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Local and Personal News.

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Death of Aunt Margaret Ponder. One by one the mothers in Israel drop by the wayside and go to their long and never ending sleep full of years and honor. In the death of Aunt Margaret Ponder, who died at her home just east of the city limits, on the hill southeast of town, last Tuesday evening about 5 o'clock, after an illness of some weeks, though the hand of the grim reaper reached her suddenly, is this amplified. Her illness was from the infirmities of old age and complication of heart trouble, she being in her 82nd year. She was a native of Tennessee and came to Missouri when young with her first husband, Aide Lowe, who with Col. Miles Ponder and Captain Hedgepeth organized the first company of troops for the Confederate service in Ripley county. Lowe was afterward made colonel of the regiment and was killed in one of the first engagements of the war west of the Mississippi, at the battle of Fredericktown, being the senior colonel and in command of the brigade during the action and fell while leading his men on the firing line. She was united in marriage to D. K. Ponder about the close of the war, in 1865, and has lived here ever since. She was of the mold of women who have made this country great and through their blood have built up a race of people superior to all that have ever gone before—the true type of the American, through generations of native born and bred descendants of the primitive settlers or the colonies. She was a splendid woman in all the walks of life, motherly, kindly, neighborly and a hard worker and good manager. She had two children by her first husband, Mrs. Mollie Ponder, widow of the late Holly Ponder, and the late Aide Lowe, Jr., who died a year or two ago. She leaves one son by her marriage with Uncle Crockett Ponder, Arch Ponder, who lives east of town a mile. She was the step-mother of John P. Ponder of the firm of Ponder & Merrill, and of Mrs. Tom Thannisch. The funeral was held yesterday, Thursday, at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. Newton Cravens, officiating. The interment was at Oakridge.

TWEED DEFIED BY HOFFMAN. Tammany Boss Could Not Frighten Governor Into Giving Approval to Certain Bill. As a questioning reporter, the writer had been received by Governor Hoffman, in the executive office of the old capitol, with that dignified courtesy that marked the governor's intercourse with any one, high or low. The question had been asked, and the answer given. The reporter rose, and was making his acknowledgements, when the green baize doors that separated the executive chamber from the outer office were swung violently open and "Boss" Tweed, with red face, flashing eyes and threatening manner, burst into the room. The governor advanced to meet him, with a heavy frown upon his face. "I hear that you're goin' to veto such-and-such a bill, Governor Hoffman?" shouted Tweed. "Such is my intention, Senator Tweed," replied the governor, very white of face. "Do you know I'm behind that bill?" raising his voice, threateningly. "I have been so informed," was the answer. "See here, you expect to have a second term, don't you?" cried the enraged boss. "Senator Tweed, I propose to be governor of the state of New York one term and to accept no dictation during it," replied the governor, looking straight into the eyes of the frantic boss and standing up very straight. Tweed ripped out an oath as he wheeled around and flung himself out of the room.—From "Random Recollections of an Old Political Reporter," by William C. Hudson.

WEDDING GLOVE FOR BRIDE. Third Finger Is Left Unstitched So That the Ring Can Be Slipped On. A happy era has dawned for the bride at the fateful moment when the ring is about to be placed on her finger. Instead of the usual struggle to remove her left hand glove she will now be able to uncover the third finger without effort and without losing her composure. This delightful result is to be obtained by an ingenious "wedding glove" device. The inside seam on the third finger of the left glove is unstitched, so that all that the bride need do is to slip her finger through the slit to receive the ring. The finger can just as easily be slipped back into the glove after the ceremony. The device will be greatly appreciated not only by the bride, but also by the nervous bridegroom. The story of the origin of the wedding glove has come to light. Some time ago a girl who had lost her right arm in the hunting field asked for a single wedding glove. She remarked on the awkwardness of having to remove her glove with the help of her teeth, and it was then seen that matters would be greatly facilitated for the bride if she only had to uncover the ring finger. The experiment was so successful that it aroused the interest of other prospective brides, who saw in it a boon which would save them from the usual difficulties of removing a whole glove in the moment when the ring is about to be put on.—Exchange.

Mrs. Betie Hope and son, Charlie, of Flat River were here this week visiting friends and relatives. Plenty of ice, but the skating has not been to very good as the snow made it rough and spoiled the sport. Remember the Niel-Litchfield Trio at the court house next Tuesday night. Get your seat at Johnston's. L. G. O'Neal was here Wednesday from Gatewood with a car load of hogs which he shipped to the St. Louis market. Ed Ferguson is in town this week from his first trip out on the road for the St. Louis grocery house he is representing. Mrs. Tom Watts and children have returned to Doniphan from New Madrid county and are again making Doniphan their home. Clyde Page, who came up last week on a short visit to his parents and other relatives, from Little Rock, returned to that city the first of the week. Baker Wm. Frey and wife received a visit from the stork last Tuesday morning and now have a new boy baby at their home in the west part of town. F. E. Smelser loans money on improved farms on five year's time. See him at Dr. Martin's real estate office on Fridays and Saturdays. 9-11

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Some Cold Weather. The weather prophets who predicted an unusually severe winter hit the nail right smack on the head if they had any foreknowledge of the present cold spell. Ever since the beginning of the year, January 1, there has been a blanket of cold resting over the country, and by Sunday morning the gage showed 16 1-2 degrees below zero, by the government instrument, and on most of the common instruments went lower. It moderated somewhat by Tuesday and was fairly pleasant but the second cold blanket dropped down and has again brought zero weather with 2 below this morning and a promise still lower reading by to-morrow. Oh, but it has been cruelly cold, and to those not prepared for such conditions has brought much suffering. In many portions of the west and southwest stock on the ranges have perished by thousands, and in all parts of the country persons have frozen, even those who were well clad and provided for but were exposed and overcome while going about their work, falling victims to the storm's severity. Never a night since the beginning of the year has the mercury been above the freezing point, and most of the time it has been in the neighborhood of 10 degrees above zero both day and night. And there is no let up in sight reported by the government weather bureau.

Death of Uncle John H. Truby. John H. Truby, a former well-known citizen of this county, died at his home at Rector, Arkansas, last Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock and the body was brought here on Tuesday for interment in the family lot at Oakridge, the Masonic lodge having charge of the funeral receiving the body at the train and accompanying it to the cemetery. Will A. Truby of this city, a son, received a telegram last Friday stating that his father was very low and started for Rector on the first train arriving a short time before his death. C. A. Truby, another son, whose home is in Moberly, was also there and accompanied the remains here for burial, and sisters, Mrs. Will Lowe, of Current View, and Mrs. May Moore, of Girard, Illinois, were also present, these four being his surviving children, and all are grown and married. Mrs. Truby, the widow, his second wife, was ill at the home in Rector and could not come to the funeral. Mr. Truby's first wife was burned to death in this city some years ago while washing, her clothing catching fire from the fire boiling the wash kettle. The Trubys came to this county from Randolph county, Mo., in 1804, and purchased a farm about four miles southeast of town, the one now owned by L. H. Stein, and lived there for several years, buying some other tracts of land in that vicinity of the county. He sold out his land finally and moved to town and clerked for awhile in different stores, and finally married again and then moved to Arkansas and engaged in farming. Before going to Arkansas he managed the canning factory plant for one season and put up some mighty good stuff. He was a very pleasant man and had a large circle of friends. Peace to his ashes.

PARROT AS GERM CARRIER. Physician Finds the Bird is Subject to Disease Human Beings May Contract. Better not keep a parrot. A physician has discovered that birds of this species are subject to a disease called psittacosis, which is peculiarly contagious, and may easily be contracted by human beings. As a germ carrier, in fact, the parrot is unrivaled. Now the Office Window is not particularly afraid of germs. They may be quite as bad, quite as dangerous, as they are represented. But what is the use of trying to get away from them? We cannot eat, drink or breathe without taking in germs. We associate with them from morning till night. They are bound to work their will with us anyway—so we may as well ignore them and have as good a time as we can, before they get us. But the Office Window is perfectly willing to take advantage of the germs as an ally against the parrot. This preposterous bird has nothing to recommend him except his unlikeness to the bird species. He does not sing, but squawks. He is regarded as worthless unless he can "talk," in a kind of harsh resemblance to human speech. He is neither bird nor human; he is a disorderly episode in creation. He grates on the poetic soul. He is a nuisance.—New York Mail.

HIS SPEECH WAS GREAT HIT. Pumperton Thought It Was His Wit, But His Wife Discovered the Reason. It was late before Pumperton got home, but his wife was still sitting up for him. "Well, John," she greeted him, "how was the dinner? And how was your speech received?" Pumperton took off his coat, smiling genially. "Oh, splendidly, my dear, splendidly! I got there a bit late, when the others were already at the table, but I just slipped in quietly and didn't make any stir." "Well, how about the speech?" she reminded him. "Did it make as much of a hit as you expected?" "Oh, yes—more. None of the preceding speeches had been particularly clever, and they had hardly raised a smile. But I had no more than stood up and begun when they began to laugh. I went on, my dear, and I assure you, they simply shook. I never have seen any company so thoroughly entertained. I even expanded a little—gave them a couple of new stories that came into my mind. And when I sat down they cheered and clapped and laughed for minutes. I shall never forget how they laughed." "Yes, I can well imagine so," his wife said sarcastically. "But the next time you are to make an after-dinner speech wouldn't it be well to put your vest on before leaving home?"

County Clerk J. A. Reburn, of Ironton, was here this week on business. He is interested in the change of venue case for criminal libel that will be tried here at the March term of circuit court. John M. Dodd and wife, who had been at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of their health, taking a course of treatment for rheumatism, were in town last Monday on their way home, both claiming to be feeling much better for their trip. The Neil-Litchfield Trio, the second number on the local lecture bureau course, is to be at the court house next Tuesday night. They are one of the best platform attractions now on the road and are classed right up at the top. Seats at Johnson's Pharmacy. Uncle Bob McCauley and wife came home last Monday from Pochontas where they had been called during the preceding week to the bedside of their son, George, who was quite ill with pneumonia. When they left he was much better and was on the road to convalescence. Uncle Jim Adams was here from Ozly last Tuesday and Wednesday, having come up to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Ripley County Bank. He said the mercury registered just 10 degrees higher in the cold of last Sunday than it did on the cold Sunday morning in February, 1899, when Ozly was known as the coldest place in the United States, the mercury registering 33 degrees below zero, and last Sunday it registered 23 degrees below.

Dead Letter List. The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Doniphan, Mo., postoffice, January 1, 1912, and if not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.: L. J. Ligon, J. D. Reynolds, Henry Kelsce, Joseph Henson, Ed Besty, Chas Swift, T. B. Bennett, A. S. Ennis, Cora Huskey, R. L. Houston, Dr. W. O. Harland, J. K. Melan, E. E. Martin, J. L. Mallett, Mary L. Sluder, 2, Mary Miller, 2, M. O. Jenkins, William Fig, Gracie Black, Walter Ponder, L. F. Richards, 2, Miss Handy Brooks. Parties calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." O. M. GARY, P. M.

Teachers' Meeting. Program for the third meeting of the Ripley County Teachers' Union to be held on Saturday, January 22, 1912, at 10:30 o'clock: Invocation, E. F. O'Neal. Welcome Address, J. C. Young. Response, Grover Johnson. "Advancement of Ripley County Schools."—E. Sin Martin. "Why Have Spelling and Declamatory Contests in the County?"—Chas. O. Booker. AFTERNOON. "Some Defects in the Present School System, and Some Aids in Removing Them."—Mary E. Posey, Hermus Rogers, Della Kane. "Rules and Regulations Governing the County Spelling and Declamatory Contests."—Supt. Braschler. "Duties of the Rural Teacher."—Rev. Elton Ford, General business. Teachers are urged to attend so as to see the County Superintendent concerning the spelling contest. Let every teacher come. E. SIN MARTIN, Secretary Committee.

Many Children are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for children break up colds in 24 hours, relieve feverishness, headache, stomach troubles, teething disorders, and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Incumbrance. "No," said Mr. Cumrox; "I don't in the least disapprove of my daughter's marrying a title." "But you seem dissatisfied." "I am. What I object to is the fellow that goes with it."

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County Collector Will Roberson this week settled with County Treasurer John A. Brooks and turned over to him over \$30,000, the collections for December last. Over \$20,000 of this sum was in cash and the remainder in warrants. All of the funds have cash to their credit now, but in some of them the balance is small. In the road fund Treasurer Brooks has paid out up to noon today \$2,539, and there is still in the fund \$348.69 to meet outstanding warrants, the total amount of cash in the road fund on settlement being \$5,987.71, and when all the collections are made and the remainder due the fund paid in, there will remain a balance in the fund after every outstanding obligation created against it last year of several hundred dollars. Some of the other funds, however, receive no special benefits from sources other than tax collections and are not in as good condition as the road and bridge fund, but so far all warrants outstanding against the collections of 1911 have been taken care of by Treasurer Brooks.

The Choice of a Husband is too important a matter for a woman to be handicapped by weakness, bad blood or foul breath. Avoid these killing foes by taking Dr. King's Life Pills. New strength, fine complexion, pure breath, cheerful spirits—things that win men—follow their use. Easy, safe, sure. 25c at Johnson's Pharmacy.

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