

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place in the Greatest State in the Union.

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Little Actual Labor

The chautauqua at Hopkins lacked \$15 of paying out.

The taxable wealth of Missouri has increased \$37,887,526 since last year's assessment.

The Skidmore Home Coming Day has been postponed from September 17 until some time in October.

The monthly report of the state treasurer shows a balance of \$5,794,910.88 in the Missouri state treasury on September 1st.

The Cameron chautauqua lost over \$600 this year. The weather was certainly hard on chautauquas held early in the season this year.

Wylie Harris brought to town a few days ago a leaf from an "elephant ear" plant that measured 24 inches long and 21 inches wide. Who can beat it?—Liberty Advance.

According to the latest figures from the secretary of state's office, Missouri now has 71,257 automobiles. Carter county has only one car.

The Hopkins ball festivities ended \$12 in the hole, while the chautauqua practically paid out, showing the class of entertainment the people here really want.—Hopkins Journal.

"Uncle Bob," about 94 years old, Columbia's oldest citizen, took considerable satisfaction the other day in personally denouncing the accuracy of the rumor that he was dead.

A patriotic southern Missouri paper notes that there ought to be a law in every state in the Union forbidding the sale of fresh peaches at a penny less than a dollar a bushel each at the tree.

The Pratt-Peachman box-busting meet will be held at Linden Point the week beginning October 12, the camp to be on the Temp. Daughman place. Prizes are reported plentiful thereto, and a good fight is anticipated.

"May they be rammed naked into a red hot cannon and fired through a hedge fence into a sea of melted lead" is the nice little wish the Jefferson City Capital-News makes for those it terms "shenanigans."

Jefferson City may get red in the face if it will not here it is in black and white from its own Daily Capital News—and the next legislature less than four months away. E. W. Cordon bought a dozen Belgian hares to day for \$2.50.

Arthur McDonald, 20 years old, shot and killed his wife, 36, and then sent a bullet into his heart, dying almost instantly. The shooting occurred at the home of Mrs. McDonald's father, George Leeper, one mile from Pollock.

According to the Maryville dailies, the fair at that place last week will net the stockholders about \$15,000. The total receipts were about \$15,000 and the expenditures about \$10,000.

Missouri aspirants for the big turnip prize this year must compete with men of the Cape Girardeau Tribune's subscribers who have a giant sample still growing in their garden which already has attained a circumference of twenty-seven inches.

Editor William F. Allen of the De Kalb Tribune is rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy which came to bless his home on Friday, Sept. 3. We understand that Editor Allen has been married fifteen years, and this is the first, and it that be true we expect we will get out a special edition.—Edenton Journal.

The editor of the Fayette Democrat Leader, who seems to be of an ebony hue of mind and evidently knows his home people ventures the prediction that the collie-drawn stockmen now in vogue in the East never will become very popular here where the "shepherds" are so thick.

Mrs. John Gabriel of this city brought to this office Monday a head of cabbage that she raised in her garden, that weighed sixteen pounds. This beats the Parnell cabbage head four pounds, placing Mrs. Gabriel at the head of the cabbage raisers in Northwest Missouri.—Gentry Sentinel.

A Southwest Missouri editor, dis pleased at the sight of Buffalo Bill riding in a buggy in a circus parade, insists that "Mr. Cody should get up on the hurricane deck of a horse or

stay in his tent. The next thing we know he will be getting a hair-cut and wearing a derby hat."

Mrs. O. M. Hinton near Carthage was so sick that she was under the care of a trained nurse. It was the custom in that family to keep a bottle of castor oil on the shelf on one side of the clock and a bottle of carbolic acid on the other side. Someone cleaning up the room switched the bottles so that when the nurse went to give the sick woman her dose of castor oil she gave her a fatal dose of carbolic acid.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen constitute Monroe county's oldest couple, having been married sixty years. Both are Hale and hearty and enjoy life, and neither ever has been willing to admit that there was any other than a negative answer to the "Is marriage a failure?" question.

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Hopes of freedom at the Sedalia High School Tuesday included the vanishing of a long-guessed line of business with bats, traps and whatever else was available. Some of the remaining citizens were so badly aroused that the police were called in, but in the matter of identification of the perpetrators the investigation might as well have been held under the clouds, everyone says.

Born of the birth of a son recently to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Newell in Springfield, these children of the family will celebrate their birth day anniversaries the same day. The three youngest children were born on the same date. There is four years difference in the ages of each. The eldest, having been born eight years ago, there are six other children in the family whose birthdays fall within a day of each other.

Love can laugh at locksmiths all right, but when Cupid associates with conundrums he often gets under way. When a Sedalia negro tried to pawn a gold watch that he might buy an engagement ring for his best girl it was taken in the police station to explain. Only after his fiancee explained that the watch was hers and that she had given it to him in trade for a ring was he restored to freedom.

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"Why, your majesty, I can't eat it!"

"Oh, you can't?" But you expected the coachman to?" Well, in the future just remember that—that people eat food, not money. Do you understand?"

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and sufficient reason to consider him dead. He was pronounced dead and was thrown into a deep grave with other bodies. And it was at the point where the clods began to rattle down into the grave that Mr. Hulen decided that he had had a close enough view of the pearly gates. He kicked the clods away and the burying squad decided they would give him more time to die, and passed on to the next grave. They returned and found Mr. Hulen very much alive despite the fact that he had several ounces of lead in his head. He was taken out of the grave and sent to the hospital where he recovered rapidly and suffered no ill effects of the wound, excepting the loss of his eye.—Marion Times-Democrat.

A pair of dueling pistols that were brought to this country by Captain Smiley Seasbrook, an English army officer, are owned by Judge H. S. Adams of this city. Captain Seasbrook was the grandfather of Judge Adams. He came to this country and settled in the Carolinas. The dueling pistols were handed down from father to son until Judge Adams got them. They are known to have killed several persons. Colonel Henry Johnson, a big planter of Cumberland Gap, who had large mule teams in Rome, Ga., killed a neighbor in a duel fought with these pistols. The late Senator James Overholt, who was then just out of law school assisted in defending Colonel Johnson, who was tried for murder at Rome, Ga. Afterwards two of Colonel Johnson's sons, William and Jeff, killed each other in a duel at Marion, Ga. They used the same pistols their father had used. Judge Adams never loaned the pistols after this terrible experience. The planter has long barrels, with four fingers and are crest curiosities. Howell County gazette.

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LESSON FOR KING'S STEWARD

Frederick William III of Prussia Was Man of Few Words—Interested Himself in Details.

King Frederick William III of Prussia was a man of few words, what ever he had to say, was always brief and to the point, as the following extract from a foreign journal shows:

The king who was accustomed to interest himself in all the details of court management, ordered his steward to take special pains to see that all the carriages and wagons were always supplied with food and drink whenever they left for a journey of a day or two, but it sometimes happened that the steward failed in his duty and dispatched the drivers without any food, giving them a coin, perhaps, to buy what they wanted. That usually meant that the driver went hungry as he did not have much opportunity to leave his horses and dine at a shop or restaurant.

At length the king became aware of his steward's failure to carry out his orders and awaited the next opportunity to bring the fact to his attention. He had not long to wait. That night the king stopped his coachman as he entered the conservatory and upon inquiry found that the man had had nothing to eat since breakfast. He held out a dollar in his hand that the steward had given him to buy food with. Without a word the king took the dollar.

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Modern Greek.

In ancient times, before the conquest of Alexander the Great, there were many differences in the dialects spoken in different parts of Greece. About 350 B. C. a common dialect, sometimes called Hellenistic Greek, arose. This is the Greek of the New Testament.

By 180 A. D. the differences between the spoken and written language had become so great that the literary language was supplanted by the spoken. From this time the language has been further changed in grammar, inflection, and by the introduction of loan words from other languages, notably from the Italian and Turkish.

Since the Greek kingdom was established in 323 there has been a movement toward the ancient idiom. This has resulted again in a gap between spoken and written Greek. The new movement has made such progress, however, that it is not too much to say that a modern newspaper would be more intelligible to Plato.

Not Encouraging.
"I have called," said the hungry looking party with the unshaved hair, "to see if there is a vacancy in your joke department."

"There will be," replied the over-worked editor, "as soon as the office boy gets time to empty the waste basket."

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The Denial of Matter

Written for the Christian Science Monitor

Occasionally a declaration is made good. Christian Science shows that evil is a negation, a mere suppositional absence of good. Failing to perceive this fact, mortals have for ages combated evil as a reality and have been as successful as one might be who violently attacks darkness in a vain effort to dispel it. Just as darkness is extinguished through the presence of the light so, as Christian Science proves, is evil expelled and annihilated by the perception of the infinitude of good. A schoolmaster would not spend any time in actual combat with ignorance, but would diligently present the true facts, which as perceived by the pupil, would automatically displace ignorance. The Master of men said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

But replies the neophyte, does not Mrs. Eddy emphatically assert, in her sole statement of being, that there is no matter? From this query it is evident that the inquirer either is not familiar with Mrs. Eddy's scientific statement of being, or he has failed to grasp the meaning of it. That statement takes up only seven lines in Science and Health, the Christian Science textbook (p. 488), and is as follows:

"There is no life, truth, intelligence nor existence in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestations are God. It is Allgood, omnipotent, omniscient Truth, justice, moral, etc. Such is the pure and essential meaning of the word matter. It is the material, solid, and mortal in the sense that it is not spiritual, intelligent, etc. Therefore man is not material, but spiritual. He is mortal, while in another, his omniscient mind, he is immortal. His mortal body is but the instrument of his material existence, just as the instrument of the spiritual is the soul."—*Science and Health*, p. 488.

The reader will see that this statement does not include the unexplained assertion that "there is no matter," but that matter is connected with the sense and that there is nothing but matter in matter. This is the exact opposite of John in the Isle of Patmos in speaking of the unclean spirits. Mrs. Eddy says, "The testimony of Holy Writ sanctions the fact in defense that the heavens and earth are one human consciousness, that consciousness which God becomes, the infinite, while in another, the omniscient mortal mind, the instrument of the finite, the instrument of the material, solid, and mortal."—*Science and Health*, p. 488.

It is as if she had said, What can be done to bring about a change in the material world?—a manifestation of the divine. This is the interpretation of the allusion of the "mortal life on earth." Fossil bacteria have been discovered in very ancient limestone, estimated by Dr. Charles O. Malott, secretary of the Buttevorth Institution, in Gallatin county, Montana. The bacteria consist of individual cells and appear chains of cells which correspond in their physical appearance with the rocks of interest, a form of bacteria of today. The world has believed that bacteria were simple forms of life. But now we are made to realize that they existed in the days of world history, many millions of years ago.

Health.
Here the question may be asked, by what advantage is the human race to know that we live in a thought world? To this natural and logical inquiry it may be confidently declared that this discovery leads mortals in the open door through which they may escape from the bonds of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The understanding that the body is mental instead of matter points the way to spiritual healing. The body, being mental directly manifests the qualities of the controlling mind. From this it logically follows that the body will be harmonious or otherwise according to the kind of mind that controls it. It is evident that in the degree the Mind of Christ controls the situation, there, in the same degree, harmonic sleep will be expressed on the other hand, the effect on the body will be just the reverse in the degree that the mortal or carnal mind is in control. In other words, to make the practical and logical reasoning, St. Paul, "For he who is carnally minded, is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." In further support we may quote the words of Mrs. Eddy: "For true happiness man must harmonize with the Principle divine. Likewise, the Son must be in accord with the Father, in conformity with Christian Science and Health, p. 223."

Author of "Annie Laurie."
"Annie Laurie" has topical interest for many, since according to the generally accepted story, it was written by a soldier in Flanders to his lady love at home. The writer was William Douglas and Annie Laurie was one of the four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton. Sad to relate, says the Lynden Chronicle, Annie did not marry her ardent lover. Some way Douglas was killed in Flanders, but at all events Annie was led to the altar in 1799 by Alexander Ferguson of Craigdarroch.

ELEVATING.
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