

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The days are growing longer. Lopez's have a clearing sale. Another light snow last Sunday. Our one street lamp is still on hand. Oh for the spring time, Gentle Annie. What so long as a Sunday in mid-winter?

A cubic foot of ice weighs 57 1/2 pounds. Entertainment, Library Fund, Jan. 30, 1903.

And still there are rumors of more weddings. Collector O'Neal is after the delinquent tax-payers.

Our coldest weather last winter came in February. The lusten season begins late this year—February 25th.

The rabbit hunter has been in his glory the past week. There hasn't been enough snow for sleighing this winter.

The Probate docket for the February term is printed this week. The hub wagons come to town in great numbers these days.

The boys and girls have had a big time skating the past week. The coldest weather so far this winter has been two degrees.

There are some sidewalks in this town badly in need of repair. Manager Grandhomme says he has no show booked until March.

Taxes collected for Dec., 1901, \$12,887.47; Dec., 1902, \$14,329.57. Hub logs are being shipped in at the rate of four and five cars a day.

There are one hundred and seven cases of small-pox in Poplar Bluff. Services were held at the Presbyterian church every night last week.

The new rectory for St. Paul's church is gradually getting under way. Rev. Geo. Steel has resigned as pastor of the Ironton Baptist church.

Fredericktown wants a new depot, too. Ironton has long, long needed one. Do something for the boys and girls; do something for the world—Jan. 30, 1903.

Wait until the ground-hog comes. Then we will know all about the weather. The collector says it has been a mighty hard job to collect city taxes this year.

It is said that the ice on the Pilot Knob dam was six inches thick the past week. The City Council met Monday evening and settled with the collector and treasurer.

Miss Lottie Prince will succeed Miss Ruth Gay as assistant in the post-office in a few days. The Knights of the Maccabees had public installation at the Academy of Music last night.

Steve Clark, white, and will Gatlin, colored, will be hanged at Poplar Bluff February 6th. Friday night services at St. Paul's church at 7:30 p. m. Subject of address: "Vulgarity."

School directors and County School Commissioner are the only officers to be elected this year. Sunday services at St. Paul's church next Sunday as usual. Subject of address: "What is your life?"

Butcher Nagel has built an ice house and proposes to supply himself with ice when the sultry days of summer come. The screen factory resumed operations yesterday after being shut down three weeks because of a broken engine.

Rev. Mr. Acomb has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church here and will be the regular minister in future. Mr. Davis writes from Texas that the flowers are in bloom. He goes fishing every day and is having a good time generally.

A social club of young men and women is about to be organized from those in attendance at the services of St. Paul's church. The Parish Messenger is out this week. Have you subscribed? Copies can be secured at the REGISTER office and Mrs. O'Brien's office.

Where do all the logs come from? They seem just as plentiful and as easy to get as they were ten years ago when the first ones were hauled. Fred Kindell, Jr., was out hunting on the East Fork of Black river last week and some of the party killed an unusually large catamount.

To one securing 10 new subscribers to the Parish Messenger, one dollar cash will be paid. Apply at Mrs. O'Brien's office or of editor. Farmington last week got up a fund of \$1200 which will be spent in lobbying before the Legislature to get a big appropriation for the asylum.

The ladies of the Second Baptist church at Bellevue will give a box supper at the Masonic Hall Saturday Jan. 17, 1903. All are invited. It is now announced that the deep well drilled at Arcadia to supply the railroad tank with water is a failure, and an effort will again be made to secure the water supply from the springs. Pipes are being laid to the springs and the well will be abandoned.

The man who argues that a trust is a good thing for the community changes his mind when he goes up against the fire insurance trust.

The Ironton Public Schools will give an entertainment at the Academy of Music on the evening of January 30th, for the benefit of the library fund.

The man who thinks we can have street lights with out an extra tax is mistaken. The lights will cost money but we should have them all the same.

Geo. M. Johnson had a gang of about twenty-five men putting up ice yesterday and last night. The ice is about five inches thick and of good quality.

The storm last Tuesday night broke down the telephone wires between here and St. Louis and the following day there was no communication on the long distance.

Several of the ice houses in the Valley have been filled with four and five inch ice. Others are waiting for ten inch ice. And they will probably take it out in waiting.

Miss Nellie Davis of Little Rock and Myrtle Mangold of Arcadia are spending a few days in this city, the guests of Misses Neil and Margaret Crowley. —Poplar Bluff Journal.

Word was received here yesterday of the serious illness of Mrs. Leslie (nee Lulu Fairchild) at her home in Great Falls, Montana. Many friends here pray for her early recovery.

Bill Spough and Buck Martin were arrested Monday, charged with having disturbed the peace and quiet of the town Saturday night. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$2 and costs each.

Last week we made mention of Prof. A. P. Vance being thrown from a street car in St. Louis and receiving painful injuries. He last week settled his claim against the street car people for \$20.

G. C. K. desires to inform certain parties that he is not in the habit of communicating to the public peoples' personal affairs, and the assertion made is false; nor did he ever contribute any Pilot Knob items.

In building a new depot at this place the house track will be placed west of the station house. The spur to the screen factory it is said will be taken up and one built to the warehouse on the east side of the track.

LOST—Between the Ironton depot and Whitworth Sons store, Monday, January 12, 1903, a pocket book containing between \$20 and \$25. I will pay \$5 for its return to me. GEO. PHILLIPS, Roselle, Mo.

Our young friend, James L. Brerton of Ensley, Alabama, sends us a slight draft on the Bank of Prosperity for three hundred and sixty-five happy days in the year 1903. Same to you, Jimmy, may we all live long and prosper!

Subscribe for the Ladies' Home Journal, the Delicater, the Designer, each \$1.00 per year, and McCall's Magazine of Fashion, only 50 cents per year and one pattern free—any of the Baptist ladies' will gladly take your subscription.

A party of twenty people went from here to Annapolis Monday evening to attend the D. of R. Lodge at Annapolis that night. After lodge there was a supper and dance. All report the occasion a very pleasant one, indeed.

We are sorry to hear that our good friend, Rev. L. C. Werner of Arcadia, has been so seriously indisposed that it was deemed best to send him to a hospital in St. Louis. We trust to be able soon to announce his early restoration to perfect health.

At the annual election of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society the following officers were installed for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. N. Bishop; Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Fletcher; Secretary, Mrs. Louis Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Brown.

Goff Whitworth and wife have removed to St. Louis where Mr. Whitworth has employment in the Auditor's office of the Missouri Pacific Railway. Goff is a most worthy and competent young man and we hope all kinds of prosperity and good luck will be his.

John Hart, after serving thirty days in jail here for selling whiskey without paying the government tax, was released Wednesday and started for his home in Reynolds county. The offense with which Hart was charged was committed in July, 1901, but for over a year he eluded the officers.

W. T. Donnelly, late trainmaster at De Soto, has accepted a position as Chief Dispatcher with the Iowa Central at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. Donnelly is a most competent railroad man and a most pleasant gentleman and he has many friends along the Mountain who wish him every success wherever he may cast his lot.

We understand that the REGISTER subscribers at Des Arc failed to receive last week's paper—or had not received them by Sunday noon. This is gross carelessness on the part of some of the postal officials as the papers were mailed here Thursday evening and should have been in the Des Arc office that night.

Division Superintendent Smith was here Saturday and imparted the gratifying information that a new depot will be built at this place without delay. The plan is to use the old structure as a warehouse and erect a new building with an office and two waiting rooms—the new structure to be located just north of the present depot. This is indeed welcome news.

We hope the county court will do something with the old fence around the courthouse before springtime comes. Rather than spend several hundred dollars on a new fence, our advice would be to tear the old structure down and do without a fence for a while, anyway. Most anything, however, would be an improvement on the present appearance about the premises.

O'Brien & Van Nori is the name of a new firm, formed for the purpose of buying and selling real estate, abstracting, conveying, etc. The senior member of the firm has been engaged

in the real estate business for over a year, and is recognized by all as a "buisler." The junior partner is the newly elected Prosecuting Attorney, and is known as a young man of probity and business qualification.

Judge Dearing is in St. Louis this week with his brother, L. J., who was taken to the Alexian Bros' hospital last week. John, who had been working in the railroad shops at De Soto for several years and who was a very quiet, sober and industrious man, suddenly developed a case of acute insanity on the 30th ult., and is now in such a serious condition that it is not thought he will recover.—Jefferson Democrat.

Thos. A. Cleage, who recently made \$300,000 in corn on the St. Louis Exchange, is remembered in Bismarck by Mayor Goeltz and other old residents, he having lived here along in the early 70's. At that time Mr. Cleage was a dashing bandmaster and composed "Six Months More in Bismarck," which the old band members take a delight in whistling at this late date in honor of their distinguished instructor.—Bismarck Sun.

Our Budweiser friend, August Riecke, went down to the creek Wednesday to superintend the storing of ice in the Johnson ice house. He hadn't been on the scene more than fifteen minutes before he fell in the water up to his waist. Forthwith he became disgusted with the ice business and hurried back to the depot where he spent the remainder of the day trying to get warm and drying his clothes. And he took a drink of something more stimulating than water.

The traveling mendicants this winter are unusually numerous. It seems that every one of them in passing through the country make Ironton their headquarters for a length of time. Among them, of course, there are many worthy and deserving. On the other hand, perhaps, there are some not so deserving, and unfortunately they are the ones that get the most assistance. Here, genuine worth can't compete successfully with fraud and imposition when it comes to soliciting aid and assistance.

The following is taken from the Bismarck correspondence to the Farmington Progress: "Tuesday evening quiet a company assembled at the Norrid Hotel. The demonstration was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Harker, who arrived from St. Louis where they had recently been married. Mr. Harker is an architect and has been boarding at the Hotel and has many friends here and at Arcadia. The company was kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Harker, as well as by Mr. and Mrs. Norrid of the hotel. An hour was delightfully spent at the parlor when music and social festivities formed an interesting feature. Refreshments were served and after singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and a few pleasant words from the groom, to which response was made by Rev. Mr. Davis, the benediction was pronounced and the company went to their homes with only pleasant memories and kind wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harker."

A corps of engineers were surveying a route for some railroad, in this county this week. They are supposed to be Iron Mountain railroad engineers. They were surveying on Jesse Inman's land where the gravel road crosses Big river, about 12 miles from Fredericktown and were going south down the river. They are said to be putting in their grade stakes as they go. They have passed over the land of Wm. Sinclair. These engineers are very mum as to where they come from or where they are going, but they are supposed to have started at Plattin, a station on the Bonne Terre road. The general opinion is that the Iron Mountain, which has recently bought the Bonne Terre road, are surveying a route for their main line so as to get around the heavy grades between Bismarck and Poplar Bluff. This would be a mighty good time for our citizens to make an effort to secure the passage of this railroad through Fredericktown and if this line could not be secured a proposition might be submitted to the Frisco which is now building up the river to St. Louis, looking towards securing a branch of that road to this city.—Fredericktown Democrat-News.

The story of folk lore has attained the dignity of a science. Some of the most noted scholars of Europe and America have of late years given their best efforts to preserving, in enduring volumes, the traditions of tribes and nations, and from these traditions have arrived at a true estimate of the state of civilization obtaining at various periods of the world's history. The public at large has never taken the interest in the subject which its importance merits, but this neglect is largely due to the fact that most of the books dealing with ethnographic and kindred topics are written "above the heads of the people." Hezekiah Butcherworth and his associates in the American Folk Lore society have done much toward popularizing their favorite pursuit, but even they have fallen far short of their ambitious mark. There has, however, lately been published a little book, entitled "Legend of Sunset Mountain," which should appeal with peculiar force to every American who believes, as we all should believe, that the American Indian and his traditions are deserving of recognition by our bookmakers and educators. In this little book the author, Mr. Eli D. Ake, presents a remarkably vivid picture of Indian life, religion and superstition, and proves conclusively that the red men of this country were poets, as well as warriors and that in their rude civilization love played as far-reaching a part as in our more complex society. The heroine of Sunset Mountain, the fair Owanette, was a maiden as true and faithful as any pictured by our most accomplished masters of fiction, and the hero is every inch an Indian knight sans peur et sans reproche. The Powers Above look kindly upon their doings and intercede for them miraculously. Mr. Ake dedicates his book to two little girls, hence it is written in a style at once charming and free from tiresome verbosity. He is to be congratulated upon this valuable contribution to American literature; which, it is reasonable to assume, will receive high praises from the critics and all specialists in folk lore. Mr. Eli D. Ake, the author of "Legend of

Sunset Mountain," is the veteran editor of the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, published at Ironton, Mo.—The Publishers' Auxiliary.

PERSONAL.

Paul Patton is visiting relatives in Ironton. Mrs. V. C. James was in St. Louis last week. Louis Miller was in Poplar Bluff this week.

Miss Reagan is visiting relatives in St. Louis. John Thomas was home a couple of days last week. Miss Blanche Fletcher has returned from Oran, Mo.

Geo. W. Clarkson of Bismarck was in town Tuesday. The Misses Rodach, of Middlebrook, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Kemmett left to-day on a visit to relatives in Minneapolis. Geo. Whitworth has been quite sick with a sore throat the past week.

K. L. Parmer of Thornton, Arkansas, visited Ironton relatives this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Walsh, of Graniteville, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Winkler and children of Poplar Bluff visited Ironton relatives last week. Miss Mary Myers has secured a position as an attendant in the asylum at Farmington.

Rev. and Mrs. Richey returned home Saturday after spending several days with friends in St. Louis. Dr. J. Wick went to St. Louis the first of the week after being confined to his home here for a week or more by sickness.

Will Haller was here from Oran last Sunday. Mrs. Haller has been here several weeks and is suffering from rheumatism. J. W. Mangold spent a couple of days last week in Arcadia and then left for Jefferson City to be present at the opening of the Legislature.

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

In Memoriam.

HALL STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 133, A. F. & A. M. IRONTON, MO., Jan. 10, 1903.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren: WHEREAS, We are called upon to chronicle the passing of our late Bro. Joseph Huff, who has joined that innumerable caravan whose ranks are ever swelling with the loved and cherished of earth; be it

Resolved, That we hereby attest our sorrow that we shall know him in the flesh no more; that his presence in our Lodge shall be henceforth only in memory; and that his fraternal aid and counsel are taken from us forever.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved relatives our sincere condolence, and assure to them that they are not alone in their grief; that we mourn with them in their affliction.

Resolved, That a page in the records of this Lodge be set apart for the engraving of this tribute to Bro. Huff's memory; that a copy, properly attested, be delivered to the nearest relative of the deceased, and that the county papers be requested to publish this report. Respectfully submitted,

ELI D. AKE, H. L. SMERMAN, W. H. BYRNS, Committee.

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

Ironton Aid Society.

It is the purpose to organize, if possible, in Ironton a society of men and women who will give regularly for the support of those in need. The poor at our doors should be able to go to a committee and apply for aid, and if worthy, should be able to secure such aid. It is for this purpose that any who will attend are invited to meet at the residence of Rev. F. H. Richey, Tuesday, Jan. 20th, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a society which will appoint a committee authorized to collect and deposit in keeping of one member of the committee, all funds which shall go for the relief of poor people in and near Ironton. Such aid to be secured by application to the secretary of the committee, to be appointed at meeting.

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

St. Louis Letter.

EDITED BY THE I. C. CLUB. The Iron County Club held a literary entertainment Sunday, Jan. 11th. Among those present were Dr. Jos. E. Chambers, Julius Rodach, C. A. Charlton, P. Walters, Hy. Siebel, Geo. A. Roelslein and others. Dr. Chambers, who was the late candidate in the 11th Congressional District on the Allied Party ticket, recited an original poem entitled "A Vision," which in beauty, mystery and weirdness is not unlike the immortal poems of Poe. Through the courtesy of Doctor Chambers we give the poem in full to our readers, who no doubt will recognize in it a true gem of literary art.

A VISION. BY JOS. E. CHAMBERS. In opening my purse, As I slowly sipped my wine, Out rolled a silver dollar— A coin of forty-nine. And I fell to meditating On the sights, the scenes, the places, That this dollar had passed through; In my reverie relating Incidents of time and races Since this dollar coin was new. And I sat there dreaming, thinking, As I slowly sipped my wine,— Out spoke the silver dollar, The coin of forty-nine. Spoke not by articulation, Out came oozing through its pores Tales of woe from every nation, Where it should have carried brightness To palaces or cottage doors. Then the vision came out fast— Not, I think, from out the wine, But from out the silver dollar. The coin of forty-nine. I saw in it the mysteries Made so plain to me, a stranger, And loved ones dreaming not Of corruption and histories; Woe and sorrow, vice and danger, That shall ever be their lot. Then I saw a tender babe, Coming in upon the line, Play with the silver dollar, The coin of forty-nine. I saw her grow to womanhood; She was so pure and innocent; But was changed to strangely bright. Again she touched the coin; and stood

Before the world not to repent, And was lost in darkest night. In the darkness there were demons,— Or perhaps 'twas in the wine, Grasping for that silver dollar, The coin of forty-nine. All description of vice and crime Was depicted on their faces; Rich and poor, and high and low, Coming forth from every clime; Representing all the races, Also every form of woe. "Demons! Devils!" cried I then; "Is this punishment of mine, Or history of misery?" Childhood's innocent and pleasure, In the heaven buoyancy of youth; It was heaven's golden shore— Home's happy fireside treasure Was the glittering gems of truth,— Then the vision was no more.

We note in the dailies that the juice of a common lemon is a panacea to all the ills that man is heir. Aug. Riecke has informed the Club that this remedy (with a few drops of old rye added) has been in universal use in the Valley for a number of years. Ed. Allen, the popular Iron Mountain brakeman, was recently called "on the carpet" for throwing a lump of coal at a pertinacious tramp. Ed. strenuously denies the charge of this willful waste of the company's property.

A strange character was brought into Judge Dan'l O'Connell Tracy's court last week, the officer charging that he was wandering about in an aimless manner, apparently lost. The prisoner drew one of Barney's "Information Guides" out of his ragged coat, and exclaimed: "Wnat, lost with this? Ask me!" Judge Tracy declared the prisoner discharged and remanded the officer for the arrest. Geo. R. Gay and Barney W. Fraunthaler are on the November term of the petit jury.

One young lady of the Valley was greatly disappointed in not receiving a red fox collette for Christmas. Recipe: First catch your fox, etc. A society belle of St. Joe has an income of several thousand dollars a year made with her pen. Believe we will go into the pork business. The two minister's daughters had a scrap at the "Imp-Peril" a week ago. Result: One daughter still in town. One of the L. C. C. correspondents recently received \$10 for an eight line poem to an eastern magazine. And then you wonder why the editor of this paper takes wood on subscription. J. B. Rutherford, general agent of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company, accompanied by two members of this Club, who are policy holders, attended the banquet given by the above company at the Planters' Hotel last Tuesday night. It is the only old line company incorporated under the laws of this State. The contracts are all registered and bear the official seal of the State—making them good as government bonds. Every Missourian should bear this in mind when buying life insurance. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Judge Shepard Barclay, ex-Chief Justice Supreme Court of Missouri, Rev. Williamson, pastor of Grand Ave. Baptist Church of this city, and L. H. Parker, President Parker Shoe Co. of Jefferson City. The banquet was a complete success in every respect.

Roselle Items. We are having some cold weather at present. Quite a large crowd of young people, as well as older ones, enjoyed themselves at the home of Jesse Inman on last Friday night. It being the 21st birthday of their son Freddie, and they gave the party in honor of him. A. R. Henry, of Lance, was seen again in West Roselle Sunday. Come once more, Rolla. J. R. Brown, of Lance, was calling again in Roselle Sunday. Several are reported on the sick list with colds at present. There was a singing at Wm. Lowry's Sunday night, but owing to the extreme cold weather the crowd was rather small. There will be another wedding in Roselle soon as invitations are all ready out. "King out ye bells of olden time." SUNFLOWER.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1903:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday	7	28	T
Thursday	8	15	
Friday	8	13	
Saturday	10	20	T
Sunday	11	19	.11
Monday	12	21	4
Tuesday	13	41	5

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. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

STRAWED—A milch cow, red with white back de-horned, marked under split in the left ear, under bit in the right. Reasonable reward for return of same to Edward White, Ironton, Mo.

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