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ROYCE STAMPER KILLED

Father Backed Truck Over Boy Survived Four Hours Parents Prostrated.

One of the saddest accidents in the highly respected family of former residents of this city, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stamper, occurred at the poultry house in Centralia Wednesday morning when in backing the automobile truck which he uses for collecting poultry for the Stamper Poultry Co. at Sedalia, E. P. Stamper ran the wheels of the truck over the neck and body of his 9 year old son Royce.

Mr. Stamper had left home and desiring to communicate with him before he left for the country, Mrs. Stamper sent a note to him by Royce their third son. The little fellow came up behind the machine which makes a big racket and his father knew nothing of the boys' presence until the accident had happened. Royce undertook to jump on the running board as the machine was backing, fell and was caught by the drive chain and dragged under the heavy truck, the wheels passing over the head and breast. The little fellow was given the best attention but death followed in four hours.

Joe Crews, who formerly conducted the Brown Hotel here, and several others witnessed the sad accident but were powerless.

Interment at Clifton Hill cemetery Thursday brot an unusual large number of friends of the family from all parts of the county, several from this city attending and proffering heartfelt sympathy to more than grief stricken parents who were so recently residents of this city.

Cut at Dance

A dance was pulled off at Emery Johnsons residence last Thursday night and a mix up, the origin of which we could not learn, between Fred Linneman jr., and Robert Cox, resulted in Linneman getting a butcher knife scalp wound about four inches long and Cox a cut in the hand. Neither cut was serious and both were attended to by a surgeon in this city Friday.

J. V. Pointer Dead

John Vincent Pointer died at his home near Eccles Sunday, Dec 3, at 3:30. He was born in Richmond Ray county Oct. 29, 1863. He leaves a wife and 7 living children and one dead to mourn his loss in addition to several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at Eccles church Monday at 2 p. m. conducted by Rev. Smith. Interment at Eccles cemetery.

Brunswick Poultry Show

While the birds exhibited were of Superior quality, there was a lamentable shortness in the display. No turkeys or geese and but one entry of ducks, and less than half the number of chickens at the second annual show was a big disappointment to the officers of the County poultry association as well as to the Commercial Club of Brunswick. A number of entries were from a distance and they were top-notchers. N. B. Webster captured several premiums and others in the county, but in the absence of a list of prize winners we are unable to say who. Premium list next week.

The lecture Friday afternoon at the opera house was well attended and the lecture was well received.

A little sunshine and then it rained.

New Hope Thanksgiving

As announced it would be in the Courier for two weeks prior, so it was, or more so. The members of New Hope Church and members of other denominations contiguous more than met the high expectations of those who went for their thanksgiving dinner and supper to New Hope, among which we were what. We attended the dedication of the Church when we were a small boy about 20 years ago, and on this occasion the feast was more than sumptuous, tho a basket dinner at the dedication whereas Thursday it was wagon loads of good things. 28 turkeys, the largest topping 42 pounds and the least 15 ready to roast; 18 old hams averaging more than 18 pounds; turkey dressing plain, with giblets and with fresh oysters; oysters scalloped by the gallon pan full; fruit salad, enough for an army; french fried, mashed and otherwise potatoes; yeast and salt-rising bread superior; cranberry and other sauces and jellies; a dozen variety of pies, hot coffee, several kinds of cake and ice cream and some other good things which we fail to remember, of which more than 700 had more than plenty at 35c per. There was the only mistake, serving a \$1.50 dinner for 35c.

The crowd began to assemble by 10 a. m. and serving dinner began at 11:30. Tables at which 70 could be seated were railed off in the rear of the church and cooking and carving done in rear rooms. It was next to impossible to keep the crowd back until it could be served in regular order, and but for the heavy oak railing and the two small entrances guarded by stalwart men like Judge W. N. Hamilton, a bread riot would have taken place then and there.

Misses Dean and Inez Purley of Kirksville came on special invitation to make music for the diners, and Miss Inez with violin and Miss Dean accompanying lent no little to the complete enjoyment of the day and evening. These accomplished musicians are homefolks in New Hope neighborhood and popular among all their acquaintances.

The New Hope congregation celebrate each year the festival inaugurated years ago at the close of harvest, and each year serve a most excellent feast for less than half its cost, but never in its history has such a spread been set before the public.

A pile of dry logs, 20 feet long, 14 feet wide and 7 feet high with dry rails between, was in the yard and touched off at sundown to warm the overflow crowd from the church.

Petersburg Dance

Last Friday night a big social party and dance was given in the new store room at the new city of Petersburg, located about 8 miles northwest of this pivotal city.

Profs. Shupbeck and Northcutt furnished good music for any kind of stepping desired by those holding numbers and numbers from town attended because of this.

There were 57 numbers sold and a genteel good time had by the large crowd present.

Estil Wilson Cox, aged 2 years, 6 months and 24 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Elm Ridge South of this city, died of dyptheria Thursday Nov. 29 and was entered at Asbury cemetery Nov. 30. The bereaved parents were sorely stricken by the sudden death of their baby boy and the deep sympathy of their neighbors and the Courier is extended to them.

SANTA FE ASSURED

Survey Made and Terminal Secured. Great Road Prosperous. We Lose

From the best information obtainable, the Santa Fe-Burlington railroads will complete their lines to St. Louis by building on the route surveyed between the Wabash and Grand river at Brunswick entering that city at the western suburb and paralleling the Wabash thru Dalton and to the Remmert crossing where it takes a straight course nearly south east to near the Hamilton crossing, in other words, on the line surveyed and staked. The City Council will be asked to vacate the street south of the Wabash at Brunswick and a heavy retaining wall will be put in where the railroad would likely be interfered with by Grand river.

The Santa Fe has ordered a bonus be paid to all its employees who receive less than \$2000 a year, the bonus to be 10 per cent of salaries received during the past two years and totaling two and three quarter million dollars.

President Ripley says that the business of his road has been abnormally good for two years and it can afford to do better by its faithful employees.

If the line from Carrollton to Mexico is built where the complete survey has been made, it will be about two and one half miles south of this City and three miles south of Salisbury, south of Moberly and as direct as practicable from Carrollton to Mexico. The rumor that the double track between Carrollton and Dean Lake or Whitham may be used for a time may or may not be true, but that such an arrangement will not be permanent appears settled.

District Masonic Meeting

The 19th District Masonic Association will hold its meeting with Eureka Lodge 73 at Brunswick Wednesday, January 17 1917.

Rothville Lodge 426 will exemplify the first degree and Warren Lodge 74 the second degree and Eureka Lodge 73 the third degree.

The condition of the weather prevented holding the meeting at Prairie Hill in October, hence the date for the meeting.

\$400 Calf

The Mo. agriculture college sold to the Nevada Agricultural college a Holstein bull calf for \$400 and will keep the calf until it is six months old before delivering. Honors will be even when the Mo. Agricultural college buys of the Nevada Agricultural college a pig for a hundred dollars or a rooster at fifty, or, mayhap some other breed of sucking calf at \$400. The seller will tell his people about it, the buyer continue to saw wood and say nothing.

Ham and Bacon Show

There will be a ham and Bacon show at Columbia Jan. 1-5 at which \$150 cash premiums will be awarded. This show is during farmers week at our Agricultural College.

Frank Murray came home from Mexico Tuesday where he has been working.

J. P. Hurry of Salisbury visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Herring Monday.

Jas. Mc Laughlin the big furniture man and undertaker of Marceline and little Miss Coy were in town Wednesday.

Salisbury Scribblings

Carl Harkelroth of W. 4th street died suddenly at Dalton last Wednesday, and remains were laid to rest at Asbury Chapel, after funeral services conducted from the home by Rev. J. P. Rice. Deceased leaves father, mother, wife one child and several brothers and sisters to lament his untimely death. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

An Ex-ray examination of the injured wrist of S. F. Trammel, shows the injury to be of a permanent nature, and it will always be more or less stiff and weak, but he will have some use of it.

Mrs. C. C. Hammond, we learn has sold the Lyric Theatre to Miss Willie Jackson of this place. We wish Miss Willie success in her new venture.

Mrs. John Perley, we learn, underwent an operation for cancer of the breast at the home of Bentley Heryford this week.

Word comes from Kansas City of a new girl at the home of Mr. Rupp, who married Miss Flora Herman, and the name of the new arrival is Martha Ellen.

A new boy at the home of James Valle is reported as the latest new comer.

Miss Edith Buster was struck by a moving motor, but not injured, her shoe being damaged. It was a close call.

Tom Vandeventer and wife are visiting in Monroe county this week.

Lazar Loeb left for his home in Chicago Saturday after a pleasant visit.

There is a new comer at the home of Ed Doerrie, but we did not learn the gender.

A reunion of the Joe Sims family was held at the home of R. A. Gehrig Saturday.

J. H. Fletcher and family of Monroe City formerly of this place, motored over Thursday and attended Thanksgiving services here.

The finishing touches are being placed on the McCurry and Piltz building, and it will soon be ready for occupation. It is a credit to our city.

The First Christian church will hold a protracted meeting about the first of February, to be conducted by Eld. J. N. Crutcher, if present plans are carried out.

Thanksgiving exercises were held at the Methodist church Nov. 30, Rev. Pugh preaching the sermon, and it was a good one. A collection was taken.

Judge Geo. T. Johnson met with quite a painful accident Friday morning, that for a time was thought most serious, but in due time he came to himself and is now out of danger. He and his son Sam were carrying a telephone pole on their shoulders, Sam being in front, when the Judge caught his foot under a wire and fell forward, causing the pole to fall on the back of his head, and knocking him out completely. After lying unconscious for some hours he rallied and began to recognize his friends, and was soon able to talk and explain how the accident happened. The word came to town that he was killed, causing great excitement but all heaved a sigh of relief when later reports corrected the first news. It was a close call, but we are glad it was no worse.

The C. W. B. M. exercises at the Christian church Sunday night, were of a high order, both instructive and entertaining, and were highly appreciated by all present. The music rendered by the choir was splendid.

THE EUROPEAN WAR

Bucharest and Roumanian Army Captured by Germany Court Peace

What was suspected by England and France a week ago, took place Wednesday when the Austro-German armies surrounded and captured Bucharest and probably the entire Roumanian army. In view of that great calamity to the Allies, France was thrown into political turmoil and Englands Cabinet forced to resign. Premier Asquith resigned and David Lloyd George, War minister placed at the head of the Kingdom's affairs.

Greece is sure to join the Central powers since the Allies forced her army to give up its arms and the way is open for another Turkish invasion of Russian provinces.

Germany declared for peace on terms leaving her own territory to her and an outlet to the markets of the world. France and England have rapidly growing sentiment for peace and Russia has been ready at every backset to agree to end the war.

The relative positions of the armies in France are about the same as a week ago.

High School Notes

Charlie Bondurant visited the High School Monday morning. He made a short talk which some of us thought equalled Burke's speech on condition with America.

Every-one was present at school Monday morning and discussing their ways of spending Thanksgiving. Hunting, working and visiting were most of their pleasures.

The Senior class is very proud to know we have several great poets among us. Sybil Cox is the best. We are hoping she will be as great as Lanier or Dryden.

The Commercial Geography class rec'd a number of exhibits this week, metals, coal, petroleum, beverages, medicinal substances and guns. We have ten exhibits in all.

Victor Williams was absent from school Monday. We missed him from our midst.

It is stated that all of Keytesville High School boys will go to Westminster to school as soon as they finish here. The reason is because Mr. Bond is a graduate of Westminster.

The Seniors are contemplating having the half a day holiday next month also, for having the least tardies and absentees.

Bertha Phillips is absent from school this week on account of sickness.

The paper monitors were elected for the next two weeks. The candidates running were Frances Holman, Turner White and Courtney Miller. The lucky ones who received the greatest number of votes were Turner White and Courtney Miller.

Miss Hazel Gordon was a Salisbury visitor Saturday.

Jas. H. Slaughter and W. M. Holt of Marceline neighborhood were in town Saturday. Felix Curry brot them in his car.

J. W. Robertson and wife had a fine saddle mare shot and killed by reckless hunters Thanksgiving day.

Roswell Tillerson who is attending Chillicothe Business College spent thanksgiving with his parents south of town.

Cottage Burned

Saturday morning about eleven o'clock while Mrs. Thomas H. Binford was engaged clearing away some trash in the yard, Mrs. Chas. Hirsch who lives adjoining discovered smoke in her neighbors cottage and gave the alarm. It required but a few minutes for M. W. Anderson to reach the premises of his sister-in-law, but those who preceded him were too late to do more than save a few articles which they could reach thru a window.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. When Mrs. Binford went to the yard there was no indication of fire and none about the house to cause a blaze. The cottage burned most rapidly and practically everything it contained was consumed, among other articles a highly prized diamond ring.

Mrs. Binford prized the home far above its value because of its location and because it was to this that her devoted sons gathered each year for a visit to their mother.

There was \$1200 insurance on the house and contents, much less than half the cash value. It is earnestly hoped that the misfortune will not deprive the city of its honored resident nor end the annual visits of the popular young men.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Grubbs, at their pretty country home about 6 miles east of Mendon, celebrated their Golden Wedding day Thanksgiving. Mr. Grubbs is 76 years old and Mrs. Grubbs 79. They have spent their entire married life in immediate vicinity in which they now live and no more congenial and peaceful life was ever spent. They have three devoted children, W. U. Grubbs of near Mendon, Mrs. Ida Disney of Moberly and Mrs. Lula Wolf who lives on an adjoining farm. They also have three grandchildren, Misses Vesta Grubbs and Bernadelt Wolf and James Oscar Wolf. In testimony of their love for the popular couple their friends presented to them many tokens among those giving being the following.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf five dollars in gold. Mr. and Mrs. Will Disney same. Mr. and Mrs. Will Grubbs same. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith two and a half dollars in gold. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robertson five dollars in gold. Mr. W. G. Smith five dollars in gold. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Guthrie five dollars in gold and Mrs. James Kelley and Mrs. Will Grantges gold and silver souvenir spoons. There were others present but we failed to get the names.

Those present from a distance were:

Joe Smith and daughter, Miss Bernadine from Booneville, Mo., Edgar Smith Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Will Disney Moberly, Mrs. James Kelley Marceline and Mr. and Mrs. Will Grantges of Marceline, Mo.

A sumptuous dinner was served and a most enjoyable evening was spent at this delightful home by all present. Many more happy, peaceful and prosperous years were invoked for Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs.

J. W. Robertson has completed his car barn and now has a fine place for his Hudson Super Six.

B. F. Bills and Wm. Veal of Mike delivered hogs here Monday. Mrs. Bills visited Mrs. Lambert while B. F. came on to town. Mrs. Bills sold \$96.22 worth of turkeys and has 7 good turkeys left for a starter next spring.