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A BLITHESOME RUCTION

Henry Jackson, Colored, Takes Shot at Bill Cousins, Jr. Monday Evening.

Henry Jackson, colored is either a bum shot with a pistol or young Bill Cousins was making himself strong on the defensive Monday night when several shots were fired by Jackson at Cousins at the Stamper poultry house about 7 o'clock. All shots missed.

The trouble is said to have started over Jackson telling Cousins not to pick a certain kind of turkey, of the maiden variety. It seems that Jackson, who is a sort of night watchman during the rush season was told by Mr. Stamper to see that none of the lady or hen turkeys were slain and "picked". It was alright to assault the male or gobble members of the family and pick them. It is reported that Cousins started to work on a hen turk and was told by Jackson that he was picking on the wrong sex. Cousins resented this implied criticism and made for the darkey with a knife.

Jackson, as befitted a true and lusty night watchman carried a gun. When Cousins started his way with a knife and had begun slitting said Jackson's stomach up and down and then east and west, Jackson resented it by hauling out his gun and shooting at Cousins. The shots failed to hit Cousins but began perforating otherwise perfectly good turkeys hanging by the feet and being dressed. One boy voiced a protest that he couldn't pick turkeys with someone shooting the turkey out of his hand every time he grabbed a handful of feathers and left hurriedly by the rear door. The front and rear exits were mighty busy with men, boys and turkey feathers for a while but finally the belligerents were calmed. Jackson's clothes were punctured in several places one cut being several inches long. Cousins was released from his position as dresser of fowls. He vowed future vengeance on Jackson but affairs have been quiet since.

That Ham

The price of pork is something to talk about. Yet, a fellow does not think of it until he runs up against something like a big country ham out in front a grocer's. "How much is that ham?" you ask the grocer. "Seven dollars and a half," says the merchant. "Whew" says the buyer and turns around and walks out. The ham is a pretty husky member of the Ham family and weighs about 30 lbs. That ham now costs 25 cents the lb. and you can easily remember when when it would have sold for 10 cents or less a pound and have sold for fairly good money. Yes, ham am ham.

Herds Of Turkeys

The "turkey meet", the gathering of the turkey clans for the trip to the Morris market at the home of Charles M. Her-ring 6 miles north of town. The turkeys were gathered there into one big bunch and from there were driven to Rothville, in charge of Bittiker of Indian Grove.

Crochet Needle in Wrist

Miss Mary Leonard, while capocheting, Saturday evening, ran a crochet needle in her left wrist. The needle was inserted into the wrist quite a distance and the assistance of a surgeon was sought for its removal.

Try smoking Chariton.

Jack Lamkin Dead.

Z. T. Lamkin died at his home in Plattburg Mo Sunday and was interred in the Cemetery there Tuesday, notice by letter of his conditions to M. W. Anderson from Geo. W. Binks who was with his brother-in-law at the time of his death being about all the information that could be gathered except a telegram to C. C. Parks telling of his death.

Jack Lamkin was born in Linn County about 1858 and came with his parents to this county during early boyhood living in the Forks for a number of years then at Forrest Green until elected to the office of circuit court in 1899, holding that office 8 years. He was proprietor of the Brown Hotel here for about a year after he quit public office going to Chillicothe about 1907 and conducting the Leeper Hotel for a time. From there he operated hotel in one or two towns until finally taking the Laclede Hotel in Plattburg which he operated until his death.

His widow, Jennie Binks Lamkin, whom he married near Forrest Green, and daughter Mary Binks and son Elbert, survive him. He was an ardent A. F. and A. M. and member of the Baptist Church, and a most genuine accomodating and popular man. With his many friends all over this county this county the Courier joins in sincere sympathy for his survivors and regret over his loss.

U. S. Post Office Profits

The Post Master General reports that the postal department has cleared \$3,567,545 for the year. In other words, the receipts are that much more than the expenses of the department. This is the first time in the history of the postal service since it was established by Benj. Franklin that the department has not been in debt and revenue from other sources applied to pay it out. Watch the Democrats bring all other public affairs to a business and self-sustaining basis.

On Dorrance Case

Attorneys in connection with the Dorrance case which is to be tried in St. Louis soon, have been here for a few days taking depositions of witnesses to be used at the hearing there. Several days were consumed in the work. Mrs. Dorrance was here during the examination of witnesses.

Big Calf Deal

The Mallet Land & Cattle Co. has made the biggest cash calf purchase made this year when it bought the 3,500 head of steer calves from the Double Circle ranch with headquarters at Clifton Arizona. The buyers are at Lubbock, Texas. The transfer cost \$35 per head or a total of \$122,500.

Sheriff Hurt was in Salisbury on business Tuesday. He was over to sell the personal property in the form of pool and billiard tables, part of the personality of John Mode sr., J. Blackwell of Moberly former owner of the Alexander Hardware store, bought the three tables.

Miss Agnes Wallace returned Tuesday afternoon from the north where she had been employed as trimmer during the past season. She will spend the holiday season with her parents.

C. J. Harris, pres. of the Harris Lumber company was on Brunswick the first of the week looking after his yard there.

Earle Foggin of Brunswick is the mover of the pictures at the Dalton show house.

NEW LAWSUITS FILED

Case of Finnell Vs. Chilcote et al. to Be Interesting in February.

A number of suits to the February term of court have been filed with the circuit clerk and several have been filed to the May term of 1915. One of the latter is that of Dixie Prather Finnell vs. Tillie Chilcote, W. A. Chilcote, The Farmers' Bank and H. C. Miller as trustee. It gives promise of being an interesting case.

The suit is in equity to declare the interest of the plaintiff, Dixie Finnell, daughter of the late M. A. Prather.

The bill in equity recites that M. A. Prather and wife formerly owned 160 acres of land, the se nw 3-53-19. On October 9, 1910, the petition alleges that M. A. Prather and wife made a general warranty deed of this property to Tillie Chilcote and at the time it was understood and agreed that the legal title passed to Tillie Chilcote, in trust. The trusts were a life estate of the widow and after her death, the same to be divided into three parts, one part to Tillie Chilcote, the other to the plaintiff and the other to J. C. Prather, a brother. Also that Tillie Chilcote agreed to draw up a statement in writing showing that this trust was imposed on the property but that she has failed so to do. Further, the bill alleges that on January 31, 1914, Chilcote and wife made a deed of trust to the Farmers Bank for \$2500 the deed of trust, imposed on the land when they accepted the trust deed. The plaintiff therefore asks that her undivided one-third interest in the 160 acres be declared by the court and that the bank's lien be restricted to the rightful portion of the estate vested outside the original trust, in Tillie Chilcote. During the progress of the case, the plaintiff asked for and received an order from the court authorizing the delivery of certain papers alleged to bear on the case which were in the hands of the trustee.

The school board of Keytesville has sued A. E. King et al. for the use of W. D. Vaughn who has an account for supplies etc. used on the school, amounting to \$83.62. The declaration recites the purchase of the supplies and also the bond of the U. S. Fidelity & Guarantee Co. which gave bond for \$150.30 for payments for work, supplies, etc. for the new school, also for attorney's fees. The demand also is for \$25 attorney's fees for plaintiff's attorney.

The State vs. Joe W. Elson is brought on complaint of Adams & Tisdale, alleging over driving of a mare, Adams & Tisdale's property, August 24.

Sadie Butler sues Wilbur Butler for divorce. Desertion, lack of support, ect. allege as reasons. H. C. Shirey vs. W. A. Buxton, bill of \$262.54 for groceries, ect.

Laura N. Cory sues H. W. Tull, Henry Conway, R. M. Benson and Anna Otey for \$20,000 damages for alleged injuries received in South side hospital at Carrollton, while convalescing from an operation. The case came here on change of venue.

Perry Lee vs. William Ireland, replevin of Ford automobile valued at \$350.

Sunday night is said to have shown a thermometer registration of six degrees below zero. This is actually cold weather. No summer sephyras about this but real hard, cold winter.

Another Tip-Over

Jack Cavanah of Chraneville treated himself to a Ford touring car last week. He "caught on" to running it quick. Sunday morning he took his son Archie and Frank Cavanah for a ride to Marceline. Everything went well until he had nearly reached home. He drove like an old hand at the business and drew compliment from his passengers. Just before he got to the top of the hill near his home is where Frank and Archie expressed their approval and also where Jack had to jam on "low" to reach the top easily. He put on power to take it over and when he reached the top, forgot to shut off the gas and the car made a jump for the bottom, headed for a ditch. Jack turned the steering wheel a whole lot and Frank twisted it some more and over she and the hims went, the car on Jack and Archie and Frank doubled up at some distance. Frank lifted the car off the frightened men, they set it up on its wheels and Jack mounted and drove it to his barn. Frank was bruised about the shoulders a little, Jack had a cramp for a few minutes in the leg the car rested on and Archie got his Sunday clothes dirty and the windshield smashed in the extent of damages.

Bit Local Resident.

George Conrad came to town Saturday night and was inebriated while on the streets. He went into the Schupback barber shop and made some vocal demonstrations when the proprietor ordered him out of the shop. He was cursing loudly in front of the shop when Edgar Wilkes came by. Wilkes said something to Conrad and the talk brought on a fight. Wilkes knocked Conrad down and pummeled him when someone pulled him off. Then, they mixed it again and in the altercation Conrad bit a piece out of Wilkes' left cheek and scratched some flesh off both sides his face. Barring the bite, the fight went to Wilkes. The visitor used some pretty tough language before and after the fight. No arrests were made.

Shannon Wayland returned the first of the week from St. Louis where the firm he represents of the road is located. Shannon has gained flesh and seems to have benefitted as the result of his work. The merchants are so busy from now until the first of the year that the salesman are pulled off the road until in January when they go out on the road for the spring sales.

In a rush of colored school children Monday afternoon on the postoffice, one of them jabbed her arm thru a big glass in the door. She escaped injury by a short margin. Her father paid the damage at once. Don't rush—its expensive.

The busiest place of business in town during the pre-holiday rush was the Stamper poultry house. Turkeys by the hundred lost their lives daily and were offered as a sacrifice to the Christmas holiday.

Hamilton & Conkling of K. City were in Brunswick the first of the week looking over the town with a view to establishing a modern restaurant.

Mrs. McCluhan and daughter of Jefferson City is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McNamara south of Brunswick.

Mrs. Emil Rettig arrived Tuesday morning from California. Mr. Rettig will follow in a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Drace was in Salisbury Saturday shopping.

TURKEYS BY HUNDREDS

Leave for Eastern Markets. Six Tons One Day This Week.

The busiest spot in town for the past two weeks has been the Stamper poultry house. The firm has been busy getting the shipment of fine, fat turkeys on the cars for the eastern market and this has necessitated the working of the force day and night, including Sunday.

The firm resorted to turkey "drives" this year in several cases to get the big flocks to town. In one drive, 500 were driven here along the road like a herd of cattle. In another drive there were 380 birds and, altogether, fully 1000 birds were driven here overland, to say nothing of the hundreds that came here via the usual manner, in wagons.

Mr. Stamper says he broke at least one record this year and that was the shipment of a car load of turkeys in two days' time. The carload that represented two days of work for dressers, consisted of 120 bbls each holding 20 turkeys and averaging 212 lbs. to the barrel. This means that the bunch killed and dressed for the market 2400 turks in two days or 25,440 lbs.

The turkeys range through all sizes but averaged probably from ten to twelve pounds each. There were some out-size birds brought some mammoth gobblers that ran the scales up into the 30 or 40 lb. jists but not many of that size. The main shipments are those of the size the average family can use.

Rabbits have been coming in as also have the pelts of skunks, minks, etc. There are quite a few pelts taken in this vicinity. Geese and ducks, including the ordinary ducks and quite a few of the mallards that make a man think of his hunting days. Chickens also arrive but they take a back seat this season. They only stand for a side dish, chicken salad, for the Christmas feast and almost any kind of an old rooster is good for that.

The poultryman is a man of many parts and he is a hustler at this season. He has many things to do beside buying and shipping turkeys; looking after cream that arrives for market, answering the calls perhaps of some who want the poultryman to save for them some special brand of turkey or chicken in case any are brought in and a thousand and one other things that claim his attention. It is a busy season. Great is the turkey.

Look Out For Sharks

Beware of the fakers. There are sundry varieties of men who come and stay a few days and peddle to the unsuspecting around the town and country sundry wares which probably have but little merit. Patronize reliable business houses only. Preferably patronize the firms of your home town. Don't pay any attention to the peddlers. Don't figure that a nice-looking man or woman won't skin you. Don't figure that a man or woman that are not nice looking will do it. You might be wrong in either case. Figure that it is safer to spend your money with your home merchants who you know are responsible and whom you can hold good for dissatisfaction if there is any. There are plenty of sharks that swim this way and are looking for what they can pick up. They will never come again. Don't take any chances.

READ COURIER ADS

Salisbury Scribblings

Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock a fire alarm sounded which came from the home of Jeff Hammons on the north side the house being owned by John Piltz. Some of the contents were saved but the house was destroyed.

The wedding of Fletcher Finnell and Miss Margaret Mason took place Tuesday evening at the home of Carl Cannoy, Rev. Young officiating.

J. F. Ownby of Kansas City is here on a visit.

The Pile Bros. have purchased a great number of turkeys and will ship them out for the Christmas market.

On the sick list we report Henry Ehrhardt, Miss Minnie Palmer and Mrs. Sue Hogan.

Miss Minnie Clarkson will return from Pratt, Kansas this week where she has been for sometime employed in a studio. Small pox broke out in the town.

Elder C. O. Purdy of Columbia will preach at the 1st Christian church next Sunday, with a view to succeeding Eld. Gibbs who will give up the work here.

The C. S. S. will have a 'tree' at the church on Christmas eve night. The school is moving forward rapidly under the leadership of Supt. T. S. Edwards.

Elmer Straub's black mare got tangled up in barbed wire, while running in a stalkfield and so injured herself.

A small fire was discovered in the south part of town at the home of Will Sanders Tuesday morning. Not much damage.

Mrs. Eva C. Dickson long a resident and hotel keeper of this city passed away at her home in the hotel, Tuesday morning Dec. 15, 1914 after a long illness aged about 70 years. She had she had no children but a year ago deceased adopted her grand nephew Raymond D. Trumble as the heir of her estate. Short funeral services were held at the Hotel by Rev. Pearson of Glasgow Tuesday evening after which the remains were shipped to Imlay, Mich. for interment beside the remains of her husband as directed by her will in which J. W. Grizzell was named as executor.

For Sale.

My 40 acre farm 1-4 mile South of town limits of Dalton Rich soil. Fine looking wheat on 1-2 of place. Possession given at once.

C. H. Schnakenberg.

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Will Hamilton went to Kirksville last Friday to attend the funeral of his father who died Thursday. His father was over 80 years old and one of the prominent Odd Fellows of the State. He was a resident of Shelbyville but was interred at Kirksville Saturday the Odd Fellows officiating and members from all his section present.

Arguments, fights and fuses have been numerous during the past week or so. The glad some Christmas holidays are living the spirits of the elect, but the spirits seem to be effervescing almost too strongly.

Tom Shearon and son returned to their home at Chraneville Sunday afternoon from a visit to Moberly where they were the guests of John O'Keefe for several days.

Mrs. Mary Hayden left for her home at Wier, Kas. She will visit relatives and others in Kansas City for a few days enroute.

Mrs. A. O. Rains and children came in Tuesday and are guests of Mrs. Obie Rains.

The Misses Drew went to Moberly shopping, Tuesday.