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

If eggs continue to decline in price the Macon Republican is quite hopeful we may yet have an Easter.

According to the Nevada Herald, Guy Lindley Gist of Vernon county is the proud possessor of ten living grandparents.

The trial of Jesse Wemley for the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Elizabeth Clements, was held in Liberty last week and resulted in a verdict of 20 years in the pen for the defendant.

Forty-six head of mules, sold at auction at Auxvasse, averaged $318 apiece, which is a record price for that number being sold at auction in Callaway county. One span brought $760 and the forty-six head brought $14,298.

The Pleasant Hill Times tersely tells about it this way: "A fast male pig tried a race with the Missouri Pacific fast mail near Warrensburg the other day. But piggie was out of luck. Sausage."

James Pistole, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Hopkins, is one of the oldest subscribers of the Democrat-Forum, having taken the paper when it was established in 1869 and which was known then as the Nodaway Democrat.

A Missouri bred turkey raised by Mrs. Jesse T. McMahan of Blackwater, at the recent Missouri Stock and Poultry show won first prize and sweepstakes over a previous first Tom at Madison Square Garden, New York.

According to the Springfield Leader a unique horseshoeing demonstration is to be given at Seligman Saturday. A horse is to be shod with silver, the metal for the shoes having come from the silver mines now being developed near Seligman, it is said.

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Linn county occurred at Brookfield Sunday morning when the Francis building went up in smoke, causing a loss of approximately $70,000. The building which was comparatively new had been erected at a cost of $30,000, and was insured for $10,000.

A Springfield woman sued her husband for a divorce. He proved in court that she said an insurance agent with whom she went on a joy ride to the James River had the "sweetest kisses of any man she had ever kissed." That settled it. She got the divorce.

The Cass County Democrat mournfully admits that, after all, Harrisonville will have to wait a while longer for that fine new government building. When the bids were opened it was found that the contractor with the lowest bid was $10,000 above the appropriation.

A big gray wolf, resting in the weeds beside the road five miles north of Paris, jumped up and ran from children coming home from Sinzer school Thursday. He seemed to be as badly frightened as the children themselves. He had previously been seen from the windows of the school building.

There are 600 patients at the Colony of Feeble Minded at Marshall, according to a recent report gotten out by the board of managers. Dr. R. P. C. Wilson, formerly of Platte City, is in charge of this institution and is making good.

The Butler Times reports that when workmen commenced tearing down an old frame house in Butler that was built at the close of the Civil war, much of the dimension lumber and sheathing was found to be in as good condition as when put into the building.

According to the Springfield Leader, an Ava canning concern has announced that it will pay Douglas county farmers a minimum price of 70 cents per hundred pounds for tomatoes this year. If a bonus is decided upon they will get this in addition to the contract price.

Frank Robbins butchered a hog this week that weighed 950 pounds. A Craig man who helped him with the job said the hog was so big that it took two men to lift its head. A man would have a "fat" chance stealing a ham from this porker and making off with it, what Frank?—Craig Leader.

As a general thing the many wolf drives in Missouri have not been very successful this winter because of the wily ways of the wolf, but the Lexington Herald tells of one in that neighborhood which bagged six full grown wolves. The drive covered about sixty square miles.

"Employees of the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company in Carthage are planning a co-operative store to be owned entirely by the employees of the company," reports the Joplin Globe. "The store will be located near the company's offices and will be ready for operation about May 1."

Saturday night at a regular meeting of the DeKalb I. O. O. F. Lodge, Joseph P. Gaunt and Garrett W. Veach were each presented with a 50-year jewel in remembrance of their half century membership in this organization. The presentation speech was made by T. F. Freeman, noble grand of the DeKalb lodge.

"On Wednesday of last week a number of farmers in the vicinity of Concordia met and organized the Concordia Co-Operative Company," notes the Concordian. "The company will handle feed, seed and live stock. There are 127 shareholders, 200 shares of $25 each having been sold."

Albert H. Boudrie, a young man of Carrollton, robbed the Rosengreen jewelry store at Seymour of a $45 gold watch one day last week. Boudrie looked at the watches, decided which one he wanted and then took it by holding the clerk at bay at the point of a gun. He made his escape but was arrested at Powersville and now is in the Wayne county jail.

Willis Landis, near Victor, was unconscious many hours and seriously injured, near Victor, Sunday, by an auto tire exploding. He had just finished pumping it up and was removing the jack when the casing bursted with a loud report. The concussion bruised his face and knocked him unconscious.

Mrs. F. B. Peebles, who runs a rooming house at Kansas City, hid her diamonds, valued at near $2,000, in a box of sawdust Thursday morning, then went on an errand downtown. When she returned late in the afternoon the sawdust still was in the box. The police are looking for the diamond thief.

The Rosendale correspondent to the Savannah Reporter says that the local miller is living high off prime catfish that he did not have to trouble to angle for. When his water wheel stopped not long ago, shutting off his power, he investigated and found the cause to be a 20-pound catfish.

A Sedalia paper reports that some time ago a Sedalia man was asked by his local bank to pay a note he owed. He wrote a letter to the cashier accusing the bank president of being pro-German, whereupon the bank president sued him for libel. When the case was tried last week the man came so near proving his charge that the jury decided nobody had been libeled.

The Grundy County Gazette reports a call recently from Uncle Lyman Shaw, 89 years old and still very active, who is one of a pair of twins who are probably the oldest in the state. The twin, Hyman Shaw, is as hale as Uncle Lyman, and the brothers make it a point to always spend a part of each year together. Mr. Shaw has been a resident of Grundy county fifty-two years.

The new state capitol has been completed, according to the final report of the state capitol commission board. The cost of the building itself was $3,591,671.24, the purchase of additional ground took $190,987.34 and the cost of the furnishings was $261,544.71. Almost $3,000,000 was expended on the superstructure of the building. Architects' fees amounted to a little more than $200,000. The carpets and draperies cost about $50,000.

Down in Fulton the other day the county officials were surprised to hear the strains of well played violin music above the rattle of a passing fire clay wagon. The Gazette says that upon investigation they found one Jack Coats, a negro teamster, driving with the lines between his knees, playing away right heartily on his "fiddle," some real music. He explained that he had such a long haul that he always helped the time pass pleasantly by fiddling.

In the Mexico Intelligencer, W. W. Johnson is warning persons not to pass through his pasture and asking mothers to see that their children are kept out. The reason is the presence there of a big buffalo bull which weighs about 1,700 pounds and which he will keep in his park in Mexico. He recently obtained the animal from government authorities in Yellowstone Park and is expecting two buffalo cows soon from the same source to found a herd.

"Some time ago," relates the Fayette Advertiser, "Thomas F. Faucett, living near Centralia, missed one of his pigs. About forty days later he was cleaning up around the stable and found it fastened in between a gate and some lumber, still alive, though it had been exposed to all the cold and snow. It was very weak when rescued, but a few days' care and feeding put it back on its feet and it is now in a fair way to bring Mr. Faucett a good price if he cares to sell it."

"When the home of William Chitwood, three miles out in the country, was destroyed by fire recently, after vain efforts on the part of volunteer fire fighters to save it, the home of A. J. Bobb, about fifty feet distant, caught, and the intrepid firemen first tried to smother the flames with wet blankets, and finding that that was not availing, formed in military company formation and pelted the sides of the threatened building with snowballs until the fire was out," relates the Joplin Globe.

According to the Excelsior Springs Standard, coal is to be mined within a mile of Excelsior Springs, and work on sinking the shaft will begin soon. It is expected that coal can be delivered by September 1. The shaft will be sunk on the Jesse Williams farm, where a 24-inch vein of coal has been located, 200 feet below the surface.

The Glasgow Missourian notes that a new destroyer, soon to be completed, will be named Roper, in memory of Lieut. Com. Jesse Roper, a Glasgow boy. He was in command of the Petrel in Manila Harbor in 1901 when a fire broke out near the magazine. He was nearly suffocated trying to control the fire, was brought up and revived, but insisted upon returning to rescue some of his men who were overcome. All the men were saved, but Commander Roper.

Perhaps it is just as well that the horse and his near kin are passing on. The Missouri Cash Book notes that a bad runaway was caused recently by the flight of an airplane over Jackson, and adds: "Years ago the farmers were pestered to death with runaways when city men invaded country roads on those old high-wheeled bicycles that were such a terror to horses; then traction engines took their turn, and then automobiles, and now——"

Edward McHenry, a New London soldier newly back from France, related a strange coincidence recently to the Ralls County Record. He said that one day on shipboard he saw a man he thought was a former acquaintance of New London and shouted to him: "Hello, Bill Thompkins," to which the man responded cordially, but showed he was puzzled. It then developed that he was Bill Thompkins all right, but had never been in New London or seen McHenry before. He came from Pennsylvania.

"An agreement was reached recently by the four stockholders of the Rankin Farms Corporation whereby their fifteen thousand acres in this county near Fairfax were distributed to the four stockholders according to a division originally made before the corporation was formed in 1907," relates the Tarkio Avalanche. "At that time the corporation took over the large land interests of David Rankin and has conducted a very large farming business since. It has farmed over twenty thousand acres of fine farming land in this county and was famous through the entire country for its large operations in corn raising and stock feeding."

"If you should be awakened in the still hours of the night by the tooting of bells and the ringing of whistles, and see a little Henry Ford come puffin' down the street with a little red Hooten Nanny tied on behind, don't get executed," warns the Leeton Times. "It will be the Leeton Fire Department for Leeton is now the owner of a chemical fire-fighting machine. It occupies a stall at Shy's Garage, but we are unable to learn just who the members of the department are." This need not worry the Times if the city will do as they used to do in Higginsville—keep a dollar under glass near the apparatus as a prize for the man arriving first to bring it out.

According to the Springfield Leader, John I. Wilson, former sheriff of one of the White River counties, is the pearl king of White River whose profit this year on pearls is $12,000 and that at a time when floods made pearl hunting difficult. Three years ago he made his first attempt at pearl fishing equipped with a wife, a flat bottom boat and a pair of tongs with ten foot handles with which he brought mussels up from the bed of the stream. That year he sold fifty tons of shell to button factories and found 120 pearls of varying size, weight and color. The finest of these he disposed of to foreign buyers for $3,680. His wife began a necklace with the smaller ones. The next year Wilson cleaned up about $7,000 and his wife added nearly two hundred very beautiful pearls to her string. This year, Wilson's success was the talk of the whole river country for he sold $1,000 worth of shells and $9,000 worth of pearls in addition to one unusually fine gem that brought $2,700. Besides Mrs. Wilson got enough medium sized gems to complete the necklace now valued at $6,000. Wilson's search was confined to the White River from Newport north into Missouri.

The old J. A. McDonald home at 206 East Colorado avenue, was almost completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

THE CLAIMS OF IRELAND

The Knights of Columbus Pass Resolutions Asking That the Irish People be Given Recognition.

At the last meeting of St. Joseph Council No. 571 of the Knights of Columbus held here, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, America entered into the world war to vindicate these great principles: A world made safe for democracy and the inherent right of nations, big and little, to govern themselves; and

"Whereas, America in her hour of extremity had no truer or more loyal friend than Ireland and no more valiant and valuable defenders than those of Irish blood; and

"Whereas, one of the basic principles enunciated by President Wilson as the basis of a just peace is that the people of all nations forming a separate and distinct race in any country have the right of self-determination in the creation of the administering power within their borders to the end that the power of government may conform to their ideas of justice and freedom, thereby preventing their subjection by governments or peoples foreign to their race and ideals; and

"Whereas, the representatives of the nations now sitting at the peace conference at Versailles have accepted this axiomatic political truth as the foundation stone of a just and lasting peace; and

"Whereas, the Irish people have recently held their constituted assembly in their ancient capitol, which assembly declared that the Irish people, having the right of self-determination, therefore declared to the world that the power of governing them can only be exercised by their consent; and

"Whereas, said assembly appointed its duly accredited delegates to present to the International Peace Conference at Versailles the claim of the Irish people to recognition in the league of nations; therefore be it

"Resolved by St. Joseph Council No. 571, Knights of Columbus, that the representatives of the people of the United States now assembled at the peace conference be, and hereby are, urged to present to the said conference the claim of the people of Ireland to their right of self-government as expressed by the Irish people; and be it further

"Resolved, That our United States Senators and member of Congress be requested to give their earnest support to the Gallagher resolution now pending in the Senate of the United States."

MANY EXAMINATIONS HELD

The Tarkio Postoffice the Best Plum of Those Sought for Wednesday.

The local civil service board had a busy day Wednesday when a number of civil service examinations for various divisions of the service were held.

The Tarkio postoffice which pays a salary of $2,000 per year, was the juiciest plum and there were five strong contestants for the place. Their papers were sent to Washington that night for examination. Those who took the examination were Thomas J. Davis, Charles E. Benham, George F. Long, Walter A. Millier and Eva L. Marsh.

Another examination held was that for cadets for the Annapolis Naval Academy, in which there were three entries. This examination requires two full days.

Another examination held was that for veterinarian and lay inspector in the bureau of animal industry, and there were a number who took the examination.

On March 8th there will be a rural free delivery examination given for routes out of the St. Joseph and Halls offices.

ENSWORTH TO GET A SHARE

Ensworth Deaconess Hospital is to come in for a share of the national fund for hospitals, which will soon be distributed. Thirty-eight hospitals in the United States will receive aid from the centenary fund, and St. Joseph is one of the number. The directors of the institution propose to build a new hospital here which shall cost in the neighborhood of $200,000.

Perhaps Don't Want Them

A great deal of excitement and worry is being expended concerning getting jobs for the boys when they come home. We trust that military training and service will have changed many of the boys and that they will appreciate these efforts. But if many are anything like they were before the war, they won't want a job.—Platte County Landmark.

Mrs. Francis Henry Hill has completed arrangements whereby the Pavley-Oukrainsky Russian ballet and Little Symphony will appear at the Auditorium April 2.

Mrs. Margaret Radford, who has been dangerously ill for a long time, died Monday afternoon. She was forty-five years of age and was the wife of the late C. D. Radford. The funeral occurred Wednesday.

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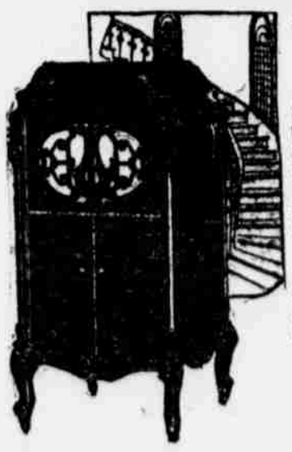

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