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YEGGS VISIT LACLEDE

The Postoffice Safe Cracked and \$174 in Cash Taken

Yeggmen made their periodical, yet regular visit to Laclede during Wednesday night, collected \$174 toll, and disappeared. The big safe at the postoffice was successfully opened with some powerful explosive, supposed to be nitroglycerine, and all government funds on hand taken. The job was neatly done and must have been the work of professionals. The outer door to the safe was broken off at the hinges and lay face up on the floor. The door to the steel chest where the money was kept was blown both out and in, making a complete opening.

The back door to the building was forced open with a small steel bar taken from a tool chest in the Jones Bros. cement factory. The burglars evidently had spotted the wrong back door as the rear window in the Shane building had been broken open and they had entered the Downey drug store, the room where the postoffice was formerly located. Nothing was missing from the drug store.

The burglar evidently got hurt doing the job, as there were large splashes of blood about the safe and on everything he touched after the explosion, and drops of blood showed on the floor and back door where he went out.

The office was not badly wrecked as on previous occasions, the safe and an office chair being the only property damaged.

Those who were aroused by the unusual noise believe the explosion occurred between two and three o'clock Thursday morning.

Up to the time we go to press the government inspector had not arrived and no clew has been discovered.

High School Inspected

Prof. J. D. Elliff, high school inspector representing the state university and the state school department, spent Monday with the Laclede high school. He made a thorough inspection of the work being done here and complimented Superintendent Crookshank and assistants and approved every unit offered which will continue our school on the fully accredited list.

Weather Forecast

For the week beginning Wednesday, Oct. 20 Issued by the United States weather bureau, Washington, D. C. for district No. Four.

With the exception of local rains Wednesday or Wednesday night in Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys, the weather will be generally fair during the week, although unsettled weather is again probable over the extreme northwest toward the end of the week.

It will be somewhat cooler Wednesday in the northwest and on Thursday in the Upper Mississippi valley.

Program and Pie Supper

There will be a program and pie supper at Centerview school, near Meadville, Friday evening October 29. Everybody invited.

ESSIE I. GLENN, Teacher.

The ladies of the Christian church held their annual bazaar at the Rest Room last Saturday and were well patronized. The venture netted a good sum for the benefit of the church.

Local and Personal

Three brood sows and pigs for sale by Geo. L. Farrar.

Miss Joe Ray of Emporia, Kans., is visiting at the home of W. H. Glover on route three.

Mrs. Z. T. Standly and son Harold are home from a month's visit with relatives in Iowa.

I have a few piano boxes left that I will sell for from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each. Jerome C. Brown.

Miss Gladys Mitchell of Sumner was the guest of Miss Laura Love three days the first of the week.

Am now ready to supply you with the big red apples. Get your order in at once. Henry Kraft.

Mrs. A. G. Talbott of Osceola, Iowa, is visiting here a few days with her son, Chas. B. and family.

James Ogle and family have moved to rural route two out of Meadville and ordered THE BLADE to their address for a year.

C. E. Goosey, farmer from the southeast part of the township, was here Tuesday delivering seventy lambs he had sold to Jones Bros.

Up to Wednesday Carothers & Allen had bought and shipped out seven car loads of apples. They buy by weight and ship in bulk in refrigerator cars.

The catalog for Keene Bros.' big Poland China sale to be held here November 9, is now being put in type at this office and will be out in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ehrlich bought a very fine piano of Jerome C. Brown last week and are now enjoying some fine music at their home on route one.

There will be regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday, the pastor preaching at 11:00 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. All cordially invited.

In the circuit court last week Jimmy Preston of Brookfield pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Knight who recently bought residence property here moved down from near Linneus last week and are located in their new home.

Much work is being done on the middle road from Laclede to Brookfield, the farmers being interested in making it fit for automobile travel. The work is being done under direction of Grover Peacher, the road overseer, and already a great improvement has been made.

Word comes from Marceline that Floyd Fitch, who had several building contracts in Laclede last year, lost three fingers this week by coming in contact with a power saw. Mr. Fitch is a fine mechanic and the injury will be a great loss to him.

Rev. Dunkleberger will fill his regular appointments at the Christian church next Sunday, preaching at 11:00 in the morning, at 3:00 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening. Following the morning service a basket dinner will be held at the church and all friends are invited to bring their dinner and attend all the services.

Mrs. G. W. Lord, Mrs. Sam Cleaver and daughter Miss Ethel, Miss Beatrice Green and her brother Charles and Frank Dick all of Brookfield, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Clair Lomax formed a very clever outing party that motored to Riverside, Mr. Lord's farm on Grand river near Fountain Grove and spent a pleasant day Wednesday.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen next Wednesday night. One candidate is expected to be ready for adoption and there is other important business to be attended to.

Andy Smith, an old man who has been eking out an existence in a hovel near the old mill southwest of town for a number of years, was taken to the county infirmary at Linneus Wednesday as a county charge.

C. W. Felt, who has been in business for the past fourteen years at Nezperce, Idaho, under the firm name of Felt Mercantile Company, and has done an immense business, is closing out and will quit business at that point. It is understood he will locate at Walla, Wash., where he recently acquired a large clothing and shoe store.

Rev. J. D. Mendenhall has three appointments for next Sunday, October 24. He will preach at Forker church at 11:00 in the morning; at the Kaye school house at 3:00 in the afternoon and at Sumner at 7:30 in the evening. The people of these respective neighborhoods are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Forker Sun Shine club delightfully surprised Miss Etta Welsh at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Welsh, a mile and a half east of Forker, Thursday afternoon of last week, with a "shower" in honor of her approaching marriage to Mr. Walter Andrews, a prosperous and enterprising young Chariton county farmer. Miss Welsh has been an untiring worker for the club and the members and friends showed their appreciation by many beautiful gifts. Light refreshments were served.

A four room residence in the west part of town belonging to Wm. Kraft and containing the household goods and effects of E. E. Toothaker and his mother was destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock last Saturday morning. There was no one at the house that night Mr. Toothaker being at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. G. Adams, helping to care for his sick mother. A. G. Groes and some of the other near neighbors succeeded in saving a bookcase, a feather bed and few other articles. On account of the early hour at which the fire occurred very few knew about it until the next day. The house was insured for \$300 and the content for \$250.

Rev. H. J. Dueker, the new pastor of the M. E. church with his wife and daughter, arrived from Green City Tuesday and are now at home in the parsonage, Rev. Mendenhall having moved to Brookfield Monday. Rev. and Mrs. Dueker have two daughters and one son. The eldest daughter is professor of mathematics in the Kansas university at Wichita, Kansas; the son is a junior in the school of engineering at the Kansas university while the other daughter is at home. There will be regular services at the church next Sunday, the pastor preaching at 11:00 in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening. Rev. Dueker and family will find a cordial welcome in Laclede.

Royal Neighbors to Brookfield

A delegation of twenty-four Royal Neighbors of Laclede were guests of the Brookfield camp at a meeting held last Saturday afternoon. There were several initiations, three of the candidates being from Laclede. A fine dinner was served and the visitors well entertained. In a guessing contest Laclede camp took the honors. Those from Laclede were Mrs. G. W. Anderson, Mrs. E. B. Gudgell, Mrs. W. O. Anderson, Mrs. Anna Jones, Mrs. W. A. Cutler, Mrs. Taylor Weaver, Mrs. Allie Harter, Mrs. Hettie Weaver, Mrs. A. J. Caywood, Mrs. J. E. Welsh, Mrs. Laura McDonnell, Mrs. Jas. Davis, Mrs. Ida Moore, Mrs. Clara Ausmus, Mrs. Stella Harter, Mrs. J. E. Kent, Mrs. J. W. Lomax, Miss's Marietta Welsh, Myrtle Harter, Via Glenn, Daisy Ash, Essie Glenn, Helen Hoyt and Amanda Glenn.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

Mrs. Cecile Plowman was hostess to the local W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. W. A. Cutler Tuesday afternoon. The subject of the lesson was Child Labor Laws, led by Mrs. J. B. Patrick and Mrs. Hubbard.

Two new members, Mrs. H. D. Hall and Mrs. J. H. Nichols, were taken in at this meeting, and the beautiful W. C. T. U. initiatory service gave added solemnity to the occasion. Also at this time six babies were dedicated to the whiteribbon army. The ritual accompanying this rite is both beautiful and impressive.

At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served. In addition to members the following guests were present: Mrs. V. E. Hogsett, Mrs. O. F. Libby, Mrs. T. D. Mouser, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Mrs. Chas. Mathiasch, Mrs. Wm. Lomax, Mrs. H. C. Carothers, Mrs. E. B. Gudgell. The out of town guests were Mrs. Sandall Hubbard and Mrs. J. Cutler of Brookfield. Increased interest marks each meeting of the Union.

Annual Flower Show

The premium lists for the sixth annual flower show and chicken pie dinner to be given by the Ladies Aid Society are printed and being distributed this week. Fifty-four premiums are offered on flowers and fancy work and a prize of one dollar for the prettiest baby under one year of age. The show will be held at the Rest Room on Saturday, October 30. A big chicken pie dinner will be served at noon and oysters will be served for supper.

Hallowe'en Party

At the Royal Neighbor masked Hallowe'en party at Woodman hall Friday night, October 29, a prize will be given the one best representing some chosen character. An admission fee of five cents will be charged at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Birthday Party

Last Saturday Gladys Anderson, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, celebrated her ninth birthday. There were present the 4th grade and a number of her little friends from the 5th grade. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with games and swinging, refreshments of candy and bananas being served at 3 o'clock. Gladys received a number of handsome and useful presents which she appreciates greatly.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

James Booth was in Bucklin on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Patrick visited relatives in Chillicothe last Sunday.

The Laclede football team played the Meadville team here last Saturday and won 13 to 0.

Hallowe'en party by the Royal Neighbors at Woodman hall on Friday night, October 29.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and Miss Minnie Tripper spent last Saturday afternoon in Chillicothe.

Miss Rebecca Nelson visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Maria Simpson, near Meadville.

The American Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. J. W. Lomax next Tuesday evening, October 26.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke spent Monday afternoon with their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Lippitt and family in Meadville.

Mrs. J. C. Lomax returned to her home at Princeton last Monday after visiting several days with relatives here.

A. J. Caywood and wife and daughter, Miss Vivia, and Miss Hazel Rankin were in Chillicothe Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols and two children returned home last Sunday from spending a week with relatives in Trenton.

M. F. Andrews and daughter, Miss Della, were here from Chariton county Tuesday trading with Laclede merchants.

Rev. Stratton, pastor of the Laclede Baptist church, is at Trenton this week attending the general assembly being held there.

Rev. Stratton bucklin his regular appointment at Bucklin last Sunday, preaching morning and evening, at the Baptist church.

Robert Carter, representative of the Talbott grain company at Bogard, was at the Talbott office here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Cady of Utica visited her sister, Mrs. F. C. Kuhn and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight here the first of the week.

Misses Florence Dye and Madge Kent, students at the Chillicothe business college, spent last Saturday and Sunday with home folk here.

Mrs. Ola Triplett and little daughter of Brookfield spent Saturday and Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Alexander and Mrs. M. F. Clay spent Monday afternoon in Chillicothe, making the trip in the Alexander Studebaker.

Mrs. J. T. Lomax and two children left for their home at San Benito, Texas, last Monday after a month's visit with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Kent returned to her home at Chula last Saturday after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Kuhn and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight.

Carlos Anderson, Henry Brenner, Emil Brendahl and Misses Helga and Christina Johnson composed an automobile party to Chillicothe Tuesday evening in the Anderson Cole "8."