

Circuit Court.

The August term of our circuit court has been such a light one, that but for the appearance of Judge Ellison and his stenographer, you would hardly realize that any court was grinding at all. The docket was a very light one, and but one really important case was on the docket—the Fulton will case, on change of venue from Platte county. It has not yet been called, and will not likely be until after the election; the lawyers in the case seem to be politicians first—lawyers afterwards.

The state cases docketed were pretty much cleared from the docket. The State against George Gelvin for obstructing public road was dismissed.

Against T. M. Hunter for issuing fraudulent prescription, was continued. Against Dr. S. W. Aiken for the same offense, the jury found not guilty.

Against Wm. Crawford for illegally selling liquor, the jury failed to agree; standing 11 for conviction to 1 for acquittal. This is the third trial in this case, and each has ended as the last, with the jury in each case standing 11 to 1.

Against Fount Wagoner for disturbing the peace, the jury said not guilty.

Against P. S. Moores, for unlawfully killing wild duck, the case was dismissed at cost of defendant.

Against H. E. Bell, for allowing minor to play pool, was found guilty and fined \$50.

Against George Ward, for defacing public property, was continued.

Against Wm. Blakely, for gambling, was continued.

Against Al. Goodin, burglary and larceny. On the 8th of July, the defendant entered the office of the depot agent at Forest City, while the night clerk had gone to his breakfast, and just before the day man went on duty, tapped the cash drawer, helped himself to four silver dollars, and went out to have a time. There was over \$50 in the drawer at the time, and why he did not take it all was strange. When the case was called, he came forward and plead guilty, and being 16 years of age, he was sentenced to three years in the state reformatory school at Boonville.

Against John Jones, for burglary. On Friday of last week, the defendant broke into a railroad car at Mound City, and laid in a supply of various articles. He was arraigned before Judge Ellison, and plead guilty, and the case was taken under advisement by the court.

Against Verne Smith; the charge was burglary. On June 17th the defendant entered the Poynter harness shop and took \$13 which he found in the cash drawer. On the night of the burglary Smith went home as the guest of Loren Poynter. During the night young Smith got up and took the key to Poynter's harness shop out of Loren's pocket and went down and entered the shop and emptied the cash drawer of its contents, getting something over \$13 in money and a small check. He then broke a glass out of the back door of the shop to make it appear that the burglar had entered that way, and returned to the house. It happened that young Poynter awoke and missed Smith from the bed. Something aroused his suspicion and on investigation, he found that the key to the store was missing from his pocket. He awakened his father and then called Marshal Oa Fike and he and Fike went to the store.

Smith returned to the house and finding that the family were awake, concluded that his scheme had failed and pulled out. Fike and Loren Poynter soon got on his tracks and caught him at Napier soon after daylight next morning. When arrested he made no denial of the charge and returned the money and the key to the store. Mr. Poynter made an affidavit before Squire Steele and on a preliminary examination Smith was held to answer to a charge of burglary and larceny in the circuit court. On his failure to give bond, he was committed to jail, and Constable Hall delivered him over to the sheriff. On his way to Oregon Smith jumped from the buggy and escaped. He was captured in St. Joseph by the detective force on June 23d and brought to Oregon on the following day where he has since been in jail awaiting trial. He seems in every way a bright young man, about 23 years of age, and was raised in this county, and served three years in the regular army having been discharged about one year ago. He plead guilty to burglary on Tuesday, and the Court gave him three years in the penitentiary, but gave him a parole, suitable bond being furnished for his appearance.

The case of Nancy J. McKinney vs. W. A. McKinney, was disposed of in favor of the plaintiff. It appears that when the final settlement in the Jno. H. McKinney estate was submitted, the widow had not been allowed her statutory allowance. This was contested in the probate court by the executor because he thought that the way the will was written, she had no right to any statutory allowance—that is her implements of industry and sustenance for a year together with but including \$400 worth of property. The probate court decided in favor of the widow, and that she was entitled to these allowances. The case was appealed to the circuit court, and on Tuesday this court sustained the action of the probate court. The grand jury completed its work on

Wednesday, after having returned five true bills. The petit jury was discharged Tuesday.

D. P. Wilson, of Mound City, was granted his final papers of citizenship.

The court adjourned Thursday and by noon the court, lawyers and others here on court business, had left town.

In the case of Nodaway Drainage District No. 1, the death of one of the petitioners, Dan. Hardman, being suggested, the case was continued.

Back to Agriculture.

The tendency back to agricultural pursuits is evidenced by the movement that is now setting in among college graduates towards this field that has hitherto been regarded with less favor than the so-called learned professions. No less than 10 college graduates will enter the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri this fall. Among the number are several foreigners. The latest foreigner to indicate his intention to come is H. Wm. von Geller, a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College of Roumania. In his native country Mr. Geller holds an important government position. He has already spent one year at Wisconsin University and four years at the Michigan Agricultural College from which he graduated. He comes to Columbia as a candidate for the Masters degree in Agriculture.

Beautiful Oregon.

All hail, O Oregon! Of all the cities in Missouri's Northwest We, her people, think her the best. She has excellent schools, Where discipline rules, And electric lights Which shine on dark nights And waterworks too, Which turn red flame blue. She has beautiful shade And houses well made. Her churches are nice And gossiping women quiet as mice. Her people have excellent health And plenty of wealth, Her business men all thrive And THE HOLY COUNTY SENTINEL is still alive. If you're seeking a home From which never to roam— Why to Oregon, won't you come? C. M.

The Valley Weekly, of St. Louis, is one of the brightest publications that comes to this office, and one I am sure our readers would enjoy very much. They are now making a special introductory subscription price of \$1.00 per year, and presenting each subscriber with a set of four artist proof pictures of the Valley Girl free. These pictures are 11x 14 inches, and each one is a work of art. Those of our readers who want to take advantage of this offer should send their subscriptions to our office. The Valley Weekly also wants an active agent to represent them in this community, and any one wanting a good money making proposition should write them at once. Sample copies and full particulars mailed free upon receipt of request.

The Weather.

Corrected weekly by Leah Kaucher.

1904	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	RAIN.	SNOW
August				
25	82	56	.02	
26	78	51		
27	84	52		
28	94	62.5	.75	
29	85	62	2.00	
30	77	62		
31	79	62		T

Total precipitation for the month of August was 5.74 inches. Maximum temperature was 94°, minimum 51°. Total precipitation for the season was 18.47 inches, 4.95 inches above normal. Maximum temperature of the summer was 94° registered August 15; minimum temperature was 51°, registered on the 8th, 10th, 24th and 26th of August.

—The Sabbath school picnic to be given by the Presbyterians on Friday, September 2nd, at Will Markt's grove will be a splendid event. A fine program has been provided (too long to insert here.) There will be something new and startling that all will enjoy. The grand trolley stretched from tree to tree where the children can ride at lightning speed with perfect safety. The instrumental music will be of a high order. The vocal will surpass anything ever heard in the county. The recitations by the little children and short speeches by the great orators of the state. There will be races for old and young, rich and poor, fat and lean, big and little. Games of all kinds. Useful prizes will be given. Every moment will be crowded with clean pure joy. It is no money making scheme. There will be nothing sold upon the grounds, everything will be free. Free air, free water, free chickens. The fatted calf will be there. Let the whole family be there. All come and have a good time. Bring your baskets with you full and be prepared to carry the fragments home. Those who have no conveyance of their own and wish to attend please be at the church in Oregon at 8:30 a. m. sharp, as the fast mail express will leave on time. Leave your log faces at home and come bubbling over with joy and we will have a good time.

—Charley Stout has returned home from Oklahoma, after visiting with his brother and sister there during the summer.

—Mason Jar Top 20c dozen.

KREEK & HASNESS.

George Soper, of St. Joseph, is here visiting relatives.

The Struggle for Supremacy.

Nearly half a million men are battling and have been for the past two days on the great plain of Liao Yang. The Japanese army composed of 240,000 men, has been pounding the Russian center, while the Russian right flank has been repelling General Nodza with 90,000 men. Kuropatkin has 200,000 who are fighting stubbornly, hand to hand, bayonet to bayonet, to protect his front and guard his flanks from the desperate charges of the Mikado's men.

Not in the history of a century of war have so many men and so many guns been engaged in a death grapple for the safe guarding or defeat of the plans of empire. Sedan, Gravelotte, Schipka Pass, Gettysburg, were tremendous battles, but they were fought with fewer men and fewer guns.

Little of the strategic situation has developed so far. The result of the battle is in doubt for it is not over and may continue for several days.

NOTICE.

All pupils having irregularities in their work are requested to be at the High school auditorium at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, in order to make proper arrangements for their classification. Pupils who have moved to Oregon since last school year and also non-resident pupils who desire to enter school, where it is possible to do so, are urged to be present at that time. All teachers are requested to be present at 10 o'clock for teachers' meeting. A. R. COBURN.

—Genial, companionable, Hi Hershberger, now of Eskridge, Kas., was in town Wednesday, looking after some business matters. When he pulled out of here to try his fortune in Kansas, we do not believe there was a single soul in our town but regretted his going. We see from papers that he has been unanimously chosen by the Democracy as their candidate for state senator, for the district composed of Wabunsee, Riley and Geary counties. If it is Democracy they want they surely have it in friend Hershberger, and, while he is an extreme partisan, he is one who possesses many qualifications to fill the position for which he has been nominated. He would make a splendid state senator.

—Anyone desiring the services of a boy, who can do chores, etc., as payment for board the coming school year, should see Prof. A. R. Coburn at once, in regard to the matter.

MARTHA PETREE, Osteopathic Physician, Oregon, Missouri.

Residence, three blocks west of Opera House.

Examination Free.

Phone: Independent, No. 57.

An Old Rebel.

David M. Wilson was a caller at this office last Saturday. He lives three miles north of town and is one of the old settlers of the county, a life long Democrat and a good citizen.

Mr. Wilson migrated from Hardy county, W. Va., with his parents in 1850, settling in Jackson county, Mo. There they remained two years and then moved to Holt county, Mo., and the first man he became acquainted with was "Uncle" Tom Cottier. Mr. Wilson's father rented a farm of 300 acres north of town. His father died about 20 years ago and his mother about 12 years ago. The place the Wilson's first settled on in Holt county was owned by Geo. Hayes. David Wilson is now living on the A. J. Tolby farm.

Mr. Wilson was in the Confederate army, enlisting in the 12th Mo. Cal. Reg., of which Joe Cooper was captain. Cooper is now in Texas. Mr. Wilson is 66 years of age.—Jeffersonian.

Always Too Busy.

Are we too busy to live to day? Is that the reason we put off living until to-morrow?

There is a friend whom we should like to visit. The days, the weeks, the years go by and we have not called. The friend is taken away. We have put off the visit too long; we were too busy.

There is pleasure to be found in a little trip to the country. It would rest the husband and mother and be a holiday for the children. But we are too busy. We put it off until some other time and that other time seems never to come. We are always too busy.

There are a hundred little kindnesses we should do if we only had the time. The chances pass, the time never comes. We are too busy for the kindnesses.

We are too busy to-day; we are too busy. We are too busy week in and week out.

There is time for everything if we place the most important things first. We are too busy over trivial matters to get the real good out of living.

When we get over our hurry, we promise ourselves to begin to live. And we never get over our hurry.

Some day we shall live as we wish, we cheat ourselves into believing. But the some day never comes. We come, we pass, and we never know the joy of life. We have been too busy getting ready to live. Too busy—always too busy.

Something New at Kreek & Hasness

We have just added a ten cent counter to our stock and you will be surprised at what 10 cents will buy.

- 8 sizes and styles berry bowls at 10c
- 6 styles pitchers at 10c
- Fancy Vases at 10c
- Jelly Dishes at 10c
- Sugar Bowls at 10c
- Spoon Holders at 10c
- Butter Dishes at 10c

Don't miss this counter when you are in town.

Kreek & Hasness, Oregon, Mo.

"Parties Wanting Sheep

should correspond with
DAVIS, McDONALD & DAVIS,
at
SO. ST. JOSEPH, MO.

There are a great many good feeding sheep coming to market; and now is the time to buy." You will please direct all correspondence to Yours truly,

W. TRUE DAVIS,
So. St. Joseph, Mo.



WE ARE BUILDING A TRADE FOR GOOD SHEARS with the celebrated WISS line.

The cutting edges always stay sharp. They cut easy—don't chew the cloth.

Can be used on heavy, rough material or on the finest of silks. Let us show you the WISS SHEAR. We guarantee you perfect satisfaction.

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Price 25c to \$1.00, have an unlimited guarantee.

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are warranted for two years, Price, \$1.25 to \$2.00.

We buy all of our Cutlery direct from the Manufacturer and every piece is fully warranted by us.

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SCHULTE BROS., Oregon, Mo.

Died.

Waldo B. Foster, son of Chas. W. and Mrs. M. A. Foster, died in the hospital in St. Joseph on August 28th. He had been sick for over two months. The father had taken him to St. Joseph with the hope that the physicians at the hospital could aid him, but they were unable to do anything for him. He died from paralysis, brought on no doubt from an attack of diphtheria. He was the only child of Mr. Chas. Foster. He was the sunshine in the home. He was a great favorite with the family and all who knew him. The little fellow was so patient all through his sickness and suffering. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. McFarland at the family residence on Tuesday, August 30th, at 3 p. m. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near Oregon, Mo. Brother Foster has the sympathy of the whole community in this the hour of his deep sorrow. We commend him to Him who alone can bind up the broken heart.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep! From which none ever wakes to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest! Whose waking is supremely blest; No fear, no woe, shall dim the hour That manifests the Saviour's power.

Asleep in Jesus! Oh, for me May such a blissful refuge be; Securely shall my ashes lie And wait the summons from on high."

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the postoffice at Oregon, Mo., for the week ending September 2, 1904:

Dud, Wm., Thornburgh, Wm. E.

When calling for any of the above letters or cards, please say "advertised."

TOM CURRY, P. M.

—Prof. A. R. Coburn has moved into the Pinkston property, vacated by Mrs. Emma Bragg. Mrs. Bragg will visit with her children until her handsome new home is ready for occupancy, which will be in a few weeks.

QUEER ANIMAL BATTLES.

Rooster Kills a Fox and a Kangaroo Battles with and Conquers a Buffalo.

When once an animal's temper has become aroused, it is strange how utterly regardless it becomes of the strength and ability of the object of its anger, says London Answers.

At Compton Pauncefoot, in Somersetshire, a fox was killed in a poultry yard by an infuriated cock. It appears that the cock made a raid on the young chicks, and after killing several belonging to certain hens, turned its attention to the brood of another. This conduct, however, the plucky cock would not permit without a struggle, and rushing at the fox, it was fortunate to pierce it in the eye with its spur, with such force that the spur penetrated right into the fox's brain, becoming so securely fixed that the victor could not remove it without the assistance of a farm laborer, who had been an interested spectator of the contest between the ill-assorted pair.

Another curious contest, between a kangaroo and a buffalo, took place in a large zoological park in the north of England. The two animals, after breaking loose from their inclosure, met face to face in an open space in the park. Without any preliminary quarrel, the bull made a furious onslaught on the kangaroo, which at first contented itself with an endeavor to avoid the charge.

After a few moments, however, the bull's attentions became altogether too personal to pass unrebuked, and, using its hoofs as battering rams, the kangaroo belabored the buffalo in the most effective manner. Roaring and bellowing, the frate buffalo made repeated attempts to gore its antagonist to death, but with scant success, the kangaroo proving a most "slippery" foe. The fray waxed furious for over an hour, at the end of which time the buffalo retired, not before, however, its carcass bore unmistakable signs of the kangaroo's attention.

Gillies in Scotland relate many stories of fierce contests between stags. It is believed that these fights are invariably brought on through jealousy, caused by one stag challenging another's right to be at the head of the herd.

Using their antlers as weapons of war the two stags thrust and gore at each other until one animal is done to death. It is by no means an uncommon thing for their massive antlers to become entangled and locked together, in which case one animal's horns are frequently pulled right off its head; while on several occasions pairs of antlers have been found on the moors unmistakably witnesses of the ferocity of a contest between these animals.

Horses use either their teeth or their hoofs as a mode of defense. A curious instance of the effectiveness of these weapons once occurred at Sheffield park. A bulldog, barking and snarling, chased a horse turned loose, around and around a meadow—not with angry intent, but purely from an excess of high spirits. After galloping round the field several times, the horse stopped dead, and turning sharply around, lashed out at the yelping dog, with a fatal result, for its skull was cloven.

The gorilla is a most formidable opponent in battle, its great strength lying in its powerful arms. Few animals of the forest have the slightest chance of overcoming a gorilla; but a python has been known to encircle its coils around the gorilla's body, only, however, to have its own body torn open by its adversary's hands.

Fish fighting is a most popular sport in Siam, and some years ago some Siamese brought over several "pla-kai," or fighting fish, to England, with the object of establishing the sport in this country. The two fish, trained from the age of six months to fight, are placed in a large glass bottle.

It is most curious to note each fish's attitude when it becomes aware of its adversary's presence in the bottle. Swelling with rage and pride, they sail around and around the narrow space, pretending not to notice each other, until suddenly one fish makes a savage dart at its unwelcome companion, biting its fins and body. The fight continues until the referee sees that the issue is no longer in doubt, when the contest is stopped.

Women as Sailors.

In some coast villages among the Danes, Norwegian and Finn women are employed as sailors and prove themselves to be expert mariners. In the smaller sailing ships, where there is a woman on board, whether she be the wife of the skipper or stewardess, she is expected to take her turn at the ordinary work of the sailor, not even excluding the duties of the man at the wheel or of the night watch. Denmark employs several women as state officials at sea. Experienced captains assert that the woman make excellent sailors are equal to most seamen in dexterity and power of endurance.

Best Woman Mountaineer.

By far the most expert woman mountaineer in the world is Mrs. Fanny Bullock Workman. In the Himalayas she has climbed to an altitude of 22,568 feet. On the same occasion her husband broke the world's record for men by 311 feet, by climbing 23,194 feet up a mountain 24,479 feet high. Mrs. Workman is of medium height, and there is nothing in her appearance to suggest the strength she has displayed in some of her wonderful feats.

Ratio of Second Marriages.

Of the marriages in general in the United States it is discovered that out of the 1,000 considered 139 men will have been married at least once before the celebration under consideration, while the 861 will have made vows for the first time. Of the 1,000 women in the case only 92 will have worn widow's weeds before the wedding. Thus, out of the 1,000 individuals, 139 men and 92 women, 861 will have been brought on here, with wedding rings before.