

THREE LITTLE TADS FROM HOME.

Wednesday evening about dark there arrived in Baxter Springs three little boys named Harvey Raymond, Freddie Mitchell and Herman Barley, aged 11, 10 and 6 years respectively. They marched into O'Brien's restaurant and inquired about supper and lodging. O'Brien said he could feed them but had no place for them to sleep unless it be on the roof. Ed. Seaman was there and learning that the little fellows were strangers took them to C. Null's hotel where they got supper. They said they had started from Columbus about 2 o'clock to go to the sawmill of the Mitchell boy's father near Peoria, I. T. It was soon learned, however, that they had been playing together at a barn at Columbus when some larger colored boys came by and commenced killing some chickens belonging to a neighbor who was away from home. These boys threatened to tell on them when some of the colored boys started to town after the marshal and soon returned saying he told the marshal that the white boys were killing the chickens and that they had better pull out or he would arrest them. The little fellows' folks were all visiting in another part of the town and naturally they became terrified at the prospect of being taken to jail. They at once "pulled out" as they said, and after a long, tiresome tramp during which the little five or six-year-old urchin became quite foot-sore and was several times forced to weep. After getting their supper and telling their romantic story several times over for inquiring friends they were prevailed upon to accompany J. P. McNaughton back to Columbus on the midnight train. The smaller one gladly took possession of the sofa at the Springs hotel and slept soundly until train time. About 2 o'clock that night two men arrived from Columbus in search of the wanderers. They said the mother of the little fellow was almost frantic with grief over his absence.

NOT ASHLEY'S FUNERAL.

If reports are true the trick played on Mr. C. D. Ashley at Baxter last week, is such as to do very little favor to those engaged in it. We have been informed that on a day when Mr. Ashley was in Baxter, an invitation was sent him to attend the funeral of the "Rangatoos Guards," at the hall of that order. He did not go. Those engaged in the mock affair then put a skeleton into a coffin and marched to the hotel where he was, singing "We'll hang Charley Ashley on a sour apple tree," and afterwards went through the ceremony of a burial.

A white ago the Star-Courier indulged some criticism on Mr. Ashley's course as county attorney in certain prosecutions under the prohibition law, criticisms which we regard reasonable and concerning which we have no occasion to change our mind. He was the immediate cause of a good deal of hardship, and of damage to the character and property of respectable citizens; through his efforts certain citizens in the county, as honorable and high-minded as any who remain, are "fugitives from justice," while the others are put into prison for trifles and branded with disgrace which neither they nor their families can outlive, but we question very seriously the propriety of burying him in effigy for the course he has taken. Such things are a poor comment upon civilization, and they should be discountenanced.—Star-Courier.

The proceeding referred to above was, as the Star-Courier suggests, such an one as always tends to make respectable citizens look down their noses, but we do not think it was meant for Mr. Ashley's funeral. Mr. Ashley was not at the hotel to hear the "serenade" which some of our local foghorn vocalists intended for an inuocent joke on him. He was absent. Whether intentionally or not we do not know. However, Mr. Ashley nor the Star-Courier whose commentary is not very complimentary, to say the least, need have no fears of any such proceeding doing them an injury so long as they do not participate in it.

THE REUNION WATER WORKS.

A magnificent wind engine mounted on an elegant tower sixty feet high has been erected by the Baxter Springs Manufacturing Company over the well just east of J. W. Morrison's residence on east Elver street, which will pump the water to supply the reunion grounds. The structure is the largest and handsomest yet erected by this company, and in order that its beauty may be seen at night as well as in the daytime the Baxter Springs Light and Power Company will place four electric lamps on the corners of the top platform, thus making the structure as complete and beautiful as it could well be made. A large tank will be built near the center of the reunion camp and pipes laid in various directions so that those in attendance will have the advantage of an abundance of pure water supplied from a real water works system. This will certainly be one of the most enjoyable features of the reunion and give Camp Logan the advantage over any other in the state in this respect at least.

HUNG HIMSELF TO A TREE.

Last Saturday evening George Garley, a resident of Pleasantview township aged 18 years, was found hanging to a tree near where he had been left the day before working on prop timbers for the mines. He hung himself with a common trace chain to

the limb of a large tree. An inquest was held Saturday night and the remains buried Sunday afternoon. No cause is assigned for the rash act, except that it might have been caused by his brooding over domestic and financial troubles. He was working with his brother-in-law, John Butler, who left him at work in the woods at 11 o'clock Friday. Butler, his wife and nearly all the people of the neighborhood attended a grand picnic on Spring river Saturday where they expected to find Garley, but as he did not appear there a search was made in the afternoon with the result above mentioned.

BITTEN BY A MAD DOG.

Last Sunday morning while a son of Mr. Darnell, living three and a half miles south and east of Baxter, was going along the road to a neighbor's he was met by Mr. Lathrop's shepherd dog and bitten twice—in the left leg and arm. The alarm was given and the dog soon tied. The dog was not known to be mad at the time and the boy was brought to this city for treatment. The next day he was taken to Seneca where a madstone was applied and adhered for thirteen hours. The dog did not show much indication of being mad and was rather carelessly handled by Mr. Lathrop, who came very near being bitten by him also. He got away Sunday night and ran about the neighborhood, but was finally killed on Five Mile creek Monday. Several other dogs in the neighborhood have been killed and the balance tied up.

HYMNICAL.

Mr. James T. Bryan and Missie C. Burnett of this city were wedded on Monday, the 25th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m. at the A. M. E. Church, Rev. A. M. Ward officiating. Though 9 a. m. was the time agreed upon, a delay was caused by the tardiness of the groom. Immediately after the marriage ceremony was completed the initiatory couple and party took hacks and other vehicles and betook themselves to the home of the bridegroom, which is four miles north of this place, where a sumptuous dinner was spread before the mirthful company. Mr. Bryan has a fair education and is one of our most industrious and energetic young men. The bride is a magnetic force in the literary circles of this city. They have the best wishes of many warm friends in their new life.

Short Creek Republican: Mrs. W. P. Stough arranged and most successfully consummated a pleasant surprise to her husband on Monday last, his 44th birthday. She invited a number of friends and made every preparation for their entertainment without her husband's knowledge and it was not until they had assembled at his home that the anniversary of his birth was kindly remembered. He had arranged to go to Joplin, expecting to return on the midnight train, but missed the train by ten minutes. His son had set his watch back just ten minutes. The amndolin club were present and contributed greatly to the success of the occasion by their excellent music and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Mrs. Stough spared no effort to entertain the friends who shared with her the enjoyment of a complete surprise and who will join us in the hope that Mr. Stough may enjoy the companionship of his estimable wife for at least another 44 years.

Do you know that by a very little effort you can contribute very largely toward beautifying the city. A rank growth of weeds and grass does more to detract from the appearance of a place than almost anything else. A couple of hours out of each week will suffice to keep all the weed smowed, and by sowing blue grass, which is very prolific here, you can within eighteen months have your place rid almost entirely of weeds. The planting of a few shade trees (fruit trees if you prefer) will also amply reward you for the slight effort, within a very short time. Nothing impresses a stranger with a town quicker than clean streets, well kept lawns and plenty of shade trees. It shows to him at once that the people take pride in their surroundings, and if he wishes to invest, you may depend upon it he will where everything is neat and orderly much quicker than where the indications show tumble-down and neglected surroundings. Make your place beautiful.

Here is what J. Frank McDowell's Webb City Daily Crusher says about the recent funeral of the chieftain of the Rangatoos Guards:

And this is Kansas! Baxter Springs has had a club of lushing young fellows who organized under the name of "Rangatoos Guards." The county attorney C. D. Ashley had the club room shut up. A few days ago Mr. Ashley was in Baxter Springs, and was invited to a mock funeral of the "Rangatoos Guards," which was declined. The members of the club put a skeleton in a coffin and marched to the hotel where Mr. Ashley the county attorney was stopping, singing, "We'll hang Charley Ashley on a sour apple tree," and afterwards went through the ceremony of a burial. Such a scene is a disgrace to Baxter Springs.

Herald: Two electric light plants and an electric street railway will soon be completed in Joplin, and an immense electric power plant is building

to supply power to drive the machinery of the mines, mills, factories, etc., the whole involving the expenditure of half a million dollars. This is why Joplin has been named the electric city.

A Horrible Crime.

The Joplin Sunday Herald gives an account of one of the most diabolical crimes ever committed in Newton county. Conflicting stories are told of a foul murder and horrible butchering of a negro in the neighborhood of Africa, a colored settlement 11 miles southeast of Joplin. The report given the most credit is that given by E. D. Demostus who lives in the settlement. He says that he found one of the legs of a colored person just over the field fence on the outside of the farm owned and cultivated by Charley Thomas. Out in the field an arm was found. Not far away the head was discovered and further on the trunk. The body was gashed to shreds and the face was horribly cut up, but not so badly but that the features could readily be recognized.

President's Mansion to be Enlarged.

A local paper publishes details of plans for additions to the presidential mansion prepared by prominent architects and engineers from suggestions by Mrs. Harrison. The proposition looks to the construction of two large wings on either side of the present white house, thus preserving the present historic structure. One of these wings is intended for the use of the president's family and for public and private entertainments by the president and family, and the other is to be for official use, certain portions being available as a promenade on state occasions. The theory of the enlargement of space for official and family uses is the preservation of the present mansion in all its stately simplicity and historic interest untouched and the addition of wings on the east and west attached to the present building by artistic colonades and connected on the south by wide structures of glass and iron, forming a spacious winter garden and conservatories on the south, thus completing the enclosure of a private court. The classic Catoian style of the present structure will be observed throughout the extensions. In the center of the court yard it is proposed to place a memorial fountain, allegorical of the discovery of America by Columbus, and to perpetuate the historic fact that on October 13, 1492, the great navigator passed his first day on the soil of the new world, and on October 13, 1792, just three centuries after, the corner stone of the executive residence of the dominating power of the western hemisphere was laid.

A Monster Piece of Granite.

Vinalhaven, Maine, claims to have produced the largest stone ever brought to light. The Bodwell Granite Company recently quarried a shaft of granite which is the largest piece of stone ever quarried anywhere, and if erected, will be the highest, largest, and heaviest single piece of solid stone standing, or that ever stood, so far as any record can be found. In height it considerably exceeds any of the Egyptian obelisks. The tallest of these, which was brought from Heliopolis to Alexandria by Emperor Constantine, and afterward taken to Rome, where it is still standing, is 105 feet 7 inches high, while the Vinalhaven shaft is 115 feet long, 10 feet square at the base, and weighs 850 tons. It is understood, says Stone, that the company quarried this immense monolith of their own account, not having an order for anything of the kind, and they suggest that it would be a fitting contribution from Maine for the monument to be erected in honor of General Grant.

Value of a Passenger Train.

But few persons who view a passenger train as it goes thundering past have an idea that it represents a cash value of from \$75,000 to \$120,000, but such is the case. The ordinary express train represents from \$83,000 to \$90,000. The engine and tender are valued at \$10,500; the baggage car, \$1,000; the postal car, \$2,000; the smoking car, \$5,000; two ordinary passenger cars, \$10,000 each; three palace cars, \$15,000 each—total, \$83,000. Many of the trains which pull up to or out of the Grand Central Depot are worth \$150,000.

Pronounced Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd, of Gorton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at Polster's Drug store.

—Hogs and cattle are going up and so is the price of all kinds of grain. The Kansas farmer is all right this year.

—Reports from the grain and milling centers say that the new Kansas wheat is the best ever raised in the state, which is certainly saying a good deal.

EIGHTH ANNUAL INTERSTATE

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Hon. E. H. FUNSTON,
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Hon. NOBLE PRENTISS,
Gov. L. U. HUMPHREY and Staff,
Col. J. E. LOCKWOOD,
Col. J. BUNTLING, | SENATOR PRESTON B. PLUMB,
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