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LITTLEJOHN ACQUITTED

Killed His Father-in-Law, Abraham Lewis, on October 7.

COURT HAS ADJORNED

Mrs. Lily May Hollingsworth, Who Shot James Geary, Was Exonerated—Some Liquor Cases Disposed Of.

All that was done in the Littlejohn murder trial in the criminal court Monday was the selection of 30 names from which the jury was picked.

Ernest Whitsett entered a plea of guilty to burglary, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary and paroled.

The parole of William Lacy, colored, was continued.

The cases of State vs. Ed Hughes, 3 counts, and State vs. Pat Young, selling liquor to minor, were set for June 19.

The trial of John S. Calloway, 5 cases selling liquor to minor, and 1 case selling liquor on Sunday, was set for Oct. 15.

The trials of J. G. Riley, Frank McClure and Bud Pool, all charged with selling liquor to minor, were set for Oct. 18.

The trial of Joseph Littlejohn for killing his father-in-law, Abraham Lewis, at Dover on October 7, 1907, was concluded Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The evidence had been concluded in the morning and the afternoon was occupied by the speeches and instructions. Prosecuting Attorney N. M. Houx and Wm. Aull represented the state, and Clarence Vivion and Chas. Lyons the defendant. The plea was self defence.

The jury was out a little less than a half hour and returned a verdict of not guilty. This was generally expected.

Wednesday the case of State vs. Lily May Hollingsworth, charged with assault with intent to kill came up. Mrs. Hollingsworth shot James Geary on Bedbug Hill on March 31st in a neighborhood row. She pleaded self-defence.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was acquitted in the afternoon after a rather interesting trial. The jury was composed of Gus Rabius, Geo. H. Plattenburg, Beverly Rose, Robert W. Sumner, Jesse Warder, Sr., T. T. Stramcke, Louis Ehler, J. S. Walker, Frank Heimbrook, Casper Gruber, G. C. Schawe and August Limberg.

Prosecuting Attorney Houx represented the state and Charles Lyons the defendant.

The following liquor cases were disposed of in court yesterday morning.

State vs. T. D. Dean; selling liquor without license. Defendant plead guilty and is fined \$40 and costs.

State vs. T. D. Dean. Defendant pleads guilty to allowing liquor to be drunk on premises and is fined \$1 and costs.

State vs. Ed Hughes; selling liquor to minor; three cases. One case dismissed at defendant's cost and two at state's cost.

State vs. Pat Young; selling liquor to minor. Defendant pleads guilty and is fined \$40 and costs.

State vs. Charles Rehr; selling liquor to minor. Continued to October 13.

The regular panel of petit jurors was discharged Thursday and court adjourned yesterday morning.

The Summer Playgrounds.

The Summer Playgrounds of the Lexington Public Schools, which are situated in the east end of Taubman's pasture, are proving an immense success. Swarms of children, both large and small, thronged the field, and the enjoyment with which they seem to enter into the different sports, greatly pleasing the management and fully repaying them for the time and labor spent in preparing the grounds. The sports are various and interesting. For the smaller children there are seesaws, sand piles etc. while the larger ones indulge in such sports as volley ball, which slightly resembles the game of basket ball, broad and high jumping, parallel bars and base ball.

While the ground is fairly equipped at present, a large amount of the equipment has not yet arrived, but is expected in a few days. A complete gymnasium apparatus, several swings etc. will be valuable and popular additions.

Mr. Graham, the instructor, announces that he intends to organize an amateur base ball league, composed of four 14 or 15 year old teams, the prize for the winning team at the end of the season to be a pennant. Two teams, the Teddy Bears and the West End Athletics, have already applied for admission into the league. This feature will make the Playgrounds doubly interesting, as a game will be played daily. The league will be formed in a few days.

The Playgrounds are in charge of A. E. Graham of Westminster college, who is capable in every way and thoroughly understands his duties as instructor. He is ably assisted by Miss Virgie Spouse.

Thursday's feature was a ball game between the Teddy Bears and the West End Athletics, the former winning by the decisive score of 12 to 4. The game was well played from start to finish and spectacular plays were numerous. Hard hitting and brilliant base running won out for the Teddy Bears, while fast fielding held down their opponents' score. Batteries: W. E. A., O'Malley, Clark and Carroll; T. B. Roberts and Gordon. Umpire, Galle.

The Playgrounds will open every morning at 9 o'clock.

Preliminary Work on P. O. Sight Begins.

The first step in clearing the site on which the new Federal building will be constructed at the corner of 13th and Main, was taken a few days ago when the old log-building in rear of the German Evangelical church, was razed to the ground. This shack was built entirely of rough hewn logs and was supposed to be one of the oldest landmarks in Lexington. Louis Smith, an aged negro, constructed the building himself and has used it for a blacksmith shop continuously for the past 30 years. The tearing down of this building is the preliminary work in preparing the site for the new Post office. According to John T. Taylor, Sr., who owns several buildings on the lot, the work will not be rushed at present, but will begin in earnest this fall.

Died in Kansas City.

Hubert Longdon, aged 62 years, died Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's hospital in Kansas City from Bright's disease, for which he had been receiving treatment there for some time.

Mr. Longdon was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1844, but at an early age was brought to this county where he has resided ever since. He was well known throughout the county and was held high esteem by all his friends and acquaintances. He is survived by two brothers, Charles and John, the latter of whom was at his bedside at the time of his death.

The remains were brought from Kansas City Wednesday morning for interment. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at 2 o'clock that afternoon.

Humdingers Drubbed.

The base ball team of the Elks Wednesday evening made its title clear to the local supremacy by defeating Cobb's Humdingers. The score was 6 to 3. As in the former game Pete Kinkaid and Jarboe Terhune did the slab work and had honors almost evenly divided, with 11 and 10 strikeouts respectively.

Both teams fielded well. Sturgis, Mackle and B. Gordon of the Humdingers figured in some sensational double plays; but the Elks were the steadier and maintained their lead from the early stages of the fray.

Buck Snyder, the star third baseman of the losers, after stealing second in the seventh turned his ankle, causing a severe sprain.

As the admission was free, a large crowd attended the game.

Mrs. Mary Winters and Mrs. V. J. G. Bour, who have been visiting in Kansas City for the past few weeks returned home Thursday evening.

Roscoe Sheets went to Excelsior Springs yesterday to locate. His wife will follow later. Mr. Sheets will take charge of the confectionery store, recently established there by Ernest Krieha.

J. O. Coffin returned yesterday from Moberly, where he has been attending the Missouri State Photographers convention. Mr. Coffin was elected secretary of the Association at the convention.

DOVER NOTES.

Miss Sallie Stark shopped in Higginville Monday.

Dr. M. G. Roberts of Lexington was here last Friday.

Rev. J. E. Henshaw and wife spent Friday in Higginville.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olliver spent Monday in Higginville.

Mrs. Dr. Rile of Kansas City is a guest at Hotel Harwood this week.

Mrs. W. T. Stark and Miss Mary Nesmith shopped in Lexington Monday.

J. R. Plattenburg and W. T. Stark had business in Higginville Monday.

Charlie Wheeler, who was accidentally shot in the leg last Friday, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vaughan announce the birth of a daughter, on Friday, June 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Butler announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, June 19th.

Quite a number of Dover people attended Joe Littlejohn's trial at Lexington this week.

Mrs. Eliza Cox returned Thursday evening from Marshall. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Montague, and little son.

Mrs. Will Dunham and daughter, Miss Laura, and Miss Quail of Kansas City are guests of Miss Lizzie Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vaughan.

HARWOOD-VAUGHAN.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the Christian church in Dover on Wednesday evening, June 17th, when Mr. William B. Harwood and Miss Addie Mary Vaughan were united in marriage by Rev. J. E. Henshaw. The church was beautifully decorated in white and green.

The attendants were Miss Willie Hodges and Sam Reid, Miss Florence Bell Beattie and Ligon Vaughan.

Miss Elizabeth Vaughan played the wedding music, and to the sweet strains of the Lohengrin wedding march the bridal party entered the church preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William Dysart and H. T. Reid, Robert Dysart and Frank Zeysing. Then came the attendants followed by the bride and groom who met at the altar and with a beautiful and impressive ceremony were made one.

The bride was gowned in white with full length tulle veil and carried brides roses. Miss Hodges wore pale green and carried white carnations. Miss Beattie wore cream and carried pink carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The house was decorated with ferns and pink roses. Refreshments were served.

Many beautiful presents were received which will serve as reminders of the happy occasion.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Vaughan and is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, having many friends here and elsewhere.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Harwood and has hosts of friends who congratulate him on the choice he has made of a life companion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood left on the five o'clock train for a few days' visit with relatives in Kansas City.

They will be home to their friends at Mr. S. E. Vaughan's.

Base Ball Challenge.

The Commercial Club base ball team hereby challenges any amateur team in the county. For particulars address

FRED WILMOT, Mgr.
Lexington, Mo.

Among those who went to Kansas City on the Chester Thursday were: Prof. and Mrs. E. W. White, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Rogers, Col. S. Sellers and son, MacBrayer, Misses Marcella Sellers and Gladys Winn, F. T. Bates and son, Ferd, J. G. Greenhaw, Douglas Meag, Mrs. J. W. Meng and daughter, Miss Jean, Robert Stalling, Misses Annie Stalling and Bertha Walk, E. T. Stier, Frank Howe and Elton Davis, Jr. The Chester arrived about 2:30, loaded down with freight. Several men met the boat at Lexington with a request to stop at Sunshine, a small town on the Ray county side, to take off several persons who were food-bound. The request had to be refused as the boat had room for no more passengers.

F. T. Wilson and niece, Miss Nettie Fredendall, returned Thursday evening from a short trip to Bownville.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mrs. Hugh Smith is reported quite sick this week.

Lawrence Smith went to Kansas City last Sunday.

Rev. Buehler and wife spent Sunday in Blackburn.

C. H. Jones spent Sunday and Monday in Kansas City.

D. E. Herr went as far west as Odessa last Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. H. Plattenburg visited in Kansas City last week.

S. M. Greene made a business trip to Odessa last Thursday.

J. A. Calfee came in last Wednesday to visit his son, J. C. Calfee.

John Tyler and wife of Hungry Hill spent a few days here with his father.

Mrs. Abner Hill of Kansas City is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Jones this week.

Clarence Jones went to Kansas City last Sunday to take a look at the flood.

Miss Virgie Belles went to Blackburn last Sunday to visit a sick uncle.

Miss Grace Jennings spent last Sunday here with her aunt, Mrs. G. W. Tyler.

Warren Sherman of near Lexington spent last Sunday here with friends.

Dr. McDaniel of Kansas City was the guest of Miss Bessie China last Sunday.

Miss Marguerite Bensing left for Kansas City last Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr. Altman and wife and Mrs. Wm. Heidbrink spent last Monday in Higginville.

Mrs. Judge Butt is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Barton, this week in Kansas City.

Dr. John Perrie of Lexington is here this week enjoying the association of old friends.

Mrs. T. D. Williamson returned from her visit in Kansas City last Thursday evening.

Miss Belle Graves went to the country to be the guest of Mrs. Chas. Baird last Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Heidbrink is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Minershagen, in Higginville.

Mrs. Dave Pfelegar returned last Tuesday from Higginville where she has been visiting kinfolks.

Walter Windsor was down Sunday from Kansas City and spent the day with his sister, Miss Dessie.

Geo. Humphrey and wife and Mrs. Jennie Riley drove over to Lexington last Monday to see the waters.

Clifton R. Smith and wife returned this week and are home to their friends at their residence north of town.

Charles Simpson and Miss Nora Simpson returned last Thursday from their visit with relatives in Linn Co.

Miss Janie Sherwood spent several days here with her aunt, Mrs. Weed Marshall, this week and also visited with friends.

Mrs. Wm. Rechterman returned last Tuesday from Blackburn where she had been visiting her brother, Lewis.

Henry Drummond is here from Slater this week. He says high water has thrown his road out of commission.

James Powell, who has been attending William Jewel, came in last Tuesday and went out to his brother, Luther.

Geo. H. Plattenburg, F. R. Puckett and G. H. Rabius, regular panel jurymen, are serving the court in Lexington this week.

Sam Beamer wanted to see how a large body of water would look. So he went to Kansas to see. He saw it and said it was wonderful.

Miss Williette Porter of Jefferson City is visiting her old time friends this week. She had been to Marshall to attend the funeral of Dr. Orear.

Miss Tillie Smith left for an extended stay with her sister, Mrs. Q. Ellefritt at Galena, Kansas last Sunday. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lena, as far as Kansas City.

Misses Mabelle Greene, Irene Nelson, Savilla Williamson and Ernest Smith, Guy Greene and Walter Smith went over to Lexington last Monday evening to view the high water.

In the contest for the most popular young lady in Mayview, which was in progress by the amusement company here last week, Miss Naomi Chion was the proud recipient of the silver set,

containing thirty-eight pieces of beautiful silver.

F. W. Stoerner and family moved to Lexington this week. They expect to make that place their future home. We recommend them to you good people. They have lived here for many years. Mr. Stoerner being in the general merchandise business here for over 20 years.

E. M. Taubman was in Kansas City Wednesday.

H. B. Berrie was in Kansas City yesterday.

Judge J. A. Lockhart of Wellington was here Wednesday.

Frank Meyer left Wednesday for a short trip to Blackburn, Mo.

Judge William Young spent Thursday at Confederate Home.

Rev. R. B. Briney returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Miss Isietta Gaffin returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

J. T. Taylor, Sr., returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Miss Carrie Field left Wednesday for St. Louis to visit for a few weeks.

John Ryland came in Tuesday evening for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. James Hays returned Thursday from a several weeks' trip to St. Louis.

Master Robert Hays went to Marshall Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

Miss Mary Lockhart returned Wednesday evening from a several days' stay in Kansas City.

Col. S. J. Huston came down from Kansas City Tuesday evening for a brief stay on business.

Mrs. Bettie Hamlett came down from Kansas City Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives.

Misses Nancy Vivion and Ethel Rose left Wednesday for Mexico, Mo. to attend a house party.

Dr. B. T. Payne was called to Joplin Tuesday evening by the critical illness of his uncle, George Temple.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert of Grand Rapids, Mich. arrived Wednesday evening to spend several weeks with relatives, in this city.

Lawton Gordon of St. Louis arrived Thursday for a few days' visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gordon.

Lyman Reeder left Wednesday for his home in Batesville, Arkansas, after a visit of several days with relatives in this city.

Mrs. George E. O'Hara and her two children of Louisiana, arrived Tuesday evening for an extended visit with the family of J. O. Lesueur.

Miss Virginia Hart of Windsor, Mo., who has been spending several weeks with friends in Lexington, left Wednesday evening for a trip to Chicago.

Mrs. J. B. Davis with her two daughters, Helen and Mary Elizabeth, of St. Louis arrived Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Gordon.

Mrs. W. F. Murphy and little daughter, Margaret, returned to their home in Sedalia Tuesday evening after a few days' visit with relatives in this city.

The fire department was called out Tuesday evening about 5:30 o'clock and made a run to the home of Chal Holmes on Third street. It was nothing but a false alarm.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Carter went to Dover Wednesday to attend the wedding of Miss Addie Mary Vaughn to Mr. William Harwood, which was celebrated there that day.

Mrs. Hugh McPherson and little son, Howard, returned to their home in Plattsmouth Tuesday evening after a visit with the family of Capt. Ryland Tolbunter in this city.

Paul Kendall, who has been visiting the family of C. C. Barnard in this city for the past few weeks, left Thursday for his home in Alton, Ill. He was accompanied home by Luther and little Miss Katherine Barnard.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since Saturday to:

Wm. B. Harwood.....Dover,
Addie Mary Vaughn.....Dover,
Sabert B. Downing.....Higginville,
Emma F. O'Brien.....Higginville.

Buy your homemade cakes and homemade ice creams from Mrs. L. E. Mark.

For a clean hand made long filler call for Hinesley's cigars. Metropolitan, Senate Chamber, Capt. Blutt or Road House.

4-13 4th

MISSOURI IS SLOWLY FALLING

Tuesday the River Was Stationary and Wednesday The Fall Began.

PHONE TOWER DOWN

Capt. Wilson Has a Letter Explaining Why Gauge Readings Here Are Less Than Those in Kansas City.

The worm has finally turned and the recession of the water of the Big Muddy is on. Wednesday morning all the marks which the interested ones have been watching gave the first noticeable sign of a fall since the beginning of the flood.

Reports from up stream indicate that the drop will continue. Although there have been rains during the past two days, the waterfall has not been sufficient to keep the water up. Above Kansas City the Missouri is reported as rising slightly and the Kaw is falling rapidly.

About five o'clock Wednesday afternoon the steel tower supporting the Bell Telephone cable on the Ray county side opposite the foot of Tenth street toppled over. The water probably caused the disintegration of the foundation and the current combined with the wind caused the tower to fall.

The readings on Capt. J. A. Wilson's gauge since June 7 are:

	Morning	Evening
June 7	17.5	17.6
" 8	18.3	19.1
" 9	19.8	20.4
" 10	21.4	22.2
" 11	22.9	23.6
" 12	24	24.1
" 13	24.3	24.5
" 14	24.8	25.1
" 15	25.4	25.6
" 16	25.75	25.7
" 17	25.5	25
" 18	24.5	23.9
" 19	23.75	

Capt. Wilson is in receipt of the following letter which explains itself.

Kansas City, Mo., June 17, '08.
Mr. Joseph A. Wilson,
City Engineer,
Lexington, Mo.

Dear Sir:—
Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., your elevations of benchmarks given are correct.

Elevation 0 of the Kansas City gauge is 303.50. If Mr. Butler set your gauge and gave you 250 as the elevation of 0, I suppose it is correct. I have no way of checking it, more than you have, namely, by running levels from the B. M. to the gauge.

Standard low water at Lexington is 255.98.

Standard low water at Kansas City is 308.67.

At Kansas City the 0 is 5.17 ft. below standard low water, and in accordance with this your 0 should be 255.98-5.17, or 250.81. You might check your elevation of 0 and make it correspond to the Kansas City gauge. However, Kansas City may have a 35 ft. gauge as the crest of a flood while your gauge would show 6 or 7 feet less, because the cross-section of river at Kansas City is narrow while at Lexington it is spread out. In low water though, when the cross-sections of river at Kansas City and Lexington are nearly equal, the gauges ought to read nearly alike, unless the streams below here should be in flood, in which case your gauge could show more water than the Kansas City gauge.

Very respectfully,
EDWARD H. SCHULZ,
Capt. Corps of Engineers.

There is a report that a rise of several feet is due this morning.

Hon. Alexander Graves went to Kansas City Thursday evening on legal business.

Mrs. E. W. Flournoy went to Sedalia Thursday evening to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Margaret Bolton and daughter, Mrs. Robert D. Smith, of St. Louis, arrived Thursday evening for a visit with relatives in this city.

Misses Blanche Willeford of Richmond, Mo. and Stella Marye of Bunton arrived Thursday evening to spend a few days with their friend, Miss Anna Phetsing.