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Shortie Ragland sent his son John a 40 pound melon to the reform school at Boonville.

Carl Smith, foreman of the Shelbina Torchlight spent Sunday in the city with the home-folk.

U. D. Pratt, a brakeman, was run down and killed by his train at Bucklin Friday morning.

John Utterback spent the latter part of last week and first of this with his friend, William Bannister, south of the city.

Rev. T. P. Middleton and wife came in from Clarksville Friday to visit Mrs. Middleton's parents, Jacob Rouse and wife.

Jeff Brown, an old chum of ours is starting a pearl button factory in Hannibal. The plant will have a capacity of one and one half tons per day.

After a summers outing with his grandparents, J. M. Proctor and wife of this city, and J. B. Randall and wife of Colorado, James Randall left for his Kentucky home, Tuesday.

There were 98 priests at the three days "Retreat" this (last) week at St. Francis College, and among them the bishop of Alton, the vicar-general and the rest of the officials.

After a pleasant visit with her sisters, Mesdames J. H. Sullivan and Gus Jackson, and brother, Harry Johnson, Miss Anna Johnson returned to Covington, Ky., Tuesday.

One of the Palmyra boys was up here Tuesday and he didn't dance. Now if the Herald has any gumption or discretion it will let up. Let up until the festivities are over.

Missouri has quit quenching the thirst of its stock on warm, muddy polluted pond water. Take the Burlington here and ride to Hunnewell and you are never out of sight of a wind mill.

The protracted meeting at Bethlehem, conducted by Rev. Wiley Patrick and J. D. Biggs, of Bowling Green, closed Friday night without any visible effect. There was considerable interest and large congregations but no accessions.

W. E. Watson and W. T. Ragland will sell at public sale at their farm 1 1/2 miles Northwest of Stoutsville, on Friday, Sept. 8th, their partnership property consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements.

F. F. Kaiser and wife, of Hospital, Kaukaee, Ill., came in Sunday to spend several days with her parents, J. H. Sullivan and wife. Mrs. Kaiser has a host of friends in this city where she spent her happy school days.

YOUNG BLOODS.

The following young bloods took in the G. A. R. reunion at Clarence, Friday. Robt. O. Cranston and John Damaree in their patriotic suits. E. Reid, E. Hallock, J. O. Mayes, H. Weis, Lee Yates, Ollie Elliott, F. Crisler and S. Rutledge. They had a pleasant time.

EIGHTH DISTRICT DEMOCRACY WINS.

St. Louis Republic.

Shackelford's plurality partly estimated.....3,000
1896—Bland's plurality....4,851
1898—Bland's plurality....2,843

Probable falling off of total vote as compared with that of 1898, 10 per cent.

Shackelford's estimated plurality on a full vote, 5,000; showing a Democratic gain since 1898 of 2,157.

At the special election held in the Eighth Congressional District yesterday the Democrats won a most substantial victory. Judge Dorsey W. Shackelford was elected to Congress by a plurality of probably 3,000. Complete returns are not likely to change this estimate.

In a few precincts in Laclede County small gains were reported for William J. Vosholl, the Republican candidate, but it does not appear that he gained any place else in the district.

He lost heavily in his own county and it seems that he also lost in every county of the district, save, perhaps, Laclede. There was a falling off in the vote of Laclede of about 25 per cent and both candidates suffered.

The Populist candidate, W. R. Hale, did not cut much figure in the contest. If he received as many as 500 votes in the entire district it will be a matter of surprise.

Reports from Camden and Dallas County were to the effect that the Democrats had made gains, but meager official figures were given. Leaving Laclede a standoff, although Mr. Bland carried it in 1898, the estimated majorities for the two candidates in the other twelve counties of the district based on returns received up to midnight were as follows:

	Shackelford	Vosholl
Callaway.....	2,350	.....
Camden.....	.....	300
Colo.....	250	.....
Cooper.....	150	.....
Dallas.....	.....	300
Laclede.....	.....	772
Marion.....	.....	200
Montana.....	200	.....
Morgan.....	8	.....
Osage.....	.....	625
Phelps.....	300	.....
Pulaski.....	500	.....
Totals.....	4,610	1,425

This estimate gives Judge Shackelford about 3,000 plurality and is a little above first reports. However, it is made up from the dispatches of experienced persons, who telegraphed their figures, based on returns in hand, from the various counties of the district.

While the Democrats expected to carry the district by a good majority, few ever dared to hope that it would be so large. The Republicans made a hard campaign. They firmly expected substantial results. It was announced from every stump in the district that President McKinly's war policy and his views on imperialism were on trial, and that to defeat Mr. Vosholl would be to strike a blow at the administration.

Republican orators of note were imported into the district and the Republican press bellowed loudly, day after day, for the voters to stand up and indorse President McKinly, but all to no purpose.

Callaway County set the pace by rolling up some 2,300 majority against the Republican administration candidate, and other counties followed with similar returns.

It was a Waterloo for the administration shriekers for it is plain that they have lost heavily on their issue. Mr. Bland's plurality in the district, with no regular Populist nominee running against him in 1898, was but 2,843.

THAT SALT RIVER BRIDGE.

We ask the Courier-Post and other papers of the surrounding country to urge the building of a bridge across Salt River at or near the Asher ford. It seems that the only way to get anything of the kind is to advertise and people pay for it.—Courier Post.

The above quotation is from the Hatch correspondent to the Post. Time and again during the past two years has the DEMOCRAT shown not only the desirability, but the necessity from a social, religious and business standpoint why a bridge should be built at that point or at Joanna, Saline, as good, if not the best township in the County is cut off from the county seat by the river and neighbors who reside within 300 yards of each other are separated three months in the year. One year ago the DEMOCRAT showed that Ralls county was bridgeless and had the money to build the bridge asked for. About three parties can tell why it was never built.

The Kickers.

We are sorry that the Palmyra Herald like "The Kickers" feel called upon to kick. After publishing insults to the Monroe Lodge and City (without investigating the subject) for the defiance of some young men who were ashamed of themselves, it ought to have kept mum. The P. H. has gone out of its way to misrepresent as those scamps did the city. Monroe City and the Democrat has none but the most kindly feelings for the Palmyra people and as evidence of the fact the Snap Shots of the picnic carried nothing but pleasant words and praise for them. When the Democrat Kicked the "The Kickers" after their false statements they ought to have thanked their stars that it told only half of the story. The worst half still remains untold.

A MISTAKE.

The young editor of the Appeal is mistaken in his criticism of tails. There is a vast difference between a shirt waist tail and a shirt tail. The shirt tail proper is always invisible but the shirt waist tail is often visible. Sunday a fine form draped in a fancy pink shirt waist and gauzy lawn skirt passed up Main St. The waist showed almost as distinctly below the belt as it did above it. The young bachelor will have to try again.

HORACE, THE HUSTLER.

It is a fact that in all Oklahoma there is not a more genuine hustler and money-maker than Horace H. Hagan, of Guthrie. In partnership with G. C. Graham of Guthrie, he lately concluded a deal whereby they became the owners of 1,000 head of four year old steers, which they purchased from J. W. Smith of Hennessey, for a consideration of \$45,000. These cattle will be brought to this county and fed here for the market. This will make a splendid market for the farmers of Logan county to sell their corn, and Messrs Hagan and Graham are to be congratulated for their foresight and enterprise.

This is only one of the big deals that Mr. Hagan has made lately. He placed the big deal for the Scottish Rite Masons of the territory, who will build a \$25,000 temple at Guthrie. He also bought the Guthrie city bonds recently issued to the amount of \$10,800, for a St. Louis firm. They were placed at \$1.04, which speaks volumes for Oklahoma bonds. These bits of news are all the more remarkable when it is remembered that one year ago 95 per cent bonds were not bringing 95 cents. Now Hagan disposes of 5 per cent bonds at a premium of four per cent. Besides being a good farmer and stock handler, railroad and town builder, Mr. Hagan is a great financier, and is an all-round good fellow 52 weeks in the year.—The Leader.

FIGHT FIRE FOR LIVES.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 28.—Ranchmen and the small settlements in the first range of foothills south of Morrison have been compelled to fight for their lives for two days past. There is a wall of fire fifteen miles long covering the entire western slope of the foothills from a point or two below and west of Sedalia to within a short distance of Piatte Canon.

The wind was in the north and sparks were carried across hundreds of feet of timber to start fires anew. The amount of timber already consumed reaches millions of feet. Nothing short of a heavy rain can stop the fire.

Deadwood, S. D. Aug. 28.—Fire which has been raging in the timber east of this city in the Two Bit district for the last twenty-four hours, has already destroyed much valuable timber. Sixty range riders are fighting the flames.

It is reported that another fire has started in the Spearfish division, and that a territory five miles square has already been burned over.

Miss Belle Johnson has again attended the State Photographers Convention. Missouri scoops the U. S. A. on all deals. Monroe County scoops the State and Monroe City scoops the County that being the case Miss Belle Johnson from a small town took the gold premium in class D in the State contest. Rahah for Miss Johnson, Rah for Monroe.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

During the month of March 1, 1898 the DEMOCRAT sent out a large number of postal cards to County Candidates. Here are some of their pledges.

I. G. Adams:—If I am, or am not elected, I will use all my legal means for the better improvement of public roads.

T. T. Rodess:—Have always been and expect to be in favor of good roads.

John P. Smock:—I have always been an advocate of good roads and my nomination or election to the office to which I aspire, will not in the least change my sentiments on this question, except perhaps to inspire me to greater action.

O. T. Guthrie:—Am heartily in favor of good roads and suggest township organization and let the roads to contractors.

Thos. F. Hard:—I assure you that should I be elected to the office I seek, I will use my personal and official influence for the building of good roads.

Now gentlemen what have any one of you done for roads since March 21, 1898? The roads around Paris and Monroe City need gravel, will you start the wheels to rolling.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Mrs. D. S. Sharp gave a little surprise party for her little daughters, Annie and Bessie Sharp, Wednesday afternoon from two till five. It was Annie's 7th birthday. The little ones looked like a flock of little fairies. Misses Grace Sharp and Ethel Smith highly entertained them with music and games until five o'clock. Mrs. Sharp came to the door and asked the little ones out in the dining room to the loveliest refreshments and afterwards bade each other good-bye they departed for home. They reported a fine time. Those who were present were as follows: Lillian and Ethel McNutt, Carrie and Temperance Smith, Cassie and Clistie Tooley, Jessie Maddox, Lena Ashbury, Katie and Abbie Bruce, May Bell Nicolson, Edith Jarman, Ollie McCall, Nina Megown, Minnie and Frances Holliday, Mildred Buell, Gladys Willis, Annie and Bessie Sharp.

TWO DAYS OUTING.

The following pleasure loving party spent yesterday and the day before at Spalding Springs. J. H. McClintic and wife, Dr. Thomas Proctor and wife, Mrs. J. J. Rogers, Misses Carolyn Rogers, Carolyn McClintic, Anna Boulware, Sue Anderson, Miss Dillon, Ada Landcraft, Virgie Bristow and Messrs T. M. Boulware, W. V. Carson, D. Milton Proctor, Bailly McNutt and A. Jaeger Jr.

The Western cattle men have concluded to stick to business from business principles and have said: "We have cattle to sell, we do not belong to the trusts. If the Butchers will pay a fraction more for beef cattle than the trusts pay, it can get all the cattle it wants." That places the trust where it will have to pay the producer a fair price for his stock.