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St. Jacobs Oil Cures RHEUMATISM, SWELLINGS, CUTS, &c. PROMPTLY AND PERFECTLY.

The sweet girl graduate will soon be in full bloom. The Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge at St. Louis last week decided to expel all liquor dealers...

REAL ESTATE in Mexico has been changing hands at a lively rate during the last few days at prices very reasonable...

COL. WM. HYDE's new paper at St. Joe will be called The Ballot. The first issue will appear a few days before the State Democratic Convention...

HEEDLESS persons are reminded that the ballot box in front of the LEDGER office is not a street U. S. mail box. A number of letters have been taken from it...

PREPARATIONS should be begun in a short time for a big Fourth of July celebration in this city. If we haven't got patriotism enough to honor the anniversary of American independence...

MR. M. S. GOODMAN, editor of the Clarksville Sentinel, and R. M. White, editor of this paper, were chosen at St. Charles as delegates to represent the N. E. Missouri Editorial Association...

FRIDAY John G. Carlisle took his seat in Congress as a senator. While he was in the Lower House he was the acknowledged Democratic leader...

BALLOTS in the voting contest for the most popular young lady were received to-day from Louisville, Ky., Denver, Col., Philadelphia, Pa., Rochester, N. Y., St. Louis and a dozen smaller places. Local interest in the contest is increasing...

THE Auxvasse Review this week issued a double sheet, liberally patronized with advertising and containing a large amount of local and foreign news. Under the management of W. D. Thomas the Review is a well conducted and flourishing paper...

AT ST. CHARLES last week the electric light was turned on for the first time in honor of the visiting editors. It was considered an accommodation by the newspaper men who, prior to the event, had been put to some trouble in distinguishing druggists' mortar signs from big painted beer schooners...

AND now Messrs. Bartholdi and Stebbins, one the artist-creator of the Statue of Liberty, the other the architect of the big tower, declare that the Colossus of Rhodes never existed and must be classed among the myths of antiquity. As the statue was only 105 feet high, and the only ships that went under it were the great galleys or small rowers, we do not see why these eminent men should conspire to deprive us of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world...

PONY EXPRESS DAYS.

Fast Mail in Ante-Bellum Times Old Colonel Majors Recalls One of the Prominent Features of the West When Railroads and Telegraphs Were Unknown—Famous Trip.

Homer Bassford's Correspondence to the Chicago Herald. CANTON, Mo., May 16.—A peculiar charm attaches itself to anything which relates to the West in ante-bellum times. It was not the same West as now; the sun is just as bright, maybe, and the grass and tress as green, and the waters as clear; but when the iron wheels of progress swept over their sandy plains and scaled their mountain tops there was a change. It is indefinable, for all that, but still one like to read of the stirring times of the days of border hardships and excitements, and of the gradual giving away of nature to the hand of humanity. A man of middle age may look back within his memory and see the heavy, slow freighters measuring their squeaky way across the plains; the Santa Fe trail winds, serpentine, like from the banks of the Missouri at this city to the lonely Spanish settlement in New Mexico. One by one he sees the relics of earlier days slip out of existence toward the setting sun, the railroad and the telegraph pushing their way from the East, and the pioneer glories of the great West are over.

One of the last and at the same time the most prominent of these features of the West, before the railroads came, was the pony express, by whose means messages were carried from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast in less than ten days. How remarkable it all seems now! Ten days of the Missouri to the Golden Gate on pony back. But it is remarkable after all. Now it is ten seconds, but for ponies, over mountains, plains, through storms and sun, the work was wonderful. One of the founders of the pony express system lives in this city at a ripe but active old age, prominent in business and as bright as in the days of his youth. Colonel Alexander Majors is seventy. For years he was a member of the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, of Leavenworth, Kan., perhaps the most prominent freighting house in the West in the days before the railroads came.

It was in 1858 that Senator Gwyn, of California, known as "Duke" Gwyn by reason of the title conferred upon him in Mexico, conceived the idea of transmitting the mails across the plains on swiftly running ponies. Gwyn thought the coast deserved a better mail service than that afforded by the stage coach route through the southern territories by way of Los Angeles, and he went to Washington with his mind full of plans for a pony service directly across the country, over what was known as the central route. He was laughed at by his colleagues, however, and told that an all the year around service across the middle Rocky Mountains, through Colorado, Nevada and Utah, would be an utter impossibility. Nothing daunted, Senator Gwyn sought Colonel Russell, who spent a great deal of his time in Washington, and the two men worked out a plan for the express. The fact that Russell, Majors and Waddell were the heaviest freighters in the West suggested that the firm would give a good service in the new venture. Assistance from the government was secured and in 1859 the ponies started.

"They ran across the country for nine months," said Col. Majors a few days ago, "never missing schedule time at either of the terminal points. The given time from St. John to Sacramento was ten days, and through sunshine and storm, snow, mud, sand and rocks, the hardy racers pushed on to the West, or back to the East, with the speed of a railroad train. If the ponies lost time through bad weather over one part of the route they picked it up on another. On a journey of 2,000 miles some of the weather was bound to be good. The most noteworthy piece of work performed by the ponies," continued Col. Majors, "was in the delivering of one of President Buchanan's messages in a few hours over eight days. The message was received in St. Joseph by wire, immediately placed upon light manila paper and given to the messenger. The pony was off like the wind. Nearly two hundred of the little fellows were required to do the work, and it was done to the queen's taste. But the telegraph came soon," said Colonel Majors, "and that broke the pony's back. Later, the railroads came, and we had to stop our wagons and close up our business."

At Leavenworth, Kan., to-day, the musty old sign bearing the names, Russell, Majors & Waddell, may yet be seen on a building at the corner of Shawnee and Main streets. Colonel Majors, who is vice-president of the Kansas City Mining

TO TELL HER AGE.

Rules for Telling a Woman's Summers and Winters. To tell a woman's age is one of the easiest things imaginable, despite the fact that many brilliant ladies knock off a few stories of their years without detection, remarked a friend to a reporter of this paper yesterday.

If art had not come to their rescue and replaced to a certain extent the charms of youth, any fellow could tell within a year or two, but art has come to the rescue, wrinkles have been flat ironed or flappers put on, eyes beliddered and cheeks tinted.

Of course you cannot take a rake and scrape off these fixings. Neither can you always get close enough to peep beneath the cosmetic crust. What is a fellow to do, then?

Well, granted that a woman who has just crossed the storm line, got under the shade of artistic embellishments and keeps admirers at a maidenly distance, there is only one sure way to analyze the chemistry of time's decomposition. Observe well her hair.

Her bangs? No, her back hair. No, don't say it is false. False or real, you can count her years by the threads time weaves. Every year adds a hair or two, and, no doubt, if a woman lived long enough she would become a female Esau.

At 25 a woman's back hair begins to fall over her collar as a pumpkin vine over a picket fence. Note well the direction of the hair. Hair slants and at 30 it takes an angle of 50, at 35, 60, and so on. Of course you can't get near enough to apply a mathematic tape measure, but your practiced eye will be enough.

Next note the quality. Hair at 25 is moist; at 30 it is satiny; at 35 it is passe satinette; at 40 it is rope fit to hang any man that gets nosed in its meshes.

Anybody can tell false or store hair, no matter who the previous owner was. It has a don't belong there look, and all the pomades in the universe cannot give it a permanent tenure of office.

So you may reasonably conclude if a woman has false back hair her age is beyond the interesting point. Never believe her to be under 48 unless Bill Jones or some equally reliable person can prove it.

Census Enumerators.

W. J. Powell, supervisor of the eleventh census of the United States for the third district of Missouri, has recommended the following named persons for enumerators in Audrain county: District No. 1—John L. McIntyre, post-office, Vandalia. District No. 2—Francis S. Friar, Cuivre. District No. 3—Thomas J. Roberts, Rush Hill. District No. 4—Cash Copeland, Martinsburg. District No. 5—Geo. W. Covey, Laddonia. District No. 6—Leman S. Hopkins, Mexico. District No. 7—Daniel M. Roberts, Mexico. District No. 8—Joe. B. Potkin, Mexico. District No. 9—Daniel E. Shea, Mexico. District No. 10—Wm. T. Hukel, post-office, Sturgeon. District No. 11—James W. Fox, post-office, Centralia. District No. 12—Jas. M. Sharp, Mexico.

North Pole Expedition.

The Naansen Expedition to the North Pole is now fitting out at Christiania, Norway. It will be well equipped for the perilous undertaking, but there is no reason to believe that it is likely to achieve a greater success than has resulted from other similar enterprises in the past. The route which the expedition proposes to take, that to the north of New Siberia, will militate against it. By this route the ill-fated Jeannette met its fate, and the experience of Arctic explorers has shown that it is the least feasible line of approach to the pole. For nearly a decade now the enthusiasm for Arctic exploration has lain dormant. But the fascination of the unknown regions that surrounded the pole was bound to reassert itself, and the world will look with interest upon the new adventurers, although without much hope that their story will be anything more than the familiar one of baffled efforts and cruel disaster.

Frank Squires has returned from Kansas City.

Mrs. B. F. Dohyans is the guest of friends in Saline county. B. B. Tureman returned home last night after a week's sojourn in the West.

F. L. Wilkins, of Austin, Tex., is here to see his brother, J. C. Wilkins. Miss Myrtle Tucker is visiting her friend, Miss Birdie Rosenberry, in the country.

Miss Bene Grantham has closed her school in St. Louis county and returned home. Misses Katie and Lizzie Sallee are in Moberly, the guests of their cousin, Miss Ella Clark.

Misses Lena Johnson and Flora Ringo have returned from a delightful visit in Moberly. Rannels & Martin, a grocery firm of Laddonia, have gone under. E. C. Kennen is the assignee.

The Paris Fair begins August 19. The directors have reduced the price of admission to 25 cents. Wm. Bowers' little ten year old son got his leg badly hurt Friday, while climbing on a wagon.

Miss M. F. Ford has been recommended for appointment as census enumerator of Hardin College. Major H. A. Ricketts and family left this afternoon for the mountains, where they will spend the summer.

Dr. J. R. Fritts to-day received a certificate of election as an honorary member of the St. Charles County Medical Society. John Wallace, a druggist of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who has been visiting his father-in-law, Alex Keene, of this city, returned home last week.

Hon. Jas O. Broadhead, who was to address the Literary Society of Hardin College, will be detained in New Mexico, hence no address will be delivered. Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, 8 miles southeast of Mexico, on May 20, by Rev. A. A. Wallace, Mr. J. T. Hickman and Miss Dosis Thomas.

Mrs. R. H. Ragsdale and little daughter, Lillie, left this afternoon for Higginsville, Mo., where they will spend a few days visiting Mrs. R.'s brother, Geo. A. Crowson. Drs. French and Halley have been appointed physicians for the Missouri Military Academy of this city. Dr. French also was appointed lecturer on special topics.

Prof. Yancey, president of Hardin College at Mexico, stopped over and spent last night with his friend, Rev. J. H. Reed, of the Baptist church.—St. Charles Banner. To make strawberry sauce take two cups of sugar, one spoonful of butter, and one quart of strawberries; mix the butter and sugar, mash in the strawberries with a spoon, and stir well together.

Victor Barth, wife and son, of Columbia, Gu Barth, of Trenton, and Miss Sadie Barth, of Rocheport, who have been visiting Joe Barth and family, left this afternoon for their respective homes. Farm Mortgages. From the Journal of Agriculture. It will be known approximately from the United States census what the amount of farm mortgages in all the States is. We have no doubt that the sum total of this indebtedness is larger than many people suspect. In the meantime, if we judge from figures given by the Banker's Monthly, which would certainly not exaggerate the amount, the sum total of mortgages now in force is simply appalling. It gives the following figures on a few of the States: Kansas, \$235,000,000; Indiana, \$645,000,000; Iowa, \$567,000,000; Michigan, \$500,000,000; Wisconsin, \$357,000,000; Ohio, \$1,127,000,000.

Commenting on which the Pacific Express says: Here are mortgages on the farms of only six States aggregating \$3,431,000,000, the interest on which at 6 per cent. amounts to over \$200,000,000. Now the whole production of gold and silver in the United States per year is not half enough to pay the interest on the farm mortgages of six States.

A Happy Family.

Ike Beauchamp has a dog which has raised a pup, two squirrels and a pig, permitting all to suck at the same time, caring apparently as much for the one as the other. He had the menagerie in town last Wednesday and had the outfit photographed. The squirrels were nursing, the pig walking around its foster mother and the pup was held under the arm of Ike's little boy who is quite proud of the happy family.

Give Pearson a "Show."

The Audrain Fair Association offers a bonus this year again to the couple who will get married before the grand stand. This is a continued offer of inducement to Chris Pearson, of the Middletontown, and address Mrs. Show to come out of their state of single wretchedness.

THE C. & A. ROAD.

Possibility of This Road Falling Into the Hands of the Achenison. From the St. Louis Star-Sayings. There has been some talk for several days of the possibility of the Chicago & Alton Railroad falling into the hands of the Achenison, Topeka & Santa Fe by the purchase of a control of the majority of the stock. Speaking of this morning M. J. H. Blessing said his private information from Wall street was to the effect that the speculative people were on the lookout for the deal, and had an idea that it would be consummated before long. There is also an idea that the Achenison is not alone in the Frisco deal, and will not be alone in whatever it may do with the Alton, but that the Pennsylvania is equally interested. It is even stated that the Pennsylvania's recent increase of stock was for this purpose, rather than for the one given out at the time. The deal, if made, will be a very important one. It will remove the Alton as the persistent disturber of rates and the railroad situation generally, and will give the Achenison both St. Louis and Kansas City and St. Louis and Chicago lines. The Pennsylvania will be benefited by having a Pacific coast outlet equal to that of the Union Pacific. The Alton will command a higher price, however. It has \$14,100,000 of common stock, and \$3,400,000 of preferred, and all this is so closely held that the quotation on it is really only nominal. The common is quoted at 128 bid and 135 asked, and it would take at least 150 to buy any large amount of it.

How Much Do You Weigh? A child in the fourth year should be 3 feet high, and weigh more than 28 pounds; in the sixth year 3 1/2 feet high, and weigh 42 pounds; in the eighth year, 4 feet high and 56 pounds in weight; at twelve years old, 5 feet in height and 70 pounds in weight is a fair average, says Chatter.

At the term of adolescence 28 pounds should be added for 3 or 4 inches of height; 112 pounds for 5 feet 6 inches; 126 pounds for 5 feet 8; 140 pounds for 5 feet 10; 154 pounds for 5 feet 11, and 168 pounds for 6 feet of height is good weight.

Growth is very irregular in children and young people generally; perhaps two inches may be gained in two months, and for the next ten months not another inch, even up to the age of ten or twelve years.

While growth is thus rapid fatigue is readily induced; during the pause weight is gained and work or training can go on again.

Land Sales. Lakeman & Barnes made the following real estate sales: Daisy L. Mattis to E. L. Rutledge, lots 6 and 7, in block 13, Morris' addition to Mexico, \$600. Lakeman & Barnes to James Quisenberry, lot 2, block 8, Lakeman & Barnes' Highland addition to Mexico, \$100. Lakeman & Barnes to Scott Settle, lots 5 and 6, block 13, Ladd's extended addition to Mexico, \$180. Lakeman & Barnes to Thos. E. Banks, lots 7 and 8, block 13, Ladd's extended addition to Mexico, \$170. L. S. Barada to Dr. W. L. Reed, 100 feet on South Jefferson street, \$525. Jno. C. Hart to Joseph Weimer, lot 24, Sparks' add. to Mexico, \$1,600.

A Bullly Good Orator. A special dispatch from St. Charles, in speaking of the Editorial meeting now in session at that place, says: President R. M. White, of the Mexico LEDGER, called the meeting to order and after prayer by Rev. Mr. Reid a very neat and appropriate address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Father Rosswinkle of the English Catholic Church. "Handsome Bob" White can edit a paper with ability, and proved in the speech made in reply that he is also an orator of no mean talent.

Mexico Ladies Entertained. From the Moberly Headlight. A bean social was given by Miss Nora Rothwell, at her home on William street, last night, in honor of her two guests, Miss Flora Ringo and Miss Lena Johnson, of Mexico. The house was filled with invited guests, and Miss Nora fitted about among them, making all feel at home, and seeing that all had a good time. The evening was very enjoyably passed. Some amused themselves by pitching the bean bags, while others engaged in games.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. M. Blum, of the dry goods house of Blum & Co., was the recipient of a handsome gold headed cane, a token of esteem from the employees of the house—Miss Etta Kernan, G. Blum, Jno. Abbey and Jas. C. Wilkins. The occasion was Mr. Blum's 68th birthday. Mr. Wilkins, in his usual happy style, made the presentation. Mr. Blum looks 20 years younger to-day.

EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

One of the Veterans—A Good Presiding Officer—Bob White's Address. From the St. Charles Banner. Col. White, the outgoing president and editor of the Mexico LEDGER, is one of the veteran editors of the State, notwithstanding he is a young man. Everybody in the State knows Bob White, personally or by reputation, and all the ladies who see him, as a natural consequence, admire him. He is certainly a fine looking man—all and commanding in bearing, with a strong and intelligent face and splendid head. He is a man of ability and his paper has a great and far extending influence. But really Bob ought to be representing the "Bloody Seventh" in Congress, for few better men for the place could be found—after Norton has his turn.

Mrs. White is here with her husband. She is a fitting wife for an editor, being a lady of splendid literary attainments. Col. Bob White makes a splendid presiding officer. He is at all times pleasant and agreeable. President R. M. White delivered the following reply to Rev. Father Rosswinkle's address of welcome: FATHER ROSSWINKLE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF ST. CHARLES: It is with great pleasure, that I, as President of the Northeast Missouri Press Association, accept, in its behalf, your cordial welcome, so eloquently tendered. And I desire to express to you and to your colleagues who keep their hospitable citizens of this beautiful, progressive and go-ahead little city, our hearty appreciation of this warm welcome.

We have all heard of your open-hearted hospitality; your solid and flourishing industries; your colleges and churches so strong and powerful for good; your live and progressive newspapers, whose editors are now living together like turtle doves; your mighty river, which Eric the Red says runs to the sea, and Geo. Dyer says is not good to drink; your thoroughbred horses and beautiful women; your mammoth breweries, warranted never to run dry, and your soldiers who keep their same breweries running on double time in order to supply the demand.

We have come to see and enjoy all these things, after which we will publish the same and more to the world with the result that all the newspaper men in all the world will want to come to St. Charles to stay always. We have come here not only to see and enjoy St. Charles, but to transact business. This business is of the utmost importance to our profession, but what is of importance to the members of the press is of interest to the entire public. And we cordially invite the good people of St. Charles to meet with us in our business sessions; and we will devote as much time as you want, and maybe more, to accepting your courtesies and going where you will, except to jail.

I am sure our stay here will be pleasant to the members and I trust will prove mutually beneficial. I desire, before closing, to thank the members of the association for the honor conferred on me at the last meeting by electing me president. I am anything but a graceful presiding officer, but with your assistance and indulgence I trust the business of the convention will be transacted in an prompt and effective manner. The object of this meeting, is the advancement of our common interests, and our work should be of a practical nature, resulting in something tangible. Again I thank you.

Northeast Missouri Editorial Convention. The next meeting of the Northeast Missouri Editorial Association will be at Moberly, Mo. The following are the officers just elected: J. Knott, Hannibal Journal, president; S. B. Lloyd, Clarence Courier; T. M. Morley, Warrenton Banner, and Men Mayhall, Falls Review, respectively, first, second and third vice-president; H. C. Chinn, Canton News, recording secretary; W. L. Reid, Monroe City News, corresponding secretary; H. F. Childers, Free Press, treasurer. R. M. White, Mexico Ledger, and M. S. Goodman, Clarksville Sentinel, delegates to the National Editorial Convention which meets at Boston on the 24th of June, 1890.

Judge Macfarlane. From the Monroe City Democrat. Judge Macfarlane, of Mexico, candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, was in the city yesterday making acquaintances and seeing whether he had any fences over this way that it would pay to fix up. He is a pleasant appearing gentleman, well endorsed as a lawyer and a man who would be a credit to the bench.

Mr. Jas. G. Trimble returned this morning from Colorado, where he went some ten days ago with Mrs. G. B. Macfarlane and son, Locke, for the benefit of the latter's health. Mr. Trimble says the light, pure air of Colorado will no doubt restore health to Locke. Mrs. Macfarlane and son are now at La Junta, but will go to Trinidad soon.

Explains Himself. From the Columbia Herald. R. M. White, the cyclonic editor of the Mexico Ledger, was in Columbia Monday.

BEAVER DAM ITEMS.

Commemoration of the Ledger. BEAVER DAM, May 23.—The large acreage of oats sown in this section is looking first rate. Nat Reagan is home from Washington and says it is a fine country, but when it comes to the superlative degree, Audrain's got her. Dug Dillen was seen a few mornings ago turning a somersault. On inquiry as to whether he thought anything of joining a circus he replied "no; it's a boy."

Spring singings are taking the place of parties. On Saturday night last a large crowd of young folks met at the residence of Mrs. W. V. Ford. A part of the evening was devoted to singing, after which the time was mostly spent in games and social chat. It was not far from midnight when the good night song was sung. The guests from a distance were Miss Annie B. Craig, Miss Mary Bailey, Fulton; Miss Annie McIntire, Mexico, and the Misses Eller, of Union.

L. K. Crockett, our new road overseer, has commenced work. W. B. Wright sold to Wallace & Northern, 25 head of hogs; average weight, 230; price, \$2.70. C. H. Crockett to same parties, 6 head; average weight, 190; price, \$3.65. J. M. Calhoun sold to Mr. Jones, 5 head of yearling steers for \$22.50 per head. John F. Harrison to Jim Roy, 4 steers; average weight, 1170; price, \$3.85. Charles Wright sold to John Moore, 4 hogs for \$32. Fry & Son shipped, this week, one car of butcher stuff to St. Louis.

Charlie Harrison has purchased a new "go-cart" and says he expects to put his 2-year-old Black Squirrel in thorough training. Samuel McCord's family are up from having the measles. Miss Mettie and Charlie Farrar are down with the measles. The family of B. M. Price are quite sick with measles, especially Mrs. Price. Rev. W. B. Farrar, from Port Townsend, Ohio, spent last Saturday with his brother, Louis Farrar, and nephew, Lester. Rev. Carson, of Mexico, will preach at Prairie View church the first Sunday in June, at 11 o'clock. The ladies of Beaver Dam say they are going to get even with the lodges of the F. & L. U. by organizing a sewing club that meets at night. Miss Edna Ford, teacher of the Beaver Dam spring and summer schools, is getting along nicely in training the young idea how to shoot and says her daily attendance is good. The F. & L. U. of Cedar Grove will meet next Saturday night at 7:30. A full attendance is desired as business of importance will come up before the meeting.

Will End Disastrously. In conversation with a prominent railroad man to-day, the gentleman said: "It is my honest conviction that if the rates continue as at present, it will end seriously." When asked to make an explanation he said: "There is talk at present among the officials of cutting down the salaries of our employes of the roads, which you well know will end in strikes, strikes, etc., and bring on a bitter struggle between employer and employe." That such a move would be detrimental, if not hazardous, to the traveling public is an evident fact, and one much to be deplored, if such should be the case. However, this report is not an official one, but is the view of a very prominent railroad man, and there is no question that if such should be the turn of affairs, it would end in a most disastrous manner.

Rev. Nathan Scarritt Dead. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 22.—The Rev. Nathan Scarritt, one of the oldest and most prominent and wealthiest members of the Methodist Church, South, whose General Conference is now being held in St. Louis, died this morning. He was 70 years old and a preacher since 1864. He was a distinguished educator.

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