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LEAD PENCIL JOTTINGS.

Memorandums Made in the Reporter's Wanderings.

MONDAY.

—Farmers are holding their corn at forty cents per bushel.

—Daues & Co. have completed a new cistern near the Ladies Cottage on the Fair Grounds.

—Mrs. Cora E. Joyce, *nee* Adams, arrived in the city to-day on a visit to her parents.

—The Board of Directors of the Fair Association met last Saturday and allowed some bills that were presented.

—Pete Carroll is putting the finishing coat of plastering on the rooms in the Sturdivant Bank building.

—Our pork packers are paying six cents per pound for dressed hogs. This is a better price than hogs sold for last week.

—E. A. Kimmel is now conductor on a passenger train on the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith Railway.

—The following headstones for unmarked soldiers graves have been received: I. B. Coates, Henry Sheppelmann, Jesse Cooper, Christ Gloth, Louis W. Miller, Geo. H. Cramer, Elijah Kinder and George Vogt.

HENRY A. ASTHOLZ.

—The building of the street railway reveals the fact that no other city in the State has better or more solid streets than has Cape Girardeau. Some places the workmen had to dig down with picks through a solid bed of rocks and silica a foot in thickness.

Children like to take "C. C. C. Certain Chill Cure," the pleasant and guaranteed cure for Fever, Ague and Malaria. Price 50 cts.

—Sheriff Bierwirth arrested a young man this afternoon who gives his name as Edward Murley, and says his home is St. Louis. The young man was around town begging. He went into A. Yeager's stove store on Main street begging and as he left the store he helped himself to Mr. Yeager's overcoat. He put the coat on after he got outside the house and had it on when arrested. He was locked up and Justice Kimmel will give him a hearing to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY

—A prominent merchant says: "I have sold Megrimine for over a year and guaranteed it to cure any headache without bad after effects and have not found a single case it did not relieve. Sample free. The Dr. Whitehall Megrimine Co., South Bend, Ind. Sold by druggists.

—The stockholders of the Cape Brewery and Ice Company met last night and re-elected the old Board of Directors.

—The gravel haulers are putting in good time now on Morgan Oak street and if the weather remains fair all this week that street will be graveled from Sprigg to Spanish.

—We give up considerable space in to-day's paper to an article setting forth the law of our city charter and also the law governing cities of the third class. As an election to vote on changing to a city of the third class is to be held on the 30th of this month every voter in the city should read the article carefully.

—Twenty-five years ago yesterday August Bierwirth and Miss Celia Uhl were united in marriage, and last night a large number of their friends, including the members of the Cape City Guards, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Bierwirth at their home on Broadway in honor of the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Their friends went prepared to entertain the surprised couple and they took complete charge of the house, kitchen, diningroom and all.

WEDNESDAY.

—Megrimine is the only guaranteed permenent cure for headache and neuralgia. Relieves in 20 to 30 minutes. A great blood cleanser and stimulant that in time positively cures. Sample bottle free. The Dr. Whithall Megrimine Co., South Bend, Ind Sold by druggists.

—Workmen are here putting in the furnace and hot water pipes to heat the new Sturdivant Bank building.

—Farmers now receive twenty-five cents per dozn for eggs. When free trade is established they will get about ten cents per dozen, and they will find the market dull even at that price.

—Ben F. Allen, of Benton, is in the city to-day. Mr. Allen is feeling good over the election of Cleveland. Mr. Allen's father was a slave owner before the war and as a matter of course he is a good Democrat.

If "C. C. C. Certain Chill Cure" is not the best remedy you have ever used for Chills and Fever your money will be refunded. Pleasant to take. Large bottles 50 cents.

—Tutt's Pills require no change of diet.

—Judge Leady, of Scott county, is a candidate for Warden of the Jefferson City penitentiary. He wears a bigger Cleveland hat than any other man in Southeast Missouri and we see no reason why he should not get anything he calls for.

—The young man who was arrested for stealing an overcoat from A. Yeager, had a hearing before Justice Kimmel yesterday and he was given ten days free board and lodging in the county jail.

—A son of Judge Norrid, of Scott county, was in the city yesterday. The young man is a candidate for Deputy Revenue Collector, and he was here looking for influence to help him secure the appointment. There are about forty other aspirants after the same office and a large majority of that number reside in this county, so there is poor show for outsiders to get help from this county.

If your appetite is gone nothing will restore it more quickly than "C. C. C. Certain Chill Cure," the great Tonic and guaranteed Cure for Chills and Fever. Price 50 cents.

—Mr. Alfred C. Webster, special agent of the Chas. L. Webster Publishing Company of New York city, is in the city, registered at the River View Hotel. Mr. Webster is introducing the Library of American Literature, consisting of 3000 choice selections from 1207 American arthurs, in eleven volumes, a noble work endorsed by the prominent educators of the land. The opinions of it by such men as Henry Waterson, John Clark Redpath, Dr. W. M. Baskerville, of Vanderbilt University and men of that character, place it in a class that lifts it above the usual criticism. It is a work of a very high order of merit.

FRIDAY.

—English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses. Blood Spavin Curbs, Splints Sweeney, Ring-Bone Stiffes, Sprains, all swollen Throats, Coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most Blemish cure ever known. Sold by Rider & Whichterich, Druggists, Cape Girardeau Mo.

—L. S. Joseph returned home from St. Louis yesterday.

—The merchants' supper last night was something unusual for this city. The spread, we are told, was fine.

—C. C. Smith, who was at one time manager of a Grange store in this city, died at his home in Murphysboro, Ills., on the 18th inst.

—Don't miss your chance if you need a hat for they will go at cost at Ida Hirsch's.

—Our pork packers are complaining that there are no pork hogs being brought to the market. They seem to be anxious to do an extensive packing business this year.

—Died, November 23rd, 1892, Mrs. Holcomb, widow of the late Dr. Holcomb, aged eighty years. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock p. m. this Friday, November 25th.

—If you want a cheap hat go to Ida Hirsch, she is selling them at cost for they must be sold within the next 30 days. 2d-w

—The workmen building the street railroad line on Spanish street got as far north on that street to-day at noon as Independence street when the rain compelled them to quit work for the day.

—Thanksgiving day was observed by only a few people in this city. Thanksgiving is a National holiday and the people of this great country should observe it as such. Patriotism to the best Government on earth should be the pride of Americans.

—Nobody knows as yet whether it is Mr. Biela's or some other person's comet that is cavorting up and down the sky. Unless the celestial wanderer proves its identity pretty soon it may be taken in under the vagrancy law.

—Mrs. E. Mattie, midwife, has moved to the building on Good Hope street adjoining the ruins of the Lorimier Mills. Parties desiring her services will make a note of this that they may know where to find her when they have occasion to call.

"C. C. C. Certain Corn Cure" removes corns, warts, bunions, moles and callouses. Warranted. See that C. C. C. is blown in every bottle. Take no other.

—While on their way to Jackson last Wednesday L. F. Klostermann and Judge Sam Hitt came near meeting with a serious accident. About a mile this side of Jackson their horse ran away with them and threw both of them out of the buggy. They were badly scared but otherwise they were not seriously hurt. Had it not so happened that the horse broke loose from the buggy there is no telling how badly they might have been hurt.

A Great Hit!

Clark and Williams, the great comedians appeared at Rhodes' opera-house Monday evening, backed by an excellent company, in "Our Married Men." Mr. Williams, as Snibbs and Mr. Clark as Gibbs, kept the large audience in a continual uproar of laughter. Their every appearance on the stage called forth ovations. Their songs were excellent, especially the one which recounted several hundred kinds of girls whom they had met in their eventful career. From beginning to end, the play teemed with pure and wholesome fun, in quantities to suit the most jovial disposition. We hope to see them come this way again.—*Litchfield, Ills., Monitor.*

At the Opera House in this city Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tickets on sale at Cann's and Opera House Cafe. Admission 50 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

A large and appreciative audience gathered at St. Vincent's Academy last Wednesday afternoon to witness the Annual Thanksgiving Entertainment given by the pupils.

Large leafed plants and rare exotics were grouped artistically upon the stage, and converted it into a dream of a tropic summer. Daylight was exclude from the hall while the light from the several chandeliers and many waxed tapers shed a mellow radience over all and enhanced the beauty of the scene.

An excellent program was submitted which was well carried out. The instrumental music was varied and difficult but was rendered without exception, with ease and grace by the young ladies, showing the high grade of artistic skill which they have attained.

Misses Amelia Wynn, Lee Marchildon and Emma Roeser were especially noted for the brillancy of their performances

The vocal efforts were all shining jewels of song. Mitses E. Roeser, E. Best, E. Haskins, B. Marchildon, M. Hartman, G. Morgan, J. Andrews, Ollie and Pollie Burgess have sweet voices which lent new charms to the numbers they sung. But to Miss Amelia Wynn belongs the merit of being "the Patti" of the Academy. She possesses an enchanting voice which has been highly cultivated. Her duett with Miss Roeser was one of the early triumphs on the program, but her beautiful singing of "The Lonely Harp" was the grand finale that won all hearts.

Miss Lessie Carroll recited "A California Rose" in her happiest style and fully established her reputation as an elocutionist.

"The Singer's Albums" recitation by Miss Minnie Burns was excellent and was applauded to the echo.

The following young ladies presented a drama entitled, "The Battle of the Books:" C. Wheeler, B. Marchildon, A. Wynn, T. Carroll, N. Bunch, J. Rolwing, M. Hartman, E. Best, E. Haskins, H. Adams, G. Morgan, L. Bair, K. and P. Berch, E. Kammer, M. Burns and J. Coerver.

The entire drama was listened to with absorbing interest and the young ladies well merited the applause so generously bestowed.

The "Good Night" chorus by vocal class closed one of the most artistic and enjoyable entertainments witnessed at St. Vincent's.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise—a purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malaria fevers. For cure of Headache, Consumption and Indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50 cents and $1.00 per bottle at Wilson's Drug Store.

The Union Thanksgiving Services at the German Methodist Church.

At the hour appointed for meeting the house was well filled with a large intelligent audience.

The sermon by Rev. Mr. Pixor was able, thoughtful and appropriate. It showed the beneficent hand of God in the affairs of men and encouraged all to noble and persistent endeavor in attaining a grand christian manhood. The influence of such a discourse is far reaching in its benefits. It builds character and ennobles man, while it honors God.

The address of Rev. Mr. Schmierle briefly reviewed American history and geography, showing that in all things, we are highly favored of God, and that of all people we have the greatest reasons to be profoundly thankful. His earnest, excellent thoughts were well expressed and highly appreciated.

Mrs. S. F. Fuhri conducted the music. The selections were suited to the occasion and most admirably rendered.

A collection was taken, the audience contributing liberally to the fund for the needy. The following committee was appointed from the churches to take the fund and look after the neccessities of the poor of our city:

Presbyterian church, Mrs. Galusha; Methodist church, Mrs. Stuart; German Methodist church, Mrs. Hunze; Baptist church, Mrs. Bonney; Christian church, Wm. Mathews.

List of Mail Matter

Remaining uncalled for in the post office of Cape Girardeau, county of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, for the week ending November 21st, 1892.

Mary Dassler,	J. S. Foster,
Al Fletcher,	Mr. Grover,
Don Mofield,	Ruth Swarty,
J. C. Sherman,	Addie Wilson.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised," giving date of this list. If not called for within thirty days they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington City.

O. CRAMER, Postmaster.

It Should be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 571 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claimes Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at Wilson's Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00.

A Voice From Egypt.

EGYPT MILLS, MO., Nov. 17, 1892.

Editor Democrat:

As there seems to be no person in Randol township interested in the affairs of this section, I thought I would give you a few hints to give to the public. The election is over and we must now look to the interest of home affairs.

Egypt Mills and the Bend people have two roads leading to the Cape and on each road is a bridge that is condemned by the county, and the road commissioner told me last August that they were not safe for a horse and cart. Yet the County Court compells our citizens to cross these bridges at their own risk and they have been doing so for the last four months. At Egypt Mills is a very dangerous ford. The County Court agreed last spring to send the commissioner here to look after this but he never received the order. In July the commissioner was here and he and myself took the measurement on our own account. At the next term of the County Court he presented his report, stating that a 33 foot span was all we needed as the citizens agreed to do the levying on either side at their own expense. His report showed that when the creek was up there was a body of water four hundred feet wide. Still the court will not give us the bridge, while in Byrd and Hubble townships they have longer bridges on less streams.

Now if the County Court ignores the rights of Randol township for the next two years the next candidate for County Judge will find a power in Randol that will compell him to recognize the rights of the citizens in this section that they claim as part of Cape Girardeau County. T. B. F.

The Owls Entertain.

The Owl Club's Thanksgiving ball and supper Thursday night, as usual, attracted a large crowd of young people who are ever ready to attend an Owl Club ball. There were about forty people present to take part in the dance and they did not hesitate to put in full time. The ball was opened by the Owls' Grand March at 9:30 o'clock and after the march all joined in making the dance an enjoyable affair.

At 11:30 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served by Fred. Scott, who is an expert at preparing good things to eat. The bill of fare for this spread called for everything that could be found in our home market and many things that were procured in the St. Louis market.

The music for the dancers was furnished by Kasse's Orchestra. The dancing was kept up till 3 o'clock this Friday morning and then many regretted to have to quit a place where they were having such a good time.

Low Rates to St. Louis.

The St. L. C. G. & F. S. Ry., has on sale tickets at the following low rates: From Cape Girardeau to St. Louis $4.40. Round trip tickets $8.00. These tickets are first class, unlimited, and are good via Williamsville en day or night trains.

Trains leave Cape Girardeau at 6:45 a. m., and 6:15 p. m., and make close connections at Williamsville with Iron Mountain trains both day and night.

We wish to call attention to the night passenger train service established between Cape Girardeau and St. Louis, via Williamsville. You can leave Cape Girardeau at 6:15 p. m., and by taking sleeper at Williamsville secure a night's sleep and arrive in St. Louis early in the morning. Returning, leave St. Louis 9:20 p. m.

This night train service has been put on exclusively for the benefit of the people of our city and should be well patronized. There is also a night mail service established between Cape Girardeau and St. Louis.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose benefits, 75 cents. Sold by Rider & Wichterich, Druggists, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

THE CITY CHARTER.

As it is Now and What is Proposed.

The charter of our city, under which we are now working, was passed by the Legislature in 1872, and among other things, provides:

Article 3. The Mayor and Council have power, by ordinance, (1) to levy and collect taxes not exceeding three-quarter of one per cent—75 cents on $100.00. 2. To borrow money on the credit of the city by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Council. 17. To license, tax and regulate auctioneers, grocers, merchants, retailers, taverns, eating houses, restaurants, peddlers, brokers, &c. 18. To license, regulate and tax hackney carriages, omnibuses, wagons, carts and drays and to fix rates, &c. 20. To prohibit running at large of horses and stock and to tax and restrain dogs. 21. To license and tax porters and to fix rates. 22. To license and tax theatrical and other exhibitions and shows. 23. To license and tax billiard and pigeon-hole tables and tram shops.

WATER WORKS.

5. To provide the city with water; to erect hydrants, fire plugs and pumps on streets.

Article 6, Sec. 2. The Board of Council shall have exclusive right to erect, maintain and operate water works and gas works, to regulate same and fix rates for same. Provided, said Board may grant the right to any person or persons to erect water works or gas works, lay down pipes, &c. provided said proposition be first submitted to a vote and a majority of voters vote therefor. 3. For the payment of any liability or debt (for aforesaid purposes) the Board of Council *shall* levy each fiscal year and cause to be collected a special tax not exceeding one-half of one per cent—50 cents on $100.00.

STREETS.

Art. 7, Sec. 10. Upon application of the holders of *two-thirds* of the front of any lots on any streets it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council to levy and collect a special tax on the holders thereof in proportion to the value of their respective fronts, exclusive of improvements for the purpose of *grading* and *paving* or *Macadamizing* such street.

Art. 8, Sec. 19, makes all special taxes a lien on the property taxed and provides if a default is made in payment the city can sell the property.

THE PROPOSED CHARTER.

This is found in Revised Statutes of 1889, pages 424-444 and incidental powers, pages 482-517. This charter and proceedings thereunder must conform to the Constitution of 1875.

Article 10, Sec. 11. Taxes for city purposes shall be: In cities of less than 100,000 and more than 1000 inhabitants, said rate shall not exceed 50 cents on $100.00. Said restrictions as to rates apply to taxes of every kind and description, *general* or *special*, except taxes to pay interest, &c., on past bonded indebtedness.

Sec. 13. No city shall be allowed to become indebted for any purpose to an amount exceeding in any one year the income and revenue provided for said year without the assent of two-thirds of the voters voting. *Nor* in cases requiring said assent shall *any indebtedness* be incurred to an amount, including *existing indebtedness*, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum of the assessed valuation of said city.

Note: the assessed valuation of the city, as I am informed by County Clerk Parr, is about $800,000, five per cent. of which is $40,000. Section 1947, Revised Statutes, 1889, provides: The cities of this State, whether organized by special laws or under the general laws, may contract debts in excess of the annual revenue on a two-thirds vote, subject to the above five per cent limitation in the constitution.

The proposed charter, in addition to the licensing power given by the old charter, gives the city the right to license and tax banks, hay scales, livery stable keepers, express and insurance companies, public halls and grounds, loan assets, real estate agents, protographers, artists, drummers, horse and cattle dealers, patent right dealers, stock yards and wagon yards, street railroad cars, all other vehicles and other trades, business and avocations whatsoever, masquerade balls, street exhibitions, dance houses, fortune-tellers, pistol galleries, corn doctors, lung testers, muscle developers, magnifying glasses, nail alleys, ten pin alleys, gift enterprises, cars, stages and public houses.

STREETS.

Sec. 1498. City shall have power to pave, macadamize, curb and improve streets, for which a *special* tax is to be levied unless a *majority of the resident owners* of the property liable to taxation therefor shall file a protest against the same in ten days after public notice. Ten or more *citizens* may petition council to *make* and repair *any* sidewalk. *No notice* is necessary to owner to repair sidewalk, but the city may proceed and repair same and charge cost to the owner.

Sec. 1495 provides that the assessments for taxes shall be made by County Assessor and must be the same as the county assessment. See sec. 1545.

Sec. 1503. City shall have power to levy and collect a poll tax, not exceeding $2.00 on all able-bodied voters over 21 and under 50 years old.

SIDEWALKS.

Another word as to sidewalks. Under the present charter it requires an *ordinance* before the city can compell anyone to *repair* a sidewalk. This is a very cumbersome proceeding. Under the proposed charter repairs can be made "without any formality whatever." Under the present charter the city is authorized to collect a general tax of 75 cents on $100, and a special tax of 50 cents or $100 for water works. (Under the present charter the city did contract for an annual payment for electric lights.) Does the constitution of 1875 amend and limit the taxing power given us in 1872? The Supreme Court decided (78 Mo. 188) that the intent to give a constitutional provision retrospective effect must be clearly expressed. In that case a corporation had a legislature charter, providing for single voting of stock in corporate elections. A subsequent constitution provided for accumulative voting of stock at all corporate elections. It was held that the constitution did not repeal the legislative charter. (see 41 Mo. 157.)

If the constitution does repeal, and some lawyers say it does, then the direct taxing power is the same under both charters. The new charter has the advantage of increased licensing power as mentioned in Sec. 1947. The question would arise—will the city exercise it? It has failed to exercise what it already has, as to drays, porters, restaurants, &c.

See sec. 1770 23 of article III of the charter.

Another benefit is that of obtaining advantage of all litigation of other cities organized under the new charter, with a corresponding disadvantage of having said charter amended by each Legislature at the behests of other cities.

Another advantage is that in suits for taxes, the proceedings are the same as in County and State tax suits, a simpler proceedure than our own.

Under the present charter the city *alone* can license and tax ferries. Under the *new*, the county and State can also license and tax.

A leading member of the City Council informs me that the city uses all its revenue based on the 50 cent rate. That is the extreme limit of the constitution, and we cannot raise it, even by a two-third vote, because we already owe over 5 per cent of our assessed valuation i. e. The valuation is $800,000, five per cent thereof is $40,000, and our Normal School Bonds and R. R. Bonds greatly exceed that. Then where is the money to come from for water works?

I have merely set out the main differences in the two charters for the voters to *compare*, and have not attempted to discuss them. The writer is interested in the prosperity of the town and is for the new charter if beneficial and against it if not. Both sides ought to be fairly discussed so that the people can vote intelligently. If I have made any mistatements fair criticism will be appreciated. X.

They are Now Happy.

The two places in which Cleveland's success has been hailed with greatest joy are England and the solid South—the one because it realizes that the Democratic victory means increased sales to America, the other because it realizes that its power over the nation is to be greater than ever. The English papers twitt with exultation and applause over Republican defeat. Read, now, what the Durham (N. C.) *Daily Globe* has to say:

"Cleveland, the brave Buffalo boy, who slapped the dirty pension beggars in the face, is to steer the Ship of State—he is to see to it that the South which loves him and which honored him has decent recognition.

What the South wants—and we will tell the truth just now—is to have the scroundrels who have been pillaging the country and looting the national Treasury choked off the public teat for awhile, and the public down here want pay for what the North burned and stole during the conflict which was called a civil war.

It will take a few millions to pay the honest claims—but they should be paid, and they will be paid, now that the Democracy—the party of Calhoun, the party of the brave Jeff Davis and the party of honest government sits in the saddle."

Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southeastern District Agricultural Society will be held at the court house in the city of Cape Girardeau on Saturday, December 3rd, 1892, to elect a President, Vice-President and seven Directors for said Society, and also to vote on a proposition to subscribe one hundred dollars for grading and graveling Independence street from Ellis street to the western terminus of the city limits. The polls will be open from one o'clock to three o'clock p. m.

E. H. ENGELMANN, Secretary.