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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.

Things are looking bright over at Trenton. The town has a new hearse.

How some towns do grow—Chaffee now claims a population 2,602.

A man who measured 7 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 295 pounds is a citizen of Mississippi county.

Cape Girardeau county did not have a single prisoner in its county jail at Jackson for several days recently.

A destructive hail storm touched some portion of Pemisoot county Monday afternoon, May 15th, causing considerable damage.

Adjutant General O'Meara, of the Missouri National Guards, says he can put 4,200 in duty to be sent to the front within 48 hours.

There will probably be no local option election in New Madrid county this year, as the wets have not refilled their petition asking for one.

Lightning killed Harry Wells, a young man twenty years old, at his home near Hopkins, while helping his father and brother put up the chickens.

Both bridegroom and bride at a recent wedding at Bolivar confessed to being 75 years old. The wedding ceremony was performed at the court house.

A local tomato grower in Maryville plans to put up 20,000 cans this summer; and what is equally to the point, Maryville grocers have contracted to take his entire output.

Conception Junction is starting the ball rolling early this year by deciding to celebrate the Fourth of July, according to an announcement in the Conception Junction Courier.

Judge Arch Johnson granted twenty one divorces in one day in the Green county circuit court at Springfield last week. That's certainly beating the prescher's time for marrying them.

Retribution stalks unabashed in all courts of the animal kingdom. Fifty chickens belonging to a Montgomery county woman voraciously dined on a colony of ants and died of indigestion.

A sort of wooden legacy was that of a Callaway farmer who died recently. A part of his estate consisted of one hundred thousand feet of cut timber and four hundred creosoted fence posts.

Over in Scott county recently a large delegation of farmers went before the county court and asked for the re-employment of H. B. Derr, as county agent, but the court took the matter under advisement until June.

Run over by a passenger train 12 year old Lawrence McKinney, of Brookfield, owes his life to his presence of mind. When he was caught on the Yellow Creek bridge he threw himself between the rails and stayed there until the train passed. A rod under one of the cars tore the boys coat, but he was uninjured save for a nervous shock, from which he soon recovered.

Robert B. Munroe, ex-cashier of the Jefferson County Bank in DeSoto, was found guilty by a jury Thursday of receiving funds when he knew the institution was insolvent and was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Merchants in Excelsior Springs have combined their forces and hired an official to handle their accounts for them. When he finds that any person won't pay, then this man has a hard time securing credit at any other place in the town.

Following the failure of Cape Girardeau voters to approve a bond issue of \$15,000 for fire fighting apparatus, the local commercial club set on foot a movement to buy 1,000 feet of new hose without waiting for the city to take action.

A Missouri business college advises that one of its former pupils has been chosen as private stenographer to President Wilson at a salary of \$75 a month. With a few years of experience he might be able to obtain more remunerative employment.

Mrs. W. M. Troxler reports the finding of an egg of unusual proportions recently. It was four inches in length and the circumference was seven inches the smallest way. When broken the egg was found to contain three perfect yolks.—Holt Ruetler.

Asa Schooler, postmaster at Corning, has tendered his resignation as director of the Corning school district in order to hold his job as postmaster. He found out that he could not hold both jobs at once and comply with the law.

When is a bond issue not a bond issue? Ask anybody from Pike county for the answer, which has something to do with courthouses. For instance, after \$100,000 had been voted for two court houses, one at Bowling Green, the other at Louisiana, an expert held that the bonds were invalid.

The bottle of soup John Morris found while feeding the horses in Hugh Reilly's barn in Harrison county, was not the edible kind, suspecting that it was nitroglycerin, John Kerns attached a fuse to it and confirmed his suspicions, at the same time tearing a great hole in the ground where the bottle had lain.

A turtle caught recently near Middletown is entitled to be classed with the older residents of that locality. The captor found carved on its shell initials put there seventeen years ago, and it was no small turtle then. Twice since then the turtle has been found by the same person, in testimony of which its shell bears dates in 1909 and 1914.

Bill Soism, mail carrier on route 3, reports that the delivery of the U. S. Mail was interfered with Tuesday. He neither took nor left any mail at the Cappe mail box just north of Aquilla. A big swarm of bees was the cause, must have been two bushes of them, completely covering the box. He didn't interfere with them at all.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

D. E. Evens who resides in Pemisoot county north of Hayti has a rooster which has three spurs. On the left leg two spurs come out about the same point and spread apart. The fowl is normal in other respects.

Senator John Baldwin wants to live long enough to erect a \$200 monument at his own expense to some federal judge who will do St. Clair county the justice to by a stroke of his pen free her from her bogus bonded indebtedness.

When Maryville club women set about collecting old papers and magazines there, devoting one week to that pursuit, they one week to that pursuit, they built beyond their hopes. The week's collections were sold to a junk dealer the other day and brought more than \$70.

Many newspapers have been telling it far and near that it was a violation of law to write checks for less than \$1. The Worth County Tribune was a bit skeptical and investigated. It found that such a law was enacted in the Civil war, but that it long since has ceased to be in effect.

A baseball stunt which would baffle Ty Cobb was attempted by a Rockport boy, and the Atchison County Journal thinks it might have been performed successfully had the boy's teeth held out. He tried to catch a ball in his mouth, but the teeth first got in the way and then out. A dentist says the two crowns will cost about \$20.

A million blooms is the estimated 1916 yield of the 87-acre peony field at Sarcoxie, which is now in full blossom. Fifty persons are employed to harvest the flowers, some of which are shipped as far as New York. Sightseers make pilgrimages to see the huge field in bloom and more than eighty thousand peonies were sold to visitors last year.

Last week a couple of farmers met a fellow driving some hogs along a public road and made a bargain with him buying them for \$50. A few days later the owner of the hogs came along and identified them and the buyers promptly gave up the hogs, though regretting the loss of their money. The hog thief made good his escape.

Three companies of the Third regiment of New York infantry passed through Cameron Saturday morning about 7 o'clock in a special train on the Burlington en route to New Mexico. There were fourteen cars in the train, including sleepers for the men, baggage cars for the horses and flat cars for the ambulances, field pieces, etc.

W. F. Smith of Maryville has a Northern Spy apple which was plucked from the tree in July, 1878, it came from the orchard of the late George P. Carpenter, southeast of Clearmont. It was preserved by thrusing cloves through the skin until the apple was practically covered. It has shrunk to about one third its natural size, but is otherwise well preserved.

Frank Gowan, a driver for Gus Frech, happened to a serious accident Wednesday afternoon which may cause him to lose an arm. He was entering a blacksmith shop in the rear of the store to grind a knife, when it is said he stumbled and fell against a circular saw that was in motion. Both his arms were badly lacerated and we understand that one of them was sawed through.—De Soto Republican.

Lightning struck the Keystone building Monday morning about 4 o'clock, demolishing one chimney, knocking a hole through the outer wall, and entering the office of the engineers of the drainage district and scattering brick and mortar over things in general. The damage done was light, however, no one being hurt but Tom Simpson sleeping in an adjoining room was scoured out of two year's growth.—Hayti Herald.

At a special term of circuit court held at Van Buren last week, a young man by the name of Howard D. Bolin, was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary on a charge of horse stealing. The prisoner stole the horse from a Carter county farmer and rode it to Winona, Shannon county, where he was captured. At his trial he refused the services of a lawyer, and conducted his own defense.

Last Friday morning H. Wallace, a brakeman on Conductor Church's train was held up and robbed of a gold watch and \$49 in money. The train had just left Modoc water tank when Wallace saw two men climb on a car and when he got to where they were one of the men shoved a gun in his face and made him hold up his hands while the other one went through Wallace's pockets taking his watch and money. They then fixed the angle cock which set the air and when the train slowed down they jumped off and made their escape.—Illmo Jimplouette.

Wednesday night at 10 o'clock two men entered the Coy drug store at Farnfeld and with drawn guns compelled the proprietor and clerk to hold up their hands and robbed them. While the two were at work on the inside a third stood guard on the outside. They secured \$108 from Coy, \$1 from the clerk and \$18 from the postoffice which is located in the drug store. The robbers were not masked and made their escape.—Illmo Jimplouette.

Arthur Spradlin, marshal of Oran, Mo., in the northern part of Scott county, was dangerously stabbed Saturday night, May 13, by Hi Regans. The marshal interfered in a fight between Regans and an unidentified man, and was attempting to place Regans under arrest when the stabbing took place. The marshal was cut in a dozen places, one lung being penetrated. His assailant escaped, and although a posse was formed and a search made, he was not found.

Thomas W. Cunningham of Joplin, banker, visited the Confederacy home at Higginville the other day and introduced himself as a Confederate soldier. "Do you come here to enter the home?" he was asked. He immediately replied: "I came to give you boys a little present." He then gave a silver dollar to each of the three hundred veterans at the home. Cunningham left for Kansas City on the evening train, saying he intended to visit the Fort Leavenworth Soldiers' home on the following day.

Three Southeast Missouri towns, De Soto, Charleston, and Dexter, are in line for new Iron Mountain depots. Nine high officials of the road are making a trip over the system in a special train and it is probable more will be built. The stations will cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000 each and will be modern in every way. Work will be commenced on the three stations in the very near future.

Urges Health Codes For Missouri Cities.

A health code for the smaller cities of Missouri, similar to codes that have proved successful in operation in other states, has been prepared by R. C. Journey, director of the municipal Reference Bureau of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

A board of health, appointed by the mayor for a term of two years, would consist of members of the city council, practicing physicians, a bacteriologist and the sanitary inspector as a member ex-officio. It would be the duty of the board to keep the council posted on the sanitary condition of the city and to aid the inspector in the enforcement of health regulations.

Ordinances are recommended to do away with insanitary out-houses; requiring manure, garbage and other refuse to be kept in fly proof containers; regulating the distance at which stables may be built from dwellings; requiring tenants to keep their premises free from the accumulations of filth; requiring weeds to be cut and rubbish removed from property by owners and tenants; requiring dealers in food to screen it from dust; forbidding spitting in public places; requiring physicians to report within twenty four hours all cases of infectious diseases; providing for medical examination when necessary to determine whether the disease is communicable; and for insulation of such cases on recommendation of the sanitary inspector.

Important provisions empower the sanitary inspector to have his recommendations carried out at the city's expense and the cost levied as a special tax against the property, if the tenant or owner fails to do the work himself.

H. L. Smith, an Audrain county farmer, has five black silver fox puppies, five weeks old, that are worth \$7,500. Mr. Smith has been in the fox raising business for three years, but this is the first litter that has lived this long and given promise of maturing. As they grow older their value increases. Three years ago Mr. Smith visited Canada and paid \$3000 for a pair of handsome black silver foxes. The duty to bring them into this country was \$300, and the incidental expense of the trip was \$100, making them cost in all \$3,400. Last December Mr. Smith refused \$6000 for the two animals.

money to burn—if some one did not have money to burn the burning of eighty dollars in greenbacks which was found along the Rock Island tracks north of the city a few days ago, was a mistake. While Joseph Chafin, a Rock Island employe, was working along the tracks, in that vicinity, he picked up a five dollar bill, the corners having been subjected to considerable heat. A few minutes afterwards Chas. Joslin, a fellow workman, picked up \$75 in bills which were also burned similar to the money found by Chafin. The money was taken to the First National Bank, and the cashier, Mr. Lawrence, forwarded it to Washington, and yesterday received \$80 in new money for the charred bills. Neither Joslin nor Chafin expect to place it where it might come in contact with fire.—Cameron News.

LIKE SEA TALE OF OLDEN TIMES

Many Adventures Encountered on Nine-Month Sail From Manila.

CARRIES MAHOGANY CARGO

Runs Through Three Typhoons and a Number of Ordinary Storms—Provisions Spoiled, Crew Sublets on Green Turtles.

New York.—Bringing a tale of many vicissitudes, the four masted auxiliary schooner A. J. West recently arrived here from Manila and completed an interesting nine months' voyage which smacks of the eighteenth century.

The Filipino steersman was chattering as the ship came up the bay, for he had only been in cold weather the last three days of the voyage. Such an effect did New York's climate have on the Filipinos that it was necessary to work them for fifteen minute shifts only.

With a valuable cargo of mahogany, the A. J. West, a rakish looking craft, began its voyage May 1 last and has traveled nearly 23,000 miles. She is the first ship of Philippine registry ever entered at this port.

From July 11 to July 25 she went through three typhoons. If the schooner had not possessed submersible qualities nearly equaling those of a U-boat she might not have survived. About half of the mahogany was in the hold, and the rest was lashed to the deck, which itself was only nine inches above the water, but the lumber was set and lashed with chains, so that it became virtually a part of the hull, adding to the schooner's power to come up to the surface after mountains of water had broken over it.

Pump Night and Day. From July 23, when the last typhoon ended, until August 8, when the schooner arrived in Honolulu, the pumps were manned night and day.

Repairs and controversy with the customs officials as to whether a ship of Philippine registry had a right to fly the American flag kept the ship at Honolulu. She made her way against unfavorable winds until October, when, near the Socorro Island, off Mexico, she struck a dead calm which lasted 37 days, during which time the ship's only progress was made by its auxiliary power.

The calm was succeeded by a furious gale. Water got below decks and spoiled all the remaining provisions, with the exception of rice, which diet soon began to pall, but the ship was in a green turtle soup.

During this period Capt. F. V. Chapman's two small children were efficient aids of the commissary department. Charles, the younger, who is a year and a half old, was too young to stand on his feet at all when the schooner left Manila. He had grown a great deal, however, before the ship reached the green turtle soup and had developed a remarkable pair of sea legs. He and his brother, Ira, just a year older, kept watch on the forward part of the schooner and could detect turtles at a great distance.

Whenever the shout of "turtle" would go up the forward watch, a small boat would be put over to catch the floating food. One turtle made a meal for all hands—Captain Chapman, Mrs. Chapman and their children, four officers, nine Filipino sailors, a Japanese engineer and a Japanese cook. For fear of running short, Captain Chapman kept a stock of six or seven live turtles on board most of the time.

Tots Can't Walk on Land.

The ship reached Punta Arenas on November 28 and remained there making repairs and taking on provisions until December 24, and for a while Captain Chapman had his family ashore here. The younger boy never had walked on land and the elder had forgotten how, and at every stop the youngsters would lift their legs too high and lurch to the side. They did not remain in port long enough to master the technique of walking on a stationary surface.

There were more bad winds from Punta Arenas to Balboa, where the schooner arrived on January 1. At the Canal zone the A. J. West had its first piece of good luck. Because of the ship's light draft it was able to get through the canal, but it was just in time.

The ship was in such bad condition it was necessary to discharge the cargo at Colon and go into dry dock for repairs, and not until February 17 could the schooner leave Colon, after which she fought gales all the way here.