

# ALL OVER LAFAYETTE

## Newsy Letters From The Intelligencer's Busy Correspondents.

### TRUE REFLEX OF WHAT IS TRANSPILING LOCALLY

#### Big Grist From Higginsville—General Local News of Interesting Characters.

##### WELINGTON AND VICINITY.

(BY LREALMA.)

Ed Nahus had business in Lexington Thursday.

Alex Denton was in Kansas City Wednesday.

L. B. Seitz had business in Lexington Tuesday.

A. E. Oberhelman was in Kansas City Tuesday.

W. H. Stevenson, of Lexington, had business here Tuesday.

J. A. R. Chamberlin, of Greenont Valley, was here trading Saturday.

John E. Bryant, marshal of the village of Levasy, spent Sunday here.

H. B. Corse went to Kansas City Monday evening and returned Tuesday.

August Buenemann and James L. Kincaid have gone for a few weeks' stay at Excelsior Springs.

Robert Howe and family, of Lexington township, attended the services at the M. E. church South, Sunday.

Rev. I. T. Seybold, pastor of the German Evangelical church, went to St. Louis Monday on some mission for the church.

E. C. Waller spent three or four days the latter part of last week with the family of his brother-in-law, J. N. Dally, of Sedalia.

John H. Grunke and wife left Monday morning for a two weeks' visit to friends at their old home in St. Charles county, this state.

Miss Matilda Hardette has secured employment in Hinesley's cigar factory in Lexington and left for the scene of her labor Monday.

H. Muthamp and Charles Somdker with their families and Otto Kock attended the mission feast at the German church in Higginsville Sunday.

Miss Lelia Carpenter, who for the past two months has been staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Simmons, near Prairie Home, in Cooper county, came home Monday.

Arthur Chanslor removed with his family last week to the farm of J. M. Rice, near Glenwood school house, where Miss Chanslor will teach during the coming fall and winter term.

Another landmark of a half century's standing disappeared Friday when the work of tearing away the old Fountain Freeman house was completed in order to make way for the necessary excavating for the new switch yards and depot site just southwest of the Wellington mills.

Workmen are experiencing much trouble and delay, while the company will be put to several hundred dollars additional expense on account of the embankments sliding into the excavation for the abutment on the west side of the Big Sul creek for the new railroad bridge over that stream.

As John Prock was leaving town Wednesday evening the horse attached to his buggy became unmanageable and ran into a hitching rack in front of Dr. J. A. Mann's residence overturning and breaking the vehicle. Both Prock and the horse were thrown to the ground and slightly injured, though able to proceed on the way after being brought back to town for repairs.

H. A. Williams, station agent for the Missouri Pacific at this place, has been given a place in Kansas City as one of the telegraph operators at the state line office and will leave in a few days. Mrs. Williams left Tuesday for Lamont, and will remain with her parents until their home in Independence, where they will live, can be made ready. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have made many friends here who deeply regret their departure.

##### CORDER

Mrs. Bob Corder was in Lexington Tuesday trading.

Mrs. Porter, of Alma, is with Mrs. S. P. Clayton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Winn, of Dover, were here Thursday.

Miss Mary Bryant spent Saturday and Sunday in Odessa.

B. L. Goodwin, of Higginsville, had business here Monday.

Mrs. B. M. Barbee, of Alma, was here the first of the week.

Mrs. Ben Freeland is visiting relatives in Richmond this week.

Dr. Geo. Carter, of Kansas City, spent Sunday here with his relatives.

Miss Maurice Slusher, of Waverly, is

visiting her cousin, Miss Flossie S'usher.

Rev. N. H. McCain and wife have departed for Kansas City, their future home.

Mrs. Geo. Armentrout and Miss Lucy Hackley visited in Lexington this week.

Paul Wilson, C. W. Leiser, and Ed. Armbruster attended the state fair several days last week.

Misses Littleman and Tomasmeyer left for their home in Quincy, Ill., after spending several months with Conrad Smith and family.

##### HIGGINSVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Clinton Blanc, of Kansas City, was in town this week.

Mrs. Dan Collard, of Lexington, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beasley spent Sunday in Sweet Springs.

W. J. Browning, of near Blackburn, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Asbury spent part of this week in Kansas City.

Mrs. Nolting, of Denver, Col., is here visiting relatives and friends.

Ned Asbury and wife have gone to housekeeping on Grand avenue.

Rev. Ferrell, of Lamont, filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday.

Miss Lena McDaniel has returned to Kansas City, after an extended visit to her parents.

Mrs. Mary Belt and daughter, Miss Esther, are visiting relatives and friends in the Auliville neighborhood.

Mrs. Boomer and daughter, Miss Florence, returned Sunday from a short visit to friends in Sweet Springs.

In accordance with the mayor's proclamation business was suspended Thursday, showing due respect to our deceased president. Exercises were held at the opera house at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Battie, Miss Zillah Branch and Mrs. Leslie Mason represented the Westminster League of this place at the convention held at Waverly last week.

Miss Mayne Meigs left Friday for Kansas City, where she will remain for several weeks before returning to her home in Oklahoma City. She has been visiting her brother, Will Meigs, for the past month.

A missionary meeting was held in this city Sunday by the members of the Evangelical church. The Lexington choir was present and ministers from Coacordia, Lexington, Mayview and Kansas City were present.

E. B. Fowler came near having a serious accident while driving his automobile in front of the Boston store. It fell striking him across the chest and back of the neck. He is able to be out but still feels the effects of the blow.

Owing to the crowded school Miss Edna Rhinehardt has been employed as teacher and the library at the south building has been arranged for a school room. Higginsville is badly in need of more room in her public school. The roll is larger this year than it has ever been known to be so early in the term.

##### FROM MAYVIEW.

Chal Young made a business trip to Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Wm. McMillister from southern Minnesota is visiting his parents here.

George Plattenburg spent last week in St. Louis, where he went to buy his fall goods.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Norfleet, with their children, from Kansas City, are visiting Tom Norfleet's family, near this place.

Misses Duncan and Woolbrige have returned to Mayview after an absence of several weeks and will reopen their millinery establishment here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Perrie of Kansas City and Mrs. Biles of Boulder, Colorado, are visiting with the families of Dr. Perrie and M. O. C. Wilson this week.

Mrs. Martha Fontaine who has been spending some time with her parents near this place will return to Kansas City this week to resume work there.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitlock of Corder spent Tuesday with friends here. The Rev. M. Whitlock was pastor of the Baptist church at this place several years ago.

The ladies of the Christian church are about to have their church repaired and painted, very beautiful paper having been chosen. Work will begin on the interior next week.

Work on the apple crop has begun in earnest, every man with no other employment being engaged in making barrels, picking or barreling apples. Though not in the "big red apple country," we are "near it."

##### Good Order Club.

There will be a meeting of the Good Order Club of Lexington township on Saturday, September 28, 1901, in the city of Lexington.

##### Death of an Old Citizen.

William Frederic Kerdoff, Sr., one of Lexington's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at one o'clock Thursday morning after a brief illness.

Mr. Kerdoff was a native of New York. He was born at New York City April 16, 1822. When a young man he came to Missouri and settled in Lexington. He was married to Miss Mattie Smith in this city in 1848. The union seven children were born, all of whom are still living. They are Mrs. C. E. Alstadt, of Chicago, Mrs. J. R. Davis, of Lexington, W. F. Kerdoff, Jr., of Lexington, Mrs. Lulu Paxton, of Bristol, Va., E. C. Kerdoff, of New York City, Mrs. H. E. Pierpont, of Chicago, and Miss Allie N. Kerdoff of the same city.

Mr. Kerdoff died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Davis, of kidney trouble.

Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until the arrival of his son, E. C. Kerdoff, from New York City. He is expected tomorrow morning.

##### Col. W. C. Bronaugh.

Col. W. C. Bronaugh, of Henry county, who had been looking after business interests in Lexington for a day or two, departed for home Wednesday morning. Col. Bronaugh is one of Missouri's best known and most popular citizens. He served as warden of the state penitentiary under the Francis administration and made a splendid record.

Col. Bronaugh is a zealous member of the organization of ex-confederate veterans of Missouri, and it is generally known that it was to a great extent through his efforts that the younger brothers were paroled from the Minnesota penitentiary.

Col. Bronaugh's friends are grooming him as a candidate for railroad commissioner at the next election.

##### An Afternoon Entertainment.

The reception given Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock by Mrs. Mary W. Chew and her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Wilson, at the home of the former on South street, was a delightful event in Lexington social life. Mrs. Chew and Mrs. Wilson were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Ryland Todhunter, Mrs. Joseph B. Silver and the Misses Wilkinson, of St. Louis. The punch bowl was presided over by Misses Katherine Hays, Arline Burden and Leah Chew. Light refreshments were served during the evening under the immediate supervision of Mesdames H. W. Winsor and Leroy Farmer and Misses Elliott Todhunter and Mary Silver. A pretty effect was the decoration, the interior of the house having been festooned with asters, palms and ferns. There were a number of invited guests present.

##### An Appreciated Visit.

Isaac George, who with his daughter is visiting old time friends in Lexington, paid the INTELLIGENCER a visit Wednesday accompanied by his comrade-in-arms in the Mexican war, Joseph Chino. Mr. George resided in Lexington and was engaged in doing carpenter work when the Mexican war broke out and he and Mr. Chino and William Hale enlisted in the same company. Originally there were 118 men in this company but Mr. George says that in his opinion there are now only seven or eight alive.

Mr. George only resided about eighteen months in Lexington, and with the exception of that period of time and one year spent with Doniphan he has resided at his present home in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was 22 years of age when he located here; now he is 79.

##### Wedding Cards Out.

Cards have been received in Lexington announcing the wedding of Miss Bessie Vernie Wright to Mr. Preston B. Smith on the 25th of this month at 8 o'clock p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, at Tonganoxie, Kansas. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Zach W. Wright, formerly sheriff of Lafayette county, and is well and favorably known here. Mr. Smith, the groom, is a brother to Judge Pearl Smith, of Lexington. He is a farmer residing near Napoleon and is a good citizen. The INTELLIGENCER extends congratulations in advance.

HATCHERCHUBBER, ALA., June 30, 1875.

DR. C. J. MOFFETT—Dear Sir: I can assure you that your Teething (teething powders) is indispensable to us, and in no single instance has it ever proved a failure. We have tried soothing medicines, and everything known to us and "old women" and your teething powder are pre-eminently a success and a blessing to mothers and children. Yours truly, etc. J. M. DELACY.

##### HEALED BY HUMBUG.

Confession of a Medical Man—Treatment of Imaginary Ills.

Yes, I have had some strange patients in my time, as, indeed, every doctor of any experience must have had, said a medical man to a writer for London Tit-Bits; and I have performed some wonderful feats of curing by methods which would not be recorded in the Lancet.

Of course, among a doctor's clients are many whose ailments exist only in their imagination, and not a few of them are positive cranks.

See me a month ago a man called to see me in a state of great distress. He assured me that he had got a "frog in his inside." He had swallowed it in a condition of infancy in a glass of impure water some months earlier, and it had grown to an enormous size, and he was sure that it would be the death of him if he could not get rid of it.

In vain I pointed out that the frog existed only in his fancy; he grew furious at the suggestion, and said that I was as incompetent and unsympathetic as all the other doctors he had consulted.

At last, to get rid of the man, I said: "Very well, you may be right, after all. At any rate, come here again at this time to-morrow and we will see what can be done."

He came at the appointed time, and I told him that an operation would be necessary, to which he gladly consented. I made him lie down on a couch, administered chloroform, and when he recovered consciousness was able to show him a very large and frisky frog as the result of the operation. His delight was unbounded, and he went away blessing me for saving his life. Of course, he had no suspicion that the frog had been specially imported for his benefit.

Another of my patients has to thank me for his preserved eyesight—at least, so he is kind enough to say. He informed me that a tin-tack which he had been hammering had sprung up and lodged in his right eye, causing him infinite pain—and certainly the man's eye, from constant rubbing, was in a state of great inflammation.

I examined the eye carefully, but could find no trace of any foreign substance in it; and, as for there being a tin-tack "buried in it," the idea was preposterous. However, as I saw the man was convinced the tack was there and was making himself ill with anxiety about it, I suggested a small operation. A few minutes' preparation was all that was necessary. Fortunately, one of my boys had a magnet, which I discovered, and attaching this to a battery I held it in proximity to the man's eye.

Within a few seconds my efforts were rewarded, for I was able to show my patient a very vicious-looking tin-tack (which I had taken from the drawing-room carpet), and had the satisfaction of sending him away happy, to advertise my "skill" among his friends.

One good lady, who is a small and constant annuity to me, vows that I am the "cleverest doctor in town," and has sent me crowds of patients. She is one of those people who are always imagining that they have some ailment; indeed, I think by this time she must almost have exhausted all the "ills that flesh is heir to," and will have to begin again.

Of course, there is nothing whatever the matter with her, except indolence, which is the mother of all kinds of disorders, real and fanciful. Fortunately for every ailment I am able to cure a specific, which never fails to cure her within a few weeks. The curious thing is that, with a slight variation in coloring and flavor, the medicines are always the same, and contain nothing more potent than a little sugar, with a tablespoonful of wine or spirit.

Some people would say that it is wrong to deceive a patient in this way; but I cannot see it. Such women are never happy unless they are "under the doctor's hands," and if one man won't doctor them another will. My medicines certainly do them good, if only in imagination; and in this particular case do not cost my patient a tenth part of the money she spends on her pet dogs.

You did not know that it is possible to turn a man's head completely round without killing the patient, did you? Well, it is; for I have done it, and ought to know.

About a year ago a man called to ask me if I could do anything for him. He told me that by some means, which he could not explain, his head had got twisted completely round, so that the back of it was in front and his face behind. This was a serious state of things, though I admit the

man's appearance seemed to me quite normal. However, I was equal even to this emergency, and invited the man to call again at an appointed time, prepared to undergo an operation.

By an arrangement of mirrors, the man was only able to see the back of his head, a fact which, of course, confirmed him in his hallucination. The lights were then turned out, and in the darkness I gave my patient a series of electric shocks from a powerful battery, during which my assistant gave his head a series of violent twists and wrenches, until the poor man begged us to desist.

With a final shock and twist the lights were relit, and to my patient's delight he saw his face in the very mirror where only a few minutes earlier he had seen only the back of his head. The cure was complete, and the patient is firmly convinced that during that awful period of twists and shocks (and juggling with mirrors) his head was actually twisted into its proper position again.

##### NO NEW IDEA.

Ancient Peoples Associated Rats with Spread of Bubonic Plague.

In a recent number of the Frankfurter Zeitung is a discussion of the antiquity of the belief that rats are responsible for the spread of the plague. According to the writer the recognition of the necessity of exterminating rats is no modern idea. It appears that the Chinese have long observed the association between the death of a rat in the house and the appearance of a case of plague a few days later in the family living there. Then follows a quotation from J. Campbell Gibson's article in the Expository Times, in which the author points out very convincing evidence that the disease inflicted upon the Philistines described in 1 Samuel, chapters 5-6, was bubonic plague, and that they recognized the dependence of the spread of this disease upon rats or mice (a word corresponding to rat perhaps not existing); when they sent the ark back to the Israelites they sent also a guilt offering, golden images of the "tumors," the chief symptoms of disease in those cases which were not fatal, together with golden images of mice. The description of this disease is quite clearly that of bubonic plague. The recognition that it is mice which were responsible is very interesting. In Homer's Iliad there is a passage indicating the association between "the God of mice" and the plague, which he in reply to Cryses' prayer sent into the Grecian camp.—American Medicine.

##### TWO WAYS.

Grandiloquence of the Turk Versus American Simplicity of Statement.

American style: "President McKinley attended church this morning."

Turkish style (from the Ikdam, the official Constantinople organ): "The Sun which lights up the firmament of the Caliphate; the sublime Moon of prosperity; the most divine Caliph; the head of all true believers, yesterday, a day full of bliss, attended the mosque, dazzling with holy light, which bears his august name, and which is one only of his lustrous and renowned works."

"In the elevated desire, which pleases God, to render the homage due to Him, our august Master, who is the source of immeasurable goodness; who wears the crown of charity, and who was seated in a marvelous carriage, a model of honor and of dignity without equal and hallowed by the shadow cast upon it by his Majesty, arrived at the said mosque dazzling with holy light. There he acquitted his debt of homage, gaining by this means renewed holiness and bliss, which are added to his rare qualities. Then he returned again, surrounded by all that is majestic, to his palace, which is unique in the World."

"Cries of 'Long live my Padisha' 'May God prolong his life eternally' (prayers worthy of him), rose toward the heavens, uttered by the imperial army, to which victory is already promised, and by his faithful subjects."—N. Y. Times.

##### Germany a Good Customer.

An examination of the statistics issued by the German government shows that articles from the United States formed, in 1891, 10.4 per cent. of her total imports for consumption, while in 1900 they formed 16.9 per cent. Of her exports, those to the United States in 1891 formed 10.7 per cent. of the total, and in 1900, 9.3 per cent.

##### The Coldest Hour.

At all seasons of the year five a. m. is the coldest hour of the 24.

##### BREVITIES OF FUN.

A Bald Assertion.—Barber—"Your hair will be gray if it keeps on." Scantylocks—"Well, I hope it will keep on."—Baltimore World.

She—"Her husband is an engineer." He—"Civil, I suppose." She—"Well, barely so. They've been married more than a year, I believe."—Philadelphia Press.

"Why, flitters, how thin you are! Been sick?" "N—no; but I paid a week's board in advance at a place where they don't give us anything but 'health food.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin

"That's right, James," said the teacher during the natural history lesson, "and how do you know man is an animal?" "Because I often hear mom call pop a beast."—Philadelphia Times.

Fond Parent—"It is very cruel of you, Bobby, to catch flies and put them on spiders' webs." Bobby—"What for? Does the spider eat too much and get sick?"—Town and Country.

"Tell me," he sighed, "tell me, tell me, beautiful maiden, what is in your heart?" Miss Henrietta Bean, of Boston, gave him a look of icy disdain, and then vouchsafed the monosyllabic reply: "Blood."—Baltimore American.

Riggs—"Strange how eminent authorities differ. Now, Dr. Bolus disapproves of automobiling, while Dr. Kutz strongly favors it." Briggs—"My dear man, Dr. Kutz is a specialist in surgery and Dr. Bolus is not, that's why."—Stray Stories.

Burroughs—"There's a fellow who makes more work and trouble for his friends than anyone else I know." Ascum—"Who? Tytelis? Why, I can hardly believe that of him." Burroughs—"You've never tried to borrow a dollar from him, I guess."—Catholic Standard.

##### PUCKERED BRAINS.

Biggest Head Does Not Always Show the Greatest Intelligence.

Although investigation shows that small-headed men are quite as clever as large-headed men, people fondly cling to the superstition that to distinguish one's self it is necessary to have a big head. It is really a fallacy, as anatomists can easily prove.

What makes you a man of superior intellect is not a large brain, but a brain with many folds—or, as they are scientifically called, convolutions.

The reason is this: The brain consists of two substances, the dense white matter and the softer gray matter. The white matter is inside, and the gray matter covers it, just as the rind covers an orange. Now, the white matter is merely the termination of the nervous telegraphic system of the body, and it is the gray covering matter which thinks, writes, makes poetry, forms judgments, etc.

Obviously, the more gray matter you have the greater is your intellect. To provide for a large expanse of gray matter without increasing the size of the skull to an inconvenient extent, nature has adopted an ingenious plan. It has pushed in the surface of the brain as you might push in a mass of dough with your fingers.

In the lower animals these trenches are few and shallow. In the apes they are a little deeper and more numerous still.—London Answers.

##### MEN WERE DECEMERS EVER.

The Clerk's Explanation of the Solid Alligator-Skin Satchel.

He was a hard-working fancy dealer of Bristol, and he had ransacked the whole shop in his efforts to please an old lady who wanted to purchase a present—"anything real nice"—for her granddaughter.

For the fifteenth time she picked up and critically examined a neat little satchel.

"Are you quite, quite sure that this is genuine alligator skin?" she inquired.

"Positive, madam," quoth the dealer. "I shot that alligator myself."

"It looks rather soiled," said the lady.

"That, madam, is where it struck the ground when it tumbled off the tree."—London Answers.

##### A Strange Circular.

A strange circular has just been issued to the signalmen on a Russian railway, forbidding them to go to sleep lying on the rails. One would hardly imagine that the temptation to do so would prove overpowering, but it appears that the signalmen feel that they have to sleep somewhere, and they labor under the delusion that the vibration of an approaching train will waken them up, a mission which it frequently fails to fulfill.