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JUDGE STACY IS DEAD

Passed Away Last Week at Home of Daughter Mrs. Roge in Kansas City.

James Louis Stacy died at the home of his daughter Mrs. E. R. Roge at 345 S. Hardesty Avenue Thursday, September 2. Judge Stacy who was 75 years of age had been in poor health for some time and was visiting his daughter when the end came. Judge Stacy was one of the well known of the old gentlemen of the city. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was active in the affairs of the town and country during his earlier years.

The remains were brought to this city for burial, Friday, the funeral occurring Saturday September 4, the service being in charge of Rev. Duvall, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Moberly at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. The remains were laid to rest in the Keytesville cemetery in the presence of many friends who came to express their respect for the dead by their presence at the last services.

Judge Stacy is survived by the following: His widow, Mrs. Amelia Stacy; two sons, Perry C. Stacy, of Chickasha, Ok., and J. W. Stacy of St. Louis, and five daughters, Mrs. Roge and Mrs. J. H. Chivers of Kansas City, Mrs. J. F. Bacon and Mrs. W. R. Adams of Ludbock, Tex., and Mrs. E. N. Laird of Aildesac, Id.

Little Picnickers

Miss Ida Minter took her Sunday school class of little girls to the woods north of town last Tuesday on a picnic. The class is composed of Ruth Crisman, Harriet Rucker, Emma F. Staples, Marie Jenkins, Edna Johnson, Vivian Friesz, Allie May Latham, Wilburth Warsham, Minnie Parker and Mary Gordon. Miss Mary Lillias Johns was in attendance as chaperone. Miss Ada Chrisman also joined the party with an elaborate supply of those material things so greatly enhance the good cheer and enjoyment of such occasions.

That the ravens which fed the prophet of old are not all dead yet was made evident by an ample but mysterious supply of choice oranges found on the picnic grounds. As no ravens were any where visible, however, the party concluded to extend a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shane for the oranges.

The day was ideal for the occasion and everything conspired to make it glad and joyous. Laughter, games and the fullness of freedom reigned unbroken till the evening shadows bespoke the dying day.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters held at the Keytesville office. When calling for same please say advertised.

Alexander, Miss Dorothy Baker, Mrs. Amanda Bomar, Miss Inez Howard, R. L. Hunner, Miss Kenner Wallace, Mrs. Leo Taylor, Mrs. Laura Tulk, J. C.

Geo. H. Applegate, P. M.

Marriage Licenses

L. T. Chapman, Mendon. Julia Seranton, Mendon.

William Osterman, Chariton County. Elizabeth Hotchkiss, Chariton County.

Big 4 Trail

The meeting at Brookfield Tuesday for the purpose as was supposed to determine the route the Big Four Trail from ocean to ocean should be put over from the Mississippi river to Kansas City, was the most unmitigated farce ever pulled off outside of a bum political convention.

Representative business men from Moberly, Huntsville, Clifton Hill, Keytesville and Marceline motored to the progressive city and got into the DeGraw opera house in time to see the stunt pulled off which disgusted every one not in the rotten deal. There was a man making a statement concerning the road and reading the by-laws when the main part of those interested in the road entered the house. They heard a little of that and then listened to the astounding declaration that it did not matter what the people interested in the road might think of the route over which it should be located, the Vice President of the enterprise and the local board of directors could and would do as they pleased in the matter. This fellow said further that when he wanted to go some where, he wanted to go in a straight line, referring doubtless to the straight shot he got in to shut off all debate, suggestions, reasons and general interest in the project. He said that it was no good placing the route thru small towns and since the same power had changed the place of crossing the river at Louisiana to Hanibal, the route should be run direct to Brookfield, Chillicothe and Kansas City, that is, hit only the high places as he did in his handling of the case as chief rooster. The route from Chillicothe to Kansas City had already been determined on as it soon appeared also from Hanibal to Brookfield. "All in favor of Hanibal to Brookfield say aye." The packed section of the house responded vociferously. "Those opposed say no the ayes have it." No pause, no stuttering, the noes couldnt have wedged in a wink between the words of the last sentence. This fellow wasnt the chairman of the doings anyway—he was from Mattoon Ills. and off his dump several stretches but he was there with the goods for Macon and Brookfield just the same.

Cut and dried fiascos like this to which unsuspecting people have been inveigled thru mud and dust are punkest of the punk. Moberly sent a splendid delegation of eight cars, Marceline turned out a regiment, this burg about 25 rooters all of whom were unceremoniously prevented from getting their snoots in operation even far enough to sniff the impending squelch.

Who Bought The Land

Among the buyers at the land sale at Brunswick wherein L. E. Merrill made the transfers, were the following: J. E. Foggin, Mrs. Edna Allen Smutz, Jacob Pieron, Pearle Garvin, W. C. Ferguson, E. L. Dudley, Miss Sallie Padgett, James W. Garvin, John L. Ehrett E. L. Logsdon, J. D. Logsdon, W. S. Callahan, Sam K. Black, William H. Raymond, Ed Lawrence and E. T. Allin.

25,000 Horses

Jim Yocum, colored, of the Brown hotel force, returned Tuesday from Richmond where he visited a few days. He also went to Lathrop to see the army horses and mules. He says there are 25,000 horses there now. As far as the eye can see, there is a mass of mules and horses. These are being held for sale to the warring Europeans.

DEATH IN EXPLOSION

Charles Selvidge Killed Monday When Engine Blows up—Two Injured.

One man was killed and two injured by the explosion of a traction engine at the Stowers farm two miles east of town about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening.

The dead man is Charles E. Selvidge aged about 45 years; the wounded are Robert Shoemaker, aged about 40 years and Jesse Wright, a boy about 20 years. Shoemaker was the more severely injured of the two, Wright's injuries being of a minor nature.

The accident was caused by the blowing out of the crown sheet of the engine. The shock of the flying metal and the steam which followed caused the fractures and scalds.

The threshing crew made up of Charles Selvidge, engineman, Robert Shoemaker, Jessie Wright and Jim Rice, the latter the owner of the machinery, had been threshing at the farm of John Hurt, colored. They had finished there and had driven the engine to the Stowers place to thresh for William Enderle, who was with them shortly before the accident occurred.

Enderle says he had left the machine to get a proper location for it in the field and had gone about a quarter of a mile when he heard the explosion. He hastened back to the machine and found what had happened. A physician was called, Dr. Shoshire responding in the R. W. Cropper car. They started to town with Selvidge, the most severely injured, but he died enroute to town and was taken to the Herring undertaking establishment. First aid was extended the other men who are getting along alright.

The exact cause of the accident is unknown. The engine was a comparatively old one and it is not known if the water ran too low or if the use had weakened the crown sheet. This was a matter of speculation on the part of those in a position to know. The only damage to the engine was the blowing out of the crown sheet and of the fire-box door.

Selvidge who was standing at the rear of the engine was hit by the flying metal and thrown under the separator. He lived only a short time. The injuries to Shoemaker were a cut on the chin and severe scalds. Wright's injuries were slight scalds.

Selvidge is a single man about 45 years of age and has lived in this vicinity for many years. Not much is known of him excepting that he engaged in farm work. The remains were laid to rest in the Bennett cemetery Thursday afternoon with services at the grave.

A sister, Mrs. Griffin, of Elmer, Mo., arrived here for the funeral. She said that Selvidge was a Kentuckian 41 years of age. His surviving relatives in addition to herself are: John Selvidge, Rolla, Ky.; James Selvidge, Spann, Ky. and Julia Selvidge, brothers and sister. A number of half-brothers and sisters also survive.

Strained His Back

Undertaker J. C. Rucker sprained his back Friday of last week while helping carry a steel burial vault from the freight car to the sidewalk. A muscle gave way and he collapsed. He was taken to his home in a rig and has been in bed since. It is thought the injury will not be permanent. Mr. Rucker was able to be out again Wednesday.

Fayette Defeats Salisbury

The postponed ball game between Salisbury and Fayette came off last Friday afternoon at the Moberly baseball park. It was very bitter defeat for the Salisbury boys who went down 11 to 2. It was the game that originally was to be played for \$250 aside, as a side-bet but, fortunately, the sidebet had been drawn down and the game was for the percentage of the gate receipts. Otherwise it would have been sad for the Salisbury boys who "dropped" something on the first game at Fayette when the Howard county boys defeated them. Hi Jasper of the Chicago White Sox pitched for Fayette which was loaded for bear. Waterman, a league man of Kansas City was on the mound for Salisbury. Everybody was loaded but the Fayette boys carried a 42-centimeter load against the 30-centimeter load of the Chariton county men and wof. The Moberly man says that some clean hits were gotten off Jasper but Salisbury did some bad field and basework, one fly dropped by a fielder netting Fayette three runs.

Help With The Road Work

The local people have been busy with the road west of town across the bottoms. The mud holes have been filled up and the road has been put in good shape west of the second bridge and the work on the roadway between the Mussel Fork and the next bridge west, was to be done this week. The business men and farmers are being assisted by the county prisoners under Sheriff Hurt and Deputy Gardner and they are aiding in the good work. The permanent filling of the bottom west of town will be started as soon as it can possibly be done. It will require from \$500 to \$1000 to do this work. It is one that is very serviceable and needful for the farmers and one that they should cooperate with, if no further, then, in the contributing of work and horses. There will be lots of hauling and dragging to be done to fill the road bed as it should be done and men and teams will, have to do this work. If you have a man or team, let the men in charge know. See Milt Bennett, E. W. Herring or others on the job.

4.22 Inches of Rain

Those who enjoy storms had a chance to enjoy themselves at 3 a. m. Thursday. It was a peach. Those who had been reading of the trench warfare in Europe and the explosions of the high explosive shells heard something that made them think of this more than a few times while the thunder cloud was enroute over us. The lightning was extremely vivid and sharp and it appeared that something was being hit every few minutes. By the way, it rained some too. Dr. Dewey, who has a regulation rain tester, says that it rained 4.22 inches of rain Wednesday and Thursday morning, all within 18 hours. That is some rain without doubt and comes close to the standard set earlier in the season. The dust was settled, a good thing and a good rain was needed. If it clears off and gets warm the corn will yet get across with a good, clean crop.

Mrs. Jane Fleetwood

Mrs. Jane Fleetwood died at her home at Dean Lake August 30 of acute nephritis at the age of 43 years. She leaves a daughter, aged 8 years. The funeral was at the church at Dean Lake in charge of Rev. McKinney of Bosworth. Burial at McCullough.

REV. MYERS RETURNS

Sent to Keytesville by Conference—Other Notes of Interest.

The conference of M. E. church South ended at Chillicothe Monday and the appointments were read. The local people will be gratified by the return of Rev. W. L. Myers to this church. The church here asked for his reapportionment and it was confirmed by the conference. Mr. Myers expects to be gone a while for a visit before returning for his year's work.

Rev. J. A. Snarr returns to Jamesport and Rev. Phillips, well known here, returns to AuxVasse where he preached last year. Other appointments of interest follow:

Fayette District — Presiding Elder, A. C. Johnson; Armstrong Station, J. M. Major; Ashland Circuit, supplied by W. T. Knight; Clifton Hill Circuit, W. O. G. Potter; Columbia Broadway, C. C. Grimes, W. L. Halberstadt Jr., preacher; Columbia, Wilkes Boulevard, A. B. Coffman; Columbia Circuit, R. S. Cunningham; Dalton and Asbury, H. D. Marlin; Fayette Station, J. D. Randolph; Fayette Circuit, Fielding Marvin; Glasgow Station, C. S. Rennison; Higbee Circuit, C. K. Shilling; Huntsville Station, E. E. Bostwick; Huntsville Circuit, E. Y. Ginn; New Franklin, Clark and Cooper, F. R. Poage, E. F. Dill-on Jr., preacher; Prairie Hill Circuit, supplied by H. W. Buckner; Roanoke Circuit, J. J. Copeland; Rocheport Circuit, M. L. Shemwell; Salisbury Station, Ward M. Baker; missionary to Japan, W. A. Davis; president Howard Payne College, H. E. Stout; agent superannuate fund, R. H. Cooper; president Central College P. H. Linn.

C. A. Bowles goes to Brunswick and C. H. Newman to the Triplett circuit. Both of these are in the Chillicothe district. Rev. Stormont was sent to Centralia. The St. Louis conference will meet at Sikeston, Mo., in later September.

Where They Teach

This city has turned out quite a few school teachers and of these, a number are employed in this vicinity. The schools wherein the present residents and others who lived here recently will teach, in this vicinity, are:

Virginia Hurt—Hurt School.
Elizabeth Bennett — O'Brien school.
Lon Hurt—Jordan school.
George Carlstead — Jordan school.
Julia B. Allega—Agee school se of town.
Nora Cuddy—Agee school nw town.
Zou Allega—Trent school.
Verner Hurt—Scribner school.
Luella Hershey — Cottrell school.
Chris Hershey—Bell school.
Sidna Dameron—Allen school.
Flossie Jones—Lowry school.
Juanita Dinsmore—Hill school

Those Subs

One of our war aeroplanes dived to earth in Texas and a vessel ran into a covey of our submarines and damaged three or four. We are going to have to take our submarines out and put them on shore surrounded by a fence to keep somebody from injuring them soon.

Mrs. Harding and daughter Ruth and Mrs. Wm. Goosey and daughter Florence of Kansas City arrived the latter part of last week and are guests of Mrs. Brown Thraash.

Prairie Hill Fair

The little Queen City of the prairies did herself proud last week and broke her record in the country fair line.

This is the first year the promoters have had a fair show at the fair business for several years, the weather being exceptional this time from start to finish, whereas heretofore for several years it has been too wet the greater part of the days set for the program.

Thursday the attendance was fine and the rings well filled in most instances. The agricultural and 'garden sass' division had some fine displays and the samples of needle work were of the highest grade as well as the show rings from the culinary exhibitors.

The stock rings of all kinds displayed some fine animals, and the riding and driving was good. The most amusing number on the big program was the potato race. There was a fine opportunity to get speared or dumped under the horses as well as to win the prize, but fortunately there were no mishaps except to those who speared taters only to have them knocked in the air by competitors. The riding of the 250 pound winner as well as his marksmanship was the surprise. The show of babies, 2 year old and under children and children from 7 to 12 years old was simply grand. There were about 15 babies, a dozen 2 years old and 17 in the 7 year old class, and if a finer looking lot of youngsters can be got together anywhere except at Keytesville, trot them out and take the ribbons. It has been said that all little babies look alike. On the contrary, quite the reverse.

The most noticeable feature of the fair was the great number of very pretty girls and young ladies and the susceptibility of two of our city's young men was apparent. It is believed that if the fair had continued, they would be there yet, but it is certain the neighborhood is not rid of them by the adjournment.

The eating stands, cream and soda places of supply, amusements from the swing to flourishing canes were enjoyed to the utmost. The barbecued mutton stand was busy all the time, either cooking or handing out the savory meat, and we pronounce the chef an expert at his business even if the ex-recorder of deeds did overestimate his capacity and have to call a doctor.

The balloon ascensions were perfect. The aeronaut took a goose up with him each day and turned it loose at from a half mile to a mile up and invariably the fowl would fly straight towards home.

Music was furnished by the Armstrong band and we compliment the fair management on securing not only good musicians, but those who were ready to make music as often and as much of it as was desired and in addition, a fine set of young gentlemen.

A young man and woman, acrobats, did very interesting stunts each day and gave good satisfaction with their performances.

The attendance was estimated to be not less than 1000 Thursday, 1800 Friday and 3000 Saturday and the management made more than good in every particular. Grounds will have to be enlarged and other provision made for next year or the people will swarm over adjoining farms.

We regret that we could not get the list of prize winners in time for this issue.

John Beltz of Salisbury visited here Sunday.