

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OR MURDER

Jake Swartzel Had a Set Too With a Couple of Joplin Thugs

Monday afternoon Jake Swartzel received a telephone message from Joplin informing him that a personal friend had been injured and that he should come over at once. The man, who it was claimed had been injured, is a member of the B. of R. T. of which order Mr. Swartzel has until recently been financier.

Mr. Swartzel went to Joplin on the first train, No. 301, and on his arrival in that city was met at the depot by a stranger who introduced himself as a friend of the injured man. Near the depot was a buggy occupied by another stranger. The two entered the vehicle the strangers taking the ends of the seat and Swartzel the center. They drove north to Second street then turned west. After driving for some distance Swartzel expressed surprise at the direction they were going but was informed that his friend had recently moved.

Swartzel became suspicious and when a good opportunity presented asked the men to stand up while he changed his position so as to ease a cramped leg. When the men arose Mr. Swartzel struck the driver a terrible blow knocking him over the side of the buggy, then turned and dealt the other man a right hander that felled him to the ground. He then grasped the reins and drove rapidly to town where he informed the police of what had transpired and turned the rig over to them.

The police congratulated him on his escape and made an investigation but no trace of the men could be found.

Tuesday he went to the home of his friend and found that the entire story of his injury was false, and that he was ignorant of the entire transaction.

Some time ago Mr. Swartzel was in Joplin, in company with J. E. O'Brien, looking after the needs of an injured member of the Brotherhood, and it is supposed that some crooks had sent this decoy telegram, feeling sure that he would take with him a sum of money to meet probable expenses, and then they would rob and perhaps murder him.

Mr. Swartzel is being congratulated upon his lucky escape.

A large amount of Monett real estate changed hands Monday morning before the rain and the real estate men were kicking because they could not claim commission on the transfers.

Don't Wash Dishes

Springfield, Mo., April 6.—Alleging that his wife failed to wash the dishes at the proper time, Martin H. Solomon, of this place, has filed suit for divorce from Mrs. Minnie H. Solomon.

He alleges that she left the dishes to go to theaters and go out on the streets when she ought to have been at home.

Another allegation is that the wife refused to make the beds.

School Election

There were two directors to elect in the Monett school district Tuesday to take the place of H. I. Bradford and J. H. Gulick whose terms of office expire. The vote stood

John T. Burgess.....407
H. I. Bradford.....277
W. R. Breese.....269
L. A. Mason.....243
For increase of levy.....331
Against increase of levy.....226

If congress doesn't pass a census bill in time for the enumeration next year, there will be no way of knowing that some of the people in this country are actually living.—Bureau Springs Times-Echo.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

A Very Interesting Meeting was Held Tuesday Night

At the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday night reports were made on the canning factory proposition which showed that the ground for the plant had been secured, the contract with the parties made, and contracts with the farmers for over 200 acres of tomatoes. The building will be completed in ample time for the summer pack.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Monett for their liberal assistance in securing the packing plant.

A committee consisting of L. B. Durnil, R. E. Saxe and J. E. Sater was selected to confer with John Callan for an extension of Broadway east through his land.

The Club signified its approval of the proposition of the commissioners of the Monett special road district to extend road work through the city on Central avenue.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for their efforts to provide the city with a freedrinking fountain.

Twenty Wisconsin Towns Vote "Wet" in Election.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 6.—Municipal elections were held in a large number of cities throughout Wisconsin today, the issue of "license" or "no license" being at stake. License carried in a majority of the cities and towns thus far heard from. About twenty towns voted "wet" while about fourteen voted "dry."

Hail Storm in Missouri.

Lexington, Mo., April 6.—A severe hail storm visited the city early this morning, accomplishing much damage to buildings and trees.

Stones, three inches in diameter were thrown with terrific force as though they were gravel. Windows throughout the city were broken.

A destructive hail storm visited the country in the vicinity of Ash Grove and Walnut Grove at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, killing a number of lambs and chickens, damaging gardens, trees and stock and demolishing windows in many houses in the area subjected to the storm. The hail storm was preceded by a violent downpour of rain which lasted out a few minutes. A high wind prevailed before and after the storm.—Springfield Republican

Saloons Dominate Issue In Close Nebraska Voting.

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—The question of saloon license was the dominating issue in Nebraska towns and villages today, and returns received up to midnight, while showing a few surprising changes, do not indicate a landslide to either side. The gains, especially in the smaller towns, are on the side of the dries. One of the important victories of the no-saloon forces was at Kearney, which voted out the saloons by a majority of 28 where a substantial license victory was expected.

Mrs. L. King is very low today.

Geo. Ruggles, of Verona visited J. W. Ruggles Tuesday.

Miss Berniece Lumsdon is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Ella Moore has returned from a visit at Alton, Okla.

Miss Mary Kenney went to Exeter Thursday to visit friends.

Mrs. O. Barker is visiting relatives at Sapulpa.

Miss Philbrook went to her home at Springfield Thursday, being ill and unable to teach.

Miss Grace Heyburn is home from Springfield where she attends school.

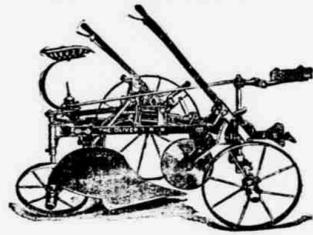
The friends of Jas. H. Gulick will be glad to learn that he is much better today.

CLEANING TIME.

It is time to clean your office,
It is time to clean your store;
And it is time to scrub your widows,
And your ceiling and your floor.
Time to dust your dusty bookshelves,
And your pictures on the walls;
Time to air your musty heirlooms,
And your dark, ancestral halls.
Open wide your doors and windows,
Let the air and sunshine in;
Never mind the wild disorder,
Never mind the crash and din.
Get the broom and duster working,
From the cellar to the roof;
So that dainty maiden summer
Will show nothing of reproach.
And with all your springtime cleaning,
In your office, home and store,
Do not let that satisfy you,
There is just one corner more.
Open up your upper story,
Where the good and bad are rife;
Give your mind a good spring cleaning—
Needs it, I will bet your life.

—Boston Herald.

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Arguing for Injunction

An application for an injunction to prevent the county court from selling the old county court house was filed in the office of the circuit clerk of Barry County at Cassville Wednesday by Attorney J. E. Sater. The building was advertised to be sold at 2 o'clock Thursday.

The question was argued before Judge Johnson at Peirce City Thursday afternoon by Attorneys Sater and Kemp of this city and Jake Davis, of Cassville.

Many people believe that the old building is not in such bad shape and that it can be repaired at little cost. Some advocate taking of the third story, that was added after the original building was erected, and use the two lower stories for offices only.

The case before Judge Johnson was continued until Friday of next week at which time the matter will be disposed of. The sale of the court house has been postponed.

Mrs. S. W. Pierce returned home Tuesday from a visit in New York City. She left little Dorothy Fox with her mother at Kansas City.

W. J. Renken, of New Douglas, Ill., is in the city visiting for a few days with Dr. Dusenbury and family.

Drs. Jones and Miller removed a large tumor from the neck of Mrs. J. P. Moore Thursday morning. The operation was successful and Mrs. Moore is resting nicely.

Blessed be the poor. They have a new satisfaction. Their children are not going to be kidnapped for a ransom.—Rogers Journal.

Will Trimble when running to the fire Wednesday night was overcome by exhaustion and was unconscious for some time. He was taken home on a stretcher and was quite ill for a while.

Blue Bell News

Planting corn on the side of the day

Ed Henderon's house burned Sunday morning.

Ed Henderon was seen riding in a new buggy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony were visiting home folks Sunday.

UNCLE FULLER.

HAVE STRANGE SOUND TO US

Peculiar Names Common in English County of Lancashire.

"Lancashire folk," one of them is reminded to tell us, "have their own ideas regarding Christian names, and one of the curious appellations they delight in appears in the London Daily News in an account of the clever way in which a runaway horse was stopped at Preston. The hero's name was Doctor Whitaker, and it is no uncommon one in County Palatine, where fond parents often give the seventh son that courtesy title, which leads to much misunderstanding when he grows up. Another freak is the reduplication of the surname, such combinations as Briggs Briggs, Yates Yates and Fish Fish being fairly frequent.

Compounds of the Sarah Alice, Phoebe Ann and John Henry type are," adds this authority, "greatly in evidence, and both names are always used in addressing the fortunate possessors—so much so that parents will sometimes have two of their offspring christened Sarah, the girls being in their opinion amply distinguished by the fact that one is called Sarah Jane and the other Sarah Alice."

The Queen of S—

A correspondent sends an amusing story of a visit which the archbishop of Canterbury recently paid to a certain Sunday school. For a few minutes Dr. Davidson took in hand a class of small girls who were going over the story of Solomon. "Now," he asked, "who was the great queen who traveled so many miles and miles to see the king?" No one answered. "Why, you all know. The queen who came to see the king?" Still no one seemed to remember. "You do know, I am sure," persisted Dr. Davidson. "The name begins with S; and she was a very great queen." Just then a little hand shot up, and a shrill voice cried: "Please, I know, the Queen of Spades." M. A. P.

Ebenezer.

The weather has been dry and dusty for some time but the farmers are setting out their berry plants just the same.

Singing at Liberty was well attended Sunday night.

Almost every body of this community attended the funeral of Mr. Wales Cox last Thursday. Mr. Cox was well known in this neighborhood and loved and respected by all.

Quite a few young people of this community attended church at Bethel Sunday night. Among the number were the Misses Della Foster, Myrtle Winton, Ellen Todd, Elsie Asher and Maud Wolfe and Messrs Oliver and Willie Etheridge, Brid Caldwell, Edgar Hillhouse and Emil Spilman.

About the most satisfactory answer Billie Brine has received to the air ship problem was given by an old farmer who says that it looked more to him like an automobile seat rubber tired buggy and that he thought the party in it was a young man from Talpa who had not seen his best girl, who lives five or six miles east of Monett, for almost a week.

Mr. Lawrence Haggard visited Mr. Manse McKinney and family Sunday.

Mr. Will Miller and family spent Sunday afternoon with B. C. Wolfe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Conrey are the proud parents of a fine boy. Will is doing well and will be able to resume work again soon.

We are glad to learn that Mr. B. C. Wolfe is able to sit up and notice things again.

Some of the people were detained from Sunday School Sunday to fight a fire which was burning in W. S. Fletcher's woods. The fire caught from the ash-pile of an engine where they had been sawing wood.

Miss Mae McCormick of this community and Mr. Will Summers of Monett were married one day last week. Both parties are respected by all who know them and their many friends of this vicinity wish them success through life.

BILLY BRINE.

PROGRESSIVE WORK

The Campaign for the Drinking Fountain to Be Pushed

The W. C. T. U. met in regular session Tuesday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. Andy Hawkins and transacted a large amount of business pertaining to this important organization. The ladies who had charge of the recent medal contests gave their reports regarding this work and turned over the money thus obtained, to the society to be placed in the Fountain fund. The ladies have now on hand a neat sum toward this worthy object and were very enthusiastic in their plans for further work along this line. They will have a Saturday sale on April 17th of all kinds of good things to eat and on the 22nd there will be a gold medal contest which will be a first class entertainment in every respect. For May 1st a baby show is planned and this day will also be Tag day, which will be explained later. Committees were appointed to take charge of the different departments of work. The ladies ask the hearty co-operation in this work of all who are interested in public improvements and in the upbuilding of our city.

Mrs. J. E. Carter arrived Tuesday night from an extended visit at Nacogdoches, Tex.

Mrs. M. E. McKee returned to her home in Hallowell, Kans., Tuesday after a visit with her brother, J. J. Pendergrass and family.

Miss Zella Ash will threatened with pneumonia.

B. F. Howard has moved with his family to Paris, Tex.

THE CITY ELECTION.

Democrats Get Two Aldermen and the Republicans Get Two.

The city election passed off quietly Tuesday with a light vote. The fact that only Aldermen were to be elected precluded the possibility of a very spirited contest. The first and fourth, both considered republican strongholds, went republican, while the real fighting ground was in the second and third. In these two wards both parties had out good representative candidates and the contest was more exciting. The democrats won in each ward by small majorities. The following was the vote

First Ward:—
Leroy Jeffries.....107
Jack Taylor.....76
Second Ward:—
W. J. Mills.....118
L. B. Jones.....83
Third Ward:—
John Walsh.....105
W. W. Campbell.....91
Fourth Ward:—
C. W. Vaughn.....47
Geo. Schaffnett.....27

Miss Myrtle Niskern of Stones Prairie is visiting relatives in town this week.

James Brown broke his collar bone last week and is laid up for repairs.

Mrs. W. J. Wyatt, of Hamilton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Wirt Patterson.

The Misses Ackerson, of Verona, were trading in Monett Wednesday.

L. N. Swartzel will go tonight to Kansas City on a short visit.

Mrs. Chas. Beery is ill with grip and tonsillitis.

Percy Johnson visited friends at Purdy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilbert visited at Purdy Sunday.

Floyd Pawser spent Sunday with his parents at Seligman.

Gus Doenig is ill and unable to be at his work at Callaway's.

Class No. 9 of the Presbyterian church will give an exchange Saturday.

Miss Bessie Weatherby of Buffalo, Mo., is visiting Mrs. Ben Beckham.

Mrs. J. Thomas has gone to Eldorado Springs to visit her daughter.

Mrs. Fisher and daughter, Miss Lora visited relatives at Purdy Sunday.

Misses Demmah and Neva Hamilton visited their parents at Washburn Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lazinka Chappell visited Saturday and Sunday with her mother at Peirce City.

E. O. Brown and C. C. Mills were in Springfield Tuesday visiting with the Frisco officials.

Mrs. R. Watson was called to Purdy Tuesday, by the serious illness of her father, J. W. Alderson.

Some men have so little sentiment and love of nature in their hearts that their favorite bird is a spring chicken.—Linn Creek Reville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spilman of Wentworth came to Monett Tuesday, bringing their little grandson, Allen Burke, who is sick.

L. B. Durnil and Jere Murphy departed Tuesday night for a trip through central and western Texas. They are on a land hunting expedition.

The Baptist ladies cleared \$66.25 at their dinner and supper on election day. They were well pleased with their success as the weather was so unfavorable.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Dugan and daughter, of Marshfield visited Tuesday night between trains with Mr. Dugan's sister, Mrs. S. E. Bouldin. They were on their way to Wichita and Anthony, Kans.

On their return they will make a longer visit in Monett.