

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

There are \$1,242,013.81 on deposit in the Trust Port banks.

Getman has been dropped from the curriculum of the La. Plata High school.

The Leader reports that five Plattburgh men have knitted three sweaters complete.

Springfield has adopted a speed limit of fifteen miles an hour but the honest police chief announces that he will not enforce it to the letter.

The Linton Times is delighted to hear that until April 16 we may eat nutmeg on countless days, and naively inquires where we are to get the nutmeg.

St. Louis telephone companies checked up the other day and found that in one day twenty-four thousand persons called "central" to inquire the time.

The Richmond News sometimes is strikingly naive. In reporting that a Ray county woman is 94 years old, for instance, it does not say that she is 94 years young.

One Trenton kid had thirteen cents, another twelve cents. They bought a thrift stamp together and then fought to see in which one's book it should be posted.

The oil company in which Elder A. N. Lindsay of Clinton secured stock, it is reported, has struck a gusher, which, the Linton Times thinks, beats running for governor.

Patrolman Carroll county is just now it is easier to interest its citizens in drilling for oil than in drilling for the home guard. Oil prospectors began work near Tina last week.

The News prints the report that when an Eldorado Springs youth proposed to a girl the other day she replied: "I'm going to wait till the war is over and the red men come home."

The report that one hundred thousand Poles in America wish to raise an army to aid the Allies greatly encourages the Meville League, which believes that many Poles would know a lot of German prisoners.

Harrison county has twice commissioned officers in the army and the Bethany Chapter wants to know if any other rural county in North Missouri can equal its showing, population considered. Harrison county's population in 1916 was 28,466.

Thirteen isn't always an unlucky number. Down at Springfield, 12 teams solicited subscriptions for the Young Women's Christian Association. The first day \$1,395 was secured and the second day a like sum. On the second day 13 persons gave \$10 each and 12 gave \$5 each.

Truly, the world do move. An Edison moving picture machine has been installed in the Baptist church at Paris, Monroe county, and instead of a regular Sunday service the first night thereafter a Barton Holmes traveling was given before a packed house at the close of a short sermon.

A span of 29-year-old mules sold for \$425 at a sale near Dover a few days ago. Imagination tells when one wonders what was the age of the mule which strayed on the railroad track at Centralia last week, for the loss of which the man who owned it is suing for only \$215.

St. Louis last week submitted to Washington proofs that it is not a German city—that Milwaukee, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland rank far ahead of it in percentage of German-born residents, while Boston, New York, Detroit and Cleveland have larger percentages of foreign born residents of all kinds.

The stockholders of the Chamola Milling company were made glad exceedingly this week when they received their checks for dividends for the year 1917. This milling company earned 50 per cent for 1917 as against 5 per cent for 1916, or an increase of 95 per cent in favor of 1917.—Chamola News.

Set your mind at ease—the cold weather is over. Old timers inform the Monett Times that as there were

no thunderstorms in February there will be no severe cold in March. But had there been thunderstorms in February there would have been frosts on the same dates of March.

E. J. Deane, of Mexico, was sentenced to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary following Deane's conviction by a jury last week on a charge of offering dope to men within the draft. Deane was convicted on a charge of offering to place drugs in the eyes of a Mexico man that would make him physically unfit for the army.

"Do you think a man who is used to pitching hay all day into a gasoline hauler would be any good as a soldier?" asked Gerhard P. Gilmore of Dade county, 21 years old and six feet two in his stockings, as he stood before a Springfield recruiting officer. "Just give me a chance to do a fair share of fighting for the folks at home." And he will get the chance, all right.

One of the oddest thefts on record is reported from Green county where a farmer delivering his oats to Springfield left thirty bushels stacked in his field over night. Or rather, he left them part of the night for when he went out to get them, early next morning he found some one had been there ahead of him and hauled them away.

The school children of Trenton make citizens in the postoffice and make them buy thrift stamps. Besides helping the government, the Republican reports, they are abating a nuisance. Some persons who need to better the postoffice clerks from seven to ten times a day now come in only once or twice, and then sneak in and out in a hurry.

It isn't often that Uncle Sam makes a mistake, but it has just been discovered that two patents are in existence to the same 120 acre tract of land in St. Clair county, one having been issued in 1858, and the other in 1891.

The land office frankly admits its inability to adjust the matter and a suit in federal court will have to be brought to determine where the title rests.

The newspaper feud in Butler is getting arduous. "Anyone who objects to the purchase of flax by the county court should be taken to the court house and made to kiss the flag," asserts the Democrat, meaning, "The punishment is too mild," retorts the Republican-Press. "To really punish pro-Germans, they should be made to kiss the editor of the Democrat."

David S. Ansell, well known Maryville resident, is going to give Mr. Hoover a lift this summer in his conservation plans and on Saturday, March 3, planted potatoes in his (not Hoover's) garden and expects to have early spuds to use in making potato war bread. Mrs. Ansell, who is also an expert gardener, will plant peas this week.

Flying cadet, J. W. Hensley, of the Fort Omaha, Neb., Aviation school, "hit" in Henry Buedeker's field, west of his house, last Thursday afternoon. He left Omaha at 10:29 a. m. and came to earth near here at 5:29, being five hours in the air. His maximum height being 4,500 feet. His register showed that Parnell is 200 feet higher than Fort Omaha.—Parnell Sentinel.

At Macon quite a crowd assembled at the station in a pouring rain to see a contingent enroute for Camp Funston. As the train pulled out a well dressed young woman gave an agonized shriek which prompted a companion to soothingly remark, "Never mind, honey, he'll come back." "Tain't that," she said. "I got under that darned leak and the water ran right down my back. Gee, I feel like I been in swimmin'."

The Aurora borealis last week reminded Bill Kapp of this story, which by intuition he credits to a state normal professor. The professor asked of the bonhead in the class: "What causes the aurora borealis?" The B. H. studied and scratched his pate for an idea, finally declaring that he knew but had forgotten. "Too bad! Too bad!" exclaimed the sarcastic prof. "The only man who ever knew

what caused the aurora borealis and he has forgotten! Too bad! Too bad!"

A man harnessed to a cart and wearing horseshoes nailed to his boots to aid in climbing hills, used to visit Southwest Missouri towns a few years ago as a huckster and peddler. He was known as "George, the man horse." But war prosperity has struck George. The Enterprise reports that the other day he drove into Shelton with two horses which, tandem fashion, drew two vehicles.

Something new in the way of church benefit entertainments was a mock chauntauqua, continuing through several days, presented by a Christian Endeavor society in LaBelle. Numerous celebrities were mimicked and the fact that the attendance grew from day to day is evidence that the performers really were entertaining.

Edgar White, of Macon, who used to be a court reporter and keeps track of such things, is authority for the news that a Monroe County man who has sued his wife for divorce mentions several male friends of hers, and then candidly says "there is another party whom the plaintiff would name in this petition but for fear the said party would kill this plaintiff."

Newspapers published in a dozen different counties in which community seed corn test are made report that about 50 per cent of the corn tested fails to germinate. That means any farmer who fails to test his seed corn this year is running the risk of doing half his planting for nothing, and seems to prove that any farmer who wants to lose money fast can do so by deciding it isn't worth while to go to the trouble of testing.

Alfred F. Klose, who described himself as a traveling accountant, appearing before the district appeals board at St. Louis to ascertain how he could enter military service, asserted that since registering for the draft last June he has been physically examined and rejected forty-five times. He asserted he was examined nine times in St. Louis, eleven in Detroit, eight in Pittsburgh, six each in Chicago and Peoria, two each in New York and Toledo, and once in Camden, N. J.

T. H. Dorsey has in his possession a peculiar and unusual article, in the shape of a dried or petrified potato. Away back in 1859 when he was in the grocery business, one of his heavy old books was accidentally placed on a potato and was not moved for several years. Instead of the potato rotting it became pressed and dried and hardened, and today it is in a good state of preservation.—Albany Ledger.

Following are the first five paragraphs under the heading, "About People," in the Seymour Citizen—and the others are like unto them:

Young brood soon for sale. Doc Morton and wife of Hartsville spent Sunday at home. For Sale—Two lots in Puryear Grove, in cultivation. Good fence around them. Donate to the Red Cross sale. Spare something for a good cause. For Sale—Eggs from prize winning Brown Leghorn hens.

Presumably Warrensburg's mayor is another who does not consider the farm labor situation hopeless and insinuates a hardworking tiller of the soil will manage to make a little profit in spite of food price fixing. The Star-Journal says: "Not satisfied with a few thousand acres of Montserrat township already his own, Mayor W. J. Hayes and his son, Pats E. Hayes, on Saturday bought from George B. Boyd 120 acres which joins their big ranch on the south."

Just as everybody was feeling happy the Springfield Republican the other day officially killed the peach crop of the Brandeville-Koehnkeong district, which produces the finest peaches that ever were on land or sea. The Republican says the growers have given up all hope for a crop this year and have begun working for a record crop next year. But there are optimistic people who believe the peach crop is killed two or three times every year just to bull the price.

Timely reminder from the Linn County Budget: Last Sunday your boy was out with two other youngsters, each with a handful of stones and trying to kill a robin. If we are mistaken about it being your son whom we saw, perhaps he was up to the same mischief somewhere else. But, anyhow, it would be well to speak to him about it, for killing, or even trying to harm a robin or any other friendly songbird is a reflection upon the whole family.

Though David Alvin Smiley, the American soldier who carried a wounded officer through the German barrage in the recent Hun raid and later was decorated by Premier Clemenceau, enlisted in St. Louis, Hannibal is telling the world that he is a Hannibal boy. Mark Twaintown has been his home the last six years. With the first air hero a West Plains boy and the first trench hero a Hannibal boy,

it looks as if Pershing will have no reason to be ashamed of his native state.

A Springfield merchant was victimized by a young woman of good family from a neighboring town who bought goods and gave in payment a check which was worthless. A warrant was issued for the woman, but the merchant insisted on handling the case himself, which he did in a very sensible fashion. With the warrant, he went to the young woman's home and placed her under a nominal arrest, taking her to his home in Springfield, where she remained as his guest until her family made good the amount of the check.

Net profit of more than \$450 per acre was made by one apple grower of the Ozark district during the season of 1917, according to a report on co-operative orchard work which has been compiled by Ashleigh P. Boles, horticultural agent, and D. E. Eicher, assistant horticultural agent, of the department of development of the Frisco. Reports of many orchardists showed net profits of more than \$300 per acre. Varieties of apples which were most profitable, the reports indicated, were the Jonathan, Ben Davis and York Imperial.

Mrs. Mary E. Collett, who lives on Edgewood Farm, two miles south of Richards, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Ueberrhein, has given twenty near relatives to the war, says the Richards Progress. All are or were in the English army with the exception of two, who enlisted in America. Three have already given their lives, one nephew, a lieutenant, receiving his death wound while leading his men to the very edge of a German trench. All the other relatives are nephews, except two grandsons, who enlisted in this country.

An Arizona man says that in addition to telling the age of the tree, the rings in the growth are a correct record of the weather conditions prevailing during the life of the tree. Coming as it does from a state where a man can travel for days without seeing a tree big enough to tie his broncho to, this sounds just a little bit hollow; but we trust it is true. And if it is in the future when the differences arise, as they always do, between the oldest inhabitants with reference to the coldest winter and the hottest summer, it will only be necessary to go out, cut-down a blackjack tree and bring it before the assembled rest club jury to get a decision.—Aurora Light.

TEXAS STRAWBERRIES ARE HERE

The Texas strawberry is here and may be had on the market at 20 cents for a pint box with a high bottom. And here is Judge Duncan's ode to the March strawberry:

Oh, tempting berry! How you smile And with your ruddy cheeks beguile Your pocketbook that can not stand The sweet enchantment for a while! We love you much, and yet we fear That you are not for us, my dear! When you are from a foreign land Your price-mark doth offend our ear! How well we wot of days to come When we will have you going some With shortcakes morning, noon and night, Until your picture strikes us dumb! When we can buy a bushel for The price of one sour berry, or Can pluck you in your native plight Oh, then we'll love you, berry, more!

GO THE LIMIT

Jones occupied an office in common with Smith. One afternoon Jones was writing a letter when he paused and became very thoughtful. "Say, Jim," he finally remarked, glancing across at the other, "how do you spell 'graphic' with one 'f' or two?" "Well, responded Jim, who didn't want to hurt Jones' feelings, "if you are going to use any, Sam, I guess you might go the limit."

A LOCK OF HAIR

Patience—I gave Phil a lock of my hair last night and he was crazy about it. Phyllis—Pshaw! Why didn't you give him the whole switch? It's time you changed the shade again, anyway.

An Everlasting Struggle With Fate

make booze "quit" you by the help of the "SEAL WAY." Don't repeat that same old lie, "I can leave booze alone," told by some of your former friends whom booze has left ALONE in the insane asylum, penitentiary or Potter's field. Don't longer neglect your duty to self, family and business associates. Spend three days in the privacy of the home under the care of your own physician or at the Seal Institute, No. 202 North 24th Street, St. Joseph, Mo. (Main 6095), and DON'T PAY A CENT unless you are satisfied at end of treatment. 60 Seal Institutes in Principal Cities.

NOW WILL THE HOWLERS PLEASE SUBSIDE?

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forward the work of the state government in that period.

Found Irregularities Necessary "We therefore find that, although the transactions in which D. C. McClung and Lee Jordan were involved were irregular, they were absolutely necessary at the time for protection of the interests of the state, and that not only was there no offense against the laws of the state committed by either or both of them, but we are satisfied, after examination of numerous documents and many witnesses, and in these cases there was a total lack of any criminal intent.

"Therefore, having gone fully into these matters and finding no evidence upon which we believe convictions might be had upon a trial in the circuit court, we felt we would not be justified in and therefore have not returned any indictments."

Thus again has the work of plotters been foiled and rotten work of dirty newspapers exposed.

A MYSTERIOUS FIRE

The Berry Foundry Engaged in Government Work is Burned at a Late Hour Monday.

A mysterious blaze which started late Monday night and concluded the work of destruction early Tuesday morning, put the great foundry of the Berry brothers out of commission for some weeks to come and thereby delays government work on which it has been engaged for months. The fire was peculiar in its origin and up to the present has not been explained. It was 11 o'clock Monday night when a night watchman saw a small blaze break out in one corner of the main plant. As he dashed toward it to turn in a fire alarm flames broke out at four or five other points and almost immediately the great structure which covers a block of ground was in flames. The firemen worked until nearly daylight before the fire was under complete control, but with that, the structure, materials and machinery was a wreck and a loss.

The loss on building and machinery is estimated at about \$50,000, on which there is insurance to cover. The plant employed about 125 men. The energy of the Berry Brothers is shown by the fact that before the fire was out they had arranged to begin rebuilding a more elaborate plant than the one that was then burning.

THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

The young hopeful of 4 years had been a source of continual vexation and trouble through the meal, and at its finish a woman friend turned to the child's mother and said: "If your boy belonged to me I shouldn't stand so much of his nonsense at meal times. I should give him a thrashing." "But," said the mother, "you can't spank the poor little fellow on a full stomach." "No," said her friend, "but you can turn him over."

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, May Term, A. D., 1918. State of Missouri, County of Buchanan, ss. Nellie Tracie, Plaintiff vs. Charles Tracie, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorneys and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Circuit Court that said defendant, Charles Tracie, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from defendant on the ground of indignities such as to render her condition as his wife intolerable, it is to-wit: that defendant was an excessive user of intoxicating liquors and came home every few nights late from his work and in an intoxicated condition; that on such occasions and in the presence of their minor son, he was very abusive, calling plaintiff vile and indecent names; that defendant has struck plaintiff and at one time discolored the entire side of her face and neck from a blow delivered with his powerful fist and arm; that he repeatedly told plaintiff that he did not care for her and told her that he preferred a class of women whose habits were vile than the commonest class of prostitutes; that unless the said defendant, Charles Tracie, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of Saint Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 6th day of May, 1918, or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in The St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next May, 1918, term of this court.

A copy, Attest, ROSS C. COX, Clerk.

By Stella Whitehead, Deputy Clerk, Sherman & Owen, Attorneys for Plaintiff.



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WHILE HE COULD

Mr. MacTavish Took no Chances After the Feast Had Got Started

Mr. MacTavish attended a christening where the hospitality of the host knew no bounds except the several capacities of the guests. In the midst of the celebration Mr. MacTavish rose up and made the rounds of the company, bidding each a profound farewell. "But, Sandy, man," objected the host, "you're not goin' yet, with the evenin' just started?" "Nay," said the prudent MacTavish. "I'm no' goin' yet. But I'm tellin' ye good night while I know ye all."

HE BELIEVED IN SIGNS

An elderly farmer hitched his team to a telegraph post. "Here," exclaimed the policeman, "you can't hitch there." "Can't hitch there," "Well, why have you a sign up, 'Fine for Hitching?'" Secretary Baker did not have the thrill of even a decent U-boat scare.

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