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Tersely Told Town Tales

Mansfield will celebrate Carbon paper at this office—2 sheets for 5c.

Eat with the band girls Saturday, June 5—Adv.

E. B. Archer of Hartville was here during the week.

Cleaning and Pressing at the 5c and 10c store—Adv.

The M. E. Sunday School will observe Children's Day.

Go to Fullington's for your Congoleum Rugs—Adv.

Jason Findley and wife spent Sunday at R. N. Farren's.

Ice cream social in the park Saturday afternoon—Adv.

The Missouri State Fair will be held at Sedalia Sept. 25 Oct. 2

Mansfield Mirror and Weekly Kansas City Star both one year for \$1.20.

June 15 and 16 have been designated as good roads days by Gov. Major.

The ladies' band wants you to eat dinner with them Saturday, June 5.—Adv.

G. T. Meloy and Dr. Stephens of Kansas City were here today enroute to Ava.

Take your Eggs and Cream to J. D. Reynolds; he pays the Top Price.—Adv.

Mrs. J. W. Breatlinger and daughter, Miss Leota, were in Norwood Saturday.

Special rates on all Suits ordered from A. B. Rose Co. at 5c and 10c Store.—Adv.

Another street has been graded in Mansfield, the work being done by subscription.

Parcel Post Sale June 11 at the school building. Come—and help the boys and girls.—Adv.

FOR SALE—Scholarship in the Central Business College at Sedalia. Call at this office.

Enjoy one of those special Sunday dinners at the Mansfield Hotel next Sunday.—Adv.

If you need a Binder see J. C. Carter. He handles the McCormick, prices right.—Adv.

Sudan Grass Seed may be seen at the Mirror office by anyone interested in the same.

Rufus Chandler has bought two lots in Burney's addition and expects to build thereon.

FOR SALE—Pure Bred Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Roosters Adv. J. M. THIRKIELD

Mr. Campbell of Illinois was here this week. He bought and shipped out a car of stock cattle.

The Endeavorers want to see you at the ice cream social in the park Saturday afternoon.—Adv.

Miss Alice Mooney is visiting her uncle, J. M. Bruer, and her grandmother at Crawford, Neb.

Reserved seats only 35c for the Bluebird Trio at the opera house Friday night, June 4.—Adv.

Miss Jewell Hoover, who is attending the Springfield Normal, spent Sunday with home folks.

Enjoy Miss Pearl Workman's interpretations of folk songs at the opera house Friday night.—Adv.

Since the death of H. B. Weed, Mrs. Weed has charge of the local exchange of the Mansfield Ava Telephone Co.

J. D. Reynolds has the Best Bargains in Summer Dress Goods, Oxfords. Just received some new ones.—Adv.

C. L. Beach has discontinued the motion picture show which he has been giving every Tuesday night at Norwood.

June 11—at the school building—Parcel Post Sale—for the benefit of the school—you're expected to attend.—Adv.

Miss Ethel Harris came in Saturday morning from West Plains, where she had been visiting for several weeks at the home of her uncle, P. L. Leidy.

Go to J. D. Reynolds'. Buy your Hardware and Implements of all kinds. He has the Best Cultivators, Mowers and Plows made.—Adv.

Many Mirrorettes

John Drown, the tailor, has a new sign.

What is a parcel post sale? Go to the school building June 11 and find out.—Adv.

To knock is to pull back—to boost is to help folks get into the humor to really do things.

Miss Alva Ball, pianist and soprano, will delight you, at the opera house Friday night.—Adv.

The Mansfield Ladies' Concert Band will serve dinner in the G. A. R. Hall Saturday. Everybody cordially invited.

When in town come in and see the bargains at the 5c and 10c store, and order a suit of clothes while the cut rate lasts.—Adv.

The sheriff of Ozark county was here yesterday with two prisoners whom he was taking to the penitentiary at Jefferson City.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give an ice cream social in the park Saturday afternoon, June 5. Everybody cordially invited.

Children's Day in "Cherry Blossom Land," Christian Sunday School Sunday, June 6, at 8 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

G. W. Freeman & Son's store is brimfull of bright, new Spring Merchandise, and nowhere will you find greater variety or better values.—adv

A West Pointer, in the Land of the Mikado—Christian church, Sunday, June 6, at 8 p. m. You will miss a treat if you miss it. Everybody welcome. Come.

No hunting nor trespassing allowed on my premises, outside of the road leading from one gate to the other, under penalty of the law. adv J. R. NEWTON

Dr. J. A. Fuson has sold his team of mares to a Grovespring man who learned through an ad in the Mirror that they were for sale. Mirror advertising pays.

When "Happy Jack" Payn, the Mountain Grove sign painter, was here last week he kindly painted, gratis, signs on the park trash cans. "Throw Trash Here."

Mrs. Jake Hoover and daughters, Ruth, Jessie and Rachel, returned Saturday morning from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Marshfield and Seymour.

Missouri is a great blue-grass state—it grows blue-grass than all the states north of its north line—it grows more blue-grass than all of the states south of its south line.

The third quarterly conference of the M. E. church for this charge will be held at Ava June 5 and 6. The annual conference will convene in St. Louis in September.

The K. C. O. & S. Railroad received a new engine Sunday. The engine is rented from the Frisco and replaces the one that has been in use for some time by the K. C. O. & S.

The opening dinner at Stephens Cafe Sunday was a successful occasion, J. H. Stephens, the proprietor, reporting the biggest day's business since he has been in business here.

Prof. Roy Ellis, brother of Miss Veril Ellis of the Mansfield public school faculty, has been re-elected superintendent of the Greenfield schools. He teaches this summer in the Warrensburg Normal.

A large crowd witnessed the New Perfection Oil Store demonstration at the J. D. Reynolds store Saturday, a factory representative being present to show what could be accomplished with a New Perfection.

Have you noticed the constantly increasing number of names of farmers desiring that Mansfield's annual agricultural and stock show be held this fall? The prospects for a good crop this year is an added incentive for the holding of the show.

Purely Personal Paragraphs

Mrs. W. A. Black was in Koshkonong Monday.

Prof. J. A. Hylton has returned from Columbia.

Mrs. Wm. Brand is visiting relatives in South Dakota.

W. H. Brake and family of Macomb spent Sunday here.

John A. Dennis and family of Hartville spent Sunday here.

Misses Bertha Miller and Eula Newton are visiting in Springfield

Mr. Butterfield and family have moved here from Mississippi.

Clyde Turner and Wade Rippee made a trip to Republic last week.

Miss Della Newton has been here from Springfield during the week

Mrs. W. A. Black and son, Francis, were in Springfield Saturday.

Col. L. O. Nieder transacted legal business at Willow Springs last week.

R. L. Handy, who is employed on a farm near Springfield, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Adams and two children of Ava were here this week enroute to Springfield.

Eugene and Miss Helen Farren are spending the week at Jason Findley's.

The Mansfield Ladies' Concert Band will serve dinner in the G. A. R. Hall June 5.—Adv.

John N. Pryor, Jr., and family of Hartville were here Monday enroute to Springfield.

C. L. Turner was in Mountain Grove Monday, accompanied by John A. Dennis of Hartville.

Ralph Inman of Mountain Grove visited his brother, J. D., and family during the week.

Attorney N. J. Craig and son, Snyder, heard Congressman T. L. Rubey speak at Hartville Saturday.

Mrs. Blanche Anderson of Springfield entertained the Embroidery Club of Mansfield this week

Mrs. Stella West of Kansas City visited her parents, D. W. Hoover and wife, during the week.

Mrs. Mick of Edingham, Kas., has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Reynolds.

A. W. Bonner and wife have gone to Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Bonner entering a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. G. S. Burney spent Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. D. Morris, in Springfield.

L. B. Tate, an employe of the Cash Store at Hartville, came in Monday and enrolled as a new Mirror reader.

Mrs. R. L. Alford and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Seymour. Mr. Alford also spent Sunday there.

R. A. Stapp and family have moved to Mountain Grove. They are excellent people and we regret to lose them from Mansfield

Hear Miss Jessie Lee Domer, reader and artist, at the opera house Friday night. Her work is vivacious and fascinating.—Adv

Rev. J. M. Strong, Mrs. J. H. Young and George Young of Oklahoma arrived here Monday on account of the death of "Uncle" John Strong.

S. T. Crabtree of near Greenville, Tenn., has been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Smalley. This is the first time they have met for 29 years.

A. W. Oberholser and family had as guests during the week his mother, Mrs. Gearhart, of Welton, Iowa, and his brother-in-law, J. P. Krick, of Ida Grove, Ia.

Dr. Charles Trimble, wife, son and daughter of West Plains, stopped here last week to visit Rev. Joseph Davis and family. They were enroute to San Francisco, making the trip in an auto.



COL. FREDERICK D. GARDNER

Gardner at Mountain Grove

Mountain Grove, May 29.

"Mountain Grove Makes Good." Our town lived up to its slogan last Thursday when the corner stone was laid for the \$20,000 high school building. The entire program was carried out as scheduled notwithstanding the rain threatened at times to drive guests and hosts under cover. Indeed, at noon, after the morning exercises in the park were concluded and it looked as if an all-day rain had started, the committee decided to hold the afternoon speaking in theatre and an announcement to that effect was made from the band stand by J. Frank Neighbors. But it turned out that the weather man had other and pleasanter plans. For just as the impressive Masonic ritual was finished the sun came out in a burst of splendor, the trees, wet by the long downpour, sparkled as though sprinkled with diamond dust and the heavy masses of clouds rolled away disclosing a sky of serene, approving blue.

So it was under such benignant auspices that Col. Frederick D. Gardner, of St. Louis, who delivered the address of the day, began to speak.

Colonel Gardner chose for his subject "Problems of Our Day." But the great crowd that had gathered to hear him felt, of course, that he would devote a good part of his time to a discussion of the famous Missouri Land Bank bill of which he is the author, and which has made Colonel Gardner's name known in every county, city and village of Missouri. And the audience was not disappointed, because Colonel Gardner not only explained his land bank bill but made it clear just why such a measure was necessary if the Missouri farmer were to be the prosperous citizen which God's bounty to this great state intended he should be.

But while the Land Bank bill contemplates the financial emancipation of the Missouri farmer, Colonel Gardner in his speech made it plain that besides low interest rates other things would have to be done if country life in Missouri were to reach its full flower. He dwelt at length upon the power of education, which, under the circumstances, was peculiarly appropriate. He showed how, by education, Germany had converted a thin, inferior soil into a wonderful fertility. He also pointed out what other states were doing for their country schools, notably Wisconsin, where every

high school has a 4-year agricultural course that in thoroughness compares with the course at our State University. "We must teach agriculture in our country schools," he said, "so that the boy and girl in the country will be equipped to succeed in country life; so that they will realize that agriculture, the oldest vocation in civilization, is also the noblest and that it offers the same opportunities for success that any other profession presents to the heart of ambitious youth."

One of the most effective propositions advanced by Colonel Gardner was that for financing good roads. "I would put a tax of \$10 a year on the owner of every automobile in Missouri," he exclaimed. "That would bring into the state revenue approximately a million dollars. I would levy that tax for five years, which would mean five million dollars, and I would take the 2000 convicts in the penitentiary and with that money I would build rock roads across Missouri in all directions.

"Does it seem too much to spend five million dollars in five years on road building in Missouri? Why, New York has just issued one hundred million in bonds for good roads, and the neighboring state of Arkansas, which has nothing like Missouri's wealth, has arranged to spend \$2,700,000 during the ensuing year on good roads."

The operation of the Missouri Land Bank, if the people ratify the Gardner Land Bank bill, is simple. The state is to lend a million dollars to the Missouri Land Bank which this law creates. The bank will be under the direction of a board of governors consisting of the governor of the state, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and state auditor. It will be directly managed by the state bank commissioner. No new offices will be created by the law and no additional expense put on the state. The Missouri Land Bank will loan money to farmers up to 50 per cent of the appraised value of their land, the highest individual loan, however, being limited to \$10,000. This money will be loaned at 6 1/2 per cent interest, the loans being secured by deeds of trust or farm mortgages. Against those mortgages bonds will be issued. When \$500,000, or half of the million which the state loans to the bank, has been loaned out to Missouri farmers, then bonds in the amount of \$500,000, bearing 5 per cent interest, will be issued and put on

Mansfield Will Celebrate

July 4 falls on Sunday this year, consequently Mansfield's celebration will be held on Monday, July 5. The celebration will be under the auspices of the Mansfield Concert Band and preparations are now under way for a strictly first class celebration.

The following committees have been appointed and will have charge:

Advertising—W. C. Coday, C. E. Cathcart, J. A. Hylton.

Grounds—R. N. Farren, Elmer Strong, Cecil Brazeal, Karl Tripp.

Soliciting—Ray Riley, Gorman Freeman, H. E. Coday.

Speakers—W. C. Coday, J. D. Reynolds, C. E. Newton.

Amusements—S. Matthis, Oscar Coday, Ezra Dennis, F. H. Riley, Lester Stone.

Concessions—E. A. Sisk, W. C. Coday, D. W. Morgan.

Decorations—O. S. Coday, R. N. Farren, C. E. Newton, Ben Grover, Ralph Hylton, Snyder Craig.

the market. That those bonds will be eagerly bought admits of no question, because the security back of them is the best security in the world, namely, the rich land of Missouri.

It is figured that eventually this Missouri Land Bank will bring into the state one hundred million dollars, or almost a million dollars to each county.

Now, the 6 1/2 per cent which the Missouri farmer pays to the Missouri Land Bank not only takes care of the interest but it also pays off the principal, so that in 25 years the entire debt is discharged. The fact is that the actual interest which the farmer pays is 4.3. The additional 2.2, which makes up the 6 1/2, is applied to the discharge of the debt and the operation of the system. The tremendous value of this plan to the Missouri farmer is easily understood in view of the fact that under present conditions he has to pay 8, sometimes 10 per cent, and sometimes even a higher rate of interest, while the principal continues intact. Not only that, but there are times when the Missouri farmer has difficulty borrowing money at any rate of interest, and always his loans are for a short period—say five years at the longest—while the matter of renewal is always costly and the more he needs money the harder and more costly is the renewal.

Colonel Gardner expressed great pleasure at being able to spend a day in Mountain Grove and repeatedly spoke about the beauty of the city and the evidences of prosperity and progress here, and the delightful hospitality that had been accorded him. At the conclusion of his address he was taken for a hurried trip to the Poultry and Fruit Experimental stations. "I don't have to preach the value of education to the farmers of Wright county," he said. "Down here you know what it is doing. You know that the Missouri hen annually produces a value greater than the combined production of gold in three of our Rocky Mountain states, and that in apples, peaches and the smaller fruits Missouri now holds a commanding place. Those fine results are traceable directly to the wonderful work that is being done here in Mountain Grove."

To Correspondents

We wish to go to press on Wednesday next week on account of the Ozark Press meeting at Joplin and we would appreciate it if correspondents and others would get all the copy possible in by Monday.

Have a good time and assist the school at the Parcel Post Sale June 11.—Adv.

Will Get School Money

The supreme court has handed down a decision in the Case of State ex rel Dennis, appellant, St. Louis & San Francisco railway, reversing and remanding the case, with directions, all judges concurring.

This case was instituted in 1911 by A. M. Curtis, then prosecuting attorney, assisted by H. E. Frink, against the railroad company because of the company's refusal to pay school taxes except on the basis of 65c on the \$100 valuation, when in fact, the levies in Mansfield, Norwood, Hartville and Mountain Grove were more than that amount.

Rural districts cannot levy over 65c, but town and city districts may levy as high as \$1. The railroad company contended that the above mentioned were rural districts because they had annexed territory outside of the corporate limits.

In the circuit court the railroad won, but by the supreme court decision the county wins and the railroad must now pay for five years back the portion of school taxes which they have failed to pay, which will amount to about \$500 for the four districts.

Enos Lakey Dead

Eros Lakey passed away Tuesday after an extended illness. Deceased was born September 8, 1846, and was 68 years, 8 months and 23 days old at the time of his death. He was one of our best citizens and one who will be missed from the community where he has so long resided.

Rev. Charles Findley conducted the funeral yesterday from the Moody Freewill Baptist church, Mr. Lakey having been a faithful member of that denomination. Interment in the Moody cemetery.

Mr. Lakey is survived by three daughters and two sons, wife having died about 15 years ago.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Is Your Name Here?

The following have our thanks for cash on subscription:

James E. Ivy, Mansfield.
J. E. Newton, Mansfield.
Florence Newton, Gerlane, Ks.
Roy Huggans, Great Bend, Ks.
Wm. Huggans, Mansfield.
C. R. Mink, Mansfield.
W. B. Hitchcock, Mansfield.
J. M. Coday, Tahlequah, Okla.
W. H. Hake, Rawlins, Wyo.
L. B. Tate, Hartville.
W. B. Fullington, Mansfield
M. T. Fullington, Springfield.
B. Morris, Mansfield.
J. H. Stephens, Mansfield.

Coming to Mansfield

The Bluebird Trio is all that its name implies—and more. Brought together by the same ambition, these gifted young ladies have formed a company and are prepared to give to the public an intensely interesting program. Their repertoire covers a large field of entertainment. No two features of their program are alike. Each member of the company is a star, and each possesses an unusual amount of originality, which places their programs far above the ordinary. They will give a program at the opera house Friday night, June 4. Be sure to hear it.

Mansfield Produce Market

Furnished by Mansfield Produce Co.

Eggs..... 12¢ Butter..... 14¢
Green Hides 10¢ Ducks..... 8¢
Fat Turkeys 10¢ Geese..... 4¢
1915 Springs, 1 1/2 lbs. and up 16¢
Old Hens..... 10¢

Special Sunday dinner at the Mansfield Hotel—Adv