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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night.

Sunday school at the Baptist and Presbyterian churches Sunday morning.

Quarterly Conference for the Carlock circuit, M. E. Church, south, will be held here next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. J. A. Burrow will preach Saturday night and Sunday morning. You are invited to attend.

Christian Endeavor meets at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

See Walter M. Harrison for John Deere wagons. (Advertisement)

W. N. Morgan of Servilla was in town at court part of this week.

Fate Hall of Cleveland was in Benton Monday. He called at this office and paid us a dollar on his subscription.

James Parkerson, with Arbuckle Bros, headquarters at New York, was here on business part of this week.

Hovt Lillard of Cleveland, accompanied by his mother, spent a few days recently visiting relatives and friends in and near Benton. He called and paid us a dollar on his subscription to the paper.

Last week for lack of space we failed to publish the name of the bond company which purchased the Copperhill High School bonds. They were bid in by Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, Ohio.

To persons wanting farming tools cheap: See J. H. Willson for double stocks, turners, corn planters, disk harrows, wagons, several kinds of blacksmith tools, etc. (Advertisement)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McClary, accompanied by their daughter Mrs. Pearl Norton, and her son will start Friday for Kentucky, where they will visit Mrs. McClary's relatives for a few days. They will then spend a few days at Clamore, Texas and Panhandle, Texas, and will visit Jacksonville, Fla., on their return. They expect to return home about May 15.

Charles S. Harrison, vital statistic registrar for the second district of Polk county, favors us with the following: During the months of January and February, 1914, there have been in this district fourteen births, all male except two; and 9 deaths.

Editor Ben F. Perry, of the Junesboro, (Ga.) News, called at our office Tuesday morning while the managing editor was out, and when we returned Mr. Perry was indifferently "sticking type" with all of the ease and complacency which becomes one who has had experience. He is receiver of the Cotton States Fire Insurance Co., in which several of our citizens bought stock, the company later going into bankruptcy.

W. L. Lea of Austral sent us a dollar on his subscription to the paper this week.

A hearing on the Wilson bankruptcy case was held in the court house here last week. A decision will be made by the referee before long.

Advertised Letters—Miss Zell Harris, Roy Orwood, Willie Carr Mrs. J. E. Bundy, Mrs. Dora Dill Miss Ever Dills. Cards—Mrs. J. E. Bundy, Rev. Griggs, Mr. Daniels, Miss Onie Gibro, James Melton, Walter M. Harrison, Postmaster. (Advertisement)

Non-Resident Notice.

R. M. Morgan } No. 586. State vs Ida Morgan } chancery court of Polk county. It appearing from the allegations in complainant's bill which is sworn to that Ida Morgan is a non-resident of the state of Tennessee so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her. It is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks in the Polk County News-Gazette, a newspaper published in Polk county, notifying said non-resident to appear before the next term of the chancery court to be held at the court house in the town of Benton, Polk county Tennessee, on the fourth Monday of April next, and make defense to said bill or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to her. This 14th day of March 1914.

A. J. Williams, C. & M. G. G. Hyatt vs } No. 585. State Polk county } of Tennessee. et al. } chancery court of Polk county.

It appearing from the allegations in complainant's bill which is sworn to that C. W. McNear & Company are non residents of the state of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them. It is therefore ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks in The Polk County News-Gazette, a newspaper published in Polk county, notifying said non-resident to appear at the next term of the chancery court for Polk county to be held at the court house in Benton on the fourth Monday of April 1914 and make defense to said bill or the same will be taken taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to them. This the 12 day of Feb., 1914.

A. J. Williams, C & M. N A White et al } No. 447. In vs } chancery court J L Collector } at Benton.

By virtue of a decree of the chancery court made and entered of accord in the above styled cause at the October term 1913 I will on the 6th day of April 1914 at the court house door in Benton Polk county Tennessee offer for sale for cash in hand, the following described property to wit: Situated in the 10th civil district of Polk county Tennessee, in the town of Copperhill and known as the J. L. Collector brick building on Taccoe street near the skating rink. Will sell said property to satisfy a judg-

CIRCUIT COURT IN REGULAR SESSION THIS WEEK.

Cases of Public Drunkenness, Assault, Breach of Promise, Disturbing Public Worship and Selling Liquor are Tried. Court will probably Adjourn Friday.

Circuit court opened here first of the week with Judge Sam C. Brown on the bench and Hon. T. W. Peace representing the state. Following are a few of the cases tried:

Several misdemeanor cases were tried, such as public drunkenness, selling liquor, etc., and some such cases were continued until next court.

Paul Lemous came clear of a charge of stealing hogs, brought against him by one Cartor.

The trial of Harris Arthur for the murder of Bob Long was continued.

ment and mechanic's lien decreed in said cause, and the facts of said cause. Feb. 28 in.

A. J. Williams, C. & M. vs. Frank Bain et al. vs. Frank Bain et al.

In obedience to a decree rendered in this cause at the March 1914 term of the county court of Polk county Tenn., I will on the 6th day of April 1914, at the court house door in Benton, Tenn., at 1 o'clock p. m., in bar of equity of redemption sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate to wit: Two hundred and fourteen (214) acres more or less located in the 3rd civil district of Polk county Tenn., and bounded as follows to wit: On the east by the lands of Carden and Copeland, on the north by the lands of Miller and Ocoee river, on the south by the lands of Hughes and on the west by the lands of Miller. Said real estate will be sold on a credit of twelve and twenty-four months except twenty-five per cent of the purchase money will be required on day of sale. Notes with approved security will be required and a lien retained on said land until the purchase money is fully paid. This March 2, 1914.

T. O. Pack, Clerk county court Wm. Howard Haven, Solicitor for comp't.

Notice.

We, N. J. Wilson and R. B. Wilson, executors of the last will of S. H. Wilson, will on the 6th day of April 1914 offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property belonging to the estate of said deceased, to wit: 12 1/2 shares of the stock of the Benton Banking Co., one Florence wagon No. 24, and one Baumstauk electric battery. This March 18, 1914.

R. B. Wilson N. J. Wilson Executors, etc.

The grand jury failed to get a bill for Bob Latimore, colored, for breaking into J. H. Love & Co.'s store.

As we go to press (Thursday evening) the case of W. J. Swafford vs Ben Coe for breach of marriage contract to a daughter of the plaintiff, has just been tried. \$2500 damages.

Date Canceled.

Miss Sallie Pickett Oldman will not be at the High School auditorium Friday night. The sickness of her father made it necessary for her to cancel all dates.

Expression of Republican Revolt

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Court Clerk, and rest my candidacy upon the solid principles of the Progressive party. I solicit the support of all the people. I am opposed to committee nomination; it is not known in any county, municipality or state except the boss-ridden republican organization of Polk county. I refuse to abide by the action of a convention composed not of the people, but of a boss-ridden committee, many of whom were brought into action on free passes, free livery and free board and men who are selected in adoration to handle a large campaign fund, to violate the original principles of the Republican party and the laws of the state by corrupting the electorate of the county. It is as well to sell the offices to the highest bidder as to refuse to consider men's rights as candidates except upon ability and pledge to furnish the most money to buy votes.

The principles of the Progressive party in the states wherein they are in practice have a compulsory primary law for both Republicans and Democrats on the same date, thereby making it impossible for one party to cause division in the ranks of the other on account of the primary.

Primaries give full expression of the wishes of the people. All parties favor them except the Taft party, and the Taftites prevented a single true Roosevelt man from election on the boss-ridden Republican executive committee of Polk county to serve for the next two years. I especially solicit the support of the people who are opposed to third-term nominations in Polk county.

Yours for a true expression of the people at the ballot box in August, 1914.

J. B. TAYLOR. Take THE NEWS-GAZETTE.

CLEMMER'S COLUMNS. BY J. D. CLEMMER

Williamson's Diary.

BALL ALLEY AND A BITER'S BITE.

February 26, 1859. "Ambrotypist at work in the court house." This was probably the first photographer who took pictures in Benton. We have my father's and my mother's pictures taken about then, before their school days were over. They are in a hinged double folding leather case with glasses over each picture and a small book and staple fastens the frame fronts together, making about a 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inch box about an inch thick, which is dust proof and has the photos face to face with the two glasses between.

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One more quotation from Williamson's Diary, and we will leave it for further and fuller treatment (we hope) by his son, William, at some future time. April 19, 1859. "Boys cleaning off ground for a ball alley." In the oldest minute book in the county clerk's office, on page 75 and dated Sept., 1841, is recorded the following order:

"Ordered by the court that the sheriff of this county be instructed to prevent the playing of ball against the court house in this place, which is injuring the public building."

Upon this order hangs the true tale of a furious fight, a fighter badly bitten and a bitter litigation that 'broke up' the fighting biter.

The game of ball as then played required a high, smooth wall to throw the ball against and smooth ground for it to 'bounce' upon. The ball was sometimes homemade of yarn tightly wound and covered with leather. The leather was usually cut into two equal pieces, each piece having circular shaped ends joined together by a strip about half as wide. Sometimes a single piece of leather made the whole ball cover—it being cut into the shape of a muscadine hull of four points, the kind the students made artistic impressions with upon the leaves of their school books. Occasionally a solid india rubber ball was used in the ball alley game. The player knocked with his hand the ball against the wall, allowed it to bounce on the ground, and had to knock it with his open hand on its first bounce from the ground against the wall again, and so keep it constantly on the go. If the ball was not knocked by the hand on the first bounce the rules allowed it to be kicked on the second bounce. Failing to do either gave the ball to the opposing player. Any number of persons could play, being divided into two equal sides. This was the ball game played here before the civil war, and it was an exceedingly popular sport; at one time high plank walls built where the cotton gin now stands were especially constructed as a ball alley.

In the earlier history of the town, ball was played against the taller buildings. The county court order stopping its being played against the court house

gave a fictitious reason "injuring the public building." The true reason was because a rowe and a fight had occurred in playing ball against the court house. The court house was the temporary one in the north corner of the court yard "30x20 feet, good scantling, well weatherboarded up."

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Reliance.

'Tis a pretty day. Birds are singing, bees humming and the hens cackling; and once in a while someone says "Gee" or "Haw" as they prepare garden or farm for planting.

It is reported that Dan Bates has typhoid fever.

Mrs. Joe Wilcox is on the sick-list.

Jack Thompson has a brand new fence around his garden.

Tom White has his new barn about completed.

It is reported that work will begin on the pike roads at Reliance next Monday. We have quit trying to guess what particular next Monday is meant but we are hoping it will come some time.

J. D. Vaughn talks of remodeling his mill.

Miss Annie Frase of Englewood visited relatives at Reliance Sunday. W. A. Vaughn always looks happy when Miss Frase is at Reliance.

Harry Higdon, who is going to school at Athens, paid home folks a visit Saturday and Sunday. RELIABLE.

Just Received

One car load of American Steel & Wire Company's best Galvanized Fence. Prices right.

Walter M. Harrison.

County Directory.

Trustee, F. D. Copeland. Sheriff, Albert Crumley. Superintendent of schools, W. B. Rucker.

Register, J. E. Cook. Circuit court meets the third Mondays in March, July and November. Sam C. Brown, judge; T. W. Peace, Attorney General; C. S. Harrison, clerk.

Docket Law court meets fourth Mondays in March, July and November. W. A. Woody, clerk.

Chancery court meets the 4th Mondays in April and October. V. C. Allen, chancellor; A. J. Williams, clerk and master.

Quarterly court meets first Mondays in January, April, July and October. Quorum court opens first Monday in each month J. H. Williamson, chm. T. O. Pack, clerk.

Church Directory

Presbyterian—Rev. J. E. Robinson, pastor, Preaching second Sunday in each month.

Baptist—Rev. W. H. Rymer, pastor, Preaching first and third Sundays in each month.

Methodist—Rev. A. M. Tomlinson, pastor, Preaching the fourth Sunday in each month.