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TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Money lost! Get a De Laval Separator and make it back. See Paul Jones, local agent.

See the Owl Pharmacy's line of toilet articles, drug sundries and that fine new line of fountain pens.

Clothes cleaned and pressed at Victor Lomax's pantatorium look like new. His work can't be beat.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a bazar at the Grand Army hall on Saturday night, December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Esworthy of Brookfield spent last Monday with C. H. Gable and family on route two.

The best painters in town use the only strictly pure paint—Mound City Co.'s Horse Shoe brand. W. R. Barton.

M. F. Clay shipped out three cars of cattle and one of hogs last Saturday and three cars of hogs this week.

Boarders and roomers wanted in private family. Good place for school students or clerks. Inquire at this office.

C. O. Orton's big public sale will be held at his farm in the southeast suburbs next Tuesday, beginning at ten o'clock.

For roofing, guttering and spouting and general tin repair work see T. D. Mitchell at the Groes blacksmith shop building.

Rev. Wm. Sissons will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited to these services.

The rural band will give their famous novelty parade Saturday, November 20. "Uncle Zeke" is the play in four acts. Prices 25 and 50.

Sawmill outfit, consisting of a 20 horse power mounted engine and top saw rig, all in good working order, for sale. Inquire at this office.

S. F. Thompson and family wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted them in the illness and death of their wife and mother.

The farm residence of R. S. Garrett on route two caught fire Tuesday evening but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

I am in the market for all kinds of furs. Will buy pelts on or off the animals at the highest price the market will afford. W. E. Randall, Laclede.

There will be a free lecture by Mrs. Nellie Burger at the M. E. church Monday evening, November 22, at 7:30. It will be a treat to hear her. Everybody invited.

In presenting "Uncle Zeke," it is the aim of the management to give the best talent obtainable, and to give the people what they want in rural plays, that is "action and comedy."

The superintendent of the Christian Sunday school urgently requests all members of the school to be present next Sunday morning to take part in the preparation of Christmas exercises.

Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. VanValkenburg. Every member is urged to be present promptly at 2 o'clock and bring a friend. Mrs. Burger will be present at this meeting.

M. E. Church Notes

The music for the Christmas cantata is here. Let's get busy and make the Christmas time the happiest of all the year.

We were not quite up to the average last Sunday in Sabbath school, either in attendance or collection. Misses Burnside and Hininger of Hale were visitors in Dr. Standly's class. The teachers of classes 4 and 5 were absent on account of sickness.

Don't forget the lecture of Mrs. Nellie Burger at the Methodist church Monday night. Mrs. Burger is a national organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and has spent a year in Mexico, the land that is attracting the world's attention by its political misrule.

Mrs. McGrew and family, who recently removed to Chillicothe, have moved their church membership to that place. The pastor recently received the certificates of membership of Brother David Perry and family from Mattoon, Ill. Mr. Perry last spring purchased one of Linn county's choice farms, which he has greatly improved. We welcome them to the fellowship of the church in Laclede.

A self-appointed committee representing three of the churches in the city met last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church and arranged the following program for Thanksgiving. Services will be held at the Baptist church at ten o'clock Thanksgiving morning, the sermon to be preached by the Rev. Wm. Sissons of the Presbyterian church. T. M. Elliott will read the president's proclamation. The scripture lesson will be read by Dr. Z. T. Standly. The music will be in charge of J. H. Wilson of the Christian church, Miss Eunice Thompson presiding at the organ.

Lecture Monday Night

It is not often that the people of Laclede are privileged to have a chautauqua speaker in the winter season. However, they will have this opportunity next Monday night when Mrs. Nellie Burger will lecture at the Methodist church under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. Mrs. Burger is claimed to be one of the best speakers in the country, and her success as a chautauqua lecturer justifies the claim. That she is a woman of most unusual intellectual ability is proved by the fact that last year the Mexican government appointed her to make out a course in temperance instruction for the Mexican schools. It is a rare treat to have Mrs. Burger with us and the citizens are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing her.

Class Reception

The annual reception for class nine of the M. E. Sunday school was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Standly last Tuesday night and was one of the most enjoyable social events of the week. In addition to the class members a number of invited guests were present and spent a delightful evening. A song by Mrs. Eccles and Miss Jardine, a humorous reading by Mrs. Irene Welsh, a question contest with a peanut penalty and a telegram writing and drawing contest occupied the time until a seasonable hour, when delicious refreshments were served in four courses. Dr. and Mrs. Standly are royal entertainers and membership in class nine is considered an honored privilege.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

There will be a pie social at the Oak Arbor school house on route on route three next Wednesday evening, to which all are invited.

Regular meeting of the Modern Brotherhood tonight. One candidate is to be initiated, after which the members will have an oyster supper. Every member who can should be present.

Lew K. Fawcett, a resident of Laclede some twenty-five years ago and well known by the older citizens of the town, died at Oklahoma City last Tuesday. He was talking to a friend when he suddenly dropped to the floor dead. Heart trouble is supposed to be the cause. His family lives in Cameron, Missouri, but he had been in Oklahoma since last June, where he had been contracting brick work plastering. He is survived by a wife and three children, the oldest son being at Granfield, Oklahoma.

The management of the opera house have been fortunate in securing the "Uncle Zeke" company for Saturday, November 20. This company comes highly recommended, carrying their own band, orchestra and quartet and a cast of capable people. The play is a rural comedy of high class and is giving the best of satisfaction in the neighboring towns. They carry especial scenery and especial attention is given to detail. Their specialties and orchestra numbers keep the audience interested from the rise until the fall of the curtain.

Miss Sarah Moss was very pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening by a few of her neighbors and friends. The evening was enjoyed very much by all. Refreshments of fruit and candy were served. The friends, as a token of love, presented to Miss Moss a pretty set of dinner and tea plates; also some pretty birthday cards. The guests were Mrs. S. Bridges, Mrs. H. C. McCoy, Mrs. C. C. Haight, Mrs. J. A. Cook, Mrs. L. B. Jones, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher, Mrs. Georgia Boomer, Mrs. Helen Giboney, Misses Myrtle and Gertrude McCoy, Mima and Ruby Walker, Isabel and Nira Cook, Gladys Boomer and Christina Johnson.

After a long illness Mrs. Sarah E. Thompson died at the family home in Laclede last Sunday morning at the age of 61 years, 2 months and 12 days. Was born in Macon county, this state, September 3, 1848; united in marriage to Silas F. Thompson, who survives her, in June, 1863. To this union thirteen children were born, nine of whom are living, viz.: James S., Benton F., Wm. A., Ada A. and Mrs. Josie Ricker, all of Laclede, and Marion H. of Chillicothe; Mrs. Ida M. Keller of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Laura Goodman of California and Freeland A. Thompson of Ottumwa, Iowa. She united with the Christian church at Linneus in 1866 and was a member of the Laclede Christian church at death. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Killion, pastor of the Christian church, assisted by Rev. Powell of the M. E. church, the remains being laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery. Among her neighbors and friends she was known as a kind and loving wife and mother and an excellent christian woman.

Some Evening Reveries.

Thanksgiving! What magic in the word! And how it comes with a vision of fathers and mothers who are awaiting with loving hearts and glad anticipations the homecoming of the children and grandchildren. And now they gather at the familiar firesides and around the bountifully laden tables—happy, unbroken groups. Ah! what sweet memories cluster around those bygone, neve-to-be-forgotten days! But the scene changes. The family circles have been broken into by death. Fathers and mothers and perchance some to whom they had extended Thanksgiving greetings in their earthly homes have gone to the Home above. Where there were glad reunions there are now "vacant rooms, each made a sacred place

By echo of a missing voice, or dream of vanished face."

Thanksgiving! Again the kaleidoscope is turned, and what contrasts are revealed to us—glimpses of the morrow! Of homes where plenty and good cheer abound. Of country homes, where notes of preparation have been sounding for weeks, and table and pantry and cellar are full to overflowing with "Thanksgiving fixin's," where the big logs are blazing merrily in the old-fashioned fireplace, where Thanksgiving is the day of the year. Of city homes, where wealth and luxury preside over daintily appointed tables and costly viands. Of homes where poverty, if not grim want, dwells, whose tables bear but the semblance of a feast. Of homes blighted by crime or the curse of drink, where even the words "home" and "Thanksgiving" seem but a hollow mockery. We look into homes "full of mirth and glee"—homes where serene old age and happy childhood are found hand in hand—homes where family circles are complete. But we see other homes where vacant chairs tell the sad story of loss and bereavement. May He who in the past "has given His grace to the sorrowing" grant unto all such—from the highest to the lowliest—"the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" on this Thanksgiving day!

The earliest recorded Thanksgiving day was observed in this country in 1621, when the first fruits of weary toil were harvested by the Plymouth colony. Bradford sent out men to get wild fowl to help out the feast and, full of gratitude for their preservation and for the scanty harvest they had wrung from the unwilling stony soil, these brave ancestors of ours lifted up their hearts and voices in thankfulness to God. Brave men they were, and hopeful, full of endurance and indomitable force and energy. Food was scanty, perils threatened on every side, and yet these faithful pioneers were ready to praise God for his goodness and mercy.

Let us give thanks with all our hearts, forgetting for one day the cross-purposes, the strife, untiring ambition and unrequited disappointments of life; let us draw a long, deep draught from the perennial fount of real, sincere gratitude and our whole being will overflow with a new, strange life, a gladness which is made manifest in our daily life, in our charity, in our very steps and voice.

Have your clothes pressed at Victor Lomax's pantatorium.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Frank Norris and family removed to Walnut, Kansas, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Humphrey were over from Brookfield last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Balcom are at Kingman, Kansas, visiting their son Lloyd and family.

E. B. Allen came up from St. Louis yesterday to spend a few days among home folk here.

Mrs. M. J. Williams has gone to Hale for a visit with relatives, where she expects to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. L. Sensintaffar and daughter Pauline returned last week from a visit with relatives in Shelby county.

Col. H. M. Dake, the Brookfield promoter and real estate dealer, was in Laclede on business last Monday.

W. A. Balcom has enlarged his farm southwest of town by buying forty acres adjoining it on the north from J. L. Wood.

J. H. Weaver and son Cyrus and family have moved here from Bayless, Ill., and are occupying J. W. Lomax's rental property.

After a visit of two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. David, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Anderson left yesterday for her home at Keokuk, Iowa.

D. S. Loring has sold his restaurant business to Mrs. G. W. Hendricks who has taken charge. Mr. Loring expects to leave the first of next month for Florida.

Jas. A. Hunter, after spending a month with relatives and friends in this county, returned to Carrollton Tuesday to resume his duties as pharmacist in a drug store at that place.

Harry Newland came up from Anabel Thursday morning and was accompanied home that day by Mrs. Newland's mother, Mrs. H. E. Brown, who will spend the winter at Anabel.

This week C. E. Hilton bought the F. M. Connor farm of 260 acres two miles northeast of Laclede on route three. When the improvements Mr. Hilton has planned are made, this will be one of the best stock farms in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lomax and daughter Laura Dale, Miss Florence Bettelheim and Miss Mildred Wright, all of Brookfield, spent Monday evening in Laclede, guests of Cashier and Mrs. H. C. Lomax.

Miss Emma Gould returned home the first of the week from a visit with James Gould and family near Whaeling. She attended the flower show at Wheeling last Saturday and was one of the judges on fancy work.

Dr. J. L. Burke of Laclede has been appointed a member of the Linn county pension examining board to succeed Dr. Ed. Standly of Linneus, who resigned when he removed to Kansas City a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Shirey have been down from St. Joseph the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Standly. Mr. Shirey is firing on the Burlington out of St. Joseph and recently lost a part of one finger on his right hand and is off duty as a result of it. He made THE BLADE a call Wednesday and renewed for another year.