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POOL HALLS BARRED

City Council Takes Action Against Game Tables in Laclede

The new city government is now fully installed and judging from the business transacted at the first meeting is in fine working order. The new board organized by the election of J. H. Nichols as president. Mayor Allen made the following appointments: Clerk and attorney, C. C. Bigger; street commissioner, A. V. Moore; treasurer, H. W. Lomax. All appointments were promptly confirmed by the board. Police Judge Lomax and Marshal F. R. Power were duly installed. Judge Lomax has one of the finest court rooms in the county and is ready to discharge the duties of that office whenever called on. At the first meeting the board unanimously passed an ordinance prohibiting the operation of pool or billiard ball within the city limits. The subject of street and sidewalk improvement and other important matters will be definitely acted upon at the next regular meeting in May. The board is working in perfect harmony and good results are expected.

Street Oiling Again

A meeting was held at the directors' room of the Lomax & Standly bank last week at which the subject of street oiling was taken up and given special attention. There were more than twenty-five present and everyone was enthusiastically in favor of oiling again this year and that the work be started at the earliest possible time. It is now planned to oil about twice as many blocks as was treated last year. To do this 15,000 gallons of oil is needed and the price is about one-third higher than last season. To do this work it will be necessary to raise a fund of \$750 00. About half the amount was subscribed at the meeting. Mayor Allen was elected chairman of the oiling boosters and he appointed a financial committee composed of H. W. Lomax, M. P. Benson and A. E. Johnston to solicit the balance of the funds and report at the next meeting. Laclede's experience with street oiling has been satisfactory beyond all expectations and everybody wants the good work to continue.

Brookfield Alarmed

There is nothing that alarms people as badly as a scourge of some deadly disease. Brookfield is very greatly alarmed by the shipment of 250 alarm clocks received by the Strain Jewelry Store. This alarm is not dangerous except to the fellow who has to pay the advanced prices that are now made effective by the factories. Mr. Strain says "so much brass is used in Europe to put people to sleep that there is a scarcity in this country to wake us up." "I found a chance to get the price of last year by taking this lot, and believe me it didn't take an alarm clock to wake me up to the opportunity. I bought the clocks and then slept easy."

O. A. Talbot & Co., have a car of lumber unloaded that they will use in building a coal and storage building 80x50 feet on the site of their old coal sheds that will be torn down.

Passing of a Good Man

John C. Fletcher was born in Belmont county, Ohio, June 28, 1834, and died at his home in Laclede, April 17, 1916, aged 81 years, 9 months and 20 days.

On November 9, 1861, he enlisted as a defender of our Union in Company F 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During the war he was with his company in five battles and besides various other engagements. In an engagement near Kenesaw Mountain he was wounded. This wound disabled him for only a few months. He was honorably mustered out at Puleski, Tennessee, Nov. 9, 1864, having served three full years.

Mr. Fletcher was married to Miss Elizabeth Kinney of Belmont county, Ohio. This companion died in 1859. The deceased came to Linn county, Missouri, in 1867 and moved to stay in 1869. Since that time Laclede was his home. On Sept. 23, 1875, he and Miss Ellen Brickle of Brookfield, a native of New York state, were married in the Protestant Episcopal church of that city. This was the first marriage solemnized in that church edifice. Mrs. Fletcher, together with a large host of friends mourn the departure of a white soul.

John C. Fletcher was an industrious man, a valuable citizen, a good husband, a loyal church member, and a docile disciple and faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

In the minds of those who knew him well there is no doubt that his prayers, good works, honest labor, and alms deeds were held in remembrance by God. Indeed for him to live was Christ; to die gain.

The funeral services conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Dueker, were held on Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church of which society the deceased was for many years a consistent and highly esteemed member. The G. A. R. Post attended the funeral services in a body. Interment was made in the Laclede cemetery, Director J. H. Nichols having charge.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to offer our heartfelt thanks to all our kind friends for their thoughtful assistance during our sad bereavement, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. J. C. FLETCHER.

Laclede Won

Last Friday afternoon Browning high school crossed bats with the local high school team at Highland park. When the game ended Laclede was the winner, 8-7, and at that it took twelve innings to turn the trick.

The game was hard and well played throughout. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the game the pitching of Thomas Wade. The four innings he pitched he had the Browning boys at his mercy. He was succeeded by Lee Maybee who also pitched well except one inning. At bat Noan Cotter and Daniel Cole did the hardest batting, while in the field Harry Peacher and Guy Stark each made several star plays. The game was faultlessly umpired by Max Jones and Wayne Fields.

The next game will be with Hale and the boys intend to add another game to the won column.

Fred Clinefelter came home yesterday morning from the state university to spend Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clinefelter.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Elmer Stoddard, of the Power garage, has rented the Burnett residence in South Laclede and will move his family here from Brookfield next week.

The Royal Neighbors will meet at Woodmen hall on Friday afternoon of this week at the usual hour. More cards are to be presented for membership and all officers and members are requested to be in attendance at the time of opening lodge. All who have prospective members please make a special effort to secure their cards for this meeting. Business to be decided at this meeting in regard to the class adoption.

C. W. Felt, Nezperce, Idaho, remembered us with a check to advance his subscription a couple of years, this week. Curry says he and the people out that way are anxious for the republican party to return to power and hopes the right man will be nominated at Chicago, but Teddy won't do. He, like all Laclede and former citizens of Laclede, is watching with much interest the campaign of Brig. Gen. John Pershing in Mexico, feeling confident the Laclede soldier will succeed in adding more laurels to his already brilliant career.

Harry J. Libby of Shelby, prosecuting attorney of Shelby county, spent Sunday here with his parents, Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby. Some years ago Harry was a printer in this office and naturally made us a visit Monday and left a check that paid his subscription two years in advance. He is serving his second term as prosecuting attorney but is not a candidate this year, preferring to devote his time to his private practice in which he has been quite successful, handling some of the most important cases in that part of the state.

The Power Garage received this week the largest stock of automobile casings and inner tubes ever shipped to Laclede and can supply most any car with any of the best standard brands. The leading brands they have in stock are the Goodyear, Firestone and Fisk. In addition to tires this garage carries a large assortment of repairs, accessories and supplies of all kinds and the repair department is in the hands of competent and skilled workmen who give every customer a square deal. When in need of anything in the automobile line, remember the brick garage on the south side is the place to get it.

Prof. E. R. Marsh, superintendent of the Ludlow schools, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his family, Mrs. Marsh being here the past month taking care of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Duckworth, who is sick. The Ludlow schools close this week the commencement exercises being held Friday night. Prof. E. M. Sipple, of the Moberly schools, and a former superintendent of the Laclede schools, will deliver the graduation address at Ludlow, his subject being "Buds and Bubbles." Mr. Sipple has gained a wide reputation as a public speaker and his services are much in demand on occasions connected with school work.

Local and Personal

Go to Linn's for style and quality. Mrs. L. B. Jones visited her son, Geo. Jones and family in Linneus last Friday.

Misses Dora Goins and Christina Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Kirksville.

Linn's have a splendid line of hats for ladies, misses and children. They can save you some money.

John Baskins of Memphis, Tenn., is here to spend the summer with his uncles, the Wallace Brothers.

Mrs. Dr. Pratt and Mrs. Carl Heryford of Brookfield were guests of Mrs. H. C. Lomax Wednesday.

Mrs. A. L. Wyatt and daughter of Bucklin are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. H. D. Hall and Mr. Hall.

Miss Edith Hamilton spent Friday and Saturday in Linneus, guest of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Neal and Mr. Neal.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs from big boned, well barred chickens for setting. Mrs. A. M. Walker, phone 704.

Mrs. Jean Lawson and little daughter of Bushnell, Ill., are visiting Laclede friends, guests of Mrs. C. C. Bigger.

Mrs. Max Jones returned home last Saturday from spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. Duffie and family at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neal of Linneus, guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hamilton last Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Weatherly of Forker and Mrs. E. M. Logsdon of St. Joseph, were guests of Mrs. J. E. Welsh and family, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wade was over from Brookfield and spent Friday and Saturday at their farm home north of town with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade.

Attorney C. C. Bigger has been at Chillicothe this week as the defense attorney in the Purdin church case taken to Livingston county on a change of venue.

Miss Roxana Rankin was hostess to the P. E. O. Wednesday afternoon of last week. At roll call each responded with quotation on their favorite bird. The chapter was pleased to have with them Mrs. Nellie Bruns of Anaheim, Cali., and Mrs. Mamie Threlkeld of Alliance, Nebr. The hostess served dainty refreshments being assisted by her sister, Miss Hazel.

Banquet Ice Cream

I have the exclusive sale of Banquet ice cream, the highest testing, best tasting ice cream that is, or was ever made by anyone at any time, manufactured exclusively in North Missouri under registered trade mark No. 72981, by the Longacre Ice Cream and Butter Co., Macon, Mo.

Come in and try it and if you are not satisfied you can have your money back. It is manufactured in the cleanest, most sanitary ice cream factory in the state, entirely by automatic machinery—never touched by human hands. Every particle guaranteed to pass any pure-food law.

Sent any place in town packed in ice in half gallon and one gallon buckets. Try it and be convinced that it is the best ice cream ever sold in Laclede.

Special for Saturday and Sunday, Strawberry Fruit, and Pineapple-Marschino flavors.

MYRON HESTER, Cafe.

TWO ARMED ROBBERS

Night Operator Held Up and Depot Cash Drawer Looted

A bold and successful robbery was pulled off at the local Burlington office early Thursday morning. About 1 o'clock as Night Operator W. A. Cutler was working at his desk two masked men suddenly entered, one covering the operator with a revolver while the other emptied the contents of the cash drawer into his pocket. Billy Marlow, a farmer residing south of town who was in the depot during the rain, was also made to stick up his hands. After securing about \$20 from the cash drawer the robbers marched Cutler and Marlow down the track to a point near the section car house south of the station where they were searched, Marlow being relieved of \$5.00 and Cutler of a few cents. The robbers then disappeared in the darkness.

The alarm was at once given and the officers were soon at work but up to the time of going to press no line had been gotten on them. They made no effort to enter the express safe or molest anything else about the station and were quick about the job. They appeared to be young men, perhaps 18 or 20 years of age. No strangers were noticed about town or the station that night and they are supposed to have dropped off a freight train that passed just before the robbery.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Lomax Tuesday afternoon. An interesting lesson was rendered by Mrs. Sween on the subject of Publicity. Meeting opened by scriptural reading by Mrs. Patrick and prayer by Miss Dueker. Twelve members responded to roll call.

A letter was read by Miss Sissons saying Mrs. Burger the state president, could meet with the union some time in May, which the members were glad to hear.

Flower committee reported flowers sent to Mrs. O. F. Libby, Mrs. Harry Maybee, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Smith.

The union is going to take up the work of cleaning some of the vacant lots and untidy places and planting flowers instead. This will be a great help for these desolate places.

Serving refreshments was unanimously voted out of the union. More time will be spent on the lesson each meeting. It was voted to organize a Loyal Temperance Legion for the young people.

Parliamentarian drilled the union twenty minutes in parliamentary rules.

The contest is doing well, eight names being added to the roll.

The institute part of the meeting was very interesting; all we lacked was more time.

Guests present were Mrs. Harter, Mrs. Carothers, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Dueker, Mrs. Welsh, Miss Marietta Welsh and Miss Dueker.

During the social hour, Mr. Lomax entertained by playing the piano. Dainty refreshments were served.

Next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hall, with Mrs. Jones as leader.