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'ROUNABOUT 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.

Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in Nodaway county during the month of May.

A wild rose has no more charms for the Morgan county farmer who caught his foot in one the other day and fell, breaking his arm.

The monthly report of the state treasurer shows that there was a balance of \$6,150,491.52 in the various funds on the first day of June.

At a meeting of the city council of Chaffee last week, official announcement was made that the population of that city was 2850.

While gathering eggs, a Cass county woman reports she found in a single nest a turkey egg, a hen egg, a guinea egg and a quail egg.

A concrete road between Cape Girardeau and Jackson is being discussed. The estimated cost of the completed thoroughfare is placed at \$87,000.

For thirty-seven years Miss Ada Albert has held the same place in the Maryville school and has been selected to succeed herself for next year.

A rural carrier out of Kahoka reports that during April he brought in 72 money orders and that three-fourths of them were to mail order houses.

Cupid took a vacation in DeKalb county and in four weeks got a marriage license issued. The Union Star Herald says the war probably will be blamed.

After stinging him on the cheek, as he was trying to hive a swarm of bees, one of the insects then crawled into a Chilhowee man's ear, thus adding insult to injury.

Dick Hamilton says he has the meanest crowd he ever saw out to his home--only six of them down at once, when he could use every one in the field.--Clarksdale Journal.

It costs money to wake up Bunceon. On two nights a young man exploded dynamite sticks just for a joke. When he was located and admitted the act, he was fined \$35.

With the exception of five years during the Civil war, when he was away from home, A. F. Means, born in 1831, has resided on the farm in Clay county where he was born.

Stanberry has a "human fly." At least, Stanberry did have one. This particular h. f. climbed half way up the side of a building the other night and then someone sent for a surgeon.

The Scott County Kicker published at Benton has suspended publication for one month and its editor, Mr. Hafner, will take a much needed rest as he has been in poor health the past year.

The State University held its commencement exercises June 2, at which 650 students received degrees, certificate or awards. The senior class was the largest in the history of the institution.

After forty years of use as a parlor decoration an old muzzle loading shotgun at Warrensburg blew up when its owner tried to press it again into active service in a war of extermination against sparrows.

Charleston has placed a post on a busy corner to call attention to the fact that the speed limit is six miles per hour. Some automobile drivers have already been arrested and others warned for violation of the law.

It takes more than wind to raise a mortgage, but a recent tornado picked up a deed in Vernon county and blew it to Cole county, from where the finder returned it by mail to the recorder's office at Nevada.

A farm subscriber of the Maitland Herald is still feeling optimistic about the weather, and he says that one year he planted his corn on June 15 and that fall husked 72 bushels an acre from it. So cheer up, farmers.

George Melons of Mexico, 89 years old, is one of the oldest nimrods in Audrian county, and just to prove he is shooting as straight as ever has secured a hunting license and is preparing to pick the ripest squirrels.

At Joplin just to show that a girl could climb a tree, nine year old Helen Heavens climbed to the topmost branch of a big tree in the yard. The branch broke and the fall produced concussion of the brain from which she died.

Tobacco setting seems to be the main excitement in this section this week. If the boys would set more tobacco in the fields and not so much here on the public square, it would help the business more.--DeKalb Tribune.

Here in Missouri we have several oonless towns. Rockville claims to be dogless. But Springfield aspires to be the pigless city. A census reveals 29 pigs kept inside the city limits and the sanitary inspector has notified the owners to move 'em out.

Earl M. Wilson, formerly of Louisiana, and well known in Pike county, has recently been appointed general manager of the Curtis Publishing company, at Philadelphia, at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He is the youngest man who ever held the position.

Paul Baker, 3 years old, while playing in the street in Cape Girardeau last week ran in front of an auto and received injuries which resulted in his death a few minutes later. The coroner's jury declared the accident unavoidable.

Keeping his promise made more than a year ago, George Begley, Jr., of Poplar Bluff, has turned over to the public library fund there the proceeds of the first hundred bushels of rice raised on his new rice farm. The rice sold for \$1 a bushel.

The county court of Scott county has decided to retain county farm advisor Derr for three more years at a salary of \$2,400 a year, the county paying \$1600, the citizens of the county paying \$400 and the government paying the balance.

Noting in an Eastern magazine that each drink of brandy shortened a man's life eleven hours, the Pleasant Hill correspondent of the Harrisonville Leader has discovered in his home town a man who by this rule should have died 265 years, 10 days and 15 minutes before he was born.

Industry at Marceline was on the bum the other day by a little girl who, fishing in the little lagoon in Ripley Square, landed a bass that weighed two and one-half pounds. It was not known that the lagoon had ever been stocked.

The sawmill recently placed in operation near Crowder by the J. E. Marshall interests was burned last Saturday night. The origin of the fire is not known. The mill had a capacity of 20,000 feet daily and was started May 17th.--Sikeston Herald.

A woman in the White River country has bought a new fang-washing machine which hooks to a rocking chair and does the week's washing every Monday morning while the woman rocks the baby to sleep. You can't get ahead of the women in the Ozarks.

In a storm which passed over Mississippi county last Monday, T. T. Liggett of Wyatt, eight miles east of Charleston, was struck by lightning and killed. The storm was accompanied by a downpour of rain which threatens to cause a delay in the wheat harvest.

Admitting that it is not unusual for wo sisters to be married at the same time, the Lawrence Chieftain thinks it has a real news item in the incident of three Mount Vernon sisters being wed with one ceremony. The brides were Misses Lena, Lillie and Lora Maynard.

"Died with his hands on the plow," could be said of Alexander Baker, 63 years old, of Macon county. His body was found fallen forward upon the handles where he had lurched, and the lines were wrapped around his shoulders. His team, a quiet one, had stopped instantly.

"Burgoo" was the chief dish served at a Callaway county family reunion, and the Fulton Telegraph vouches for some of the ingredients. The Telegraph says "burgoo" contains squirrel, chicken, rabbit, all kinds of vegetables and some seasoning, and that if you guess it isn't palatable, you are wrong.

An old claim against the United States has been revived in Newton county where records are being examined to ascertain if federal indebtedness incurred during the Civil war ever was paid. The claim is based on an old law allowing \$1 a month as jail rent for each prisoner as well as a "key fee" for each prisoner admitted to the prison.

One dollar and costs was the punishment given John Lawson of Ruble in the circuit court at Centerville last week for having caused the death of Arthur Hangar. Lawson and Hangar had a fight one day last summer during which Lawson hit Hangar on a finger. Blood poisoning resulted from the wound and Hangar died a few days later.--Potosi Journal.

Now that it has been definitely settled that "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," and school commencement programs have about worn themselves out, some of the Missouri newspapers are chronicling the rediscovery of the belled buzzard which has been seen again, this time near Jonesboro. The belled buzzard is a reliable Missouri asset in the news columns, taking rank with engraved turtles, though far more elusive.

Something more than four hundred miles has been covered by Prof. C. A. Burke, the "walking superintendent" of the Cass county public schools. Mr. Burke has visited all of the 122 schools in the county at least once during the last school year and did the entire distance on foot. In wet weather he wears rubber boots and carries his shoes.

A Barry county man chose an old pair of shoes when he went out to trim his hedge. The shoes were in such dilapidated condition that in one place a toe was plainly visible. When he stepped on a snake, the reptile retaliated by biting the toe of the offending foot. The snake died a sudden and violent death and the hedge trimmer is not much the worse for the incident, but now is mighty particular about what shoes he wears.

A white bulldog that persisted in getting into the fountain at the city park started trouble for its owner at Cameron and caused the arrest of the park caretaker who protested the liberties allowed the bulldog. The dog's owner, a woman, says the caretaker used some very objectionable language in expressing his opinion of the dog. The caretaker said the dog not only invaded the fountain but chased the squirrels. The city attorney thought there was not enough evidence to justify prosecution.

John Creigh of near Santa Fe, is making an automobile perform the duties of three teams of horses in his corn field. During the Mexico fair last year Mr. Creigh drew an automobile, and this spring he conceived the idea of putting the machine to a test in his cornfield. A pair of mowing machine wheels were put on the front axles, and a couple of tractor engine wheels were installed in the rear. The machine runs on coal oil; pulls three plows, and plows an acre and a half an hour at a very small cost.--Paris Appeal.

The long delayed copper wire lighting system to be installed on the main thoroughfares of our city finally arrived last Saturday and work was begun yesterday morning along Ward Avenue laying the wire and making connections at the bases of the pedestals, which have been prepared for some time. It is thought that the wires should be laid in a week's time, after which the posts will soon be put in position and the light fixtures attached, all material being ready for use. Therefore but a comparatively short time remains until Caruthersville's "white way" will be a myth no longer and night will be turned into day along our principal business section.--Caruthersville Democrat.

An insane man about 45 years old, who had been wandering about the streets of Piedmont, was taken in charge by the city authorities Monday and was conveyed to Williamsville, where he was turned over to Sheriff Hughes who brought him to Greenville and placed him in jail. So far it has been impossible to learn who the man is, where he came from or anything about him. When asked his name he will say that his name is Bob White in the day time, and Whip-poor-will at night. At times his conversation would indicate that he has had some educational advantages. The county court will convene Saturday when it is likely that the man will be sent to the asylum at Farmington.--Greenville Sun.

Prepare Drive On Hessian Fly.

"The most gigantic drive that has ever been delivered against the Hessian fly is now being prepared by Missouri farmers in every wheat growing county of the state," says T. J. Talbert, assistant professor of horticulture at the University of Missouri at Columbia. According to Mr. Talbert, the fly is now entrenched in the flax seed and maggot stage between the leaf sheath and stalk at the bottom of the wheat plant. The enemy will remain in this position until fall, thus providing the farmer an opportunity to deal him an effective blow at his weakest point.

During the months of July, August, and September the trenches of the Hessian fly can easily be taken without artillery preparation. As soon as practical after harvest, the farmer will advance in the open to the first line trenches in the wheat stubble fields, and by the use of the disc, harrow and drag he will bury the enemy deeply beneath the soil.

In order to make the destruction of the enemy complete, his food supply must be cut off. This can be done by discing and harrowing the plowed ground to keep down volunteer wheat.

The fly will make his general attack upon the fall wheat during September and October after which he will take his encampment for the winter at the base of the wheat plants. As the life of the fly is only four or five days in the adult stage during which time the eggs are deposited on the wheat leaves, it is advisable to sow the wheat late enough to escape the egg laying of the main fall brood of flies.

The fly free dates for Missouri are about as follows: For northern third of state, Oct. 1; central third, Oct. 8; southern third, Oct. 16. If the fly is allowed to intrench himself in early wheat and volunteer wheat in the summer and fall, he may emerge the following spring in numbers sufficient to do great harm to wheat that was sown on the fly free date. To make a successful fight against the enemy, co-operation is necessary and cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The night riders cases tried at New Madrid last January aggregated a total cost of \$4953.30, but of that total sum the state of Missouri paid the sum of \$4131.80 leaving the sum of \$821.70 to be paid by New Madrid county. Of the 69 defendants who were arrested by the sheriff charged with various crimes committed by the night riders, 63 were convicted, and the State nolleed 6 cases; 13 men were convicted and sentenced to the State penitentiary for terms ranging from 2 to 5 years each, and 42 were convicted of misdemeanors.

Sheriff White this week received from the cashier of the First National Bank of Dennison, Iowa, a draft for five dollars to reimburse him for the expense he was put to in getting a warning to the bank so that the bank would not send ten thousand dollars to Mr. Konz, an Iowan who had been persuaded to bet on a fake horse scheme at Excelsior Springs recently. The bank highly complimented our sheriff for his alertness in the matter, and warmly thanked him for his warning, which probably saved Mr. Konz from losing all his savings.--Liberty Advance.

That he has the oldest of corn in Missouri is the belief of a Webb City man who bases his claim on possession of a petrified ear of corn found recently by workmen excavating for a residence. After a shot of dynamite in limestone a rock of peculiar formation was picked up and later proved to have been at one time an ear of corn.

At a meeting in Bloomfield last Monday it was decided to prepare two petitions and circulate them among the qualified voters of Stoddard county for signatures. One petition will ask for a general stock law, while the other will ask for a law restraining sheep, hogs and goats. The petition having the largest number of names will be filed with the county court.--Dexter Messenger.

One man was instantly killed and two others injured Wednesday afternoon, when a scaffold fell where the men were working on the new grain elevators in Essex. The dead man was Walter Johnson of Essex, the injured Ephraim Swanson of Chicago, and Earl Riga, who was connected with the Murray Construction Co., in this city for some time. It was Riga's first day on the job. He and Swanson are in a Poplar Bluff hospital. Swanson had one leg so badly crushed it had to be amputated; Riga has a sprained ankle and is considerably bruised but no serious injuries.

Spain's Patron Saint.

St. James the Great is worth noting as of the company of the Great Twin Brethren, the Bowman of Mons and the Angels of Neuve Chapelle. Spanish tradition tells how his body was miraculously brought to Compostella and there enshrined, and how the saint arose and at Clavijo, in 841, mounted on a white horse, slew 80,000 Moors. Hence the Spanish Order of St. James of the Sword, Santiago de Espada.

Company's Position.

As the head of an insurance company, he decided to visit one of the districts which showed a falling off in business, and quietly investigate. While thus engaged, he was asked how his company found business, speaking for itself. "Oh, we will be about half a million ahead the first half of this year," he replied. "Ahead of what?" "Why, ahead of the under-taker."

His Ears All Right.

Johnny is a little southern boy living in Texas with his grandmother, who is a little deaf. One day while he was playing she called to him several times, but he didn't answer. Finally she said: "Johnny, don't you hear me?" and Johnny says, "Cose I hear you; my ears ain't lame."

"War is Hell."

Those best qualified to know about it claim that the expression "War is hell" did not originate with General Sherman. Just how, when and by whom the term was first used it is impossible to say.

Japanese Gardens.

The Japanese lay out their gardens so as to suggest famous scenes in their history. Miniature landscapes are laid out so as to recall well-known spots in history, and suggest the events that have taken place there.

Because of the advance in the price of paper and other printing materials, many newspapers have quite properly advanced their rates.

Under identical conditions the railroads are denied this privilege.

Thing of the Past.

James had a dispute with his little friend and slapped her. His mother heard of it some days later and was told how bad she felt to think her little boy would strike a girl. He looked embarrassed and, taking his cap, started for the door, saying: "Oh, mamma, please don't say anything about it. She has forgotten it by this time, and if she hasn't, I have."

Previous to the war, Interstate Commerce Commission figures showed gross passenger earnings in the United States were from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 per mile less than in England, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Egypt and France.