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OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

ZALMA.

Welcome, welcome, O beautiful spring. When the ploughman ploughs and the birds do sing!

Hasten, O hasten, with thy shining rays, And warm our hearts after the cold, wintry days.

I present a few items to the dear readers of THE PRESS and hope they will excuse my silence last week, as it was unavoidable.

John Hardesty's child died Tuesday morning.

G. W. Hastings has bought the Tiner property.

It is rather dull for the "kids" since all the schools closed.

Mrs. Ellen Vaughan of Brownwood was here Wednesday.

The box factory, after having laid idle a month, is at work again.

Burt Rhodes of Castor was knocking around our town Wednesday.

B. H. Bollinger opened up his camp and made a lot of fine sugar.

John Brotherton, formerly of Advance, is now a resident of Zalma.

Mr. Windland's little 10 months' old child died in great agony last Wednesday.

Miss B. is now staying at the Union hotel, and so is Mr. W. most of the time.

Mr. Mason, who lived a few miles northwest of here, died Thursday night of pneumonia.

Misses Edith Henley and Nora Cabbage and Asier Speers made a visit to Hale's college.

Sickness and death reign supreme in this vicinity, many deaths having occurred this year.

Little Ida, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance of this place, died Friday morning.

Mr. Norfleet of Tennessee is now clerking in the company store. Jasper will retire in a couple of weeks.

Henry Gaines has rented T. J. Layd's blacksmith shop and is going to run it according to Hoyle from this on.

R. James says he will not give Mrs. J. up, if she is a democrat, and if the republicans want to kick him out just let them kick.

The boot's on 'other leg now. Two years hence the democrats will take a whole lot of solid comfort in "bursting the courthouse ring."

It seems to me the "Ole Made" across the way is a dangerously illiterate old party. Will she, and those who have the nerve to tackle it, survive that "bad spell."

The mill at this place is doing a rashing business, now, running day and night, part of the time, and its flour and cornmeal is drawing custom from all parts of the country.

Mr. Glasner's house, a few miles south of here, burned to the ground Thursday, with its entire contents. Mrs. Glasner, who is very old and feeble, was badly burned about the hands and shoulders.

Dick Morgan, a Mason in good standing and a prosperous farmer, who resided about ten miles south of here, died of pneumonia at 11:30 Wednesday. He was buried, with Masonic honors, at the Beatty cemetery.

Still Zalma progresses. A stranger will not have to look over the town, now, to find the postoffice, if he can read, for Postmaster Dixon has a nice, neat sign suspended from the front, with an index pointing inward.

I'm sorry THE PRESS has to lose "Mollie," one of its best correspondents, but "she" will no more honor your readers with "her" presence, unless it be from distant parts, for "she" has really taken "her" departure and I wish "her" success in all "her" undertakings.

There are several unruly republicans here who cannot get used to working under a boss, but that's nothing; they will "catch on" to the "ring" after awhile. The "bosses" will have no trouble in bringing them to time. They won't hesitate to "fish or cut bait" whenever an order is issued.

Asier Speer went to Hale's college Saturday, where he will wield the birch and teach "the young idea how to shoot." I heartily wish him success.

SCOOPS.

Health good. Fine weather at last.

D. M. Newel made a business trip to Jackson.

Farmers are thinking of sowing oats in a few days.

We are all for Farrar for school commissioner, you bet.

Newel & Brown have commenced work at their sawmill again.

F. M. Newel is busy in his blacksmith shop. Frace is a hustler.

Jacob James has been making a lot of improvements on his place.

Assessor Cooper and wife were visiting Mrs. Cooper's father, D. M. Newel, last Sunday.

John Brown made a trip to Dunklin county last week and says he found plenty of mud.

There have been several cases of measles in this vicinity. All are improving and no new cases.

W. J. Salyer of Talley, New Madrid county, was visiting friends and attended the close of his son's school last week.

Joe R. Limbaugh is on a visit to friends in this neighborhood. Joe moved to Cape Girardeau county last summer.

Ada Brown received the premium at our school for the best reader. Girls, next term do a little better and you will receive the blue ribbon, too.

Our Scopus merchant, Mr. Cole, is rather blue on account of the delay of a bill of merchandise somewhere on the road that should have come to hand several days ago, not that he is hurting so much, but he fears several old parties will suffer for their coffee.

Success to THE PRESS and its numerous readers. WILD BILL.

PASTOR.

The people are beginning to think about farming.

George Albright, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

F. M. O'Kelly of Younts was visiting his father the other day.

I hear that R. P. Dalton, our drug man, is not going to Jackson now.

An Illinois man was here last week buying mules. He bought several cheap.

Our people are happy over the probability that in a week or so the bottom of the mud may be found.

Will Davis, when on his way to town the other day, was thrown off his mule and two of his ribs were broken.

An agent passed through town the other day selling dish-washers; but they were not the kind the boys in this vicinity yearn for.

W. C. Yount is talking of opening up a big stock of merchandise in the Smith building and selling as cheap as they do anywhere else. That's right, these hard times.

David Brotherton and George Martin got into a racket the other day about some triding matter and were going to fight it out, when James Brotherton stepped in and spoke for the job. Martin knocked him into the middle of next week with a 12-pound piece of iron, cutting his head badly. David Brotherton tried to take a hand in the game and Joshua Martin pulled him back, whereupon Dave turned and stabbed Joshua, inflicting what was supposed to be a mortal wound, but Martin is getting along all right. James and Dave Brotherton were drinking. James was arrested and assessed \$9.85 for his share in the fun, but Dave escaped and has not been heard from.

Constable Sid Burnet, assisted by C. J. Sharrock, took James Brotherton into camp and he was tried before Justice D. F. Bollinger.

Hearty good wishes for THE PRESS and its army of readers.

NORTH ZALMA.

Although it has been some time since I last wrote, I have not forgotten you; and as I have a few minutes' time to-day I will devote it to sending you the news from our thriving young city.

Mrs. Joseph Gaines is very low with pneumonia.

Forest fires enveloped us in a thick smoke several days.

Hiram Shell and Viola Girdley were married on Thursday last.

John Harold turned out the first new wagon at his factory last week.

Glen Allen attracted Jacob Hahn and Louis Debls several days last week.

The recent cold snap found the bottoms of many potato pits in this vicinity.

Miss Ida Bolin, who has been staying at the mill some time, came home Friday.

Our basket factory is turning out a good article and finding ready sale for its product.

Owing to strict quarantine by our board of health the measles has not appeared in this city.

I examined a reliable specimen of scrubbing brush recently. It was manufactured in North Zalma.

Mark Shell, one of North Zalma's thriving young farmers, was married to Alice Baker last Sunday.

Our town is drifting along slowly, some few improvements are being made and business is picking up.

Riley McBride, who moved here recently from Nelsonville, Ohio, is occupying a cottage on Heriman Gray's place.

Jacob Hawn has part of the material on the ground for a new business house, which will be quite an addition to our city.

Louisa C. DeHie, Jr., started for Hale's college Saturday. He will have charge of the college farm while getting an education.

There is some talk of Green's sawmill moving to this place sometime this summer, also of a shingle mill taking up its quarters here.

Robert Bolin, who spent the winter in the sunny south, is among us again. He is still single and there is yet a chance for this old maid.

Several young men will prevent certain young ladies from becoming old maids, in your truly, for instance.

John Draper met with a sad accident the other day. While at work with a large auger he somehow crushed in his breast bone. He is recovering rapidly.

When I wrote, some time ago, and stated among other things that our city needed gas works I had no idea that the men, women and children of North Zalma would vie with each other to supply the article. North Zalma has unearthed more (alleged) correspondents than the balance of the county. It was not natural gas I meant. I wanted it to supply our street lamps.

I know you think old maids are garrulous and I have lots more to say, but with my regards to that dear old boy, Sheeny, Plt let up.

MOLLIE.

A circular issued by the Price & Keith Commission Company of Chicago says: "Every year the people of the United States import potatoes, the home supply seldom being equal to the demand. During the year 1894 the imports were 2,868,221 bushels, at a cost of \$1,205,416, against 4,061,339 bushels, worth \$1,998,706, for 1893. All this in spite of the fact that for the nine years from 1880 to 1888 inclusive the average yield of potatoes was 76.3 bushels per acre, and the yield in 1894 was 62.3 bushels per acre, worth 53 cents per bushel. This would give a gross average value to the crop of \$33 per acre last year, against \$4.48 per acre for the wheat crop. The crop in Germany in 1894 was the enormous quantity of 1,239,703,884 bushels of potatoes, and if we assume a value per bushel equal to that in this country the potato crop of Germany last year would be worth \$67,703,588, a sum more than seven times the value of our own crop of potatoes, and equal to the combined value of all the wheat, cotton, oats and buckwheat produced in the United States in 1894. Perhaps there is an object lesson in the figures for American farmers to ponder over. If this is not made visible to them by the facts and figures here set forth, there would seem to be no virtue in statistics so far as the farmers are concerned."

SOUTHEAST NEWS.

Star-Sayings: Lee and Marshall Rennett, brothers, were arrested at Doniphan, Tuesday, by Deputy Marshals Quayle and Bremen. Both were brought to St. Louis and taken before Judge Priest, of the United States district court. They are charged with selling liquor without paying the government a license. Both pleaded guilty and were sent to the Iron county jail for thirty days each.

Farmington Times: Last Thursday W. R. Taylor, Robert Tetley, George J. Cole, Ellis P. Cayce and J. W. Dougherty signed articles of agreement for the organization of a lead smelting and refining company, under the name of the Consolidated Smelting & Refining Co. The company will incorporate under the state law. The object of this enterprise is to erect a large smelting and refining plant for the accommodation of the lead mines in the Flat River district, to be located at some point convenient to the mines and railroad. It is an enterprise that will greatly facilitate the development of the county's lead interests.

Poplar Bluff Citizen: The Odd Fellows of Charleston are actively at work making preparation for a grand time at the annual celebration of the order in Southeast Missouri, to be held in that city April 26, the anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

Madison County Democrat: The smile of Mr. Sanders (our John) behind the counter reminds us of the fact that Mine La Motte is the place to live and with our handsome girls the boys will return.

Jackson Comet: Two hay stacks belonging to G. W. Best near Burfordsville, were consumed by fire one night last week. It is feared that they were fired by enemies.

Mrs. Haynes, wife of the late Rev. John Haynes, while milking last Saturday morning was run over by a cow and received injuries to the side and one hip was broken. It is thought by the physician that she can not survive.

DeSoto Gazette: At the DeSoto roller mills the miller is a preacher's son, the engineer is a preacher's son, the packer is a preacher's son, and the teamster is a preacher, all of different families.

Farmington News: A well-developed case of smallpox was reported at Valle's Mines, about 25 miles north of Farmington, in this county, last Monday morning. It was a colored man who had just come down from St. Louis on the train, and many new cases may be the result.

We understand that during the last five or six weeks, from fifteen to twenty-two teams have been at work seven days in the week, hauling lead ore from some of the Flat River mines to Loughboro, returning with a load of coal each trip. The teams have been receiving about \$2 per day, which will be the means of helping out a number of families.

DeSoto Gazette: Walter Stone had the misfortune to have his foot badly crushed in the turntable at the roundhouse Wednesday. It was dressed by the local railroad surgeon and the young man was taken to St. Louis to the Missouri Pacific hospital.

Benton Record: Tom Reed of Oran attended church on Sunday night and got up Monday morning to make a fire and complained of pain in the head and died while his wife was going for help.

Dunklin Democrat: Blind staggers is still killing the horses of this locality.

Otto Kneibert of Malden, one of the most respected citizens, who held the position of coal contractor for the Cotton Belt, fell from the coal chute Friday night, a distance of twenty feet. He was picked up unconscious and carried home, where he died the next morning about 8 o'clock. He left a wife and children.

Hiward Call: Abe Baker of the Concord settlement, lost his barn, 125 bushels of corn and several tons

of hay, last Saturday night about 9 o'clock by fire. How the barn caught fire is a mystery. Loss \$450. Insured for \$350.

Scott County Newsboy: The long rest since October has done the Blodgett ball players up brown, somehow, as last Saturday the nine went out to limber up on the diamond. The first man to the bat, Scarborough, got his nose bloodied and otherwise damaged sliding to second. J. M. Austin, being the next man, sprained his ankle on third and Will Fields had a nail knocked off and a finger disjointed, so the mob dispersed.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, Phil A. Hainer, editor of the Scott County Newsboy, and Miss Jennie Dickerson of St. Louis, formerly of Commerce, were married by Rev. Charles Zeigler at 2904 Clark avenue, St. Louis.

Cape Democrat: Mr. Cracraft informs us that the firm of Mueller & Cracraft, pork packers at Jackson, salted down this season nineteen hundred head of hogs.

New ties are being distributed along the line of the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith railroad and as soon as the weather will permit the roadbed will be put in good condition.

Charleston Enterprise: Two burglars entered the general store of W. H. Marshall at Morehouse Thursday night and when in the act of robbing it the night watchman at the Himmerberger mills came upon them. He fired two or three shots at the burglars, hitting one of them in the leg near the ankle. The thieves' names were Robinson and Bryant. Robinson was the man shot and was badly hurt.

Dexter Messenger: A. J. Fazell's residence, four and a half miles southeast of Dexter, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The only thing was lost, no insurance.

Feeding and Raising Poultry.

Feeding chickens wet, sloppy food is almost certain to induce diarrhea, says a correspondent of the Republic.

Feed steamed wheat, bran, oat meal and corn meal to growing ducks.

The chief reason why so many flocks run down is that little judgment is exercised in selection of the breeding fowls.

By making the nests in a dark place the risk of the hens learning to eat the eggs will be largely reduced.

Keep charcoal, grit and crushed shells in a box where the fowls can help themselves. They will eat only what they need.

Eggs laid by active, healthy hens, supplied with good, fresh food are better than those laid by hens that are common scavengers.

Turkeys are subject to all the ills that afflict chickens, and they are not so easily cured when they are sick.

Grain and grass are the natural food of poultry when they are at liberty, and if when they are confined they are deprived of green food trouble will ensue.

A fat hen seldom lays anything but soft-shelled eggs. Apoplexy and egg-bound are results of excessive fat.

Millet and sorghum seed are both good feeds for young poultry. They can be used in connection with cornmeal and table scraps to good advantage.

Milk can be kept in vessels where the fowls can help themselves, or it can be mixed up with their food.

When eggs are the main object the non-sitting breeds should be selected.

Bees, poultry and small fruits make a good combination for a small farm. Each will assist the other during different seasons and the profits of the one will often make up the deficiency of the others.

One gain in cooking food for the poultry is that it fattens rapidly for the reason that it is so easily digested.

When France and Germany have any hard fighting to do they will need American beef.