

Iron County Register

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FRONTON, MISSOURI

You can hire house builders, but must marry home builders.

Anybody could match up soul mates if neither side was particular.

If in addition to enacting new laws we were to enforce those we have already it might help materially.

It has been discovered that Pharaoh had toothache and the goat. No wonder the Israelites fled from him.

It is proposed in Denmark to send an expedition to teach the Eskimos to fish. Are they as hopeless as that?

As a hazardous occupation, sitting on a keg of powder while smoking a pipe isn't to be compared with raising tobacco in Kentucky.

The discovery of an angle worm in a glass of milk might have been a comforting reminder to that Detroit man that it will soon be time to go fishing.

Wellesley college's professor of rhetoric says playing bridge whist is a mental chewing gum for girls. This involves some stretch of the imagination.

By the time China has armed and drilled a few hundred thousand more men perhaps it will be able to talk the language of modern diplomacy fluently.

Why does the average person put the stocking on the left foot first? Probably for the same reason that most people remove the right boot first. Habit.

A New York man wandered away from home and forgot where he lived. Not every New Yorker, however, says the Chicago Daily News, has such a pleasant experience.

After all the encomiums handed to "the man behind the gun" it is a shock to learn that our naval marksmanship at Santiago was bad. Still, it answered every purpose.

The action of the New York man who asked to be chloroformed, admitting that he has outlived his usefulness, seems an admission that he is too lazy to do the job himself.

Persons who do the loudest complaining against the length of the winter and the cold weather in general are usually those who had hay fever last fall and prayed for an early frost.

Mitzel Morok, the loop-the-loop girl, heroine of a thousand thrilling whirls, has been killed while in the domestic act of pouring a cup of tea, thus again proving how dangerous it is to be alive.

That is, Archbishop Ireland does not believe in war, but if there must be war he thinks it wise and proper to be prepared to knock the tar out of the other fellow. Any fallacy in the doctrine?

Philadelphia is beginning to talk about celebrating the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of her founding next October, and Mayor Reubyn recommends that the old home week idea be adopted.

The question "Shall army officers wear corsets?" will not down, and fat ones are becoming alarmed at the prospect. Possibly some of them wouldn't be so corseted had they been "straight laced" early in life.

The heiresses who married titles and went abroad to live in the splendor of old world aristocracy are coming home. They seem to have lost all their desire for the aristocracy, and incidentally, a good many of their dollars.

In a recent bulletin from the University of California is given a summary of the evidence prepared by Prof. J. D. Whitney to show that the famous Calaveras skull, found in a miner's shaft in Bald Hill, near Altaville, probably came from a cave used by the Indians for burial purposes.

The mayor of Cincinnati wants women in that city debarred from operating automobiles. He says that the only machines women should run are sewing machines. To this, remarks the Baltimore American, the women will retort that it is just like a man man to leave them the work, while he takes all the fun.

It has been supposed that smoking makes such slaves of its victims that they rarely seek to lighten the yoke. National figures in regard to the tobacco industry indicate the contrary. When the financial panic of last October appeared, the production of cigars decreased 146,000,000 in a single month, and in December dropped off to the extent of another 100,000,000. The manufacture of cigarettes was also greatly lessened. There was evidently a desire to economize, if not to break off the habit. Or perhaps it was a turning to the seductive pipe.

The wife of the Indiana editor who makes a two-column appeal in her husband's paper for his nomination to a state office has a heart in the right place, but her editorial "we" has its embarrassing and confusing suggestions, remarks the Indianapolis Star. "Our husband," "our vow at the marriage altar," "we are with him," "we will work for him," etc., are phrases carrying a Utah-like flavor that might mislead the unwary. But what does the literary form matter? The lady, she's all right.

A Pennsylvania man who had to give up his warm bed to his mother-in-law and change to the spare room has brought suit for divorce. Anybody who has occupied the spare room on a winter night would ordinarily sympathize with this martyr to hospitality, but he happens to be a wealthy oil producer, and might have bought an oil stove and got along. Usually, too, remarks the Baltimore American, men blame their mothers-in-law for making things too warm for them. The Pennsylvania man is a suer.

MOBS LYNCH TWO

BOTH WERE TAKEN FROM THE ARRESTING OFFICERS.

NEGRO SLAYS 12-YEAR-OLD BOY

Body of African Who Criminally Assaulted White Woman Has Not Yet Been Found.

Wesson, Miss.—John Burr, a young negro, was lynched near here Sunday by about 30 men for the murder of a 12-year-old white boy.

Saturday night, according to Burr's confession and the story of an eye-witness, he was fishing in a mill pond when Earl Smith, the 12-year-old son of J. W. Smith, a planter, approached and began a conversation. Burr was an employe of Smith's father and he said to the boy:

"Look up, look at the bird."

As young Smith gazed skyward, the negro shot him in the back of the head with a shotgun. Burr threw the boy's body into the mill pond and with a shot gun. Burr threw the boy's body into the mill pond and fled, but was captured by officers and was on his way to jail when just as the Sabbath dawned a party of about 30 men took the prisoner away from the officers. The negro was quickly hanged from a tree and several shots were fired to hasten his death.

Convict Assaults Woman.

Mobile, Ala.—Walter Clayton, a negro, who was serving time at the stockade of the Hand Lumber Co., for manslaughter, late Saturday afternoon criminally assaulted Mrs. Joseph White, aged 20 years, and was lynched by a mob of 75 men outside the limits of Bay Minette Saturday night.

The assault occurred at the woman's home, six miles below Loxley. Clayton entered the house, it is said, and choked Mrs. White into submission. The negro returned to the convict camp, where he was arrested late Saturday night. The negro told the officers not to take him back to the scene, as he committed it, and it was not necessary to have him identified. Two officers hurried him to Bay Minette, county seat of Baldwin county. As they approached the jail, 75 men came from behind a fence and took charge of the negro, dragging him and the deputy 75 yards before it was discovered the men were handcuffed together. The deputy was then released and the negro carried away.

The negro's body has not yet been found.

Divorce Epidemic in Family.

Ottumwa, Ia.—Married life has not gone well with William Curran and his sons, Samuel and Charles, of this city. All three will appear in divorce proceedings at the April term of the district court, and the father and one son, Samuel, have given up all hope of marital bliss after a second trial.

Death Due to Shock.

Bellefontaine, O.—The remains of Miss Mary Palmer of Dayton, who was drowned by a skiff overturning in the Miami river, were brought to this city. Dr. H. E. Palmer, the father, gives it as his opinion that his daughter died from heart failure caused by the shock of the cold water. She was an excellent swimmer.

Youth Beaten to Death.

Dayton, O.—Charles Comer Sangle of Lima, who was beating his way on a Big Four train, fell from a car to a street crossing and both legs and arms were mangled. In a dying statement at the hospital, he said he was knocked from the car by a detective, who used a blackjack.

Reinstated and Gets \$2,386.

Youngstown, O.—An alternative writ of mandamus was issued against the officials of the city compelling the payment of \$2,386.16 to George B. Moyer, a city detective, who was suspended from the police force for two years and then reinstated by the supreme court.

Snuff Thrown Ducked.

Newark, O.—Rodney McCullom of Granville was given a ducking in the creek by Denison students, because he had blown snuff in the town hall while a literary contest was in progress. Every one was set sneezing and coughing and it nearly broke up the meeting.

Match Destroys Forest.

Woodbury, N. J.—By the dropping of a match by a wood chopper, 20 acres of woodland, belonging to J. M. Nelson, J. C. Brooks and the estate of Jarvis Pedrick, on the Center-ton road, were burned over.

Gives \$10,000 to Church.

Bridgeport, Conn.—The will of Charles M. Minor was offered for probate. The estate is valued at \$10,000 and it is left entirely to the Congregational church.

Negro Sues Congressman.

Washington—Representative Thomas Heflin of Alabama was made the defendant in a suit for \$20,000 damages filed in the district court by Louis Lundy, the negro with whom the congressman had an altercation on a street car on March 27 last.

Veteran Found Dead, Rifle in Hand.

Mason City, Ia.—Jacob F. Church, old soldier and pioneer citizen, was found dead in bed with a rifle grasped in his hands. It is thought that he committed suicide.

Boom Pounded for Mayor.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—Former Governor Thad C. Pound, one of the most prominent figures in Wisconsin for half a century, is being urged to run for mayor of this city. Despite his age, the former executive of Wisconsin may consent to make the run.

Her Love Worth \$500,000.

Cincinnati—John M. Gorman, former telegraph operator, now a millionaire, was sued for \$500,000, on the charge of alienating the affections of the wife of a clerk, Harry Rensch.



RICH FARMER SLAIN

POSSE SCOURS WOODS AND RAVINES NEAR VIENNA, MO.,

VICTIM DECEYED AND ASSASSINATED

Sum of \$300 Then Is Stolen After His Residence Is Ransacked—Bloodhounds Are Sent to the Scene.

Vienna, Mo.—A. J. Curtis, one of the wealthiest farmers of Maries county, was decyved outside his home near here Tuesday night and assassinated. There is no clue to the identity of the slayer, although it was believed at first robbery was the motive of the crime.

Bloodhounds were telephoned for to Jefferson City Wednesday and a message from Attorney John G. Slate there says they will be sent at once. Meanwhile a posse is scouring the woods and ravines around the farm of the murdered man, in the hope of capturing the assassin, who is believed to be in hiding. It is said he cannot escape.

Attorney Slate was formerly prosecutor of this county.

\$300 Stolen From Home.

After Mr. Curtis had been called outside he was killed by a charge of buckshot.

His house then was ransacked and \$300 taken.

Curtis was a prominent and well-to-do citizen, without enemies so far as known.

It was known that he was in the habit of keeping considerable sums at his house.

Vienna is an inland town, remote from the railroads. It is reached either by the Rock Island on the north or by the Frisco on the south.

ELECTRIC GUN A NEW PERIL.

Throws Shells 300 Miles at Rate of 50 Each Minute.

London—Government ordnance experts have reported confirming the claim by W. S. Simpson, a well-known metallurgist, that the latter has invented an electric cannon capable of throwing a projectile 300 miles.

"The gun will revolutionize naval construction," says Col. Maule, one of the foremost of the authorities engaged in the still pending tests of the weapon. "It will force the abandonment of armor and make speed the prime requisite in fighting vessels."

The weapon develops a velocity of 30,000 feet per second, and the experts also support Simpson's assertion that it will discharge 50 shells of 500 pounds each minute. It will likewise throw one projectile a long and a second a short distance.

The basic force being electricity, the discharge is without flash, smoke or recoil.

Kinsman Declared Insane.

Warren, O.—Alfred Kinsman, brother of Senator Thomas Kinsman, was pronounced insane here by a jury in the common pleas court. He was charged with the murder of George Birrell.

Wolves Attack Cattlemen.

Austin, Tex.—Packs of lobo wolves are killing many cattle in the northwestern part of this county. Several of the animals attacked Ben Wimblerley and P. C. Boyce, ranchmen of that section, while they were out rounding up cattle. The men saved themselves by climbing trees.

School Building Completed.

Frederick, Okla.—There has just been completed a modern three-story school building here, costing \$26,000, which will be occupied by 700 pupils.

Hunter's Body Found.

Billings, Mont.—News of the finding of the body of Frank Blank, a Red Lodge man who disappeared last summer while in Northern Wyoming, reached here. The body was found in an unfrequented spot only a short distance from where the hunters had their camp.

Expels Fifty for April Lark.

Columbia, S. C.—Fifty members of the junior class at Clemson college were expelled and it is probable 200 sophomores and freshmen will be dismissed for having left the campus without leave "on an April-fool lark."

Lockjaw Kills Child.

Plainfield, Wis.—Debs, the 11-year-old son of E. T. Bentley of this city, died of lockjaw. The boy accidentally shot himself in the hand last Saturday while playing with a revolver. Lockjaw set in, resulting fatally.

SCORES HURT IN RACE RIOT.

Police Charge Laborers Who Attack Italians at Hammerstein Building.

Philadelphia, Pa.—In a race riot at the Hammerstein opera house site, in which more than a thousand men participated, one man was shot and scores were injured by flying clubs and stones.

The factions were composed of Irish, negroes and Italians. The Italians were looking for work, and the men of the other nationalities accused them of offering to work too cheaply. The police reserves were called out and a cordon of 40 men was thrown about the scene of the fracas to keep order throughout the day.

So serious did the affray become during the morning hours that it was necessary for the police to form a flying wedge and charge into the ranks of the fighters.

The contractors on the opera house had advertised for men and about 3,000 had gathered, negroes making up the greater part of the throng. While the crowd was awaiting the contractors' orders a party of about 100 Italians advanced also in search of work. One Italian's head was so crushed that he probably will die.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN HAYTI.

Dispute in Government Leads to Contention and Bloodshed Imminent.

Paris—A special dispatch received here Wednesday from Port Au Prince, Hayti, says that the situation there is extremely grave and that complete anarchy prevails.

A dispute is said to have arisen between Gen. Jules Cococou, chief of the military district of Port Au Prince, and Camille Gabriel, nephew of President Nord, as to their respective powers in coping with the situation.

The dispatch further declares that American warships are preparing to land troops.

Inquest Over Stevens' Death.

San Francisco, Cal.—An inquest was held Tuesday afternoon in the death of Durham White Stevens, the diplomat, who was shot by the Korean, In Whan Chang, Coroner Leland asked Chang if he cared to make any statement. "Certainly not," replied the assassin's lawyer. The jury returned a verdict formally charging Chang with murder.

Finds Gold on His Farm.

Watertown, S. D.—Four nuggets of gold about the size of a bean were brought into town by A. J. Kidder, who picked them up on his farm ten miles northeast of Watertown. That free gold existed east of here has been known for a long time, but these were the largest specimens ever brought to the notice of local experts.

Tangles With Live Wire.

Chickasha, Okla.—Le Roy Maxey, assistant cashier of the Citizens' National bank here, had another mixup with a live wire. While driving through an alley a wire fell on the horse, but the wire was insulated and no damage was done. A few months ago Mr. Maxey had a horse killed and received a severe shock himself by an electric wire.

Mine May Be Their Grave.

Hanna, Wyo.—Preparations are being to open the Union Pacific Coal Co.'s mines Nos. 2 and 3, and to seal mine No. 1 with its scores of dead who were killed in the two explosions a week ago.

Fights Fire with Gasoline.

Oskaloosa, Ia.—Mistaking a cup of gasoline for water and pouring it over her apron to extinguish flames that had caught in the garment, Mrs. Geo. Yanning of Millersburg was burned to death.

Both Legs Cut Off.

Morris, Minn.—Joseph Schroeder, about 40 years old, a Great Northern section foreman, was knocked down by an engine and run over, cutting off both legs just above the knees.

Seize Thief and Load of Iron.

Gloucester City, N. J.—Four men were discovered leaving the old Iron works at Gloucester plant with a wagon laden with about 4,000 pounds of iron. Chief Goan gave chase and the wagon and one of the men were captured in Camden.

Fatal Skirmish in Arizona.

Douglas, Ariz.—Ranger Jeff Kidder is reported perhaps fatally injured and three Mexican officers killed or injured as the result of a battle at Naco, Ariz.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures Introduced and What Action Is Taken on Them.

Liability Act Reported.

Washington—The house committee on the judiciary Saturday presented to the house the majority report of the committee commending the passage of the Stierlin employers' liability act as finally amended in the committee.

Representatives Littlefield (Me.), Bannon (O.) and Parker (W. Va.) submitted a minority report, in which they declared unconstititutional the clause incorporated by the committee governing the recovery of damages by injured employes. This clause is so drawn that an employe suing an employer shall have deducted by the jury the amount of damages sustained a sum equal in percentages to his own contributory negligence. That is to say that the employe sues for \$10,000, and the jury finds that his negligence was 90 per cent to blame for the accident the employe can still recover from the employer \$1,000.

Minister for Each Republic.

Washington—In recognition of the growing importance of the United States' relations with South America, the house committee on foreign affairs, in reporting the diplomatic and consular bill, through Chairman Cousins, provided for a separate American minister to each of the five republics, thus affording the United States an individual representative in every American country. The total appropriation carried by the bill is \$3,520,283, an increase of \$366,130 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year, which is intended to provide for rent allowance and office furnishings for American consulates, in accordance with the reports of inspectors.

Army to Get \$100,000,000.

Washington—The army appropriation was completed by the senate committee on military affairs and will be reported to the senate on Monday. It will carry about \$15,000,000 more than was provided in the bill as it passed the house, making a total of approximately \$100,000,000.

One item of about \$10,000,000 was included to increase the pay of the army revenue cutter service and marine corps, but excluded enlisted men of the navy, in accordance with the provisions of the bill as passed by the house.

For the joint maneuvers of the regular army and the organized militia, \$1,000,000 is appropriated. About \$5,000,000 has been made in the appropriation for the transportation of troops and the purchase and repair of the ships to be used as army transports. The house adopted an amendment which would bar officers of the regular army from taking part in the annual rifle contest, and the senate committee struck this out.

SENATOR DAVIS FINED \$25.

More Trouble Feared as Sequel to Little Rock Street Fight.

Little Rock, Ark.—United States Senator Jefferson Davis was fined \$25 in police court Wednesday morning on a charge of disturbing the peace. The charge of carrying weapons was dismissed. The senator appeared in court with his head bandaged. At the same time Thomas E. Helm, deputy prosecuting attorney, was in a justice court to be tried on the charge of assault and battery.

There is danger of more fighting, as the situation is strained to the breaking point. Many witnesses testified that Davis ran to his office, after having been assaulted by Helm, got a large army and navy revolver and returned to the scene looking for Helm, declaring he desired to get a shot at him. Witnesses also testified that the senator cursed much.

Prince Helle to Return to Paris.

New York—Prince Heyle de Sagan announced Tuesday that he de Sagan announced Tuesday that he will sail for France on La Provence on April 9, and that Mme. Gould and her children will return to Europe just as soon as she recovers from an attack of bronchitis, with which she was overcome while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse at the Hotel St. Regis on Monday.

Gives \$50,000 to Church.

Marion, O.—Mrs. Anna Harkness, widow of Stephen V. Harkness of New York, has given the Methodist church of Caledonia \$50,000 to erect a new building, which is to be a memorial for the mother of the donor.

Sleeps with Lamp in Hand.

Chardon, O.—While reading with a paper in one hand and a lamp in the other, Clinton Goodwin of Claridon fell asleep. The lamp, dropping from his grasp, exploded and, breaking, scattered oil on his feet, which were severely burned.

Blies Denied a Rehearing.

Jefferson City—Division No. 2 of the supreme court refused to give a rehearing in the case of A. C. Biles, alias Frank Daly. Biles was sentenced two weeks ago by the court to be hanged in St. Louis on April 3 for the murder of Engineer Harvey.

State Treasurer's Statement.

Jefferson City—The statement submitted to Gov. Folk by State Treasurer Gmelch shows a balance to the credit of the state March 31 of \$2,106,262.88.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Rules in Railroad Cases.

Kansas City—Judge Smith McPherson, in the federal court here decided that he has full jurisdiction over both the maximum freight rates and the 2c passenger fare cases in Missouri. In other words, he holds in favor of the railroads and against the state or the question of jurisdiction.

Lower Assessment Asked.

Jefferson City—A committee of the State Bankers' Association, including A. O. Wilson of St. Louis, waited on the state board of equalization and requested a reduction of bank stock assessment for taxable purposes. They think it should be assessed at 50 cents. The committee pointed out that the average assessment of real estate in Missouri is 26 per cent, live stock 36 per cent and merchandise 40 per cent.

Heir to English Millions.

Kansas City—Word has been received by friends of Miss Joanna Pomfret, formerly of this city, that she is in all probability one of the heirs of the Pomfret millions bound up in English estates. Miss Pomfret is now in Chicago, and has placed her claim over other heirs for the money.

State Balance \$2,106,262.

Jefferson City—State Treasurer Gmelch reports a balance in the treasury at the close of business Tuesday of \$2,106,262.88. Feb. 29 the balance was \$2,202,094.89. Receipts during March were \$294,712.60 and disbursements \$391,544.60. Earnings of the Missouri penitentiary were \$22,562.90 and disbursements for that institution \$24,110.54. Receipts from the sale of automobile licenses make a good road fund of \$14,767.

Nominating Petitions Filed.

Jefferson City—Nine nominating petitions were filed April 2. Five of these, coming from St. Louis City, Ray and Linn counties, were filed by Nova Winters for railroad and warehouse commissioner. James Ellison, for the Kansas City court of appeals, filed three, which came from Adair, Clay and Clinton counties, and Nat Shelton filed one from Marion county for the supreme court.

Farmer Slain and Robbed.

Vienna—A. J. Curtis, a prosperous farmer residing near Vienna, was decyved from his home and slain by an unknown man armed with a shotgun. Robbery is thought to have been the motive, as several hundred dollars Curtis was known to carry on his person is missing.

Frost Misses Peaches.

Columbia—Prof. J. C. Whitten of the state horticultural department states that the frost of April 1 had not damaged the peach crop at all. The danger period may come later, he said, but the crop is safe so far. Hon. George B. Ellis, secretary of the state board of agriculture, said: "The reports we have at hand indicate that the crop is safe. I do not think the frost did material damage."

Two Held for Kidnaping Child.

Jefferson City—Gov. Folk honored a requisition from the governor of Kansas for the return to Galena, that state, of Stewart Wheeler and Sophia Caughenbaugh, who are charged with kidnaping Vivian Caughenbaugh, 12 years old, from her guardian, J. F. Powell. They are under arrest at Joplin.

Pardon of Smiths Asked.

Poplar Bluff—Audrey Russell of Poplar Bluff and other citizens here have secured more than 600 names to a petition to Gov. Folk, asking that the Smiths, found guilty of peonage, be pardoned. The signers assert that the presence of the Smiths here is necessary to the commercial activity of Southeast Missouri.

Auditor Wilder's Statement.

Jefferson City—Auditor Wilder's report for March shows the state's disbursements to have been \$391,544.61, with the receipts \$294,712.60, an excess of \$96,832.01 in disbursements over receipts.

Fruit Growers Fear Losses.

St. James—Peach and pear orchards were in full bloom up to April 1, when a crust one-half inch thick froze on the soft wet ground and fruit growers fear the crop is lost.

Moratch Jury Disagrees.

Kansas City—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Moratch, charged with killing 4-year-old Ruth Miller, who died from the effects of eating poisoned candy, announced that it was unable to agree upon a verdict and was discharged. It is understood that the jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

Methodists Favor Prohibition.

Mokane—The Mexico district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in session here, passed a temperance resolution indorsing state-wide prohibition, and adjourned to hold its annual meeting in Montgomery next year. The conference embraces the counties of Montgomery, Audrain, Boone and Calloway.

Howard County Goes Dry.

Fayette—At the local option election Howard county went dry by a majority of 210.

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DON'T LIKE LITTLE STRANGER.

Did Ever Youngster Welcome Advent of Little Brother or Sister?

The mothers were talking shop. "When little Harold came," said the first mother, "his older brother Reginald was very curious about him."

"Yes, Reggie, dear," I told him, "the little baby is a Washington's birthday present to us from the angels."

"He frowned in thoughtful silence. Then he said: "Well, mamma, if we wrap him up