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'ROUND ABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Ray county's new \$100,000 courthouse will be formerly dedicated November 20 with an all day program of parades and oratory.

"Shingles on the roof," was the slogan of a home company at Craig that gave a benefit for the Christian church. The plan was successful.

A thrifty housewife is she of Harrisonville who, according to The Leader, sells her husband's cast off clothing for enough to pay his lodge dues.

Nevada has not been making much preliminary noise, but a committee is at work soliciting subscriptions to buy a \$5,000 set of road making machinery.

The horseless age is nearly arrived in Clay county. A man driving from Excelsior Springs to Liberty the other day met forty-five motor cars and only one buggy.

The absentee voters' law, passed by the Missouri legislature in 1913, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge R. G. Ranney, of the circuit court at Cape Girardeau.

Billy Sunday says a man can use tobacco and yet be a Christian. The Carrollton Republican-Record wonders if as much can be said for a fellow when he is putting up a stove.

In order that he may vote at the next general election, the Rev. Father Connolly, Catholic priest at Adair and a native of Ireland, has filed petition for naturalization as an American citizen.

Isn't it wonderful how the war has boomed shell making in America? asks the Mexico Ledger, noting that in the North American egg laying contest one hen has contributed 311 eggs in 361 days.

From the New Franklin News comes the story of a nature freak. When a local housewife, intent on making pies, cut open a pumpkin, she found growing inside three well-developed miniature pumpkin vines.

A very innocent looking contract accepting the agency for a certain brand of stock food was signed last July by a Mercer county man who later found the signed paper converted into a promissory note for \$1,000.

With the primary nearly a year off, Livingston county, in which Chillicothe is located, has eleven candidates to date for the nomination for sheriff. There has always been a scramble for the office of sheriff in Livingston county.

Robert M. Hixon, the painter, brought to this office yesterday morning a bunch of green cherries plucked from a tree in the southwestern part of town. They were second crop cherries and were getting fairly well developed.—Richmond News.

According to the Mountain Grove Herald, "When a woman winds a towel about her head and calls for a bucket of water, it means the beginning of a big day, but when a man winds a towel about his head and calls for water, it means the end of a big night."

A blow fell last week on our African friends in Callaway county. A number of them were fined for killing opossums out of season. For hundreds of years, when the October frosts ripened the paw-paw, the colored people fared forth, gathered an opossum, mixed him with sweet potatoes, and feasted. This bright spot in his life has been blasted since the 'possum has been elevated to a fur-bearing varmint. Alas, alas!—Rolls County Record.

Idle gossip of villagers was responsible for the suicide of Mrs. Mary Watson, aged 65 of East Lynne. Recently she had been employed by one of the churches to look after Mrs. McCormick, an invalid. Gossips started the talk that provisions provided for the latter found their way to Mrs. Watson's home, and the unjust accusations so preyed on her mind she became despondent and swallowed carbolic acid.

Mrs. Amanda Herndon, mother of Mrs. W. E. Painter, of Carrollton, died Sunday morning. She was a native of Kentucky and a resident of Lexington in her young womanhood. She aided the wounded of Price's army in the battle in that city. Mrs. Herndon was a real daughter of 1812. Since 1893 she had been a resident of Carroll county.

Land patents granted nearly three generations ago were filed recently at Liberty. Four patents for eighty acres each were recorded the same day. The original sheepskins bore the signatures of James Monroe and of John Quincy Adams, having been granted during these two administrations.

A. L. Graves, a prominent Cass county lawyer and brother of Judge W. W. Graves of the Supreme court, was instantly killed at his home in Garden City late Friday evening. He was stepping into his buggy when the horse started, throwing him head-first upon a concrete pavement. His neck was broken.

Rather than move from her Missouri home to Colorado where her father recently purchased a farm, a 19-year-old Barry county girl tried to kill herself by drinking poison. The only cause for her act was that she'd rather be dead in Missouri than alive anywhere else.

Milton Turner of St. Louis, who rose from a slave's life to United States minister to Liberia, died Monday from injuries in the big oil tank explosion a month ago in Ardmore, Okla. He was 76 years old. He founded the first negro school in Missouri, in Kansas City in 1868.

An order written in Greek by the Sultan of Turkey authorizing the English vessel commanded by Capt. Percy Farrant to pass through the Dardanelles and anchor before Constantinople is one of the treasured possessions of a Dallas county man, H. W. Farrant, son of the English officer.

On a recent windy day a woman at Pleasant Hill was standing near a railroad crossing waiting while a freight train went by. A gust of wind blew her hat from her head and into an open box car in the passing train. She went home bareheaded.

At the fair held at Mansfield, Wright county, they advertised the only living four-legged woman in the world. Mansfield often has things that no other place would think of.—Carl Junction Times.

A Macon man has an apple tree five feet eight inches in circumference, planted in 1839, that yearly produces a fine crop of apples. Pity that tree cannot tell how it has escaped the borers and other orchard destroyers, laments the Brookfield Gazette. Such knowledge would be valuable to a great many people in Missouri and elsewhere whose orchards do not last for a half century.

Ray L. Carter appeared in the Ray circuit court Monday, asking for a divorce from his wife, Nannie Carter. The decree was granted by the court, and Carter at once hid himself to the recorder's office, where he secured a license to marry Ella Pointer. The two went to Excelsior Springs that evening and the ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock by Justice S. J. Rowell at the city hall.—Richmond News.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, who lives near Laquey, Pulaaki county, probably enjoys the distinction of being the only woman in Missouri to kill an eagle without the aid of a weapon. On Wednesday of this week she heard a noise in the chicken yard and saw a large eagle swoop down on the flock. A watch dog rushed upon the eagle and knocked it to the ground. Mrs. Arthur grabbed a long piece of wagon tire and struck the eagle with all her might, breaking its neck and right wing. The eagle measured six feet four inches from tip to tip.

Claude Scoggin, who was convicted last week on two counts and given two and three years respectively, and who also entered a plea of guilty for forgery and given three more years, was sentenced to eight years at hard labor in the state penitentiary this morning at 11 o'clock by Judge Evans of West Plains, who presided. The proceedings were very brief, only occupying three minutes of the courts time. When asked if there was any reason why sentence should not be passed the prisoner responded with a brief negative shake of the head and that was all. Sheriff Stubblefield will leave with him for Jefferson City tonight.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Miss Mable Williams, of Knobel, Ark., standing three feet and four and one half inches in her stocking feet, and weighing forty and three fourths pounds, was a center of attraction Wednesday November 3rd, at the Iron Mountain station while waiting her train. Beside her was a sister, Dulcis, four years of age, exactly the same height and about the same weight, but of course acting as would any ordinary child of the same age. The children were accompanied by their mother and they are returning from Puzico, where Miss Mable was born on November 8th, 1899. She is an interesting conversationalist, has received a common school education, and says she is going to devote her life to study and to doing good to others in after years.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Hint for Purchasers of Camels.
A good camel will travel 100 miles in a day. An ordinary camel travels only 75 miles in a day. In buying camels try to select those having both speed and endurance.

Sell Old Hens Before Winter.

Now that the old hens have ceased to be productive the farmer should begin a systematic culling of his poultry flock. All hens not to be held over for next year should be sold. While the cost of keeping hens is seldom realized, they are eating valuable food. This expense with no production is cutting down the profits. Hens are rarely profitable producers after they are two years old according to H. L. Kemper of the University of Missouri, College of Agriculture. All old hens, especially those which bag down or "crop" behind, should be sent to market. This years young stock should be marked with leg bands, toe marks or otherwise so that next year the age of the hens will be known.

Hens in laying condition will show bright red combs and will show their pin bones well spread apart. This test is a sure indication. The pin bones are located just above the vent. If three or four inches apart the hen is probably laying. These points will assist materially in culling out the unprofitable producers.

Prepare Bees For Winter.

Remove honey at once. Leave plenty of winter food. Don't spill or smear honey about the hive, it leads to robbing. Don't chill the bees while clearing the supers, choose warm days for this work. Wrap each hive with a layer of tar paper or other heavy wind proof material.

If any supers are left on the hives, remove the sections and fill the space with a bag of dry leaves. Set the hives on a south slope and do not leave the front high enough to let snow or water blow or run in. The bee house or cellar is rarely or never used as far south as Missouri. A strong swarm properly prepared in a good hive and properly fed will get through the winter well.

Ford & Klass finished picking and barreling apples in their eighty-acre orchard last week. Their principal varieties were Jonathan, Ben Davis, Gano and Missouri Pippin. They received for their Jonathans \$3.25 per barrel, and for the other varieties \$2.25 per barrel. In all, they had 5,410 barrels. Of this number, 2,572 barrels were Jonathans, 1,804 Ben Davis, 872 Missouri Pippin and 222 Gano. If we have figured it right, they received a total of \$8,359 for Jonathans and \$6,385.50 for the other varieties, making a total of \$14,744.50. This does not include the culls they sold at the orchard, which amounted to several hundred dollars. They cleared possible between \$9,000 and \$10,000.—Parnell Sentinel.

Uncle Josh was comfortably lighting his pipe in the living room one evening when Aunt Maria glanced up from her knitting. "John," she remarked, "do you know that next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of our wedding?" "You don't say so, Maria!" responded Uncle Josh, pulling vigorously on his corn cob pipe. "What about it?" "Nothing," answered Aunt Maria "only I thought maybe we ought to kill them two Rhode Island Red chickens." "But, Maria," demanded Uncle Josh, "how can you blame them two Rhode Island Reds for what happened twenty-five years ago."—Kansas City Star.

The thirty-two years' search of a mother for her son ended at West Plains last week when Mrs. Minnie Adams of Little Rock, Ark., came to her boy's home for a visit. John Watts was only 4 years old when his parents separated. With his father he came to Howell county, the mother not knowing their whereabouts. When the son grew to manhood he began a search for his mother, who for years had been seeking him. Just as both had become almost discouraged a chance letter brought about the re-union.

A sensational wooing and winning culminated at Mt. Vernon last Thursday, when B. H. Patterson of this city was united in marriage with Mrs. Glasscock of Miller, to whom he had been paying attentions. The sensational phase of the wooing, developed when Walter Hood of Miller, brother of the bride, made manifest in an impressive manner his antipathy for Patterson's attentions to his sister, who was a widow and mother of two. He served notice on Patterson that he would resent further indications of aspirations regarding the hand of his sister. Patterson had no respect whatever for what he considered Hood's bluff, and when again invited to the home of the prospective bride he did not stand on the order but went, as the dutiful swain should. He spent the evening with the prospective bride and his prospective mother-in-law was also present. After spending a pleasant and apparently uneventful evening, Mr. Patterson accompanied his prospective mother-in-law home, and here he met the prospective brother-in-law, who shot the end of Boss's fountain pen off and put him to flight. Did Boss run? Well, he says "The reason I ran was because I couldn't fly." Yes he ran and this undaunted swain continued on in a direction antipodal to Mr. Hood's whereabouts, until he reached the home of a friend, well out of the confines of the city of Miller, and where he spent the night. The following morning he chartered a car, and, accompanied by Mrs. Glasscock, motored to Mt. Vernon, where they were married.—Dade County Advocate.

HEIR TO ITALIAN THRONE

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WILL WAR ON MOTHS

Department of Agriculture to Help in Suppressing Pests.

Seek to Prevent Further Damage to Orchards and Forests—General Clean-Up Helps—Crosscots for Egg Masses.

Washington.—The department of agriculture is making a special effort this fall to prevent the spread of gypsy and brown-tail moths. It is the purpose of the government experts to put into operation some effective means of reducing further damage to orchards and forests by these pests.

In the areas infested by these pests much effective work can be done to reduce the damage that these insects are likely to cause the following year, according to entomologists of the department.

The caterpillars of the brown-tail moth spin a web in the fall which remains on the tips of twigs and branches during the winter. These webs should be cut and burned so that injury will be caused by the caterpillars the following summer. Particular attention should be given to webs of this insect on trees which grow round dwellings or in orchards.

The apple, pear, cherry, oak and willow are among the trees which are favored as food by the brown-tail moth caterpillars. In order to minimize the damage which is likely to result, as much time as possible should be devoted to cutting and burning worthless or seedling apple trees and wild cherry trees and brush. If this is done along the roadway and fence the appearance of the region will be greatly improved.

Care should be taken to protect pine and other coniferous trees, and hickory and ash should not be cut. They are not favored for food either by the caterpillars of the gypsy moth or those of the brown-tail moth.

A general clean-up, such as has been mentioned, will greatly assist in controlling this insect. The oak is a favored food of the brown-tail moth and the gypsy moth, and wherever it is possible to eliminate oaks, less annoyance from these pests will be experienced.

In cutting wood in the winter for purposes of fuel, the farmer would do well to select and cut trees which are favored as food by these insects. In this way he will not only secure the fuel which he desires, but will at the same time decrease the food supply of the pests mentioned.

It is needless to say that in cutting wood for fuel, all sickly or diseased trees should be selected, so that the stand that remains will be healthy and vigorous. Each owner must make the selection for himself, but a great deal can be accomplished by planning the work a little in advance so that the necessary amount of fuel can be obtained, the preferred food plants of these insects reduced in number and the condition of the wood lot improved.

The gypsy moth occurs in the egg stage during the winter, and much valuable work can be done in bringing about its control by treating the egg masses with crosscots applied with a brush. This destroys the eggs so that the next brood of caterpillars is reduced.

For the information of residents of the district infested by the gypsy moth and the brown-tail moth it should be said that this area has been placed under quarantine by the federal horticultural board. Nursery stock and living plants cannot be shipped outside the area unless the trees or plants have been examined by an authorized inspector.

YOUTH HIKES AROUND GLOBE

Grunwaldt Nears End of His Long Three-Year Jaunt—Pays Way by Working.

Sacramento, Cal.—Alexander Grunwaldt, seventeen years old, was on the last leg of a jaunt around the world when he reached here. The boy said he left San Francisco in a vessel bound for Australia, July 26, 1912, and has been going ever since. All his land trips were made afoot. He has paid his way by doing odd jobs and selling photos of himself.

His route was from Australia to Calcutta by water, and then by foot to Bombay, a distance of 1,399 miles. He jumped to Africa and "hoofed" the long way from Alexandria to Cape Town. He arrived in New York March 25 last and started immediately to walk the 3,358 miles back to San Francisco.

Peculiar Use for Granite.
In some portions of Switzerland granite is so plentiful that it is used for telegraph poles.