

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 Very Little Actual Labor

A boy band is being organized at Stanberry.

Two Boone county citizens fell out over a 50-cent chicken. The fines and costs footed up something like \$100.

Twenty canning factories in Stone county will put up something like a million dollars worth of tomatoes this fall.

One thousand bushels of cucumbers were delivered to the canning factory station at Livonia on Monday of last week.

Two stacks of wheat were destroyed by lightning Tuesday night on the farm of George Foster, 5 miles east of Edgerton.

A pumpkin vine one thousand feet in length and still growing at the rate of twenty-five a day is the story told from Mountain Grove.

There are two things that will make a blind man see, says the Louisiana Times. One is a well shaped ankle and the other is the other one.

The State Prison Board has ordered that every guard at the state penitentiary who drinks whiskey or visits saloons will be peremptorily discharged.

It cost John Blyden, youthful feudist, \$200 to shoot Guy Hilton, July 17. A jury in Christian county recently found Blyden guilty of the charge of felonious assault.

Honorable mention is given by the Booneville Republican to Rolla Pester, county clerk, who offered a prize of \$1 for the prettiest negro baby shown at the Hancock negro fair.

Around Glasgow there is an immense crop of tomatoes planted before the destruction of the cannery there by fire. A temporary cannery is being operated and curing for the crop.

"You may pass here today, but I'll get you yet." Complete funeral, \$63, is the sten the Allamont Times says it saw in front of an undertaker's establishment at Weatherly.

Sixteen red-headed soldiers were visible at the windows of one passenger coach as a troop train pulled into Mexico one day last week. "They're from Auburn, N. Y.," it was explained.

Children of school age in Holt county, says the Sentinel, number 4,982, including 2,052 boys and 2,930 girls. This is a loss of 1,745 as compared with the enumeration of twenty years ago.

Frank Andrews, the young west side farmer, left a freak stink of corn at this office Saturday, one with myriads of miniature ears on it, enough ears if fully matured to almost fatten an ordinary sized hog.—Hopkins Journal.

When the biggest barn in Laclede county burned the other day 400 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of corn and thirty tons of hay were destroyed. The barn and contents belonged to Dr. F. J. Johnson of Lebanon.

J. W. Hankin, a Bates county stock raiser, who was adjudged insane the other day, had an odd sort of dementia. He was erratic about cattle buying and would grab his shot gun and try to shoot some of his own cattle.

Mystery surrounds the death of William W. Steely, 18 years old, of Ash Grove, whose body was discovered recently in Slaking creek, a half mile south of Everton. Steely had drowned in ten inches of water.

The sale of the 5,500 acres of Ozark land with springs, coveys and marvelous sceneries known as Hahatonka park, is being closed by the Snyder estate to a wealthy New Yorker, who states that he plans it for a private park.

Clay county has just completed the oiling of about ten miles of public highway. Close tabs will be kept on this portion of the public roads and the extension of oiled roads in Clay will depend largely on the outcome of the experiment.

Heading the last contingent sent by Johnson county to Camp Funston was George Edward Pickett, who bears the name of his grand uncle, the noted

Confederate general who commanded the famous charge at Gettysburg.

Without masculine advice or help, Miss Edith McGee of Monroe county has farmed successfully this year fifty-five acres which she planted to corn. Miss McGee is 18 years old and asks no odds of men when it comes to plowing.

"Fighting Fools From the Ozarks" is what a south Missouri contingent of soldiers reaching Ft. Riley last week styled themselves. They had the size and rugged appearance that indicated they could fight all right and were assigned to special work.

Capt. James C. Ewing, of Hopkins, a veteran of the Mexican war of 1885, was unable to attend the barbecue celebration, due to his 94 years, but he sent a message of patriotism which W. A. Blagg read from the speaker's stand.—Maryville Tribune.

Many women are shocked when talking to their husbands, but still the circumstances do not parallel those of a Trenton woman who was shocked under similar conditions. She was talking to her husband over the telephone and lightning struck the wire.

Edgar C. Johnson sold twenty-five tons of alfalfa hay this week for \$24.50 a ton, delivered on the car at Burlington Junction. The sale was made to a dairyman at Bedford. Ed's alfalfa has brought over \$100 an acre this year.—Burlington Junction Post.

Private Archibald F. Reynolds, Company F, First Infantry, was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Nevada, violently deranged. The man had shown no symptoms of insanity previously, his companions say, but became unbalanced during the night.

Hammitt Colvin, who killed Jack Stapp on August 23 last, while engaged in a crap game just across the river from Booneville, plead guilty to first degree murder before the Howard county circuit court last week and was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary.

Secretary of State Sullivan, at Jefferson City, has adopted a new and drastic method of checking the carelessness of automobile drivers. Last week he revoked the license of a Livingston county motorist and the man no longer can drive his car anywhere in Missouri.

Woodson brothers of Steinmetz, Howard county, expect to make 3,000 gallons of sorghum molasses this fall, which will be canned in tin pails. The pulp from the cane will be "canned" in silos for feed for cattle. It is thought the molasses will sell for \$1 per gallon.

Two girls from the county walking along the streets in Sedalia were accosted by a smasher. One girl landed a straight blow on the scamp's jaw, while the other grabbed a handful of potatoes from the basket in front of a grocery store and pelted him as he retreated.

A shotgun's recoil caused the death of Tom Wallace of Carrollton. Mr. Wallace, a man nearly 80 years old, went out in his yard a few days ago to shoot a crow. The gun accidentally discharged, causing the butt of the weapon to strike him in the lower part of the abdomen. Three children survive.

M. M. Baker received word Tuesday of this week from the British government that his son, Ralph Baker, was killed in action in France on September 12. Ralph had lived in Canada for several years and had enlisted with the Canadians for service. He was about 25 years old.—Barnard Bulletin.

Carroll county brides of the present day who are satisfied with nothing less than satin and point lace for wedding gowns, might take a lesson from Margaret Irvan, the first white girl married in the county, says the Carrollton Republican-Record. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father on Wakenda Creek. The bride wore buckskin. The wedding took place in 1829.

If there is any joke about it, the joke certainly is on the Aurora man who a few years ago sold a tract of

land he considered undesirable for cultivation, receiving \$5 an acre for it. He took a trip over the land the other day and found the new owner estimating the 1917 crop yield at \$200 an acre.

One of the largest single apple deals ever consummated in the Ozark fruit region was closed when M. W. Caldwell, a broker of Topeka, Kas., purchased 25,000 barrels of apples in orchards between Springfield and Aurora, paying an average price of \$4 per barrel.

The youngest sheriff in Missouri, Howell R. King of Mississippi county, was caught in the draft for army duty. Although exempted from service by virtue of his office, Sheriff King explained further to the board that he is to be married within a month to a Charleston school teacher.

Three-fourths of a million cases of canned tomatoes is the estimated output of canneries in the Missouri Ozarks for 1917 where many growers will gather more than ten tons of the fruit to the acre. The largest tomato field reported in the Ozark district is near Seymour, where there is one patch of 120 acres.

An interesting motor car race from Kansas City to Chillicothe, the drivers said, was spoiled when the contestants got as far along as Polo, where Mayor Stallings gathered them in and returned them to Cowell, where both were fined for exceeding the speed limit.

The longest letter she ever got in her life was received the other day by a Hopkins woman from her son in Kansas City, and measured just sixty feet from "Dear Mother" to "Your affectionate son." The son is a printer and wrote his letter home on a strip of paper waste an inch wide.

When an unrecorded deed, made sixty-six years ago, was found last week by John I. Mansur, recorder of Ray county, the missing link in a chain of title to valuable farm lands was discovered. The deed was from John Kelsey and wife and conveyed title to Oliver P. Creason. It bore date of April 14, 1851.

Rev. G. W. Hensley brought a bean pod, well filled out, to this office last week, which measured not quite one yard long, lacking about one inch. Rev. Hensley planted a number of hills of these beans and says the bushes are loaded with pods. They are as good to eat as any bean and are called the Yard bean.—Worth County Times.

Merchants in Warrensburg and Johnson county have been notified by the county attorney that prosecutions will follow violations of the Sunday closing law, and that hereafter only drug stores and garages will be permitted to keep open on Sundays. Garages will be allowed to repair motor cars, but must not sell their wares. Drug stores will be permitted to sell drugs only.

W. H. Smith, one of the real farmers of the Franklin district, was here Monday, attending the Sunday school convention, and found time to give us a call that we greatly enjoyed. He told us he sold four loads of corn, for which he realized \$88 per load; he sold at \$2.17 per bushel, and sold only for the purpose of making the record, and in the future some time, he can truthfully tell his grandchildren about selling corn at \$2.17 a bushel.—Holt County Sentinel.

It was like an echo of the past when the other day an old-fashioned open-face horse trader visited Shelbina and began telling how one of his horses could outrun anything in those parts. The difference in opinion that lends zest to poker parties and is wholly responsible for horse races soon arose, and bets were made that a home talent pony could outrun the visitor's entry for half a mile. Such stories always have the same ending and the local sports were left sadder and wiser.

Frank Armstrong, editor of the Missouri Guardsman, who plans to follow the Missouri regiments with his paper and issue it from the trenches, has been quarantined at Camp Clark with the Sixth Regiment, and that's why the second issue was not off the "press" until last Friday. The issue is partly the work of a duplicating machine, reflecting great industry on the part of the staff. It also contains excellent pictures of the men and officers of the regiment.

M. C. Wilson brought four ears of yellow corn to Craig Saturday afternoon that is the finest which L. L. Teare of the Brownfield & Teare Elevator has seen in his twenty years of grain buying. The four ears weighed eight pounds and three of them were fifteen inches long. They are of the Golden Beauty variety. If Holt county can raise enough corn of this kind we will have no fear of a coal shortage as each cob will be almost as

large as a customary stick of wood.—Craig Leader.

A drafted man from Polk county took his favorite double barreled shotgun with him to Camp Funston because he said it would scatter and do more deadly work than a Springfield rifle. Another drafted man took along a washboard to camp because somebody had told him soldiers were compelled to wash their own clothes, as there were no women in camp.

When a circus was at Fredericktown the other day a thunderstorm came up and some timid spectator shrieked "Cyclone!" A stampede followed in which several persons were injured and much personal property was lost or abandoned. Enough hats, side combs, shoes, handkerchiefs and umbrellas were picked up on the lot to have started a rummage sale of respectable proportions.

Through Missouri on a mule was a trip undertaken by a Wayne county girl, 18 years old, when she became angry with her father who had upbraided her. The young woman was well on her way to Belmont when her mule took fright, throwing her. The father was notified that his daughter had been injured and hurried to her. Their differences were settled and the mule trip was abandoned.

A man from Macon was a member of the crew of the oil steamer Piaturia which was torpedoed by a German submarine Sept. 15, and sunk with a loss of eight seamen and the captain. This information is published in an item from New York, whence the oil steamer sailed and where a list is kept of the men serving on the ship. L. B. Lawrence, seaman, was the name and rank of the man from Macon, and dispatches do not state whether he was one of the eight sailors who lost their lives.

The country store at Riggs has quit business and the Sturgeon Leader notes that country stores are disappearing everywhere, their death sentences having been written by motor cars. For fifty years or more the prairies of Missouri have been dotted with country stores, there being every few miles a little shop where staples were obtainable. In these days of motors the farmers no longer are dependent on the limited stocks of these small merchants, but after the day's work is over they spin away to towns where choice is not so restricted.

When Joe Mason, who lives near Liberty, noticed some toads in the well he decided to get 'em. He placed a ladder on what he thought was the bottom of the well and started down. The ladder, however, was merely resting on a protruding rock. It slipped off and Joe fell into ten feet of icy water. Mrs. Mason heard the splash and answered her husband's cry for help. With a neighbor's aid she pulled him up with the windlass, Joe riding the bucket like a miner, but just as the rescuers reached out their hands to yank him to safety the rope broke and he did another dive. Being a good swimmer, he kept afloat until additional help arrived. The toads are still in the water.

A successful race with a train that might have made good in the movies was enacted at Mexico one day last week, when a Fulton boy on his way to Camp Funston with the Callaway county contingent, stepped into a hotel to telephone the home folks and stepped out again, only to learn that the train carrying his fellows was on its way with a start of one minute. Enter the heroína. Miss Helen Wollenman volunteered her car and services and a race with Centralia as a goal began. So swiftly did Miss Wollenman speed over the highways that the train did not have a chance to win, and was overtaken at Thompson, seven miles away. The motor ride from Mexico to Thompson was made in a little less than ten minutes.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of J. W. Dyer, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 2nd day of October, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

TELFORD D. DYER, Executor.

(Seal) A true copy. Attest: Chas. G. Consoidine, Clerk of Probate.

LOCAL MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Attorney S. S. Shull received a letter Tuesday from his nephew, Clyde M. Kirk, of Plattsburg, who is now in the officers' training school at Fort Sheridan. Young Kirk is well pleased with his condition and surroundings.

Walter H. Robinson returned this week from Colorado, where he spent the summer. He is much improved in health.

Fire prevention day will be next Tuesday, and Chief Kane urges that it be properly observed.

Mrs. Eliza F. Cummings, sixty-four years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. F. Reinke, 1014 Henry street, Thursday.

Charles R. Dubois, employed on the work of erecting the contentments at Fort Riley and a former member of the state legislature, who is home on a visit, says that the way the government is putting up the work indicates that universal military training will be a nation future.

The three divisions of the circuit court disposed of about fifty divorce cases Thursday and Friday.

A three day race meeting at Lake Contrary Park will be pulled off Oct. 15, 19 and 20 by the Andrew County Fair Association.

The state fish car reached here yesterday, having on board 25,000 baby black bass which will be placed in the waters of Northwest Missouri.

Dr. E. F. Higdon of Richmond presented his resignation to the board of managers of State Hospital No. 2 at its meeting Thursday. Dr. J. D. Ball of Richmond was named as his successor. Only routine business was transacted.

F. A. Cloyd, an elevator operator at the Wyeth Hardware & Mfg. plant, fell from the second floor down the

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