

LOCAL EREVITIES.

1903.
Happy New Year!

Taxes are now delinquent.
Make your good resolutions.

Everybody is complaining at the roads.

Subscribe to St. Paul's Parish Messenger.

There was good ice for skating the past week.

Christmas was quiet and uneventful in the Valley.

The traveling beggars are very numerous these days.

January 4th public baptism at St. Paul's church at 3 P. M.

The roads are said to be worse than they have been for years.

Thursday and Friday nights were the genuine winter article.

Thursday, New Year's Day, services at St. Paul's church at 8 A. M.

There will be a New Year's dance in the Academy of Music to-night.

Considerable wheat from Bellevue has been hauled to town this week.

Theo. Freeman this week purchased the Messard place from G. A. Buckley.

There were a few mild drunks Christmas. Nothing serious, though.

May all the winter snows pass as quickly as the one that came Sunday night.

Louis Miller is arranging to build another fine residence on College street in Arcadia.

Beware the "old soldier" with blue coat and brass buttons, when he comes around farm buying.

The Ironton public schools resumed Monday, but will have a holiday today to observe New Year.

Sunday night service at St. Paul's church, 7:30 P. M. Subject of address: "The Unexpected Happens."

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Chambers, in St. Louis, on Christmas day, a boy. All are doing well.

Friday night service at St. Paul's church, 7:30 P. M. Subject for address: "New Year Resolutions."

The coal famine doesn't bother Iron county people very much. There is consolation in the knowledge, too.

The Knights of the Maccabees will have a public installation in the Academy of Music on January 14th.

The first snow of the season fell Sunday night. But the sun of the following day made it melt very fast.

Owing to the illness of Rev. Steel there have been no services at the Baptist church for two or three weeks.

The Irondale Gazette insists that although the lead mines may shut down there the town is by no means dead.

The physicians are complaining at the general healthfulness. They say there isn't really a sick person in town.

Sheriff Gregory is removing his household goods to St. Louis to-day, where he and family will make their future home.

FOR SALE.—My mare, 8 years old, together with buggy and harness, for \$106. Selling on account of leaving Ironton. W. CURRY.

The Legislature meets in Jefferson City next Wednesday. Representative Horn tells us that he has sixteen applications for clerkships from this county.

The Baptist Sunday School had the usual annual entertainment and supper at the Academy of Music Saturday evening. All present had a royal good time.

The travel over the road to Hot Springs at the present time is large. There are more visitors to that famous resort than was ever known before at this season.

The residence property of A. Winkler on the mountain side was sold under deed of trust Monday. The property was bid in for \$400 by A. Roehry, the holder of the note.

MARRIED—At Ironton, Mo., Christmas day, 1902, Geo. Callison, of Marble Creek, and Lucy Davidson, of Pilot Knob, Rev. W. A. Humphreys officiating.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. Joseph Huff is still in very poor health. He has been confined to his room for a couple of weeks and is quite weak.

Treasurer-elect Lewis Tuesday filed his bond for \$25,000 with the County Clerk. The bond was approved by the court and Mr. Lewis assumes charge to-day.

County Court adjourned Wednesday evening until next Monday, when the newly elected court will be installed, and the affairs of the outgoing officers duly examined.

City taxes go delinquent next Monday. The collector makes his settlement with the council that night and if you don't pay before then you'll have to pay the penalty.

There will be preaching in the Union church at Pilot Knob, Saturday evening, 7:30 o'clock, Jan. 3, 1903. All invited. A. D. BURESS, Pastor Ironton M. E. Church.

Judge Deering says there is far less criminal business in this county than in any county in his circuit. In the four years that he has been on the bench there have been but two murder cases in this county. One was the killing of David Gray by Amalek Brooks at Graniteville, and the other the shooting of James Asher by Thos. Hall in the west end of the county.

J. W. Hale and wife, of St. Louis, spent the holidays in Iron county visiting relatives. Mr. Hale is taking a course in a medical college and expects to graduate in a couple of years.

Our old friend, W. S. Wiatt, had the misfortune to fall and break one of his hips at his home near Caledonia Monday morning. The injury is a severe one, but we hope to hear of Mr. Wiatt's rapid recovery.

There was an explosion at the screen factory last Wednesday morning. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the engine was broken down and it will be two weeks before the factory will be in operation again.

John and Fred Spitzmiller were arrested last week charged with disturbing an assembly at the church in the Cove, on the night of December 20th. They pleaded guilty, paid fine and costs and were released.

LOST—A watch fob, on morning of Dec. 27th, on sidewalk between store of Dr. Ed. Barnhouse and my office. Finder please return to me and receive liberal reward.

Dr. A. S. PRINCE.

County Court was in session this week. A settlement was made with the Collector Monday. Mr. Lewis, the new treasurer, takes charge to-day. Mr. Polk, the new sheriff, also assumes charge of his office to-day.

To an old Ironton boy, Geo. Begley, now living in Poplar Bluff, we are indebted for a very pretty calendar for 1903. Mr. Begley operates one of the largest and most successful machinery and buggy establishments in all South-east Missouri.

Wm. and Jeff Brooks and a couple of the Lees boys, at Graniteville, got into a general fight Monday of last week. In the tumult Wm. Brooks hit one of the Lees over the head with a gun. Brooks was arrested and paid fine and costs.

C. D. Alexander, of De Soto, Monday purchased the old Menden farm, east of town, from A. Begley. Consideration, \$1,100. Mr. Alexander is a son-in-law of Judge Hampton, and will probably remove to the farm in the near future.

F. W. Prentice of Hillsdale, Michigan, recently purchased the stock of T. E. Moore in the screen factory at this place. This makes Mr. Prentice sole owner of the factory, and he also has a controlling interest in the factory at Hillsdale, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baldwin who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hamilton for the past week departed this morning for Bardwell, Ky., where they will visit some time before returning to their home in Ironton, Mo.—*Du Quoin (Ill.) Evening Call*

MARRIED—At the home of the bride's parents in Arcadia, Mo., on Friday, December 26, 1902, Mr. Fred. Patton and Miss Emma Oliver, Rev. W. A. Humphreys officiating. The REGISTER tenders its congratulations and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Patton every happiness.

Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, P. E. of the Farmington district M. E. Church South, will preach at Fort Hill church next Sunday evening, and will hold quarterly conference Monday. Communion service following the morning sermon. All are cordially invited.

W. A. HUMPHREYS, P. C.

The masque ball given by the Daughters of Rebekah at the Academy of Music, last Friday night, was a very successful affair. There were about forty-five couples in attendance, and the dance went gaily on from early in the evening until the wee sma' hours of the following day. Everybody had a good time.

We learn that our very good friend, H. A. Kreischmar, was Tuesday elected President of the Western Commercial Travelers' Association for the ensuing year. The association could not have made a better choice. Mr. Kreischmar is a genial, big-hearted gentleman, and his friends are as many as the sands on the seashore, the leaves on the trees or the stars in the heavens.

There will be a five minute sermon for the children at the M. E. church, Ironton, just before the regular morning discourse next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, Jan. 4, 1903. Subject: "Bees that Sting." It is our custom to have this sermon every Sunday morning, and in this way encourage the attendance of children on the church services. Parents, bring your children. A. D. BURESS, Pastor.

Mahmond Joseph, an Assyrian merchant of Ironton, was in Contreville Monday and Tuesday. He acted as an interpreter for Chas. Noser, an Assyrian peddler, who was tried in Justice Tate's court Tuesday, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Noser was declared not guilty by the jury. The defense was represented by Atty's Milby and January, the prosecution by Prosecuting Attorney Daniel.—*Reynolds County Outlook*

On Monday night at about 12:30 o'clock Frank Kerchoer, of Middlebrook, was found dead in the washroom of the Norrid Hotel. The body was removed to the home of A. Block, where an inquest was held on Tuesday. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by an unknown cause. After services at the Catholic church on Tuesday the remains were taken to Middlebrook and interred in the cemetery at that place.—*Bismarck Sun*

John Selinger, an old resident and highly respected farmer of this county, died at his home on Marble Creek Wednesday morning of last week, aged 68 years. Mr. Selinger had been in poor health for some time past, and the announcement of his death was a great surprise to his friends who knew of his condition. The deceased was a good and upright citizen and the place made vacant by his demise will not be easily filled. Mr. Selinger left a will bequeathing \$100 to each of his children and the residue of his estate to his widow.

I am under obligation to my friends for many kindly reminders that this is the season when every heart should beat in love and friendship toward all mankind. I desire to return my sincere thanks to them. Among the tokens received, are: from Wm. H. Thomson, a box of "his own" cigars;

similar remembrances from Messrs. H. M. Collins, Aug. Winkler and J. Lopez. An artistic and unique calendar from Mrs. Wm. H. Thomson, and a beautiful keepsake sent by the Sisters of Arcadia College, will be retained long after the current year has passed to its account. Once more, I thank you, my friends, and shall endeavor to so live as to continue in your good opinion.

Mr. Tom Butler, of Cartersville, Mo., who with his bride, is making a holiday visit to his mother, Mrs. J. N. Thomas, on Bates Creek, met with a painful accident Monday afternoon, which will probably confine him to his bed for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Butler had been doing their Christmas shopping in Potosi during the afternoon and were about to return home. As Mr. Butler was mounting his horse the animal fell with him. His right leg was caught under the horse and broken about two inches above the ankle. He was carried to the Austin Hotel and surgical aid summoned and the broken limb set. We regret that Tom has had such an unfortunate ending of his holiday vacation.—*Potosi Journal*

It is currently reported that the Missouri Pacific Railroad system has purchased the Bonne Terre railroad and will use it as a portion of a new line which they have been figuring on for some time and by which they will avoid some of the steep grades on their old Iron Mountain line. For several months a party of surveyors and engineers have been at work on a line from Platte station on the Bonne Terre road southward, and while they would give no information the general supposition has been that they were working for the Iron Mountain people. One can find numerous persons who think they know all about the plans and what will be done, but they do not all agree fully and it is not worth while stating any of the predictions. It looks like business is meant, and what is done will be with the view of benefitting those who are putting up the money. They are not looking especially after the interests of others.—*Jefferson Democrat*

A most improbable story was brought to this town a few days ago by a commercial traveler—in its demands upon the credulity far beyond the license of even his class—and the REGISTER wouldn't print it but for the fact that all the news must be given. With this necessary preface I proceed with the drummer's story. It is not a long tale and has but one or two incidents, but in view of the nature of the principal actor, it is extraordinary. This story is no less startling than that my friend of friends, Herman Davis, Esq., got left just think of it! I don't believe a word of it. Mr. Davis and his family started last Friday for a month's visit with his son at Galveston, Texas. At Bismarck, the story runs, he got off the train to interview an acquaintance he saw standing a short distance away, and so earnest was their discourse that the train moved out of the station unobserved by either of them. Finally, when the subject of this brief sketch said "Good-bye!" and turned to rejoin his family, his astonished eyes were greeted with vague nothingness and bare rails where late had stood the train! Here the story-teller lapses and leaves us to guess that which immediately followed. Did Mr. D. oblige? Or, did he, out of his usual abundance of good nature, submit gracefully to the inevitable? It is hard for me to guess and I don't like to hazard an opinion not based on some well defined fact; but if I had to lay a wager, whether or no, I'd bet he took the mishap philosophically and justly laid the whole blame on the conductor.

Prices on Dry Salt and Smoked Meats greatly reduced at H. Barnhouse's.

PERSONAL.

C. N. Jones was here from St. Louis this week.

Will Kendall was here from De Soto this week.

The REGISTER devil "Dink" is taking a week off.

Prof. Daugherty returned from New Haven Sunday.

G. W. Wallace, of Des Arc, was in town Wednesday.

W. J. Schwab and wife were in Potosi the past week.

John Brewer, of Annapolis, was a caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Richey is visiting friends in St. Louis for a few days.

H. L. Bell, of Bellevue, was a caller at this office Tuesday.

S. J. Jordan and nephew, of Des Arc, were in town Tuesday.

Newman Palmer and wife were in Flat River the past week.

Miss Hattie M. Brown spent Christmas day with her parents.

Miss Lillian Steel of Bonne Terre is with home folk during the holidays.

W. R. Patterson left Tuesday on a month's visit to relatives in De Soto.

Miss Lizzie Galaway, of Poplar Bluff, is the guest of Miss Bessie Gilliam.

Miss Claire Payne of St. Louis is the guest of Rev. Steel and family during the holidays.

W. W. Nail and family, of St. Louis, were visiting Ironton relatives Saturday and Sunday.

R. T. White and wife and children were the guests of relatives at Marquand the past week.

Harry B. Ake, of Little Rock, Ark., and V. M. Ake, of Newport, Ark., were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burke, of Bismarck, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Sunday.

J. M. Whitworth left Tuesday for Searcy, Ark., where he will spend a couple of weeks with his family.

Mrs. Maud Ringo and daughters returned Tuesday from a couple of weeks' visit to relatives in Weatherford, Tex.

Herman Davis and family left Saturday for Galveston, Texas, where they will visit Geo. Davis and family for a month.

Mrs. J. T. Ake leaves this week for Little Rock, Ark., where she will spend several months with her son, H. B. Ake.

Prof. Wilkinson and wife and baby left Sunday for New Haven, Mo., where they will spend several days before returning to Marlow, Mo.

Baldwin-Waldram.

Xmas eve, 1902, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Waldram, near Middlebrook, Mo., Mr. James K. Baldwin and Miss Annie J. Waldram plighted their troth, each to the other, in sacred nuptials.

The happy event was witnessed by relatives and a few friends. A delicious dinner was served, after which the party took the hack for Middlebrook. The long there sounded the whistle of the belated train, then hastily the happy pair mounted the steps of the car, when lo! then began a miniature snow storm hurled or their innocent heads, by old Hymen. In a few hours they reached St. Louis, whence they departed for Duquoin, Ill., and Bardwell, Ky., at which places they visit relatives.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the firm in Ironton, Mo., known as the Baldwin Bros. Hub Factory. He is an energetic young man, frugal and thrifty, and worthy of a good woman. Miss Waldram is a young woman of sterling worth, and all who know her feel assured that a better wife, in many respects, is not easily found. After their bridal tour the happy couple will return to Ironton, where they will reside in their new home, now being built. May blessings rest on them throughout their earthly pilgrimage, and in the end, when fades the beauty of an earthly home, as the fading flowers, may it live again in some rainbow—the rainbow that lends beauty to our Father's throne.

Respectfully,

A. D. BURESS,

Pastor M. E. Church, officiating.

Fresh oysters by the plate or quart at the Blue Store.

January Weather in Ironton.

The following data for the month of January have been compiled from the records kept by Mr. W. H. Delano, Voluntary Observer U. S. Weather Bureau at this place, and cover the period from 1879 to 1902, inclusive, except that for the years 1891, '92 and '93 only the total monthly precipitation is available:

The mean or normal temperature of January is 32 degrees. The warmest January was that of 1880, with an average of 47 degrees, and the coldest, that of 1886, with an average of 29 degrees. The highest temperature recorded during any January was 76 degrees, on the 11th, 1890, and the lowest, 23 degrees below zero, on the 5th, 1884. The average number of days with minimum temperature below 32 degrees is 22. The average precipitation for January (rain and melted snow) is 2.86 inches, and the average number of days with 61 of an inch or more, 8. The greatest January precipitation was 10.50 inches, in 1890, and the least, .59 inch, in 1893. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 4.34 inches on the 20-24, 1897. The average snowfall for January is 4.4 inches. The greatest January snowfall was 16.5 inches in 1884. The average number of clear days is 10, partly cloudy days, 8; and cloudy days, 13. The prevailing winds have been from the north.

Highest price paid for Butter, Eggs and Poultry at Barnhouse's.

Des Arc Items.

The holidays have come and gone I never have seen as many Christmas toys sold as was sold before the holidays. Stevenson Bros. sold 21 express wagons, to say nothing of the other toys. E. W. Graves had to put on an extra clerk. I was in Ironton the day before Christmas and Lopez's store was so crowded that you could not get in, let alone buying anything.

Clark Manufacturing Co. paid out \$757.74 for hub timber up to the 27th of December, and it will be several dollars more by the time the month is gone.

S. J. Jordan's nephews, W. D. and G. M. Husher, are spending Christmas with him. They were formerly from Virginia. They settled in Adair county, Mo., about nine years ago, and this is their first visit to their uncle. G. M. Husher is an expert wire fence builder, and any one wanting a wire fence built will do well to call on him at Des Arc. He has a catalogue showing all kinds of prices.

Edgar Jordan spent Christmas with his parents at this place. Miss Lucy Lovelace, of Brunot, has been visiting in Fort Worth, Texas.

Adam Young, of St. Louis, Mo., brother-in-law of W. E. McKee, spent the holidays in Des Arc.

There are train loads of corn with the sheek on it being shipped south in box cars; something I never saw before the holidays. In old time, corn was brought with the sheek on it from Dexter by the carload.

E. W. Graves has a corn mill attached to his planing mill. It will crush and grind corn and makes fine feed for his stock. He is feeding several head of cattle.

Rev. Bowman filled his regular appointment here Sunday. I understand that Bro. Calvert, our former pastor, has moved to Ironton on account of being handy to his appointments on the railroad.

James Falck, of Arkansas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Crowley, here.

Dr. Farr and family spent Friday and Saturday in Ironton. Dr. Jones and wife spent Christmas day at Des Arc.

David Johns and some other boys were spending down on Big Creek near Low's mill. They got into a fight and Jim Robinson cut him in the neck, making a dangerous wound. He is, however, on the mend.

Misses Maud and Blanche Fitz, Anna Morris and Lina Farr attended the masquerade ball at Ironton Friday night. They report a grand time.

Mrs. F. Raney returned home Sunday after spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. C. H. Lucy.

Mrs. Sell O'Neal and children spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. McKee.

Mrs. John Stevenson visited her mother at Piedmont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Graves spent the first of the week in St. Louis.

Misses Bessie Wallis and Ora Lovelace spent Saturday and Sunday in Annapolis. ISAAC.

December 30, 1902.

Pilot Knob Items.

Fred and Will Katha, of St. Louis, spent Xmas at home.

Mrs. J. M. Hawkins entertained a number of friends last Friday evening with a "progressive conversation" party.

Miss Emma Zude, of Stanton, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

Will J. Biel, of Granite City, Ill., spent Xmas at home.

Miss Mary Walter and brother, of St. Louis, spent a few days last with their parents.

Fred C. Katha returned to Claffin, Kansas, Wednesday, after a week's visit with his parents.

Miss Jaquith entertained a number of friends at cards Monday evening.

Louis and Alfred Immer, of St. Louis, are spending the holidays at home.

The "Saturday Club" will be entertained by Mrs. C. L. Blanks this week.

Frank Spitzmiller, of Poplar Bluff, is visiting his mother for a few days.

Frank Zimmers, of Farmington, Mo., is visiting his uncle, F. Ebrecht.

Miss Cora Schmittner, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays here with her mother. POLLY WOG.

Bellevue Items.

Happy New Year to the REGISTER's many readers!

Christmas out there was not marked by anything out of the ordinary, except that which usually characterizes that day. The Methodists and Baptists, on Christmas eve, gave a union Xmas tree in the Methodist church building, which was largely attended.

Nearly everybody received a nice present, and all went merry with nothing to mar the happiness of any one. To one who has passed his fortieth birthday it takes all the philosophy at his command, as his ears and eyes take in the hearty laugh and many expressions of joy and happiness of youth on such occasions, to fully realize that they belong to a generation of which he is not.

Our merchants appeared to enjoy a good trade during the holidays.

H. Latham has nearly completed his new barn.

Joe Blakely has purchased the Thos. Barlow farm north of town, and he and his mother have removed to the farm. Joe is an industrious young man, has a first class farm and his many friends wish him success.

Walter Herral, who is attending medical college in St. Louis, spent the holidays with a friend in Warrensburg.

H. L. Bell made a trip to Ironton Saturday last.

John Edmonds and J. T. Patterson were in Ironton Saturday.

O. to and Raney Patterson are happy boys now; they received an Xmas present of one of those "Diamond" brand wagons at Lopez's.

The Xmas tree and box-supper at Sawyer's was a success.

Lotha Moyer visited Ethel Holloman at Hagan Friday and Saturday last.

Chas. Fitzpatrick, of Lesterville, visited home folks last week.

Mollie and Minnie Patterson visited Mrs. H. Latham Xmas.

George Carr was in town Wednesday last.

Mr. Ramsey visited us Friday evening.

A. G. Moyer has his house completed, and has removed his family from the McGee property home.

Nearly all teachers in the Valley "took a week off Xmas."

Mrs. Ada Stuart visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey, last week.

Miss Liuda Marr visited Mrs. Latham not long ago.

Dr. Farr had business in Ironton last week.

Mrs. McCall has been having her dwelling house repaired.

Garlie Fitzpatrick visited her parents last week.

Our young friend, Thomas Warren, contemplates attending college the coming year.

O. J. Buford is attending school at Chillicothe. P.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo. for the week ending Tuesday, Dec 30 1902:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday	34	41	.83
Thursday	25	26	.13
Friday	26	16	.4
Saturday	27	29	.2
Sunday	28	29	.20
Monday	29	43	.27
Tuesday	30	39	.21

NOTE—Precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "-" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

If you want a wash blueing that will give entire satisfaction, buy Lashly's Eagle Brand Liquid Blueing, every bottle guaranteed. It is manufactured by C. C. Lashly, Ironton, Mo. He also has the Eagle Brand Lightning Stove Polish. Give these articles a trial.

Go to Adolph's jewelry store and see his fine holiday stock.

STRAYED—From my farm, two miles west of Ironton, a Durham bull two year old past, red, white in forehead in shape of a moon, dehorned, marked with a smooth crop off of each ear, and a split in the left. I will pay for any information leading to his recovery. Address A. K. SUTTON, Ironton, Mo.

Special Attention!

Having secured the names and evidence against certain parties, who have been engaged in cutting the timber off of the property of the estate of Michael Seitz, deceased, those parties are hereby warned against any further pilfering, under penalty of the law. L. A. SEITZ.

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Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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