

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The potato trains will soon be on the road. A glorious rain we had Tuesday and Wednesday. Was there ever a May so cold and winter-like?

The need of a street sprinkler is again apparent. Ironton's streets are in first-class shape once again. Mullin & Brown have a new advertisement this week.

The county court proceedings are published this week. May wine, with proper "fixin'" is mighty hard to beat. The hay crop isn't as promising as it was this time last season.

The phonograph—like some speakers—never knows when to quit. The ladies of the Catholic church in Graniteville will give a festival in June. Chickens never were so scarce and high in the history of this community.

The ice man doesn't like this kind of a spring. Neither does any one else. City Assessor David Kendall is making the assessment for the current year. Probate court was in session Monday and Tuesday. The docket was very light.

Theodore Freeman is now employed as salesman at the Greater Bonanza. The frost didn't greatly injure the rhubarb. There is consolation in that fact, anyway. What about the Baptist College? Is there going to be an effort made to bring it here?

Mr. Moore tells us that the screen factory has used over \$10,000 worth of wire this season. The county court should see what is done with every dollar appropriated for road purposes. The frost and the lack of rain have robbed the springtime of much of its beauty and loveliness.

Quite a number of people will attend the drummers' celebration in Farmington this week. "Pop" Thomas of Graniteville is considering the advisability of starting a saloon in Annapolis. Capt. E. C. Clark has been confined to his room for three or four days and is reported quite sick.

Father O'Flaherty, of this city and Father Hussman, of Charleston, returned home last night from a visit in Arcadia, Mo.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

Services at the Presbyterian church of Ironton on next Sunday, morning and evening, at 11 and 8 o'clock respectively. Every one is invited to come.

Dr. Zwart of Kansas City, who has been visiting his brothers, Messrs. J. A. and A. J. Zwart, returned to his home Wednesday afternoon.—Farmington Times.

The Iron County Eagle suspended publication last Thursday. The outfit was Tuesday shipped to Xenia, Ill., where G. H. Broadwell will publish a paper in the future.

The excursion train from St. Louis next Sunday leaves Union Station at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Returning leaves Arcadia at 6:30 o'clock p. m. Fare for the round trip, \$1.25.

Bill Spang and Deputy Marshal Ben Luff had a little unpleasantness Sunday afternoon. Spang hit Luff in the face when Luff pulled his gun. There the trouble ended.

Geo. W. Eubanks of Butler county, after serving six months in jail here for selling liquor without paying government tax, was released Tuesday and went on his way rejoicing.

Rev. W. C. Acomb returned from Bluffton, Ohio, Saturday and held services in the Presbyterian church the following day. Mr. Acomb's family will be here in a couple of weeks.

A fine horse for sale; gentle, good driver, not afraid of the train, safe for family. Sound and in good condition. Will sell or trade for two ponies. Apply to Jos. Madlinger, Pilot Knob, Mo.

The REOSTER's corner promises to be the best lighted of any in town. The gasoline lamp of the Leader gives a fine light, and the Blue Store across the street is going to put up one just like it.

Word has been received announcing the safe arrival of Misses Nettie O'Neal and Nannie Brown in California. The young ladies were five days on the road and say they enjoyed the trip immensely.

Jacob Grandhomme last week sold the horse that he recently purchased in Poplar Bluff to a man by the name of Barger in Caledonia. Jake says his next horse will not be a "fourteen-year old colt."

Friend Rieke Sunday afternoon entertained a number of friends with May wine, champagne, strawberries and cigars. The occasion was a success and everybody enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

John Webb, an old resident, died at his home in Bellevue last Thursday after a long illness. The deceased was eighty-four years of age and leaves a number of sons and daughters to mourn his demise.

To our old-time friend, Frank Scoville, we are indebted for a box of most delicious California oranges, which arrived Sunday in most excellent condition. May he and his all live long and prosper!

Platte Overton, who fifteen years ago was engaged in the lumber business in Annapolis, this county, and is now located in Sullivan county, Missouri, visited his old friends in this part of the state the past week.

W. H. Whitworth, J. L. Baldwin and John H. Marshall spent the past week on the St. Francis river fishing. Considering that the water was very low they said that they had very fair luck and made some good catches.

The forty-ninth car of screens for this season was shipped from the screen factory Wednesday. The car contained about fourteen hundred doors and was for the Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company, St. Louis.

Potato is putting in a telephone system. Ironton and the Valley need one and need it bad. There is no place in all southeast Missouri where a telephone system would be more of a convenience than right here in the Valley.

We should make a concerted move to have better train service in this town. A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together might accomplish a whole lot, and it could not possibly do any harm. Let's try, and that without delay.

An excursion from St. Louis to the Valley Sunday. Fare for the round trip, \$1.25. Doubtless a number of our former citizens now making their home in St. Louis will take advantage of the occasion to pay a visit to their old home.

Circuit court, county court and probate court sessions for the spring are all over and unless an emergency arises we will have no more court in the county until the County Court convenes in regular term the first Monday in August.

The soldiers have an excellent lot of horses, and they made a fine appearance as they passed down the street Sunday morning. They had no pack mules this time, some of the supplies coming by wagon, but most of them by railroad.

W. W. Hinchey, formerly Road Department clerk in Superintendent Smith's office, and G. K. Barnhart, formerly chief clerk to Train Master Daniels, have accepted positions with the Valley railroad at East St. Louis.—De Soto Republican.

Don't forget the entertainment at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening. A comedy entitled "Par Telephone," will be the curtain-raiser, to be followed by the beautiful opera, "Golden Hair and the Three Bears." All seats reserved at 75 cents.

We very much regret to hear that our good friend and that prince of good fellows, Mr. Herman Kretschmar, is confined in a hospital in St. Louis suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. We hope to be able to report an early improvement in his condition.

The members of the Presbyterian church held a congregational meeting Tuesday evening and extended a formal call to Rev. W. C. Acomb to become pastor of the church. Rev. E. J. Brown, of St. Louis, delivered the sermon and acted as Moderator of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gresson report a new 7-pound girl at 10 o'clock this morning. This is No. 11, ten of whom are living, seven boys and three girls. This ought to be satisfactory to Teddy and his complaints about "race suicide," or childless families.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

At the meeting of the City Council Monday evening the Mayor made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year: Assessor, David Kendall; Treasurer, G. A. Easonwein; Clerk, Mrs. Nannie Walker; Collector, W. T. O'Neal. The appointments were promptly confirmed by the Council.

The May festival at the Academy of Music Tuesday evening was largely attended and the occasion was universally termed a success. Aside from the local attendance delegations were present from Graniteville, Bismarck, Doe Run and other places and all seemed to enjoy the evening very much.

The County Court last Saturday morning compromised with the people who were petitioning for a wagon bridge across the branch this side of Pilot Knob by agreeing to build a foot bridge. The petition for a wagon bridge was withdrawn and an order made for the construction of a suitable foot bridge.

Mrs. Susan C. Bethel died at the home of her son, John Bethel, in Arcadia, on Tuesday, May 12, 1903, at 10:20 o'clock p. m., aged 69 years, 1 month and 12 days. The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The funeral occurs from Fort Hill church this afternoon at two o'clock.

We were pleased to have a call on last Saturday from W. H. Ounsorg, the popular superintendent of the company works at Iron Mountain. He tells us that the company has just recently put in another new crusher of the same capacity—300 tons a day—of the one put in about 18 months ago.—Farmington News.

At the meeting of the City Council Monday evening John T. Baldwin asked for an ordinance granting him a franchise to put up a telephone system in Ironton. We have no doubt that the franchise will be readily granted, for if there is one thing we do need more than another in this town it is a telephone system. Mr. Baldwin should receive every encouragement.

Ligon Jones was afraid he might be robbed of his \$250 diamond ring while in the crowds here for the dedication and so he carried it in his pocket. Sunday morning he reported to the police that while on an Olive street car late Friday night, his pockets were picked and he lost the ring and a \$100 watch. Jones lives at 3311 Pine st.—Post-Dispatch.

Four troops of the Fourth Cavalry, "I," "K," "L" and "M," arrived in the Valley from the Barracks last Sunday, having been four days on the road. This is the largest number of troops that has ever been at the range—there being something over three hundred there now. They will remain about six weeks, when they will be succeeded by a like number who will be here for the remainder of the summer.

Aug. Schwab and wife were quite painfully burned at their home west of Pilot Knob Saturday evening. They were arranging to oil a floor, and had some oil on the stove warming it. In some way the oil became ignited and Mr. Schwab attempted to throw it out doors. In doing so he was rather badly burned about the face. Mrs. Schwab was also slightly burned. Fortunately, their injuries are more painful than serious.

There promises to be a good attendance from here at the K. P. celebration at Oran next Wednesday, May 20th. The coaches carrying the people from here will be taken to Bismarck by one of the pushers, leaving here about 7:30 o'clock and returning on the midnight train that night. The price for the round trip is only \$1.50. The citizens of Oran have arranged an interesting programme for the day, and those who attend are assured an enjoyable time.

Superintendent Smith, more than three months ago, promised that we should have a new depot and that right soon, too. We know nothing to the contrary and believe that Mr. Smith is a truthful man. We hope he will again take another look at the horrible "shack" that serves for a depot at this place and are certain that he would hurry his builders along. If he will give us our depot without more delay we are sure that Bill Bailly will come right on home.

The feather renovator has a new graft. He goes to the house and wants to renovate the bed and pillows. A lady does not usually want anything done, but he suspects the existence of feather moths. While he is talking he rips open the bed, brings out a handful of feathers, shows her two or three worms of the most horrible appearance. The lady surrenders and the renovator man takes the feathers and brings them back in a few days about sixty per cent lighter and is paid handsomely for his work besides. The feather moth is a great bug.—Piedmont Banner.

There was a strange woman in town a few days ago who seems to have bounced the fair sex pretty generally. The lace was exquisite and the genuine article but the price was varied as would be. In fact, the purveyor would, if she couldn't get her own price, take almost any price that was offered, but always "in strictest confidence," and not to be repeated to any one. It was all right until some of the neighbors got together and told each other these "confidential" prices. Then there was trouble, but the lace seller had already taken her departure for pastures new and escaped the wrath that would otherwise have been poured upon her.

Billie McFarland was in the Valley one day last week, and while here told a pretty good story. About one week ago Billy was on a freight train with his crew. They were running north through one of the pork cuts north of Irondale going at a lively pace. A short distance ahead the engineer dis-

covered three large turkeys on the track, eating corn that had fallen from some passing car. As the train drew near the turkeys attempted to make their escape but could not get out of the cut in time and were struck by the swift passing engine. They were knocked to the side of the track—and killed it seems only a second. The train was brought to a stand and the crew secured three fine large wild turkeys. Surely a novel way in which to get the much-coveted meat.

The many friends of Rev. Thos. F. Marshall, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, will be interested in the following, taken from a leaflet entitled Indiana Coal Fields and Home Missions. "Linton is the metropolis of the famous Indiana coal fields. It lies about 35 miles southeast of Terre Haute and was an unknown village until the recent development of the coal fields. The present population is over 8,000, and increasing rapidly. Four railroads enter the city bearing twelve daily passenger trains. The Presbyterian church was organized in April 1902. There are now over 70 members, ministered to by Rev. Thos. F. Marshall, who gives half his time here, preaching alternate Sabbaths at Westington. A small school house is used for a temporary place of worship. A lot has been purchased and a suitable church building will be erected as speedily as funds can be secured. The need for this building is very great. Linton has 22 saloons, more than 50 gambling places and only 7 small church buildings, which are small and wholly inadequate for the needs. Tent meetings will be inaugurated May 27th and continue several weeks, the minister being assisted by the pastors from neighboring churches and the evangelist Rev. Chester Birch. They need help and sympathy in a great and difficult field already ripe with opportunity."

The opera "Golden Hair and the Three Bears," to be given at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening, is a musical production of more than ordinary beauty. About forty young people will take part in it. In order that the REGISTER readers may have some conception of the treat to be given, the "argument," or a synopsis of the rhythmic play is here given.

A group of children, whose home is in the forest, are gathered in a shady dell, singing their happy, woodland life. A little flower girl wandering through the vale, scatters the group to quiet nook and glen. She recalls them to know their mission, and begs to become one of their happy number, which request is granted. She has been previously warned of their beautiful Queen, who, though so fair, would lure her into danger. The Queen, hearing that Bruin has made his home in Forest-land, seeks "A maiden with such charm."

"That she's proof against all harm," to go and search the cot, and bring to her the evening jewels which she has heard are in Bruin's home.

The flower-girl is summoned, and the Queen, overcome with her beauty, makes her princess upon the throne with herself; giving her the name of Golden Hair. Dwelling in the wood is an ancient Bard, who warns of coming danger, and sings the evening lullaby of the Forest children. In gentle tones he now warns Golden Hair to beware of the wily Queen. Bruin having heard of the Forest children, guards well the treasures hidden in the cot. While at meal, the Bears hear the merry Forest children, and hasten to cut the log, returning with a load of hurray for Bruin, Mammy Muff and Tiny Cub.

The Queen reveals her secret to Golden Hair, and promises wealth and beauty, if the young princess will go and steal the jewels for her coronet. The faithful Bard again appears and warns of coming danger. As night is approaching, Golden Hair, reclines upon a grassy mound, while the Bard's sweet lullaby soon carries her to dreamland. The three Bears, on an evening stroll, discover the little maiden, but are frightened away by the Will-o'-the-Wisp, who calls the children from near and far to twilight rest. Again the Bard's soothing lullaby quiets the group, till nodding, they all fall asleep. A new day finds Golden Hair in the home of the three Bears. Bruin and family being away, the maiden examines the cot, tastes the porridge and tests chairs and beds, till wearied she falls asleep upon Tiny Cub's couch. The Bears, returning, declare that some mischief has been in. Golden Hair is finally caught upon Tiny Cub's bed, and the Bears, in great excitement, proceed to secure the cot, lest she escape, forgetting an open lattice window nearby. The voice of the Bard is again heard, below the window, calling her to come quickly, for her life is in jeopardy. Golden Hair, and waving a "good-by" to the three Bears, is soon off through the wood, to the astonishment of the horrified Bears. The Forest children are now searching for their lost one through the wood. Faithful reveals the fact that their Queen has beguiled Golden Hair into a snare, which has probably been the cause of her death. The enraged children depose the Queen from the throne, and in sadness she retires in disgrace from Forest-land. The merry voice of Golden Hair is heard in the distance, returning with the Bard. The happy children hasten to greet her, and cheerily escort her back to the lowly vale. The ancient Bard is crowned in place of the fallen Queen, and the opera closes with the loud echo of "Long live our noble King!"

PERSONAL.

Louis Schultz was in Ironton Sunday. W. J. Schwab was in St. Louis last week.

W. C. Maguire spent Sunday in the Valley. Mrs. Malugen spent last Friday in St. Louis.

Wm. Brown, of Graniteville, was a caller last week. Mrs. Bolch, of Annapolis, was in Ironton last Friday.

Ford, Gillam and family are visiting relatives in the Valley. J. F. Lindsay, of Piedmont, was in Ironton the past week.

Prosecuting Attorney Van Nort was in St. Louis last week. Mrs. D. Gunton recently returned from a trip to St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Shapleigh and daughter arrived last Saturday. Richard Goulding left last week for Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Dr. C. H. Jones and brother, of Brunot, were in town Monday. Miss Alice Gay and niece, Miss Ruth Pruitt, returned Monday from a visit to St. Louis.

The Ebelac family arrived last Friday preparatory to taking possession of their new home for the summer. Mrs. Fred Kindell, Jr., and son went to Iowa to visit relatives Sunday. Mr. Kindell accompanied them as far as St. Louis.

In Memoriam.

Our darling, little Susie Elizabeth Miller, was born March 23, 1899; fell asleep December 14, 1902, aged 3 years, 8 months and 21 days.

Her funeral was preached at Iron Mountain by Rev. T. Buford, from St. Luke, 18th chapter, 16th verse: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." After which her remains were taken to the Eldon cemetery and deposited in the tomb while singing that beautiful hymn: "I am Just Going Over Jordan."

A tender little life laid to rest, Tired little hands folded from play— Too harsh it seems, at best— We've this world's winter day.

A little gem hidden in its earthen bed, The little spirit smiling back its peace; O were it not for the child word "dead," Our joy to her not yet would cease.

Des Arc Items.

Henry Kilgore, father of the man that was killed at Vulcan by the train some few weeks ago, came from Illinois and had the body taken up and recognized it as his son, who left home about the last of March and was working on Section 83, Cotton Belt railroad. It is supposed that he was making his way back to his home in Illinois.

Quite a delegation of Odd Fellows from Annapolis and Des Arc went to Piedmont Saturday night and organized a new Lodge at that place. I understand they enrolled over thirty members. Quite a number of them were being railroad men. Among them was our old friend Ketchner, local freight conductor.

The Baptist Church here has set next Saturday, the 16th, to have a working at the church. They want to put on a new roof and repair the flues. All are invited to come and give us a helping hand, and those that cannot come, if they will send us a small remittance it will be very acceptable. The Baptist here are weak financially and need all the help they can get. They also want a pastor.

The fishing parties here are having great success. J. M. Morris, of Farmington, and Bud Midkiff and party caught a lot of fine fish last week and had a regular old fish fry on the river bank. Had a fine time.

John Stevenson and family have gone to the river this week to join a fishing party. They will no doubt have a fine time. The red-heads are shoaling and now is the time to fish.

Our boys are keeping off the trains. I am glad I "threw out the life-line" in order to save some poor boy from being crushed under the car wheels.

The I. M. R. painters have been here and gave our depot a new coat of paint, which improves the looks very much.

E. W. Graves and wife are spending a few days at Poplar Bluff and Keener this week.

Mrs. G. W. Wallis spent Sunday in Ironton the guest of Mrs. W. T. O'Neal.

Mrs. W. M. O'Neal is visiting her brother, John Bowles, at Ashdown, Ark.

Miss Lizzie Black returned home Wednesday, after a ten weeks' visit with friends in St. Louis.

Miss Lena Farr is visiting friends in De Soto this week. Mrs. B. Brewington is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leo Wilson, at Farmington.

Mrs. Mahala Loyd returned home last week from Texas, where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Maude Eita is visiting in Piedmont this week. Rev. Trotter filled his regular appointment here Sunday. ISAAC.

Goodland Items.

The long needed rain has come at last and perishing vegetation is reviving. There will be a few apples about here, but no peaches or berries.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eaton were callers at Dr. Adams' last week. Misses Ella and Flora Eaton spent a day lately with their sister, Mrs. Dollie Adams.

M. Anderson, who has been working at the stove works, has again resumed work at his mill. G. G. Adams and family are visiting relatives at Burgundy.

Little Rosa Hobart and Manila Brooks spent last Sunday with Goldie Gunter. The occasion being her birthday. Miss Maggie Beeman, of Graniteville is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Florence Brooks.

N. W. Adams has built a new fence around his yard and finished his porticoes, adding greatly to the appearance of his dwelling. Mrs. Myra Adams is recovering from a severe attack of illness.

Misses Lucy Adams and Ina Johnson, of Monterey, spent two weeks with Dr. Adams. They returned home on Sunday with Mrs. Johnson. Dr. Adams, of Bellevue, was a caller at the old homestead last week.

Mrs. Westerman was a visitor to relatives at Goodland last week. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, also Cliff and Ran Adams went to Ottery on a visit a week ago.

Jesse and Tony Brooks visited Arville Crocker at Goodwater last Saturday and Sunday. James Bowen, our mail carrier, mached his foot a few days ago, consequently he is laid off for a time. Egg buyers are around now. Also applicants for schools.

Denary me! What a weeping and wailing there will be when the next school term begins, and Miss Fanny's place is filled by another. We wish Miss Bertha the success that has attended Miss Fanny during her life.

Rev. Chester will fill his regular appointment at Goodland on the fourth Sunday and Saturday preceding. PAULINE.

Warranty deeds, deeds of trust, quit claim deeds and chattel mortgages for sale at this office.

Osteopathy in Deafness.

To Whom It May Concern: About one year ago I began taking treatment of Dr. W. J. Smith, of Ironton, Mo., for deafness. I was so deaf that people had to holler at me to make me understand what they had to say. I cannot say enough for Dr. Smith, and I advise all deaf people to give him a trial. I was deaf fifteen years.

Yours, Truly, THAD. SALTZ. Ironton, Mo., Sept. 9, 1900.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, May 12, 1903:

Table with columns: Days of Week, Days of Month, Highest, Lowest, Precipitation. Data for Wednesday through Tuesday.

NOTE—Precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches or more equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. W. H. DELANO, Observer.

K. of P. Celebration at Oran May 20th.

A rate of \$1.50 for the round trip from Ironton to Oran and return, on account of the above, has been made. W. P. WEAVER.

Grand Railroad Excursion from St. Louis to Iron Mountain, Middlebrook, Pilot Knob, Ironton and Arcadia, Mo., Sunday May 17th, 1903, via the Iron Mountain Route. Trains leave Union Station 8:30 A. M. GRIFFIN EXCURSIONS.

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