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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

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

Quinine has dropped from \$2.50 to \$1.50 an ounce.—Louisiana News.

A charity rabbit hunt in Cole county added 120 rabbits to the Christmas baskets for the poor of Jefferson City.

The DeKalb Tribune claims to have found the old timer who shaves his whiskers for bread crumbs and tobacco dust.

A Trenton man was given six months in jail for driving his automobile through the streets of that town while intoxicated.

Jasper county's new \$75,000 county farm will be ready for occupancy by Jan. 15. The building will have sixty-four rooms.

Among the forty pupils of the public school at Grayson there are five "sets" of twins. Three of the "sets" are of one family.

St. Clair county's record divorces case was filed on a Tuesday and a decree granted the following Friday. Why go to Reno.

The distinction of being Harrison county's youngest bride is accorded a Gainesville girl who was just 13 years old when married last week.

The Trenton barber who kindled the fire with gasoline will have only a few scars to remind him of the incident, the attending physician says.

In Warrensburg, four-year-old Berne Heberling, standing on a chair talking over the phone, lost her balance and fell off, breaking her arm.

It is a long lane that has no turning. Down at Springfield the owner of a dray was assessed \$125 damages because his vehicle ran down a motor car.

The Pleasant Hill Register's man-about-town wonders what has become of the girl who used to wear bangs and knew how to make cinnamon cookies.

The state legislative committee charged with the selection of the site for the Ozark fish hatchery last week decided upon Puller Springs, near Springfield.

At the close of a successful revival meeting held there, the Mayview Times printed a list of converts and warned its readers to "look out for backsliders."

Lincoln township, Nodaway county, has done much for good roads the last year. In that time more than a hundred bridges have been built in the township.

"Good time for a little money," advertised a Carrollton business man. He does not operate a popular priced cafe, however, he merely sells watches for a living.

Farmers in the Missouri river bottoms in Howard county have begun work on a levee six miles long that will protect from overflow several thousand acres of very fine land.

"In case you don't issue license to Swades, then I am up against it," was the postscript of a letter to the Henry county clerk, in which the writer applied for a hunting permit.

The postmaster at Goodman admits he was no little vexed when the Plover Herald published a business directory of Goodman and made no mention of the postoffice.

The Dixon cigar maker who admits he is fond of ticks is not a freak at all. He's merely an old-time telegraph operator who gets lonesome for the dots and dashes.

Two wagonloads of turkeys marketed by T. R. Murry of Iconium, St. Clair county, brought him the dignified sum of \$590.18. And who says it doesn't pay to raise turkeys?

Now that it is announced that the scale factory at Harrisonville will be moved to Pleasant Hill Jan. 1, it is in order for somebody to say something about its going a weigh.

The shareholders of the Campbell Building and Loan Association, will on January 31st, 1916, vote on a proposition of increasing the capital stock of said association from \$200,000, as now capitalized, to \$300,000.

It is the proud boast of Peyton A. Parks of Clinton that at least once each month he has caught fish from the Clinon lake since March, 1913. His December, 1915, attempt had proved futile until one day last week, when after a tedious session, he landed a couple of perch. Mr. Parks then hurried home and announced that he'd do no more fishing until January.

Though being a dutiful husband, Mose Craig of Peculiar lost his whiskers. Mr. Craig went out to start the kitchen fire a few mornings ago and when the stove seemed a bit obstinate kerosene was added to the fuel. Eyebrows and lashes were sacrificed at the first puff and the prospects for salvage with the whiskers were so discouraging that Mr. Craig hid himself to a barber shop and began life in the open.

Most every person in trying to depict a dog's gratitude has the animal lick the hand of the benefactor, and it makes a very pretty story. Such yarns, however, never again will sound good to Robert Clary of Cedar City. Mr. Clary had an abrasion on his hand, having injured it husking corn. His pet dog licked the hand a few hours before developing rabies. The dog is dead and Clary is being pasteurized.

The Rev. L. S. Flannery, convicted in Howell county in July, 1914, of manslaughter, was paroled Saturday by Governor Major. Flannery killed Olin T. McConnell, a linotype operator. The two were fellow boarders, and in an altercation Flannery, a considerably larger man than McConnell, struck the latter, knocking him down. His skull was fractured by the fall. McConnell was said to have been engaged to be married to a young woman of Springfield.

There is a wonderful difference between the Christmas gifts we got when I was a boy and what a boy wants nowadays, a Macon county pointer told Edgar White of the Macon Chronicle. Then if a boy got a Barlow knife and a pair of store shoes or boots he felt Santa had been more than generous. Now a boy wants an electric engine, a silver shaving set or a motor car. "We had just about as much fun, I reckon," said the pointer, "for the joys of the season are not measured by modernity."

Claude Scroggins, another crooked Caruthersville banker, has gone to the pen for eight years on three counts—one count two years and two more counts of three years each.

When Marion Lawson of Cedar county died of scurvy the other day, the local paper chronicled that at his funeral every family in the neighborhood that didn't have small pox was represented.

The five Nigh brothers of Mercer county held a family reunion the other day. The oldest of the brothers is 79, the youngest is 32. They had not all been together at meal time for nigh onto forty-five years.

As proof that young fellows can be good and have fun at the same time the Excelsior Springs Standard cites that the members of the Baraca class of the Christian church there are arranging a possum hunt.

"The Wicked and Unexpected Order of Burglars" levied a \$20 assessment on a Trenton firm the other night and scattered pepper on the ground to discourage any inquisitive bloodhounds that officers might put on the trail.

Gone but not forgotten is Oren Thompson's bay horse that once was the pride of Jasper. Mr. Thompson had the animal's hide made up into an overcoat with enough of the goods left over for a pair of handsome driving gloves.

Richmond still has her hitch troubles. The last item about the racks recounts how the street commissioner and his squad of workmen were placed under arrest when they attempted to carry out the orders of the city council.

Meditating deeply the other day, an Audrain county man put his pipe in his mouth upside down and did not discover his error until a bystander called attention to the fact that his necktie was afire. The tie was a total loss.

A special committee selected by the last legislature to locate a fish hatchery in the Ozark region, has selected a tract a mile outside of Springfield. The state will get the tract free of charge but will expend \$10,000 for buildings and hatchery equipments.

Lee Allen, near Peculiar, has an old under-ground ice house, that is proving a fine skunk trap. A skunk got in and then another and another, they being unable to get out. He feeds them regularly and thinks others will get in and that he will have a nice lot of hides to market this winter.

When a young man is found shaking hands with the pump and bidding it an affectionate goodnight, or saying, "Poor old Corbinson Robercaw," the Grant City Star thinks that he has been indulging in something stronger than sweet cider.

If the tramp near Fremont hadn't found the lid of the old bucket in which he started to brew his coffee he would not now be in the hospital. But he found the lid and put it on the bucket so tight that when the coffee boiled the improvised percolator blew up, inflicting serious burns.

Blue laws are getting bluer. Over in Charlton county, if an exchange is to be believed, "It is understood that drugs and such articles as are used in sickness can be sold. Newspapers, cigars and shaves are not medicinal and must be kept under a lid—butchers and bakers likewise."

When Mr. Weaver, the rural merchant at Fairfield, returned home from his trip to St. Louis, to buy 5 and 10 cent goods, he told his friends and neighbors he didn't get acquainted with over half the people in that city. Gosh, but it must be an awful big town!

An evangelist has been giving the old dry bones about Jefferson City a thorough shaking up. Several hundred have bowed to the claims of Christ. Among the number are two members of the supreme court, the governor's son, and several state house employees.

Movers in Cedar county abandoned an aged horse to die by the roadside, and when their dog missed the horse it went back and stayed with it until death then mounting guard over the body and trying to defend the carcass from farmers who came to bury it.

The careless handling of guns already has cost a great many lives this hunting season. During the past week in Missouri three hunters have been killed. Stringent laws governing the handling of firearms by young and inexperienced hunters should be passed.

Someone given to delving in statistics announces that owing to the increase in the price of lead it costs fully one cent more to kill a man now than it did this time last year. At which the Springfield Republican remarks "Lots of men we know are not worth the price."

Mrs. Etta Landrith, who travels with the 101 shows, arrived in Richmond Sunday to spend the winter with relatives here. Mrs. Landrith is in one of the side attractions of the show. She weighs 570 pounds and has a waist girt of sixty-one inches.—Richmond News.

Callaway county has an optimist who, when thieves ransacked the tool box of his motor car, stealing extra spark plugs and other supplies, went right down to the office of the Fulton Telegraph and authorized the statement that he was thankful to the miscreants for leaving the wrenches and inner tubes.

A full grown gray fox weighing sixty pounds was what Clint Kincaid of Ray county found in one of his traps the other morning. For sometime past pigs and chickens have been disappearing from the neighborhood, and the Richmond News says that until the fox was caught it was supposed a coyote had been making the rounds.

Hanging to the curb of the cistern, his feet almost touching the icy water below, was the position in which Mrs. William Dickson of Saline county found her husband when she ran from the house to answer his cries for help. A passerby also heard the cries and Mr. Dickson soon was rescued. A rotted wooden platform had given way beneath his weight.

The Interstate Building and Construction Co., of Louisville, Ky., contractors, have completed the foundation of our new court house, and will soon have a force of brick layers at work putting up the walls. The Keaton Schme Brick Co., of Jackson, Mo., have contracted to furnish 500,000 brick, a car load (14,000) every day. The Malden Marble Works people have contracted to furnish the granite and marble required for the building, to be delivered on the ground as fast as needed.—New Madrid Record.

Following closely the announcement that Menett is to have Sunday movies, the ministers of the town filed a protest directly with the people, asking them not to patronize the theater making the announcement.

Explaining that "Arnold Blevins is an extraordinary good runner," the Oak Dale correspondent of The Hamiltonian tells that Mr. Blevins recently ran down and caught a fox.

Hard times haven't hit Shelby county very hard. At a recent stock sale held near Shelbyville, the biggest held there this season, property to the extent of \$9,000 changed hands and only one buyer gave a note for his purchases. The others all paid cash.

Somebody in Taney county or thereabouts has got Harry Browne's goat, in fact an even dozen of Mr. Browne's Angoras are missing from his ranch on the Boston road near Branson, and the Leader says there is a reward awaiting the person who returns them.

A young couple from Odeesa eloped, but when they lined up before a justice in Kansas City, Kans., he refused to marry them unless the bride's mother consented. He finally called Odeesa and getting mammas on the wire, told her the facts. "All right," she replied, "since they have started something, might as well let 'em finish it."

In spite of the fact that this year has not been a good one in Texas county for turkeys, many housewives there are banking pin money just as usual. One woman near Plato has raised enough turkeys to pay for a nice farm home, while another has \$311 on deposit as a result of her efforts with turkeys as a sideline to domestic duties.

A little over a year ago H. L. Smith, who farms near Littleby station in Audrain county, paid \$3,000 for two black silver foxes. They were purchased in Canada and the duty charged for bringing them into this country amounted to \$300 additional. In all the two rare animals cost him \$3,400, and yet last week he refused \$6,000 for the animals. Mr. Smith was in Mexico Saturday and told a Ledger representative of his opportunity to sell.

During the coming year there will be three eclipses of the sun and two of the moon. A partial eclipse of the moon Jan. 20 will be visible to North America. The moon enters the shadow at 2:55 a. m., and leaves it at 4:20 a. m., eastern standard time. Feb. 3 a total eclipse of the sun will be visible to this continent. July 14 there will be a partial eclipse of the moon, beginning at 10:19 p. m. An eclipse of the sun July 30 will not be visible in this country. Dec. 24, 1918, there will be another eclipse of the sun which will not be visible to Americans.

Two Missouri girls, Ada and Ida Mae Mansfield, sisters, lost to their relatives for 18 years, spent Christmas with their grand mother in Stalle, Mo. The grandmother, Mrs. Dolly Howell, who conducted the 18 years search, was stricken dumb with joy when she received the news that the girls had been found in Mason, Ga. It is said the young women are nieces of the late Richard Mansfield, of Memphis, Tenn., and heirs to their Uncle's estate. The sisters were placed in an orphan home by their father when they were small children, and since had been lost to other relatives.

## BEAUTIFUL WAR WIDOW



A new portrait of the Hon. Mrs. Lora Bruce, whose husband, the eldest son and heir of Lord Aberdeen, was killed in action some time ago. Mrs. Bruce spends much time in collecting and sending comforts to the men at the front.

## SWISS INSURE ART OBJECTS

People of Basel Fear Bombs of War Air Pilots—Take Policies for Million and Quarter.

Basel, Switzerland.—A million and a quarter dollars' insurance against damage to artistic treasures as the result of air raids has been taken out by the Swiss government and citizens of Basel. A great many valuable paintings, tapestries and art objects have been taken from museums and private houses and placed in cellars since the dropping of bombs at Chaux-de-Fonds by German aviators who had gone astray. The passage of French or German aviators near Basel is now almost a daily occurrence.

Governor Major has appointed Mrs. Mary Lee to succeed her husband, David Franklin Lee, as treasurer of Mississippi county. Her husband died recently after a long illness. Mrs. Lee is left with five children.

Rock roads in Jackson county are an expensive proposition. The biggest item in their construction, however, being graft. The eleven miles of rock road built from the late W. R. Nelson home in Kansas City to his farm near Grain Valley, which was estimated at \$85,000 cost the county \$225,000.

McDonald county hunters must certainly be fast of foot. The Anderson News-Review tells of a party of young men who went out hunting one night recently. Their dog became frightened and refused to hunt. After a brief parley, the youths took to their heels and ran home so fast they lost their dog.

A Marion county man killed three women (mother and two daughters) and was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary last week. There may be some extenuating circumstances in the case, and if there is the citizens of that county ought to spread the facts broadcast. Three lives in a fit of anger is too great a toll to be lost with such meagre punishment.