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## A HOT TIME AT VANDUSER.

Leonard Fields Arrested Friday by Sheriff Watkins and Deputy Cowell.

Leonard Fields was wanted in Ballard county, Kentucky, to answer a charge of forgery. Sheriff Watkins had located him at Vanduser and Friday morning Deputy Sheriff Cowell, of Mississippi county, came to Benton to assist in the arrest.

Fields had been described as a large and dangerous man with one hand off, and the Kentucky authorities had warned the officers to be cautious.

Sheriff Watkins had met the man on various occasions, and each time he noticed that Fields evaded him.

Friday the two officers started for Vanduser in a buggy. Arriving there they located their man at Armstrong's hotel. Sheriff Watkins tells of the arrest in this way:

"It was agreed that I was to make the arrest and that if Fields offered any resistance Mr. Cowell was to cover him with his pistol. We walked to the hotel and were met at the door by Fields. He was alone in the room and had been writing, but when he saw us coming he got up to meet us. I told him who I was and he replied: 'Yes, I know you.' I told him that he was wanted in Kentucky for forgery and that we had come for him. He denied his guilt, but appeared pleasant and offered no resistance. When asked if he considered himself under arrest he replied 'yes.' I told him that we had information that he was a very dangerous man and that handcuffs would be applied, to which he replied: 'No, you won't.'"

"When I attempted to apply the handcuffs he resisted. I caught him on one side and Mr. Cowell on the other, and a general tussle followed. We were up and down six or seven times and upset all the tables and chairs in the parlor. He was the most powerful man I ever had hold of and had us both about fagged out, when I jerked loose, drew my pistol and told him if he moved I'd kill him.

"About this time the ladies began to rush in and scolded us for such behavior in the house. At the muzzle of a pistol Fields was marched out into the street. He gave us no further trouble and was landed in Charleston jail that night."

Mr. Watkins says he went back and apologized to the ladies for the disturbance, but has some doubts about the apology being accepted.

Sheriff Shelby, of Christianston, was here Monday and took back the horse on which Deputy Cowell came.

Friday Justice Guppton, of Morley, sentenced Jim Evis to 31 days in jail for carrying concealed weapons. He also committed Lawrence Perry to jail to answer a charge of stealing \$12.00 from a dwelling. After two days Perry gave bond.

On the same day Justice Hale, of Oran, sent Joe Bland to jail for safekeeping to answer to the charge of disturbing the peace of his wife.

And so the spring opening at the Hotel de Watkins begins with a rush.

From Crowder.

Hubert Wellman is the acknowledged champion walker of these parts, having walked home from Morley Monday morning in one hour. Hub says Morley has one of the fairest of all flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cooky, accompanied by their little daughter, Lorine, are here from Poplar Bluff visiting relatives.

T. A. Cooky has just completed another building, the same being used by Wm. Lett as a barber shop. Chas. Wrenfrey, the new blacksmith, is erecting a new shop and residence in the north part of town.

G. W. Shawan has added some new machinery to his hoop factory and will soon be ready for work.

Miss Lillie Archer, who has been at Vanduser for the last two months, has returned to her home here.

A good dog is a good thing to have on a farm, but the worthless cur should be shot.

We are sorry to state that Doc Moulder is very sick at this writing. Jim Tolbert is all smiles over a 10-lb. boy at his house.

Doc Potter, of Vanduser, visited in Crowder Sunday and of course seen his best girl.

When in town call around at R. W. Huffstetler's. He can fix you up in the eating line.

Sunday school every Sunday morning and singing at night. Every body come.

G. W. Schawan returned Monday from a short visit to relatives in Dexter.

Miss Lillie Henry visited friends near Big Ridge Saturday night and Sunday.

Manion Acord has opened an addition north of town and is selling lots.

R. J. Kimball had business in Sitton Monday.

## THE MANNING BRIDGE

To Be a Monster Structure and Will Cost \$2,000,000.

Newspaper reports have it that the new bridge being built across the Mississippi river at Manning, in the northeast portion of this county, is one of the largest under construction in the United States.

The total length of the bridge proper will be 2,750 feet. The entire structure, including earth work and masonry approaches, will be 3,907 feet. It is a double track design with a clearance between the trusses of twenty-eight feet. The bottom of the steel work will be 103 feet above low water mark and 65 feet above high water mark. Six stone piers will support the steel work. The approaches will be by concrete trestles, that on the east side being 325 feet in length, with five arches, and that on the west side 400 feet, with seven arches. The combined east and west earthwork approaches will be 342 feet long.

The cost of the complete structure is estimated by the engineers at \$2,000,000. This is proportioned as follows: Superstructure, \$1,300,000, or just half; substructure (main bridge) \$540,000; concrete approaches, \$270,000; earthwork approaches, \$280,000; engineering and contingencies, \$210,000.

The superstructure design is composed of two fixed spans, four cantilever arms and three suspended spans. The central or channel span is 671 feet.

For the piers the face stones will be of Bedford, Ind., stone, while the stones on the up side to cut the water will be granite below high water mark. The copings and bridge seat stones will also be granite. All of the piers will rest on concrete foundations, laid on bed rock, which has been reached at a comparatively short distance below the river bed.

In the concrete arches for the approaches 45,000 cubic yards of material is the estimated amount. All of the arches, except the one adjoining the steel work on the west side, will be sixty-five feet. The one exception will be 100 feet.

In making the excavations for the earthwork approaches leading up to the concrete arches it was necessary to move 620,000 cubic yards of earth. Of this 320,000 was on the Illinois side and 300,000 on the Missouri side.

The location of the bridge is an admirable one, as on both sides of the river where the bridge is being erected are high bluffs, affording safe and well-adapted anchorage for the heavy steel structure.

A list, the well-known dentist in our community, will visit professionally—Oran on the 23rd March; New Hamburg on the 25th, and Kelso on the 27th.

Mrs. J. E. Warner spent the week visiting Charleston.

J. E. Morrow, of near Blodgett, was here Saturday.

## From Commerce.

The song of the frog is heard throughout the land of Tywappity, and from the varied tone and volume thereof one might suppose "St. Patrick" had colonized the whole of the frog family in a single neighborhood. "This said that when a mother wishes to hush her baby with a lullaby she has to close the door, pull down the blinds and use a speaking trumpet at high C. Woe is the land of Tywappity when spring cometh.

While some of our young swains and "swainesses" were stealing a ride on a hand car t'other evening some villain arranged a couple of fish-plates astride the rail in such a way as would have capsized them on their return, as they were running without a headlight. Happily the mercenary's designs were frustrated. Which is against the law—the ride, the fish-plate or no headlight?

Every woman and girl had an escort to Sunday school last Sunday. "Johnnie Quill" was at the left side of each of them. "Johnnie Jump" has an engagement for next Sunday, and perhaps "Sweet William" for the next—at least that's what they say. The boys will have an inning when "Queen of the Meadow" comes. The river at this point is down 8 inches from the highest of the season. It has done some damage to wheat, and perhaps Tywappity bottom in Scott will lose a thousand acres. It now looks as though the worst was past and farmers are very hopeful.

Tom Snowden, of Cross Plains, was in town this week and reports lots of small pox in his community. When asked why they didn't use disinfectants he said they would have to burn up the earth, as the whole place was saturated with it.

The tug Ariand, of Cairo, with barge, took a lot of bolt timber from here 12th, most of which had fallen into the river, but was kept from floating away by watching and booming.

Oran has never considered the serious side of the county seat question. A court house breeds lawyers and politicians just as bad cheese does maggots.

Mrs. Russel, nee Lettwith, wife of Presiding Elder Russel, visited L. A. Reynolds and other relatives here first of the week.

The song of the fisherman is heard daily upon our village highway, and the fish are fine.

The spring garden and the spring fever have got us. We are in a bad way.

Tom Beardslee shipped 30 head of very pretty cattle to market Tuesday.

Did somebody say Joe was going to get married? Hurrah for Joe! Mate Sanders, one of Thebes' tonorial artists, was here Tuesday.

Our village election comes off on April 7. Look out.

Oliver Leckey is in St. Louis this week.

## From Morley.

O. N. Wilson, who left here about five weeks ago for New Mexico for his health, died Saturday and was buried here Thursday. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Wilson was raised in Scott county and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a member of Morley Court No. 18, T. B. H.

Uncle John Harbison died Monday at the age of 68 years. He was a good man to the poor in Scott county and his death will be regretted by all who knew him. His remains were interred Wednesday at the Harbison burying ground above Benton.

Reverend Harris was here and got a square meal at mamma's Sunday. He was much improved in appearance when he departed for the crossroads.

Albert Evans left Wednesday for Las Cruces, N. M., where he goes to recruit his health. His many friends here wish him success.

C. P. Harris, Miss Adelle Harris and Miss Fay Parish visited friends at Commerce Sunday and report a nice time.

Noah Newton, an old and respected citizen of this place, died Saturday and was buried here Sunday evening.

A. J. Harrison, of Moursheuse, was up a couple of days this week looking after his farming interests.

T. L. Hamilton and John Vaughn were in Benton Friday.

Our Junior Legion is to meet every Tuesday evening. All invited.

The protracted meeting is producing results.

Wedding bells are ringing.

From New Hamburg.

Lawrence, son of Jos. Scherer, who has been in bad health for quite a while, was here Tuesday. We hope to yet see Lawrence grow strong and well.

Mike Dirnberger, Sr., of Oran, was in New Hamburg Tuesday. It is said that he was trying to buy property here. How's that, Oran?

We were pleased to see Mrs. Andrew Essner out last Sunday. For two months she suffered with a severe case of confinement small pox.

New buildings will be erected here during the summer and our town will improve in a way that will surprise even the most hopeful.

Much work is being done on the festival grounds, which will be transformed into an elegant park by fall.

John Linhart is absent and his whereabouts is not given. Frank Dimey is in charge of the saloon.

Louis Kilhauer, Louis Westrich, B. Schuemer and Wendeline Scherer were over at Benton Monday.

George Kern and Frank Bles went down to Cary Monday and brought home two loads of lumber.

I am still agent for the Pechonouras Nursery and will call on you to take your order soon. Ambrose Bles, 31 Theon Heisserer came over from Essex Saturday and returned Sunday.

## From Rockview.

Died from small pox at her home near Rockview, Mrs. Nancy E. Spradling, aged 31 years and 11 months. She leaves a husband and four children, besides many friends, to mourn her death. The remains were laid to rest in the Spradling cemetery at Mesodonia Tuesday.

Every married man, rich or poor, and especially the latter, should carry a policy on his own and his wife's life, so that when death, the inevitable, carries off either one, the other is able to give proper attention to the helpless little ones. The T. B. H. is a good organization for both men and women.

The district clerk posted notices of the annual school meeting Monday. This calls our attention to election day, which is quite close, and still no announcements for school commissioner.

Your correspondent just missed by a few minutes seeing a scrap between women at Oran Friday last. Can't you Oran men do all the fighting necessary in your burg?

Lum Jones made a flying trip to Kelso Tuesday night after the doctor for Henry Mills, who had small pox. Henry is now all right again.

The hill hand boys are playing some nice music. Come out to Kelso Pentecost Monday night.

The wolves are getting about as bad around here as they were in Taney county.

Cooper Spradling sold all his personal property Monday.

Calvin Blase, of Houck, Mo., was in our town Saturday.

From Cary.

No school this week. Teacher took sick Friday last and went home.

The young folks had prayer meeting Sunday at Unity. There was a good attendance.

Tom Darty went to Blodgett Sunday night and attended church.

There's some of Cary left from the wash-out. The water has gone down some.

Small pox is still scaring people hereabouts. We have two yellow flags flying.

The Home Mission Society has got another quilt to sell.

Obituary.

John Hodgkiss died at his home at Cary March 10 of consumption, aged 23 years and 7 days. He was the oldest of six children, four brothers and one sister, whom, together with a loving mother and a host of friends, he leaves to mourn his early death.

The funeral services were conducted by Father Moening, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at New Hamburg.

He was called away from the midst of friends in the bloom of his youthful life. Away from the joys and the sorrows of this world's uncertain strife; But he is at rest in the mansion Prepared in the world above; Where he will abide for evermore Through Christ's redeeming love.

GERTHA UTMAGE.

## From Oran.

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Strack, of Perkins, was baptised Olevia Josephine at the Catholic church Sunday. The child was born on January 31, but the condition of the roads prevented their coming earlier.

Charley St. Cin. Jeff. Milford, Geo. Burgund, and one or two others of the Bird's Island neighborhood, were here Tuesday. Charley says the only thing that keeps the swamp people from becoming web-footed this spring is their foolish pride.

Married at Cape Girardeau Sunday, March 3, Mr. Alex. Wright and Mrs. Addie Wise, Rev. Manley officiating. We wish them happiness unalloyed.

Miss Blanche Finley's school closed a very successful term at Randal's Station and she is again at home, much to the joy of some of the young men hereabouts.

Miss Mary Moore died at the hospital at Cape Girardeau Tuesday night. Her remains were brought here and interred in the Moore cemetery Thursday.

Attorneys Kingsbury and Kelly, Recorder Harris and Paul Hafner were here Tuesday. Benton people seem to have a favorable opinion of Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Akley, of Benton, were here the first of the week admiring their elegant residence just completed in the lower end of town.

Mrs. Chas. Murray has returned for a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. W. E. Harris. Her many friends are glad to welcome her to her old home.

Prof. Duckworth is still unable to teach. We learn he has a slight attack of small pox. Miss Blanche Finley is teaching in his place.

Mrs. Joe M. Smith has changed her residence from Bleda to Oran. She purchased property from Father Helmshaber.

Further Moening attended to parish duties last week while Father Helmshaber was absent on a visit to Osage county.

Rev. Rudolph has an attack of grip and was unable to fill his regular appointment Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Green Greer has purchased desirable lots for several Skiston people who will erect some elegant homes here.

Mrs. Sanders, mother of Rev. Mad. Fox, is dangerously ill and very little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Lyman Miller, of Fredericktown, visited his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris, first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wagner left Monday for Fredericktown to visit relatives.

Mrs. T. E. Tomlinson, of Morley, visited relatives in Oran Thursday.

Thos. F. Hinkle has again been to St. Louis buying goods.

Mrs. J. B. Finley is quite sick at this writing.

More weddings predicted by our town prophets.

## From Kelso.

Miss M. Beauvais, who has been trimming hats in St. Louis during the past few weeks, has returned to Kelso with a beautiful line of hats. Ladies are invited to inspect her goods and get her prices.

Henry Schuetts has concluded that the best way to cure bad habits is to keep good company and he will therefore remain in Kelso where he can associate with John Sailer and Leo Welter.

A brand new boy—evidently a Populist—stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Compas on the 10th and was baptised William Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Compas sponsors.

The surveyors of the new Charleston and Hickman railroad stopped here a couple of days owing to bad weather. The road is to leave Kelso one-half mile to the west.

Our merchants now get goods by way of Commerce since the multiplicity of railroads and bad roads have taken possession of Manning and Ray's Landing.

C. J. Rush and Anton Baudendistel, our wide-awake merchants, have returned from their visit to the markets, where they purchased their spring goods.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Kern on the 8th and was baptised Adolph. John Logel and Bertha Follen were sponsors.

Tony Baudendistel says that he believes it is easier to teach a baby how to talk than a woman not to. But then Tony don't know.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ziegler on the 15th and was baptised Matilda Frances. Mr. and Mrs. John Hoss sponsors.

Landry Drury says you can't always judge a man's piety by his pants being out at the knees. He may be a criss-shooter.

Otto Dammann says that about all the use the world has for a dude is that he makes a good cigarette holder.

Chas. Messner and Tony Heisserer have returned from Stoddard county, where they have been doing some building.

The new Cotton Belt yards at the Kelso depot are almost completed and the switch engines will soon be put on.

We neglected to mention the death of the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lauck on the 2nd inst.

The family of Ludanus Ziegler, the barber, moved to St. Louis last week.

Joe Diebold says that the man who pays as he goes is the man who can get credit anywhere.

J. H. Winkelmann went down to Benton Wednesday to see how that town was getting along.

Mrs. Dave Meinz and Mrs. Albert Mantz went to St. Louis via the river route Saturday.

The pupils of our public school will give their closing entertainment Saturday night.

Fred Sackery, railroad agent at Ardsola, paid home folks a visit Monday.

Our flour mill is again grinding, after a brief shut-down to repair rollers.

Joe Duney, formerly of this place, is operating a thirst parlor in St. Louis.

C. J. Rush and family were in St. Louis—Mr. Rush buying a spring stock.

It is rumored that V. V. Lauck will engage in pork packing here.

M. J. Diebold, the watchmaker, has a nice line of goods.

Chas. Breneke is over near Bloomfield visiting relatives.

Dr. P. R. Williams is off on a trip to Texas.

Who said move the court house?

From Bleda.

William Mobly was in our neighborhood with his sheller this week. He was at Pius Halters when last seen. Mr. Mobly is a hustler and his sheller does good work.

McLean Bros. are putting in some new machinery this week which will be a great help to their mill.

Emil Stubenrauch and Joe Metz, accompanied by their best girls, were in our burg Sunday.

Curtis Allen passed through here Wednesday en route to Randal's Station.

John B. Meinz went to Oran Tuesday and bought a fine span of mules. Mike Pobest is hauling in a fine lot of ash logs to the switch this week.

F. J. Amrhein began repairing the levee at the Harris farm Monday.

Everybody is making garden and beginning spring farm work.

Henry Kemper is still in with small pox, but is improving.

F. J. Amrhein is getting in a fine lot of wheat this week.

Frank Amrhein went to Cape Saturday.

Go to R. H. McLean, Oran, for bright pea hay.

## Spring-Time is Knocking at Our Door!

Mr. Baudendistel has returned from the Markets where he purchased an immense Spring Stock. This Stock Must Have Room, and in Order to make this Room we will dispose of Goods at a Sacrifice for a limited time. You should not delay, for these bargains cannot last always. See these prices:

### GROCERIES.

- Bulk Roasted Coffee, 12 lbs for \$1.00
- Arbuckle's and Lyon Coffee, 11 packages for..... 1.00
- Granulated Sugar, 20 lbs for 1.00
- Good Navy Beans, per pound, .40
- Star Terbacker, per pound, .45
- All T. List Terbacker, 7 twists .25
- Good 8-lb. can Tomatoes only .10
- Good Broom for..... .20
- Good Laundry Soap, 12 bars .25
- Big Deal Soap, 7 bars for..... .25
- Banner Oats, 5-lb. box for..... .20
- Irish Rolled Oats, 8 pks for..... .25
- Northern Early Rose Seed Potatoes, per bushel,..... .70
- Northern Ohio Seed Potatoes, per bushel,..... .80
- Eastern Potatoes, per bushel,..... .65
- All Patent Medicines, \$1.00 size bottles reduced to..... .85
- Good Lye, per Can..... .05

### HARDWARE.

- Having arranged to retire from the hardware business next month, the prices in that department will be unceremoniously cut and slashed:
  - Nails, all sizes, per keg.....\$2.50
  - Good Spades, worth 75c go at .45
  - All Steel Spades, worth 90c at .45
  - Good short-handle Shovels reduced from 65c to..... .45
  - Good, all steel, long-handle Shovels worth 90c now..... .65
  - Good 4-tine fork worth 85c at .45
  - Garden Rakes worth 85c now .20
  - All-Steel Post-hole Diggers..... .60
  - Good Door Locks, worth 35c..... .20
  - Good Garden Hoes worth 35c..... .20
  - Good Single-Trees worth 35c..... .25



- Ladies \$1.25 Shoes reduced to \$ .90
- Ladies' Fine Hamilton-Brown Shoes worth \$1.50, go at 1.10
- Gents' Shoes worth \$1.65 at 1.25
- Children's and Misses' Shoes Worth \$1, reduced to..... .80
- A large lot of other shoes must be closed out at and under cost.

### DRY - GOODS.



- A Lot of Calceos, per yard, .08
- Lot of LL Sheetting, was 6c. .05
- Lot of LL Sheetting, was 5c. .04
- Good Heavy Shirting, fast Colors, was 10c per yd, at .08
- Feather ticking worth 20c at .15
- Bleached Muslin reduced to... .04
- Good 9-4 double width sheetting worth 20c per yard goes at .15
- Negligee shirts worth 75c go at .50
- Men's work shirts worth 85c at .45
- Men's Suspenders, per pair... .10
- Coats' Thread, 6 Spools for... .25</