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FROM ORAN.

Rumor says that L. N. Harper, living on the Brider place east of town, lost two sons. One died of embolism (heart clot) on last Sunday morning, the other of pneumonia Monday morning. It is also reported that Mrs. Joe Stubenrauch died Sunday night. This is the eighth death within the past 10 days.

Mrs. Judge Friend and Mrs. Clerson visited relatives and friends at Delta last Sunday.

Rev. L. D. Nutt is reported on the sick list.

The Oran Literary club was defeated by the Morleyites last Friday night. The boys take it kindly and are elated over their trip. They praise the Morley boys for their excellent entertainment and say they want to try their luck again.

Rev. Kennedy preached to a large audience Sunday night and his sermon was a good one. He proved very conclusively that man is naturally wicked. He thinks that the earthquakes, cyclones, thorns and thistles and the many hindrances to health and happiness are the result of man's wickedness, and God's righteous wrath. We differ from the parson in this belief. We think the earth and all its accompaniments were created prior to man and that they would continue to grow if man was taken away. Cyclones, earthquakes, malaria, thorns and thistles are as natural as mountains, lakes and valleys, and occur without any relation to man. This theory may not be orthodox, but it is true.

Mrs. Stubenrauch was buried at the Catholic cemetery last Tuesday.

Silas White was here the first of the week collecting.

The Benton Record has not shown up so far this week.

County Epworth League at Morley Saturday next.

Presiding Elder Moore will preach here Saturday night and Sunday morning next.

Sickness is on the increase. La Grippe is the principal trouble.

Dr. Sholz has purchased the Joe Keifer property and will probably move to Oran.

W. W. Dyer has sold his house and lot to Dr. W. E. Harris, and purchased the Moore property near the warehouse.

Jos. Herbst has purchased the Bert Ringo house and lot near Mrs. Nichols and will move to same as soon as Mr. Lyons moves to his new residence on the hill near Frank McGraw's.

New houses going up in every direction in our burg.

Rev. Howle will hold a series of meetings at the Baptist church, beginning next Saturday night. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. Clark, an expert banjo player from Illinois, was here last Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Smith has had a serious tussle with the grip since our last letter. Joe will, as soon as able, move into the residence recently vacated by Prof. Beach.

J. B. Stubblefield is now certain that the top of a fence post is harder than his fist. Witness his hand in a sling.

Rube Matthews and Artie Davis, of Sikeston, were here Sunday. We do not know what brought Rube over, but can give a good guess as to why Artie came.

There has been a slight change in the railroad time-table. The north bound passenger reaches this place at 12:17 now instead of 12:08.

The foundation for Matthews, Stubblefield & Co.'s, new store room is now laid.

A merchant from Sikeston has rented the store room recently vacated by Friend & Metz.

Rumor says that F. A. Alley and son have leased Mrs. M. A. Nichols' farm for two years and will engage in farming.

Mr. Poe, the distiller, is said to have kept the audience in an uproar of laughter during his speech last Friday night at Morley. Mr. Newlin is said to have made the best speech from an argumentative standpoint. Mr. N. is a great reader and up with the times.

Misses Howle and Black, of Morley, in company with two good-looking men, whose names we failed to get, made a flying trip to Oran last Sunday evening. Uxo.

FROM COMMERCE.

The Gleaners gave a masque social at the schoolhouse last Friday night. Quite a number were present, the bad weather notwithstanding. We noticed the following costumes: Lizzie Clymer, Negro woman; George Hunt, Tramp; Pete Helt, Lord Fauntleroy; John Beardslee and Ada Daily, Negro woman; Tillman Anderson, Little girl; Hattie Billings, Ora Smith, Lillie Torbert, Alice and Clara Worsley, Lena Daily, Lula Sanders and Lula Bilk, School girls; Mrs. Frazer and Mrs. Crowder, Young ladies of 1776; Mrs. Shafer and Rosa Quelmack, Sisters of Charity; Lena Reynolds, Uncle Sam; Mrs. Holt, Fairy; Mrs. Old, Old woman; Cita Tillman and Tillie Hillman, Old women; Alto De Wint, Georgie Hutten; and Nellie Torbert, Little Negro girls; Jim Lynch, Old woman; Mrs. Clymer, Ghost; Marie Coffman, Boy; Charlie Heuchan, Chinaman. The Commerce String Band furnished the music. Eleven dollars was taken in for the benefit of the church.

Mike Heisserer, of Benton, spent Sunday in Commerce.

The str. Benton came in Sunday, behind time on account of the hands striking for \$50 per month. A crew was shipped at \$30 per month.

We learn with regret of the death of the Benton Sunday school, and hope for its resurrection.

The State of Kansas came down Monday with several hundred barrels of flour for the lower river trade.

Mrs. B. F. Anderson is visiting at Kimmiswick this week, the guest of Mrs. S. Wheeler.

An Epworth League was organized last Sunday with over twenty members.

The train in backing out Tuesday afternoon jumped the track and broke both tender trucks. Nobody hurt.

Quite a sensation was created in town Monday evening by the finding of the body of a male child in Mr. Weitzel's yard. Squire Heuchan and a jury found that it belonged to Alice Napier, a servant at Mr. Weitzel's, and the doctors pronounced it still-born.

Our Sunday school is well attended. Last Sunday 122 were present.

—For good Baled Hay, apply to W. C. Lambert, Benton.

—Hon. Wm. Hunter attended the meeting of the Swamp Lands Commission at Carruthersville Friday of last week. He had to wait forty-eight hours for a boat to bring him back. Penicott needs a railroad, and needs it badly.

—The cold snap is hard on the woodpile, but that has had it pretty easy all winter. St. Louis prices for fuel, by the way, emphasize one of the advantages of living in the country.

—Baled Timothy Hay for sale by Frank Miller at Benton.

—Vincent Heisserer passed his 57th birthday last Sunday, and the occasion was taken advantage of by his children, sons-in-law and grandchildren to give him a surprise. Accordingly, when Vincent got back from church he found a merry family party in possession, and the balance of the day was spent in festivity and the enjoyment of a good time generally.

—A Lodge of United Workman is being organized at Kelo. Sufficient new members have already been examined and there are quite a few members of the other Lodges who propose transferring membership to Kelo. The organizer will be here soon.

This is as it should be. Kelo is a live, progressive village, and lies in a neighborhood of well-to-do and enterprising farmers. The advantage of a home Lodge will benefit the Order, and the fortnightly meetings will be a source of both pleasure and profit to the members. Kelo is coming out of the woods.

—W. H. Griffin and Susan Surler were granted a marriage license Tuesday.

FROM BLODGETT.

La Grippe seems to be in the ascendant in the disease class for the time being. This imported malady is a scourge to mankind beside which yellow fever, cholera, smallpox, etc., fade into insignificance, for the reason that none of these diseases inflict the eternity of torture produced by La Grippe, which from beginning to end is lingering death.

Last Monday being the 28th anniversary of the birthday of Hon. E. C. Myers and similarly speaking the 18th anniversary of the birthday of his sister-in-law, Miss Virginia Burton, the same was duly honored by a swarm of young people entering into possession of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myers about 8 o'clock in the p. m. Possession being nine points—or pints—of the law no objection was raised to the occupation, which lasted until 11:30, during which time the crowd had an uproarious good time with candy, popcorn and divers and various other refreshments and all through the career could be seen and heard the clarion voice and heroic form of Mr. Tom Jones, who had things done "just like they was done in 'Davies Co.'" and Erv. Myers who had glory enough for popping the corn. We trust that the birthdays of these two celebrants will come again to the number of over one hundred.

Among the victims of La Grippe's merciless clutches in this vicinity are J. W. Baty, Mrs. W. R. Scherer, Dr. J. S. Sparks and our efficient constable, Mont. Stubblefield, all of whom, however, are at present progressing finely toward recovery.

H. C. Watkins and T. F. Hinkle, of Oran, were in Blodgett Sunday visiting relatives and friends, and driving a 2-4-9 rig.

It is not good to take quinine in the middle of the day. The man who tried to lift an ounce in a Blodgett store when he thought the clerk wasn't looking, is our authority.

Rev. D. J. Leake filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, and before he left informed the people that there would be another revival here in the near future. "Too many sinners in Blodgett. Can't stand so much sin," he said.

The Ananias club met on the big I. M. R. dump of a mile below town and after Milk-shake Carson had been fined for trimming his horns in public, and a sick benefit of \$34,000,000 had been voted to General Debility Purcell, the Most Worshipful Liar was helped to his pins and fired the following: "My friends, sometimes it is necessary to speak to fools in fables, so here goes. A lady was passing along a lane and saw a hog rolling in the mud and said in disgust, 'Miserable creature, what a life you must lead.'" "On the contrary," rejoined the porker. "No one takes any more comfort than I."

"But you roll in the mud and get filthy." "Just like a hog. If nature had meant for me to be a milliner or a gent's furnishing store I shouldn't be here."—Moral: This fable took place 64 years ago. Nowadays the hog takes up two seats on the train and bums his cigars."

"Speaking of women," said the fish and Snake Story-teller as some of the gang handed him a chew of finecut, "Women are the greatest deceivers in the world. Now there's my wife, for instance, said to her day if I ever came home drunk again she'd go home to her Ma. So I've been drunk ever since and she ain't gone yet."

—Charley Wylie, of Fredericktown, and Miss Fannie Wylie, of Commerce, were called to the bedside of their brother, Morell DeReign, last week. The little fellow is making a good recovery.

—The A. O. U. W. Lodge in Benton is considering the advisability of building a brick hall, two stories high, the lower story to be a store-room. The scheme is a feasible one and would pay handsomely. With an adequate hall here we could have frequent entertainments, both from inside and outside sources. We hope the thing will materialize.

—The grip is fairly epidemic in and around Benton. Confound it!

FROM MORLEY.

To say the ball at the Opera House last week was a success is putting it mildly. There were about 40 couples present. The excursion train brought a crowd from Commerce and Benton, and Oran and Blodgett were represented. The new band at Commerce came over and furnished the music, which was grand.

J. W. Farris came back from St. Louis Saturday, and reports the live stock market low.

V. L. Harris paid a business visit to Farmington last week. He says it is a fine country up there, but don't compare with old Morley.

The revival meeting at the M. E. church is still in progress and deep interest is being manifested.

Last Friday night the entire town and surrounding country proceeded to Curd's Opera House to hear the long talked of debate between the Oran and Morley Literary Societies. After the house was called to order, Rev. Reeves delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Elwood Alley, President of the Oran Society, after which Miss Mary Howle delivered as fine a declamation as we ever listened to, the subsequent applause lasting fully five minutes. Then commenced the tug of war. The proposition for discussion was, "Resolved, That Capital Punishment should be Abolished."

Oran affirming and Morley denying. After the first round Oran wasn't in it, and Morley won easily. After the debate it was agreed to have another at Oran some time in the future. The speakers from Oran and their friends were tendered a banquet at the Boyce House. Prof. Atchison proposed the toast, "Morley," in eloquent fashion.

Geo. Tomlinson is back from St. Louis where he has been selling the output of his distillery here. He met with a ready sale for his liquor.

B. F. Earles has been in Cairo contracting for material for several new houses he will build in the spring.

Saturday night there was a scrap in Fleschman's saloon, the principals in which were Frank Hudson and one Allen, from the swamp. Hudson cut at Allen with a knife several times, but did not draw blood. They were taken before Squire Halley, but while Marshal Proctor was gone witnesses, Hudson took leg bail and skipped out, and has not been found up to this writing.

Several of our young gents took advantage of the fine weather last Sunday and were seen out driving with their best girls.

Mr. Stewart, an aged citizen of our town, died last Friday of apoplexy. The lawsuits that were instituted against the several bond-holders of the H. M. & A. R. y came off Friday and judgment was rendered in favor of the road in each case.

The time table on the Iron Mountain was changed last week, and the north-bound passenger train arrives here at 12:10. Now if our hotel folks will only exert themselves, they may get the trains to stop here for dinner instead of at Delta.

M. V. Harris is building a neat tenant house on his island farm. It will be occupied by Johnson Dabbs.

—Mrs. Beatrice Halter died near New Hamburg last Monday, aged 68 years.

—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Person died Thursday.

—The thermometer got down to 8 below zero in Benton Thursday morning.

—S. O. Finley has resigned as constable, and a numerous signed petition goes to the county court favoring the appointment of John Welch, our efficient town marshal.

—A break-down on the Peavine on Tuesday caused much delay to the mails, and we all wished that Columbus Hunter and the old hack were on deck as of old.

—John J. Hunter, of Morley, was in Benton Monday.

—An old hay frame lying on the Newsboy premises has been declared a nuisance and, unless removed at once by the owner, it will be burned.

WATCH THE DATE.

Does the date after your name on this paper read "1894"? Look and be sure about it before you go any further. * * * Was it so? Well, then, it means that your time with the Newsboy expires on the first day of next month, and that unless you pay up you will get but one more copy of the paper.

We don't want to lose you. We are anxious to have your patronage and your good will, but we can't afford to buy it by sending you our paper for nothing. We are not asking something for nothing. We propose to give you value received, by giving you a paper well worth a dollar a year. You know what the paper is. If you do not consider it worth the price we ask for it, you are under no obligations to take it.

It is a well-known fact that the Newsboy is the only newspaper ever established in Scott county that has kept up a steady forward march from the beginning. All others have either been forced to suspend or else repeatedly change ownership in the same manner as does a wind-broken horse. We do not propose to suspend—neither does the Newsboy contemplate changing ownership. In order to avoid such a calamity we must ask our patrons to pay for what they get. There can be nothing wrong about this. If you get a paper from the city you must pay for it in advance—why not pay for your home paper in the same way?

We have made arrangements with the different postmasters to act as our agents, and you can subscribe or renew through your postmaster, and prompt attention is assured.

FUNERAL RITES.

A call meeting of the ex-Confederate camp was held at Morley, Mo., Jan. 19, 1894, for the purpose of attending and performing the obsequies of our deceased brother, Charles E. Stewart. The following members were present with L. A. Cole in the chair, pro tem: Thos. Bridges, Geo. R. Minich, Walter Brown, Jno. W. Evans, Charles Gravitt, W. B. Bates, W. M. Estes, Nathaniel Dabbs, Co. G. 1st Tenn. Cav., Wm. Watkins, Co. G. 8th Mo. Cav., A. J. Davis, 1st Mo. Inf't, new members, and Jas. H. Powell, sec. On motion a committee of three were appointed, Jno. W. Evans, W. B. Bates and Jas. H. Powell, to draft resolutions of respect to the deceased brother, and to furnish his family with a copy of same. By unanimous consent of the meeting all the ex-Union soldiers of the town were invited to attend the funeral procession, of whom were present Geo. E. Clark, Jno. Sorrels and Charles Butler. After performing the last rites of the dead at the grave, Bro. Minich dismissed with prayer. JAS. H. POWELL, Sec. L. A. COLE, Ch'm pro tem.

—Louis Burger, of New Hamburg, was a caller at the Newsboy office this week.

—Scott county has never had a newspaper that attempted to keep up with the progress of the county. Except the Newsboy, there is not a printing office in the county as well equipped to-day as it was six or ten years ago. All the material was second-hand and worn out then—and it is in a much worse condition to-day. In the Newsboy office everything is new. The people of Scott county deserve a good, live paper, and we are determined to give it to them. We are trying to build up a paper that will be a credit to the county, and we feel confident of success. Are you willing to help us in our undertaking?

—Tenkhoff is clearing off his winter stock of goods and has a sacrifice sale for that purpose. Now is the time to secure bargains.

—Misses Clara Allen and Lora Aud visited friends in Sikeston this week.

—Circuit Clerk Leftwich is again at his post, convalescent but not quite well yet.

—Miss Dogovan, of Alto, Ill., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. Jas. Walker.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The Cape Era is trying to boost up Railroad Commissioner Hickman. That's somewhat of a contract.

A negro at Poplar Bluff is turning white, probably in answer to the Scripture question, "Can an Ethiopian change his skin?"

John J. Ingalls will lecture at Cape Girardeau Thursday February 1st. Mr. Ingalls may be dead politically, but he is still one of the finest speakers in the United States.

A proposed Charity Ball at De Soto is the cause of some friction between the Facts and Press. The Gazette enjoys the rowanderics "Sic im" to both.

Mississippi county warrants have risen in value from 65 to 90 cents.

Perryville has a Ladies' Glee Club, and the dear creatures are said to sing well.

Bloomfield has a band which rejoices in silver-plated, double self-acting wind instruments and a full-blown "Professor," (from Oran.) Houp-la!

The county clerk of Dunklin lets no grass grow over his official prospects, and has already announced for re-nomination.

Red oaks seven feet in diameter at the base are not infrequent in the neighborhood of Moorhouse.

The Sikeston Star owns a poet by the classical name of Tommy Moore. His "poems" are fearfully and wonderfully made, as witness a sample stanza:

"Every votary from the active, busy mart—
The guiding stars of church, society and state—
Will change to drilling fossils,
By heartless Presto's law's innate."
Where's your shot gun, Bro. Lory?

A counterfeiter was caught in New Madrid last week.

—Ben Tenkhoff is agent in Commerce for the Norman Cistern and Well Pump—the best pump known to Science.

—Miss Annie Friend, of Marianna, Ark., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Walker the past two months, returned to her home last Sunday.

—A. J. Sinaurd and B. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, were in Benton Tuesday. Mr. Sinaurd reports a great deal of sickness in his neighborhood.

—If you find any inconveniences in reading by lamplight your eyes are probably failing. Don't strain them, but get a pair of spectacles at the Benton Drug Store, where you can find a fine stock of new goods at prices to suit all pockets.

—When making your plans for rebuilding you should get estimates on Galvanized Iron or Tin Roofing, Guttering, Spouting, Etc., from Vogel & Brunkhorst, Cape Girardeau. See their advertisement elsewhere.

—Wednesday morning, January 24th, we had our first snow for the season, and the coldest weather so far this winter. The first snow of the previous winter fell November 7, 1892. From now on snow has little chance to lie long, the sun being more and more in the ascendant. Ground hog day comes Friday of next week.

—R. L. Harrison, our efficient county surveyor, spent a short time in the Newsboy office Tuesday. Robert is a first-rate fellow and, we think, was very modest in only asking for the surveyor's office. He is certainly well qualified to fill any position within the gift of the people of Scott county.

—Some of our young folks enjoyed a sleigh ride Thursday evening.

—FOR SALE, in Benton, a good six room house, lot 106 1/2 x 138 1/2 feet. Also a good shop, 25 x 75 feet, lot same size as above. Terms easy. Address H. L. Yeakey, Benton, Mo.

—The home talent dramatic club promises to play "The Fool of the Family" in the near future. There seems to be a dramatic club epidemic raging in the country just now and Benton has as good material as any town of its size. The great trouble here is the want of a suitable hall—a want which we hope to see supplied ere another winter comes.

CORBETT WINS!

Short Account of a Short Fight.

Jim Corbett, the champion pugilist of the world, who wrested the belt from John L. Sullivan at New Orleans on Sept. 7 1892, met Charles Mitchell in the grounds of the Duval Athletic Club in East Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday evening, for a purse of \$20,000 and a side bet of \$5,000.

Our information as to the result is limited to the fact that three rounds were fought in nine minutes, and the champion came out winner.

FROM SIKESTON.

The ball that was advertised for Tuesday night at the Opera Hall turned out to be a stag arrangement. The ladies, for some reason, failed to put in an appearance, and the orchestra after rendering a few selections for the entertainment of the boys who gathered at the hall, boxed their instruments and pulled for home, while a few of the would-be dancers repaired to the Central hotel and enjoyed the supper prepared for the occasion.

E. E. Gunther, of Dexter, the popular jeweler, spent Sunday in Sikeston.

Allan Matthews and L. Roberts came up from Dudley last Sunday to visit among their many friends.

Our depot is still undergoing repairs, having been recently painted and generally overhauled, and is now having a new roof put on.

Malone & Vanausdall have improved their store room very materially this week by the addition of gallery fixtures, making it one of the most complete store buildings in Southeast Missouri.

Mr. Robert Klein died at his home in Moorehouse on Tuesday morning after a very brief illness. His remains were brought here for interment on Wednesday accompanied by many friends. He was the only son of Mrs. G. Klein, and was much admired by all who knew him. The bereaved mother and family have the sympathy of many friends here.

John Crane moved to the east side of town on Monday and J. Tyler moved the same day into the house vacated by Mr. Crane.

A new sign now adorns the front of Heisler & Youngwirth's new store.

Prosecuting Attorney Moore was down from Commerce last Monday on legal business.

The new residence of Mr. Wm. Gay, on the north end of town, is nearing completion, and will make a neat comfortable home.

Mr. Nancy Hinson was found at his place of business the first of the week in high spirits selling meat for one-half its former value. It was supposed at first the hog market had taken a tumble, but after explanations were made, it was found he was the possessor of a fine new girl baby.

CIRCUMFERENTOR.

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