the Democratic nominee were nominated. Miller received 29 votes and Mackay 4.

The Populist nominees as declared by the convention are as follows:

Representative, A. C. Yocum, Populist; sheriff, Wm. Prather, Populist; treasurer, Wm. H. Taylor, Populist; prosecuting attorney, F. C. Sasse, Republican; surveyor A. F. Arrington, Democrat; public administrator, J. W. Miller, Populist; coroner, Dr. Billeter, Populist; judge eastern district, J. N. Gipson, Democrat; judge western district, C. E. Allen, Democrat.

### NOTES ON THE CONVENTION.

Judge Smith in his speech declining the Populist nomination for prosecuting attorney said that he had been "both entertained and amused" by the proceedings of the convention. We suppose he had about the same experience of many others who witnessed the performance. In the effort made to keep in the middle of the road, which seems to be the Populist motto, there was considerable wobbling as shown by the convention going outside its political fold for several nominees.

Mr. Burrus, a delegate from Salisbury had a grievance which he presented to the convention in vigorous terms. He had been appointed by a former convention as an alternate delegate to the Sedalia convention; the delegate could not go but as the delegations from Chariton county needed "a speaker," the delegates, or some other parties who assumed the authority to do so, held a meeting, gave Brother Hedgepeth, who is very fluent of tongue, the credentials that Brother Burrus ought to have had and left Brother Burrus at home. Mr. Burrus said Populists had abused the old parties because of their permitting bossism, but early in the history of the Populist in Chariton county, he met with a high handed move among bosses that he thought deserved rebuke.

Brother Yocum who took a good share of the responsibility of the wrong done Brother Burrus to himself made the "amende honorable" by acknowledging his error and saying "it was an error of the head and not of the heart." In several speeches made by Mr. Burrus, there were outbursts of principles tainted with Democracy which the Democrats present almost involuntarily cheered to the echo, but Mr. Yocum called attention to the fact that the speakers was cheered by Democrats and not by Populists.

The Populists in the convention here Tuesday made a great show of liberality by taking some of their nominees from the Democrat party and some from the Republican party. This looks like liberality, but unless they can show that this is their practice where they have a clear, unmistakable majority, we are not prepared to say whether it is real genuine liberality or not.

### Wanted.

I want to trade a good 12-horse power traction engine for a stationary engine and boiler from 25 to 40-horse power.  
F. J. ELLIS,  
Guthridge Mills, Mo.

### MISS HILL ENTERTAINS.

A Most Delightful Leap Year Party Given at her Home Monday Evening.

Miss Hill, at home. Monday evening August the 3rd, Eighteen hundred and ninety-six, at half past eight o'clock, to meet Miss Keith, Miss Caldwell, Miss Garner—Leap Year Dance.

In response to the above invitation about 20 couples of Keytesville's most charming society people assembled at Castle Hill, the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Hill, in north Keytesville.

The beautiful home was the picture of loveliness, and one never to be forgotten by those present.

The party was complimentary to Misses Keith and Garner, of Kansas City, and Miss Caldwell, of Paris, Mo., three lovely young ladies who are visiting Miss Hill.

About 9:30 o'clock, after the young ladies had filled out their programmes, all retired to the beautiful lawn, which had been floored and lighted by numerous Japanese lanterns, and the following programme carried out:

1. Waltz.
  2. Deux Temps.
  3. Waltz.
  4. Schottische.
  5. Waltz.
  6. Deux Temps.
- INTERMISSION.
7. Waltz.
  8. Polka.
  9. Waltz (Gentlemen's choice).
  10. Schottische.
  11. Waltz.
  12. Deux Temps.
  13. Waltz.
  14. York.
  15. Deux Temps.
  16. Waltz.

Miss Hill was assisted in entertaining by her sister, Miss Lucille, and brother, Mr. Frank W., and were pronounced by one and all royal entertainers.

At 11 p. m., during the intermission, elegant refreshments were served, and punch was served on the veranda.

About one o'clock the guests departed, and will ever cherish fond memories of the hospitality of Miss Hill.

### Exchange Reading Club.

There has been recently organized in Keytesville what is known as an "Exchange Reading" club, with 43 members with a prospect of more names being obtained.

The preamble to the organization reads as follows:

"Recognizing the fact that good books are among man's best friends, and that home reading is no longer a luxury but a necessity, and that necessity is made a possibility by the cheapness of books in general, and the writings of the best authors extant as well, we are prompted to an effort to place, at a mere nominal cost, the latest and the best current magazine literature into the hands of every family for home reading.

Therefore, we the undersigned, agree to pay the sum of \$1 into a general fund of not less than \$20 to be expended in the purchase of such books, periodicals and monthly magazines as the members may elect."

The literature to be purchased, and which is to circulate among the members of the club, consists of the leading magazines and periodicals of the day, and when used for a year will be sold at auction for what they will bring and their place filled by the same or others for the next year. The club will have stated meetings, at which time the matter of the magazines which have been read by the members will be reviewed.

### Wanted.

Young man with \$1,000 to \$1,500 to invest in good paying business. Must be of good moral character and a hustler. Inquire at this office.