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Border County Notes.

LINN.

Ira Cummings, of the vicinity of Linnus, was arrested one day last week on a charge of larceny. He was given a preliminary examination the next day and held for trial in the circuit court. In default of bond he was lodged in jail.

Ray Fletcher, the 10-year old boy who shot and instantly killed little Minnie Graham, at Brookfield, several weeks ago, was given a preliminary trial, at that city, last week and bound over for his appearance at circuit court. His bond was fixed at \$400.

A team became frightened on the streets of Linnus Thursday afternoon of last week and ran away. An aged lady by the name of Grader and a little girl were thrown out of the wagon and both seriously hurt. The recovery of the old lady is very doubtful.

T. J. Turner, of Laclede, who has been on the United States pension list for fifteen or twenty years, was pronounced a fraud one day last week, by the pension department at Washington. Mr. Turner is now hunting up evidence to establish his identity.

Miss Mary Lane, of Marceline, was arrested Thursday of last week on a complaint charging her with assaulting Mrs. Thomas Martin, of that city. She was tried and found guilty of the charge and fined \$10 and costs, and in default of payment was sent to jail.

At the solemn hour of mid-night on Thursday of last week a small cavalcade of young people went trooping into Linnus. They halted at the recorder's office where Mr. Charles Condron and Miss Allie Shreve were united in marriage. The parties were from Meadville.

Mrs. Mary Sprague, of Marceline, was committed to the Linn county jail, at Linnus, one day last week. She made an ineffectual effort to leave the county, but was finally captured and landed behind the bars. She was trying to avoid the payment of a small fine and costs.

Fifteen couple left Brookfield for Chicago last week to take part in celebrating Missouri's day at the world's fair. Wednesday was the day set apart for that purpose, and right gallantly did the people of Missouri respond to the call. Linn county contributed her quota.

A new pension board was appointed for Linn county last week. The board is now constituted will consist of Dr. Robert Haley, of Brookfield; Dr. D. I. Stephens, of Linnus, and Dr. B. B. Putnam, of Bucklin. The headquarters of the board will be at Dr. Haley's office, in Brookfield.

CARROLL.

General B. M. Prentiss, of Gallatin, the distinguished federal soldier, who became lost on the battlefield of Shilo in April, 1862, and was captured by the rebels, orated at Caloma Wednesday of last week, at a reunion of old soldiers.

The Carrollton planing mills are furnishing all the lumber for building a new Methodist church at Slater, Saline county. This speaks well for the business men of the former place. The material of all kinds is freighted over in lumber wagons.

A little 4-year-old daughter of Walter Fuller, a farmer living near Bogard, became lost in a corn field one morning last week, and it was late in the afternoon before the little wanderer was found. When found she was several miles from home.

The street railway company, of Carrollton, is having a series of misfortunes. The Wabash railroad attached all its rolling stock and road bed last week. The company had just got out of a similar trouble with the city authorities a while before.

Miss Bertha Fortune, the accomplished daughter of Joseph Fortune, a successful farmer near Rouse, died instantly Tuesday morning of last

week, while assisting her mother in her household duties. She was supposed to have been in vigorous health.

Henry Miles, an industrious farmer, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured one day last week, while running an engine to a threshing machine. He was caught between the engine and separator, and had both legs badly crushed. He lives near DeWitt.

The citizens of Bogard are clamoring for a bank. It is said that a large amount of business is driven away from that place for want of such an institution. Bogard is situated in a rich and fertile country and a bank would do a good business in that place.

The farmers all over Carroll county are complaining about the sporting men in the towns violating the quail law. They have signified their intention of presenting every such person to the grand jury. This is the proper way to deal with violators of the law.

A severe drought is prevailing throughout Carroll county, and the late corn has been greatly injured. Farmers are unable to prepare their ground for wheat. The consequence will be that seeding will be very late this fall. No plowing has been done yet.

Thirteen car loads of fat cattle and three car loads of hogs were shipped from Norborne Thursday of last week to Chicago. R. B. Hudson and son were the owners of the stock. There are a number of other bunches that will be ready to ship in a week or two, from that place.

HOWARD.

Walker Wright, the little 5-year-old son of Dr. Wright of Fayette, was severely and perhaps dangerously scalded Tuesday of last week, while playing around a kettle of boiling water in the rear yard of his father's residence.

John Lee, one of Howard county's most successful and enterprising farmers, is turning up the soil on his premises, in the Missouri river bottom opposite Boonville, with a steam plow. It turns over more ground in a day than a two horse team can do.

Mrs. Nancy L. McCully, an aged widow lady living in the vicinity of Armstrong, has just received \$1,800 back pension from the government. Her husband long since dead, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and she has never applied for a pension until now.

A couple of enormous black snakes have established their den under a rock in the yard of C. J. Walden, at Fayette. The reptiles have been seen a number of times and are represented as vicious looking neighbors, which any community would like to get rid of.

Mrs. T. J. Moss, the widow of the late Thomas J. Moss, an extensive contractor of St. Louis, deposited \$50,000 in the Farmers' and Merchants' bank at Fayette, one day last week. This is said to be the largest single deposit ever made in a bank in that city.

A large barn on the premises of Dr. J. B. Scott, near Burton station, together with a quantity of hay, corn and oats was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday night of last week. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss \$1,800, with light insurance.

Mr. Wallace Estill, of Howard county, is the champion fine stock raiser of the world. His herds of fine Aberdeen and Angus cattle captured all the magnificent prizes at the world's fair fine cattle show last week. Mr. Estill competed with the world and won the prizes.

Petty thieves in and around Fayette have been having things their own way this summer. Hen roosts and melon patches have been robbed in a shameful manner. The scamps have even commenced on the fruit crop, to the disgust and inconvenience of the owners.

The Spott brothers, extensive Howard county farmers living in the vicinity of Roanoke, have sold their this year's wheat crop to the Paris, Monroe county, mills, at 55 cents per bushel. The quality of the grain is said to be superior to any crop raised in Monroe county.

A son of a well-known Howard county man was sent to Fayette one day last week with a check for \$250 to have cashed at one of the banks in that city. The bank cash-

ed the check, but paid it all in silver. The boy filled all his pockets with the money, and then had to borrow a sack for the remainder.

RANDOLPH.

The colored Masons, of Moberly, had a grand picnic near that city, Thursday of last week. Special trains were run from all neighboring towns, and the crowd was enormous. Orations were delivered by several distinguished darkies.

A slaughter house belonging to a party of Moberly butchers was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday of last week. Several head of cattle and a quantity of butchers' stuff were also consumed by the flames. Loss \$1,200, and no insurance.

The directors of the Moberly fair grounds, have decided not to hold a fair this fall. The reason assigned for this course is the present money famine in the United States would be an impediment in the way of success. The reasons are sufficient.

Edward McCue, a young man of elegant leisure, who has been loafing around Moberly for some time, stole a bicycle on the night of the big fire. He was arrested the next day, and given a preliminary examination. He is now in the Huntsville jail.

Con Newton, the little 7-year-old son of John F. Newton, of Moberly, had his thigh badly crushed Wednesday afternoon of last week, by a large gate falling on him, which the little fellow was opening for his father. His recovery is doubtful.

Dr. W. A. Rothwell and a Mr. Thomas, of Moberly, were thrown from a buggy one day last week and seriously injured. The team became frightened, and ran away. The buggy was turned over and the occupants both received serious injuries.

State Senator Baskett, of Moberly, appointed Edward Groves, of Chillicothe, one day last week, as a cadet to the military department, of the state university, at Columbia. There were only two contestants, with Groves as the successful competitor.

The fire which broke out at Moberly Thursday night of last week, destroyed more than \$75,000 worth of valuable property. It is said to have been the most destructive fire that ever occurred in that city. An entire block was lapped up by the flames.

Tuesday night a week two deliberate attempts were made to burn the residence of Mrs. Charles Green, at Moberly. Fortunately, however, the incendiary was frightened away each time, and the flames extinguished. Mrs. Green did not suppose she had an enemy in the world.

The little 2 by 4, Moberly Headlight went to the sublime in profanity last week, in describing the affidavit of Deputy Postmaster Joseph, of Indian Grove, Chariton county. Mr. Joseph incurred the everlasting displeasure of the Republicans, by telling the government to watch them.

LIVINGSTON.

The teachers of Green and Mooresville townships, meet at Mooresville Tuesday of last week, and organized an institute of their own. The organization will hold monthly meetings, and discuss the various methods of instruction.

The Chillicothe fair association commenced its annual exhibition at that city Tuesday morning of last week. Quite a number of valuable horses from a distance were on the ground and entered the contests for the purses being up on the races.

William L. Riley, of Triplett, Chariton county, and Miss Rachel A. Sharp of Lawrence county Mo. were married at the residence of a mutual friend in Chillicothe Thursday evening of last week. The happy couple returned to Triplett on the first train.

Dr. W. R. Simpson, of Chillicothe, Dr. W. A. Henderson, of Utica, and Dr. Alexander, of Chula have just been appointed a board of pension examiners for Livingston county. They will establish headquarters in Chillicothe.

Thornton Moore, a young jockey whose parents reside at Chillicothe, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured at a race track at a small hamlet in the northern part of the county, Thursday of last week, by being thrown from his horse during a race.

Mrs. Phoebe Seiser, one of the old-

est and most highly respected citizens of Livingston county, died at the residence of her son in Chillicothe Thursday morning of last week, in the 86th year of her age. The most of her long and useful life had been spent in the county.

Patacono Monk, an Italian fiddler, who has been hanging around Chillicothe for the last several months was arrested one day last week on a warrant charging him with an indecent exposure of his person. He was tried convicted and sent to jail, but subsequently escaped.

Marion Timbrook, one of Livingston county's successful farmers and stock leaders, contracted 150 head of hogs early in the spring at 7 cents per pound. The hogs were to be delivered this fall. They were delivered Thursday of last week, and brought \$778.40 more than they were worth.

Fifty small children whose parents reside at Chillicothe, have organized and will produce at an early day in that city "Pinafore." It is said that many of these children have developed a wonderful talent for the stage. The production is looked forward to with much interest.

Perry Hays, a disreputable white man who has been living at Chillicothe for a year or more, was arrested one day last week on a charge of keeping a disreputable house. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100 and costs. In default of payment he was sent to jail.

SALINE.

Frank Ward, a well-to-do farmer living in the neighborhood of Malta Bend, was arrested one day last week, and taken to Marshall, on a charge of brandishing a revolver in a rude and threatening manner.

George J. Dyre, of Slater, left that city Monday morning of last week, for Chillicothe, where he acted as starter for the race horses on the track at the Chillicothe fair grounds. The business of starting the flyers has been reduced to a science.

C. H. Hudson, who was supposed to be one of Saline county's most successful farmers, made an assignment one day last week. The assets assigned consists of horses, mules, cattle, hogs, and 130 acres of corn in the field, besides a quantity of other stuff.

A mad-dog fright is the last excitement reported from Blackburn. The animal has managed to escape injury so far, and in return has bitten a number of other dogs, and several head of valuable cattle and horses. The dog was still at large when last heard from.

John Rockho'd, a debased organ grinder, who has been stopping at Sweet Springs, for several months, was arrested one day last week and taken before a justice of the peace on a charge of indecent exposure of his person. He was sentenced to jail for 60 days.

The Democratic central committee of Saline county, has been called to meet at Marshall one day this week, to make the necessary arrangements for the election of a successor of the late sheriff Ayers. The committee will name the Democratic candidate for the place.

Mrs. J. V. McKinney, of Gilliam, was the victim of a serious accident one day last week. While out riding with a lady friend, the team became frightened and ran away. Both ladies were thrown from the buggy, Mrs. McKinney received a compound fracture of the arm.

The Slater Rustler is authority for the statement that a Mr. Odell planted sweet corn in his garden next to a row of blackberries last spring. He was astonished when he went to gather some of the corn, that the ears were perfectly black. This looks a little fishy.

Harry Gilliam a young farmer residing near Gilliam station, has a curiosity in the shape of several tracks of a deer made more than fifty years ago. The deer ran across a brick yard, and left its tracks on a number of bricks. These bricks have been preserved.

A young chicken belonging to J. D. Billingley, near the depot at Marshall, was attacked by large grasshoppers Wednesday evening and would have been killed had not parties interfered. The fowl was almost covered with the insects which were sucking its blood and was writhing in the dust in an effort to

free himself and was almost exhausted, when its rescuers appeared on the scene.

MACON.

The Macon county fair was not a success this year. In fact it left the company largely in debt. It is said that all the gate receipts and other revenues were expended in making up large purses for the owners of the race horses.

A drunken woman with three small children was put off a passenger train on the Hannibal and St. Joe railroad, at Callao, one evening last week. The woman was locked up in the cooler and the citizens took care of the children.

The Macon base ball team went to Bevier Wednesday afternoon of last week to play a game with the team of that place. The game resulted in favor of the Bevier boys in a score of 22 to 14. The prize was gate receipts and a small purse.

Mrs. Moss Lingo was arrested one day last week on a charge of assaulting James Blakeley, of that place. She was tried Thursday afternoon and the evidence showed that the lady was justified in making the assault. She was acquitted.

A little 7-year-old son of Samuel Cole, a respectable farmer living in the vicinity of Anabel, was kicked on the leg by a mule one day last week and seriously injured. The bone of the leg was completely crushed, making amputation necessary.

Tobe Grigsby, a worthless and dangerous Macon county negro, was killed by the city marshal, of Clarence, Shelby county, one day last week while resisting arrest. The evidence at the inquest showed that the officer was justified in the killing.

Ned Carrington and Stephen Moore, a couple of Macon county farmers, were arrested by a United States Marshal one day last week on a charge of selling liquor without a government license and were taken to Hannibal. They were released on bond.

Mrs. Monroe Calhoun, the wife of Peter Calhoun one of the old pioneers of Macon county, died at the residence of her husband, near Bloomington, Thursday morning of last week in the 76th year of her age. The deceased was a noble Christian woman.

A family of movers on their way to the Cherokee strip were compelled to lay over for several days at New Cambra last week on account of the sickness of one of the children. The little sufferer died the next day and was buried by the good people of that place.

The people of Macon county are greatly excited over the silver question. They have held meetings in every township and discussed the question. Still they have not come to any definite conclusion in regard to the matter. These meetings were held regardless of party.

The Champion of the Farmer.

Extract from a Recent Speech by Hon. U. S. Hall in Congress.

Although a very young man, I recollect the time very well, Mr. Speaker, when agriculture was not "the business of last resort." I can recollect the time when the farmers were not only the bone and sinew of the country, but the pride and culture as well.

Then it was that the farmer was the money-loaner, the bank-stock holder, the creditor and the patron of all the great enterprises. The culture, the refinement of our country was at that time found on the farms. Their children filled all the great universities of learning, and carried away the highest honors. But, Mr. Speaker, that was in the uninterrupted Democratic rule.

Then it was thought as fine a position as a man could place his son in was to buy him 160 acres of land and set him down upon a farm to live. In those days, when such a man was asked his occupation he proudly raised his head and said, "I am a farmer." Agriculture was not then called "an occupation of last resort."

I do not know whether the gentlemen from Massachusetts would place it above or below "tramping" for he calls it "a business of last resort." But there has been a time in the history of all governments when the farmers were indeed the last resort to save their country. They were the people of the "last resort" during the days of the Roman nation, when old Cincinnatus was called from the plow. They were the peo-

ple of the last resort when Putnam and Washington, and men of that stamp, were called from their farms to their country's rescue. They were the people of the last resort when both sides, North and South, enrolled three-fourths of the bravest soldiers ever fought on any battlefield from the farms of this land. The farmers have always been the people of the last resort to save their country in an hour of peril.

When the voice of liberty, stifled, smothered and choked by tyranny and oppression, has appealed to the farmers for aid, it has never been in vain. Their rough hands and sun-burned faces have ever been seen in the front line battling for the rights and liberties of their country.

Often, in reading of the unselfish devotion of these men of the plow to the cause of liberty, I have wondered whether the gratitude of nations was but a mockery and a sham to lure the brave to destruction, and whether their glorious, blood-stained sacrifices of the past would soon be buried in the grave of forgetfulness. God forbid.

And if there is anything of truth contained in the letters written by the great English historian, Macaulay, to H. S. Randal, of Philadelphia, in 1875, in which he predicts the downfall of our government by anarchy, the great farming class will be the "last resort" to save American liberty from the red flag and hissing bombs.

And yet, sir, we find this gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Morse), who represents a congressional district of that state and the large Rising Sun Stove Polish company, somewhere in Massachusetts [laughter.] coming forward here and making the assertion that our people are now so desperately poverty-stricken that they are driven into agriculture, that occupation of "last resort." If agriculture is being degraded, what party did it? Four years ago last winter I went into a theatre in St. Louis, and knowing that there were no great actors or actresses in town I did not look at the play until I had my seat, and then I found the title was, Only a Farmer's Daughter. [Laughter.] I sat it through to find the drift, and what do you think it was? Why, it was a play to try to teach the American people that honesty and virtue could be found even among the daughters of American farmers? [Laughter.]

That play was in line with the remarks of the gentleman from Massachusetts, and I charge that it is his party that has brought upon us the occasion for such remarks and has put such plays upon the stage. Dickens wrote "Little Dorrit," "Bleak House," "Dombey and Son," and "Oliver Twist" and the other great books that have secured him a world-wide fame, to show that you could find honesty and virtue even in the slums of London.

But here we find a man writing a play which fills crowded houses one hundred nights in New York, sixty nights in Chicago, twenty nights in St. Louis, the purpose of it being to prove that after thirty years of Republican rule you can still find honesty and virtue among the daughters of American farmers! [Laughter and applause.]

For Free Silver.

The workmen, of Kansas City, are opposed to the supposed demonization of silver, and do not hesitate to say so. On Monday, the following petition was gotten up in the office of the Midland Mechanic, in the Commercial building, southwest corner of Eleventh and Main streets:

"To the senate and house of representatives of the United States.

"We the undersigned citizens, of Kansas City, hereby petition your honorable bodies to enact laws providing for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

Adjoining the room in which is the office of the Midland Mechanic are the rooms occupied by the Industrial council and the labor unions of Kansas City. They are the resort of the members of the council and the unions. When the petition was presented to them they signed it to the number of 2,500. Only twelve persons who were asked to sign the petition refused, and declared themselves in favor of limiting coinage to gold. The petition was sent to Congressman Tarsney and Bryan, of Nebraska yesterday.

Pay Up.

I have made out my accounts for this season and wish all those indebted to me would please call and settle. Your prompt attention to this request would greatly oblige me.

MRS. C. P. VANDIVER.