

## THE OLDEST TREE IN THE WORLD

President Spends Hours in Contemplation of Nature's Giant in Mariposa Grove—Sleeps at Altitude of 7,000 Feet.

Glacier Point, Cal., Oct. 8.—President Taft arrived here tonight. The drive from Wawona, where he spent the forenoon visiting the Mariposa big trees, was over twenty-six miles of mountain road and the president was ready for bed immediately after dinner. The president arose before dawn today and started for the Sequoia trees in a dense fog, which quickly cleared, however. The president was deeply impressed with the immense trees.

He was photographed at the base of the Grizzly giant, the biggest and oldest tree in the world, and he was snapped in the stage as it passed through the trunk of Wawona, one of the largest of the forest monarchs.

The president was continually on foot in the grove and stood for minutes at a time in contemplation of the forest giants.

The stage ride from Wawona to Glacier Point carried the president to an elevation of 7,700 feet.

Tonight, guarded by cavalrymen, the president is sleeping at an elevation of 7,000 feet in a little hotel here.

### Peirce City News.

From the Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Simmons have been packing their household goods preparatory to moving to Jerseyville, Ill., where Mr. Simmons is in business, and left last night for that place. Miss Elizabeth Gillette and Robt. Jones will leave the first of the week for Jerseyville and will continue to make their home with them. Mrs. Simmons and Miss Gillette have been prominent in the social affairs of the city and their departure is regretted by their many friends.

The Monett and Peirce City bowling clubs played on the local alleys Thursday night with a victory of 166 pins for Peirce City. The averages made by the players are as follows: Monett—Perry, 117; Beacon, 116; Goldie, 100; Todd, 97; Osborn, 119. Peirce City—Plummer, 127; Forsythe, 120; Ecroyd, 121; Rickman, 107; Dow, 130. The Peirce City boys will go to Monett Wednesday night for the return game.

Mrs. B. F. Hill who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Cramer, left Wednesday morning for her home in Charlotte, Mich. and was accompanied to Monett by Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Cramer. Mrs. Hill will be eighty-one years old next month and is very bright and active for a lady of her age.

### ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

A telephone message from Eagle Rock, Thursday, called Drs. Rawhouser and Mitchell there to attend John E. Bradford aged 19, who was accidentally shot in a log, below the house. It was reported to be a very bad wound. Bradford is a son of Deane Bueris. Dr. Bueris and his son-in-law, John Bueris, were on their way to a neighbor's house, and from a shed gun, thinking they might shoot some turkeys, when the step-father accidentally shot John in the left leg below the knee. The Drs. amputated the leg below the knee, and he revived from the operation nicely. John was at home for a while from Monett, where he had been working for the railroad company. —Cassville Democrat.

### ENTERTAINED

The Woman's Union of the Presbyterian church was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. P. Westbay on Fifth street, Friday afternoon. Mesdames A. M. Peel, W. W. Campbell and D. A. Peters assisted the hostess. About twenty-five were in attendance. A good missionary program was presented. A luncheon of cream, cake and wafers was served.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Roy Granger is absent from school on account of a sprained ankle.

Miss Philbrook has a new way of correcting "Sophomore" lesson papers. M for measly S for stung R for rotten and D for dumb.

Three new pupils entered the High School this week running the enrollment up to one hundred and seventy six.

Allen Surrell while playing on the school grounds Friday dislocated his wrist.

Miss Ruth Bradford has been unable to be at school this week on account of sickness.

A literary program will be given every two weeks by the different classes of the High School beginning with the Seniors Friday Oct. 22nd.

The quiet order that prevailed while Mrs. Blaine was in the study hall showed the respect the pupils have for her.

The boys of the High School are going to buy an association football ball so that all of them will have an opportunity to play.

Miss Williams and Miss Philbrook taught Mr. Blain's classes during his absence Friday.

The Sophomore and Junior girls have organized two basketball teams and rented a hall for practicing.

Fern Loutzenhiser is out of school this week on account of sickness.

Alfred Long, an Alumni of '09, visited the High School Friday afternoon.

The High School orchestra of fourteen pieces, is practicing for special occasions.

Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives like theirs; And, departing leave behind us, Footprints on the High School stairs.

Herbert Such and James Basham made an unexpected visit to Springfield Thursday night and returned Friday morning.

Supt. H. E. Blaine attended the Centennial at St. Louis Thursday and Friday.

Madame Rumor has it that a member of the Senior class will soon become a bride.

The High School Football Team has been organized and is looking forward to a brilliant career on the gridiron this season under the efficient leadership of Captain Parker. Although not so heavy as the teams representing M. H. S. in past years it is believed that the gain in speed and efficiency will more than counterbalance this lack of weight. Five veterans of previous High School teams are in school now and four of the remaining players assist in making the second team such a success last year. The team hereby challenges any strict High School team in the state. Names can be arranged by inquiring of the High School faculty or the manager.

The lineup is as follows:  
J. B. Bonnons Center 150 lbs.  
Tom Guinney Q. 130 ..  
Joseph Johnson F. 150 ..  
Frank Geister E. H. 142 ..  
Tom Vermillion L. H. 170 ..  
George Dawson Capt. L. E. 138 ..  
Claude Woosley R. E. 138 ..  
Leonard Mansfield R. T. 140 ..  
John Callan R. G. 150 ..  
Tom Brendlinger L. G. 140 ..  
Orville Vermillion L. T. 140 ..

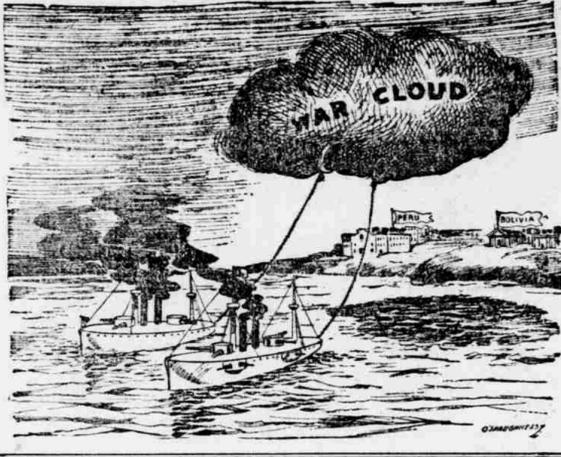
Two veterans of stellar quality Harrison Dennis and Richard Mills are expected to join the team soon. Both of these have ably represented the High School on the football fields in former years and will form a welcome addition to the football squad.

The first game of the season is to be played at Aurora Saturday Oct. 16th. Good support on the part of the students and local admirers of the game will be appreciated by the players.

W. H. Coulter of Hartford, Ark., was in the city for a short time Saturday on his way home from a visit in Illinois. He formerly resided in Monett.

## NO MORE USE FOR THE WAR CLOUD AT PRESENT

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Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stocker have returned from their St. Louis trip. K. M. Coffey returned Friday night from St. Louis.

E. Coffey went to Joplin Friday and returned with Buffalo Bills show.

E. D. Pined of Kings Prairie, was in town on business Friday.

Frank Cox has been training his race horse in the Cassville race course this week.

Mrs. C. W. Copeland went Saturday to Leavenworth for a week's visit with her mother.

H. J. & D. Kelly sold the J. R. St. Louis residence, fourth street to V. J. V. for \$1,600.

W. J. Kessel came home from Washburn Friday night to visit over Sunday with his wife.

Harry Wasson Thayer, is visiting in the city with J. C. Williams.

D. Thomas, of near Peirce City was in Monett on business Saturday.

Leon Wainwright and Howard Guhck made a business trip to the east part of the county Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. A. Blakemore has returned from a few days visit in Springfield.

Will Jones, who had been visiting in the city near Monett has gone to Tulsa, Ok., to visit his sister, Mrs. George Niskern.

Pat Nelson, Pat went to Kansas City this week, where Pat was injured for the injury to his leg during the summer.

Miss Florence Brooks and Eshe Smith, formerly of Monett, will start this month from the Lutheran school at St. Louis.

Miss Amy White of Marionville, is visiting her brother, John White who recently moved here from St. Louis.

Mrs. W. S. Elder, who suffered severe injuries from falling into a cellar some time ago, is able to be out on crutches.

Mrs. A. H. Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lesley, of this place, fell under the wheels of a street car in Oklahoma City last Saturday and had both legs nearly severed just above her knees. She was hurried to a hospital, where she died about two hours later while under the influence of chloroform. —Marionville Free Press.

We understand that Dr. Edgar L. Blankenship will return to the Western Dental College of Kansas City next Saturday to resume his work there and will graduate from this college next spring. —Purdy Guide.

Mrs. Frank Nebel and daughter Helen returned Friday night from Marionville where she has been visiting and will depart Sunday for Cleburn, Tex., where Mr. Nebel has a position with the Fred Harvey company.

Among those who attended the fair Saturday from Monett were C. E. Vaughn and wife, Mrs. W. F. Lenhart and son Wiley, Messrs. E. E. Brown, C. D. Evans, Frank Geister, Lane Guinney, B. A. Beckham and J. Dirickson.—Verona Advocate.

Tuesday as Geo. M. Bayless, a prominent farmer living 3 miles northwest of town, was hauling water in a tank, and when crossing the Frisco tracks near Carl Catron's residence, one of the horses came loose from the wagon, and the other caused the tank to turn over. Mr. Bayless falling from the wagon one horse fell on him, and the water in the tank ran out on Mr. Bayless. We hear that he has a broken rib and is otherwise bruised up. We hope for his early recovery. —Cassville Democrat.

E. O. Brown returned Saturday from Kansas City.

Miss Fern Loutzenhiser is able to be out after a few days illness.

Conductor Benson is moving his belongings to Ft. Scott, Kan., which is now his headquarters.

Postal clerk Olive and family are fishing on the Cowskin River this week.

Mrs. Espey, son and daughter, of Rogers, Ark., visited Sunday with Smith Bouldin's family on their way to Carthage.

Buy your Harness from Davis & Chapell Hdw. Co. They carry the stock and make the price.

John Walsh returned Monday morning from a visit with H. H. Brown, in Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. P. Short, who has been ill with stomach trouble is much better.

Arlie Stringer, local brakeman between Joplin and Neodesha, visited his mother here Sunday.

Mrs. Will Holder and son Clarence, of Butterfield, visited friends in Monett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaughey, of Rogers, Ark., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hen Sunday night.

The largest line of Buggy Harness in the country at Davis & Chapell Hdw. Co.

Miss Ruth Bradford returned to school Monday after a few days illness with malaria.

W. L. McCoy, of Richville, Wash., is visiting his father, R. McCoy, and other relatives and friends here.

Application has been made for the appointment of Chas. Baker, cashier of the State bank as administrator of the estate of Frank Hart.

Pat Martin returned Monday morning from Topeka, Kan., where he had been called by the death of his nephew who was injured a couple of weeks ago in a game of football.

Roy Granger was in a runaway a few days ago and came out of it with a sprained ankle bruised foot. He is better and able to be out on crutches.

Mrs. Melvin, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Thompson was operated upon for a cancer on the forehead. Drs. W. M. West and M. R. Trumbover did the work. Mrs. Melvin is getting along nicely.

Don't ask us to put in roasts on people when you yourself would be afraid to mention such a subject to the person roasted. You might just as well ask us to go out somebody whom you are afraid to bother. It is all on the same principle; the editor would be blamed in either case. —Stella Record.

Arnett Matthews, son of Judge Matthews, departed Sunday night for Kansas City where he will take up the study of dentistry in Western Dental College. Arnett is an ambitious and hard working young man and will succeed in his chosen work.

Fred Herron, an employee of the Electric Railway at Webb City, while working on the power house making repairs received 11,000 volts of electricity and was not killed. His elbow came in contact with a live wire and the force of the shock knocked him from the building and he fell to the floor a distance of twenty-five feet.

## HONORS FOR COOK

Freedom of Metropolis To Be Accorded Oct. 15

New York, Oct. 8.—Preparation for the official reception of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the north pole, are being rapidly made since the receipt of information yesterday from the explorer that the fifteenth or sixteenth of this month would be convenient for him, if the authorities considered either of these dates suitable.

His answer was received after the mayor had gone to Princeton and he turned it over to Patrick Fr. McGowan, president of the board of aldermen, who, after consulting with the committee, sent the following response:

"Replying to your telegram to mayor, the aldermatic committee has selected Friday, October 15, at 2:30, as the date for presenting to you the freedom of the city of New York."

In accordance with this plan the committee will make all the arrangements for conferring upon Dr. Cook the unusual honor which has hitherto been accorded to only three other men.

### DROWNED

Hershel, the 20 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Umlauf, of Verona, was drowned in the pumphouse reservoir, Thursday. The boy had gone to the reservoir for a drink of water and when found was face down in 30 inches of water.

### A BAD WRECK

Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight and a construction train on the Santa Fe, near Topeka, Kan., Friday. It is claimed that disregard of orders by the work train crew caused the wreck.

### DIED

Esther, the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bonnous died Friday, October 8. The funeral was held at the Waldensian Church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. G. Knotter and Rev. Allen had charge of the service.

### MAILING MACHINE

U. S. Barnsley took with him to St. Louis Earl Plater's patent mailing machine and exhibited it to the Manager of the Post-Dispatch and other newspaper men. They were all well pleased with it and gave every encouragement. He also made very satisfactory terms of manufacture. This is a good invention and the manufacturing should be done in Monett.

A merchant who had two stores in small towns tried an experiment. He put a bargain counter in each store, containing the same articles at the same price. In the newspaper of one village he advertised his special sale counters: in one month in the village where he did not advertise he sold \$984 worth of goods. In the store where he did advertise he sold goods amounting to \$1,824. In commenting on the result of the experiment, the merchant says: "People who got the paper with the advertisement would pass by one of the stores and drive for miles to the other one, for what they could have gotten at the same price in my store at their door, but they did not know it was there." —Russellville Courier.

The first case ever decided by a Missouri court coming under the law passed by the legislature of 1908, providing that a telegraph company which fails to deliver a message filed with it shall pay the sender \$300 was passed by Judge Arch B. Davis in the Livingston county circuit court last week. Mrs. Ida Grant filed a telegram in St. Louis addressed to her brother, Justice A. M. Johnson, in Chillicothe. It is said the telegram never reached the Chillicothe office. Mrs. Grant was awarded the \$200 as damages. The company has appealed. —Neosho Miner.

## PROTECT THE BIRDS

Oct. 7, 1908.

EDITOR TIMES:

I recently read an article in the Kansas City Star, subject: "Our Duty to the Birds," and it seemed timely and in order in our growing and flourishing city, as there appears to be a dearth of birds, and not near as many as there should be of the different kinds. It is growing to be a rare occurrence to see a Red bird, Blue bird or Mockingbird in our town, although we have the Robin, Blue Jay, Cat bird, Woodpecker, Wren and the Sparrow. Outside of the sparrows, which in time may become naturalized and useful, have noticed more of the latter than former birds mentioned, in this vicinity.

Thinking to give the birds a lift, or, to be explicit, a bath, we placed a jar in the ground early in the summer and filled it to about two and a half inches below the top with sand and gravel, and it was arranged to catch any waste water from the hydrant and usually there would be fresh water all the time. It was interesting and amusing at times, especially when Mrs. Robin or Mrs. Blue Jay would march Mr. Billy or Tommy or Miss Molly or Nelly up to this watering place and give them to understand what it was there for, and what had to be done, and to see the awkward movements they went through with when once in the water and sometimes there would be a scolding and Billy and Mary Ann would do the cake walk, and side step, and many other unnecessary steps before they would actually get into the water. They soon became accustomed to the water and I imagine did not miss many baths.

During the dry season we are passing this year, the robins and cat birds were graceful and dainty about their bath, but the blue jays made one think of an ice wagon they were so awkward and sometimes they would throw nearly all the water out of their tub. At one time we noticed nine robins waiting a chance at the bath, and one would be surprised to see how thoroughly they seem to enjoy the water.

Save and protect the birds. Put up some of the guns, and throw away the sling shots. Don't disturb the nests and break up the homes. More birds, less insects, less insects, less sprayers in the orchards and more and better fruit.

Yours for the birds,

G. B. W.

If you need a Stylish Buggy and Harness see Davis & Chapell Hdw. Co. 481

### Breece—Brown

Miss Mae Brown and Paul Breece surprised their friends last week in announcing their marriage which took place at Kansas City Wednesday, October 6. They were accompanied by the bride's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Breece returned home Saturday night. They will go to housekeeping in Monett in a few days.

Mr. Breece is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Breece. He is salesman in Perry & Hobbs grocery. Mrs. Breece is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Brown. Both are highly esteemed young people and have the best wishes of many friends.

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