

**RICH HILL BOY FATALLY INJURED**

**Jumped From a Fast Freight and Death Resulted Monday Morning.**

Bennie, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ellis, residing 2 1/2 miles south of Rich Hill, in jumping from a Mo. Pacific freight train, No. 253, southbound, at 1 o'clock Monday morning, was caught beneath the wheels and suffered fatal injuries.

It appears that the Ellis boy, with a companion, Teddy Reese, went to Butler on an earlier train, and in returning got on a through freight which did not stop here. When the train reached a point just south of the water tank the boys jumped off, the Reese boy landing safely, but the Ellis boy was caught by the wheels, his left leg being crushed, his skull fractured and left hip mashed, besides body bruises.

In about 15 minutes after a report was made to the Mo. Pacific station and Dr. Delamater summoned the boy was taken to the Delamater hospital where Drs. Delmater & Insley, assisted by Dr. W. H. Allen dressed his injuries. The fore part of his left leg was amputated, and other injuries attended. The boy had suffered from the shock and loss of blood from the terrible accident and relapsed into unconsciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were summoned and soon arrived at the hospital. He was a bright and handsome boy and the shocking accident is deeply regretted. T. W. Ellis, the boy's father, is engineer at the Hecmore mine, and Messrs. Jones and Heck, the owners, rendered what service they could in the case.

The boy lingered until 10:10 o'clock Monday morning. He never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were held from the family home Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Anderson, pastor of the Christian church. Interment in Greenlawn cemetery.—Rich Hill Review.

**Report of Bates County Text Book Commission.**

The Bates County Text Book Commission which closed its work May 30th, made two changes in the textbooks to be used in Bates county for the next five years.

Gehr's Agriculture was adopted in place of Mann's Agriculture. These books are published by the same Book Company, and we made provision with them that the new book be introduced gradually. I am sure if you will examine the two books you will see that a change was justified. Mr. Gehr is at the head of the Agricultural Department in the Warrensburg Normal and has written his book to meet the needs of Missouri schools. It was also written from the standpoint of the Missouri State course of study. Teachers and pupils will have no trouble following the course of study with this book. To do so with Mann's Agriculture was impossible.

The primer, first, second, third and fourth readers of the Brooks were changed to the Wheeler Readers. If you will compare these two sets of readers you will find the Wheeler Readers far superior to the Brooks Readers in method, illustration, content, and suggestion to teachers and pupils. This is the first time in the history of textbook changes in Bates county that such an exchange price was offered as was offered by the publishers of the Wheeler Readers. A primer may be exchanged for a first reader or a first reader exchanged for a primer or for a second reader and so on throughout the series. Always before the exchanges were for readers of a kind. That is a primer for a primer and a first reader for a first reader and so on throughout the series. Such an exchange price will make a big saving for the people of Bates county. The exchange price was also extended until May 29th, 1918, which will permit all of those pupils who are promoted next year to take their books and exchange them before the exchange expires.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. Moreland.

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**BODY OF KEET BABY FOUND**

**Mob Tries to Force Confession From Suspects. May be German Plot.**

The body of little Lloyd Keet, the fourteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Keet of Springfield, who was kidnaped May 30, and held for ransom, was found in a well at the old Crenshaw mansion near Springfield Saturday morning.

The body of the child was wrapped in the blanket which had been taken from the Keet home and in an old black petticoat. It was found shortly before noon floating on the surface of the water 10 feet below the ground in the abandoned well a few yards from the Crenshaw mansion.

It was this mansion that Piersol, a suspect, had admitted visiting, but not in any connection with the Keet kidnaping.

The information which resulted in finding the body was obtained by Manny Simmons and Edward Conklin, local business men and friends of the wealthy father. With detectives, they went to the Crenshaw farm and instituted a search of the house and grounds. The house previously had been searched, but no signs were found to indicate that it had been used by the alleged gang.

The farm recently was searched by authorities, after it had been named in alleged statements given by suspects under arrest here. An old house there, deserted for several years, was said to have been chosen as the headquarters for the alleged abductor, who planned to kidnap Clement.

The Keet baby was stolen from the family home the night of May 30. His parents had gone to a dance at the Country Club and the baby was left with a nurse and an older son.

The abduction was said to have been committed about 10 o'clock that night. Neighbors described later having seen an automobile drive swiftly past the house. It was supposed to have stopped behind some bushes.

Three men were believed to be the abductors, and it is assumed they took the baby from his crib, carrying him about 200 yards to the car.

The baby's father received an anonymous letter the day following the disappearance in which \$6,000 ransom for the child was demanded. The father was directed to drive into rural Greene County that night and was told that somewhere he would come upon a lighted lantern. There he was to stop and the child would be returned to him in exchange for the money.

Keet made the trip. With the lights on his motor car fixed as he had been directed, so the abductors might recognize him, he left his home alone shortly before midnight. Four hours, through a blinding storm that made roads almost impassable, he drove around the Ozark hills of Greene County. He saw no sign of the abductors, however, and returned home several hours later, haggard and tired, his clothing mud-stained and drenched.

Explanations given then were that friends who had followed him in their motor cars, seeking to insure his safety, possibly had frightened away the abductors.

Since that time it has been believed Mr. Keet made another trip in the hills, alone, possibly in response to another letter, as it has been reported currently that he received at least four communications. But that could not be fixed definitely, as the father, playing almost a "lone hand" in the search, refused either to confirm or deny the rumors.

The wealth of the family, the unusual features of the search, and the declarations that an organized and well directed abduction plot had been unearthed, brought attention to the case throughout the country.

Baby Keet was a lively youngster of brown hair and brown eyes. His father, until two or three days ago, seemed confident that the boy would be surrendered by the kidnapers.

Mrs. Keet, the young and pretty mother, likewise had kept up her spirits. The night upon which the father made the wild trip through the storm swept hills, she was certain that Lloyd would be brought back. She prepared his little bed, fixed warm clothing for him, and sat through the long night smilingly happy in the expectations of the quick return.

Shortly after the finding of the body of the baby a mob was organized to take from the Greene county jail the six prisoners, one of them a woman, suspected with being implicated in the kidnaping. The alleged plotters had been removed by the sheriff in an attempt to secure their safety and twenty-five men in motor cars, pursued the sheriff and his prisoners through the Ozark hills for hours, finally overtaking them at Stockton.

The story of the events at Stockton, as related by Sheriff Webb, were that eight "prominent young men of Springfield," unmasked and acquaintances of the Sheriff, had met him at Stockton and demanded that they be allowed to talk to the prisoners. They gave him their "word of honor" that no harm would come to the prisoners unless they confessed to the murder of little Lloyd Keet.

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questioned, but refused to confess, the Sheriff said.

Piersol was then escorted to the edge of town, a rope placed around his neck and one end of it thrown over a tree, the story related, although no effort was made to draw it tight.

"Piersol thought his last day had come," Webb said, "and was facing death. But he maintained throughout that he and the others were innocent."

Local and Federal authorities at Springfield, continuing their investigation of the Keet kidnaping and other alleged abduction plots, have made no change and have given no indication of intending to alter the warrants under which the six prisoners were being held. The formal charge is that of attempting to commit a felony by planning abductions, the cases referred to being alleged plans to kidnap C. A. Clement, wealthy jeweler at Springfield; a baby and a St. Louis munitions maker. The Keet case has not come within the scope of the warrants.

Four of the prisoners—Mrs. Adams and her husband, her son, Maxie Adams, and Sam McGinnis—are in jail at Stockton, while Cletus Adams and C. J. Piersol, the other two, were taken northward in a motor car by Jeff Harris, a Deputy Sheriff of Greene County, and the Sheriff of Cedar County. They were lodged in jail in Kansas City.

**Chronology of Keet Kidnaping Case.**

May 30—Lloyd Keet stolen from his bed at the Keet home between 10:30 and 11:30 p. m.

May 31—Letter from the kidnapers to the child's father, J. Holland Keet, posted on the Springfield public square.

May 31—Keet started at 10 p. m. on 50-mile automobile trip as directed by the kidnapers.

June 1—Keet returned at 2 a. m. from automobile trip without the child.

June 1—Keet received another letter from kidnapers explaining that they did not return the child because there were too many people on

ter directing him to make another midnight trip. He made another trip that night, but the kidnapers again broke their promise.

June 4—Friends of Keet held a conference and agreed to allow him a free hand.

June 5—Prosecuting Attorney O'Day received information of a former kidnaping plot and caused the arrest of six persons, and later had a seventh arrested.

June 5 to June 9—Lines tightened about the suspects.

June 9—Lloyd Keet's body found.

**DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE FOSTER FIELD**

**Oil Bearing Sand Found at a Depth of 800 Feet—Down 1,000 Feet**

A report was received Thursday morning by the Review concerning the drilling near Foster, 11 miles northwest of Rich Hill, to the effect that the well had reached a depth of over 1,000 feet, and passed through ten feet of oil bearing sand at a depth of 800 feet. The drilling is being done on the C. C. Swares farm, 3 1/2 miles east of Foster. In the course of the drilling a four-foot vein of coal was found at 73 feet, and five feet of coal at 127 feet. Drilling is going forward day and night, the interested parties being confident of striking paying oil or gas.

The drill has also encountered a strong flow of gas. It is stated that two more prospect holes will be put down in this field. Drilling is being done by C. C. Swares and other local parties, coupled with Kansas City capitalists, headed by Fred Bodey of that city.

Heavy drilling machinery has been brought in from the Oklahoma field to develop this new territory. Several thousand acres of land have been leased for development purposes.—Rich Hill Review.

**-N. S. D. C. Meeting.**

**Committees Appointed and Work Inaugurated in Butler.**

Butler branch of the National Surgical Dressings Committee met Monday at 2:30 p. m., at the headquarters in the high school building, with a large number of ladies present.

Mrs. W. D. Stanley, chairman, presided. Plans for the summer's work were discussed and arranged for.

For the present the high school building will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 o'clock a. m. to 5:00 o'clock p. m. Any and all women are asked to come and help as there is a variety of work for every one to learn.

Mrs. W. F. Duvall was elected vice-chairman and the following committees were appointed:

Purchasing—Mrs. W. F. Duvall, Mrs. G. P. Wyatt, Mrs. C. J. Henry, Mrs. E. N. Chastain and Mrs. J. B. Walton.

Soliciting and Advertising—Mrs. Sam W. Davis, Mrs. W. E. Walton, Mrs. D. C. Chastain, Mrs. F. M. Campbell and Miss Nellie Fuhrman.

For the present the following committee will serve as instructors until the work becomes more familiar: Mrs. W. B. Catterlin, Mrs. Bertha Francisco, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, Mrs. C. Vantrees, Mrs. John Krinn, Mrs. Freeman Walton, Mrs. E. B. Silvers, Mrs. Sam W. Davis, Mrs. G. P. Wyatt, Mrs. W. F. Duvall, Miss Edna Clarke.

Miss Helen Chastain, Guardian of the Camp Fire Girls, offered the services of the Butler Camp to solicit the residence district of the city for materials to be used and the Boy Scouts will collect them. They will begin soliciting Friday of this week and the collections will be made on Thursday, June 21.

The soliciting and advertising committee is arranging for a systematic plan by which the committee may at all times have money, as a large amount will be necessary to carry on the work. The members of the committee will each be responsible for a certain amount of money to be raised.

month. Further than August will be arranged for later.

If the soliciting committee does not call on you, please do not wait, but call any one of the committee, for the financing of the N. S. D. C. in Butler means our part in the great organization which is working side by side with the Red Cross movement, and doing the same kind of work.

**MESSINES RIDGE IS "A MERE WILDERNESS OF SHELL HOLES"**

**British Correspondent Says That No Strand of German Barbed Wire Reaches From Post to Post.**

London, June 9.—The London Times correspondent with the British army, describing the havoc caused by mines explosions on Messines Ridge, says:

"There is nothing but a mere wilderness of interlocking shell holes, in which German barbed wire is heaped in twisted knots. No single post stands upright, no single strand reaches from post to post.

"Chaos continues to where you can still see that front line trench that was, but is more shell hole than trench now, and no man can walk more than a few yards in continuously. So it is over all the network of the second line. Support and reserve communication trenches are all chaos. Everywhere is wreckage of dugouts and solidly built machine gun emplacements.

"I have seen today many craters made by mines and among them four of the largest. The biggest is estimated to be about 75 feet deep and about 100 yards across. In one of these mines German prisoners tell us a whole German company was buried."

**Christian Science Services.**

Christian Science services and Sunday school will be held each Sunday morning in the new church at the corner of Ft. Smith and Delaware streets.