

# 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

The Daily Herald reminds us that it isn't every pocketbook that has a silver lining.

The Linn County Budget wonders why when you find the moth hole the moth is always gone.

Beethoven composed masterpieces after he was deaf, but the St. Joseph Gazette thinks our musicians compose theirs just before.

The Burlington Junction Post asserts that one nice thing about stepping at a hotel is that you don't have to wash the tub after taking a bath.

It is asserted that the Germans of St. Louis have invested about \$20,000,000 in German marks, and the mark is down below the one cent value and still sinking.

Clearmont has decided to have a three-day picnic again this year, and the time has been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 5, 6 and 7.

Most of us remember being shocked when Maryville bloomer girls rode down the street. We hesitate to speculate on what they would wear if they rode bicycles these days.—Nodaway Democrat Forum.

John Hartman is the oldest native citizen in Platte City, who has never moved away from the old home town. He has spent all of his seventy-three years in the county seat.

Last year, the Holden Chautauque guarantors went in the hole \$400 and were assessed \$5.50 each to make up the deficit. This year the eighty guarantors were assessed \$8.50 each.

Mrs. Ada Fletcher, 42 years old, who lives near Springfield, is the first woman to be arrested in Green county charged with operating a moonshine still. The still and 100 gallons of moon were found when her house was raided.

Sheriff Joseph M. Egan, a member of the Egan family of Ray county, has a history bottom chair which has been in possession of his family for 125 years. It was brought from Kentucky in 1787 and still is in excellent repair.

Marshall has just completed her new swimming pool and it has been opened to the public. It is said to be one of the largest in the state and is fitted up so it can be used for skating purposes in the winter.

Ralph Henderson of 608 Powell street, St. Joseph, was delivering a tractor Thursday and at the Sam Hays farm just west of this city Thursday morning about 11 o'clock, a leak in the gasoline tank which had

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gotten into the dust pan, became ignited from some cause. Mr. Henderson received some severe burns on the face and arms and his clothing was badly burned. Dr. E. F. Kearney was called and dressed the wounds, and the injured man left for his home on No. 20.—Mound City Journal.

A "light wine and beer club" has been formed in Cooper county with a membership of about 80 persons. A similar club was organized in Columbia recently.

As we go to press today the drill is pounding away at a depth of 1,600 feet. Wednesday afternoon the drill penetrated a second vein of lead and zinc formation similar to the one struck several days ago.—Dearborn Democrat.

A lot of 50 silk shirts and 3,000 pairs of silk socks was found snugly hidden underneath the Pickle Dish Bridge by road workers recently. The package was turned over to the Wash freight agent, to be traced.—Moderly Democrat.

There is a town in Taney county where grapes are grown by the wholesale and not much jelly is made and where stills are supposed to furnish the bulk of the moonshine, which is called Oasis. This for the benefit of those who might be interested to know.

At least there is one Missouri family that has done its best by the race. According to the Monroe City News, there were 123 members of the Pike family when they held a family reunion recently three miles west of Indian Creek.

Four Warrensburg physicians who treated a sick woman without curing her, have been sued for \$25,000 damages by the woman and her husband upon the allegation that treatment by the defendants was injurious.

"There goes a man whom a half-dozen doctors gave up," the observer of the passerby said to us the other day as he pointed out a citizen going along the street. "What is the matter with him?" we asked. "He won't say his bills."—Clinton County Democrat.

After this Liberty can date everything from the time of the cyclone. A small twister dropped in for a visit the other night and left a path of broken trees from the court house to William Jewell college, the biggest damage being done to the court house and Jewell hall. In one place 71 blackbirds were found dead.

The Brashear News reports the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore of Brashear. They came to Missouri from Wisconsin at a time when the country was prairie and timber and there were no roads. Of the twelve children born to them all but one grew to maturity.

W. B. Coverdell brought a large cow to this office Monday for exhibition that weighed 1 1/2 pounds and measured 14 1/2 inches around the long way and 12 1/2 inches the short way. It was the first year brought us this season.—Worth County Times.

Nodaway county spent \$276,176 for teachers to teach in the county last year, according to a report made by county superintendent Leslie G. Somerville. The total number of white students enrolled during the year was 7,151 and 293 colored children.

The Buffalo Blade reports the presence of an apple tree which is 80 years old on the Bennett farm in Dallas county and still bearing the normal quantity and quality of fruit. It is a survivor of an orchard put out in 1840 and the Blade sees in the old tree a rival for those put out by early settlers in Virginia.

Henry Boatner, a farmer living near Monroe City, has received a 160,000 rouble Russian bill from his brother, Dr. D. N. Boatner of New York City. During the reign of the czar the bill would have been worth \$77,000. At the present rate of exchange it is practically worthless.

"A professor has discovered among some ancient ruins what is supposed

to be the eleventh commandment," reports the Odessa Democrat. "The text is as follows: 'Thou shalt not be a docr ton tlaht uoh!' The commandment is easily translated by beginning at the end of the sentence and reading backward.

Richard M. Johnson, brother of the late Lieutenant Governor Charles P. Johnson, was almost instantly killed when he fell or jumped from a second-story window of a private hospital at St. Louis Thursday. Johnson, about 80 years old, was ambassador to China under President Grant and previous to that served as circuit attorney of St. Louis.

A man living in the suburbs of Springfield, who raised a lot of water-melons, relates it that being forced to be away from home a day, he pulled ten nice ones and piled them under a tree in the front yard with a sign stating that they were ten cents apiece, two for 15. When he reached home that night, he found the melons all gone and the money, ten cents straight, all piled up on his door step.

Three young unmasked men held up the Bank of Hollister, two miles south of Branson, Tuesday. They locked Cashier Stafford, a woman assistant and a state bank inspector, who was checking up the bank at the time, in the vault, took \$3,000 and drove south into Arkansas in a motor car.

"There was some compensation for the heat we have been having recently," declares the Fayette Advertiser. "The negro janitor of the building and his four or five talking pals found the iron rail in front too hot for convenient sitting and we were given the privilege of hearing ourselves think—without the danger of an intermingling of the conversation from the street with our heavy editorials."

William Sacks, light wine and beer candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator, expended \$13,355.55 in his unsuccessful race at the August primary. Sacks' statement filed with the secretary of state says of this amount \$3,217.35 was expended for services and expense of those aiding in his campaign.

There was not as large an attendance of survivors of Quantrell's band at their twenty-fifth annual reunion, last Friday and Saturday, in the grove at the home of J. B. Wallace, 8607 Independence road, as in former years. Death has rapidly thinned the ranks of the old guerillas of 1861. Only about twelve or fifteen of the followers of Quantrell are living. Most of them reside in Jackson county.

Because of the refusal of T. Speed Mosby to accede to his request and resign as state beverage inspector, effective on September 15, it is expected that Governor A. M. Hyde will appoint his successor and have proceedings instituted in the supreme court to try to gain this end. Attorneys well versed in court decisions in the state express the belief that Governor Hyde's plan to secure Mosby's office in this manner will fail because such action would not be good public policy.

Charles Pollock, who gave the name of Chas. Copeland when arrested five weeks ago in the railroad yards in St. Louis on a charge of having attempted to put enemy dust in the grease cups of a locomotive, pleaded guilty Tuesday to contempt of court in violating a federal strike injunction and was fined \$500 and sentenced to three months in jail by Federal Judge English.

Kansas City has absorbed 47,000 acres of Jackson county land since 1900. In 1900, \$59,900 of the \$90,400 acres of land in Jackson county were in farms. In 1920, only 312,000 acres were in farms. The average farm in Jackson county is 93 1/2 acres in size. Of the 3,300 farms listed, at least 500 are dairy farms, another 500 are combination dairy and grain farms, and more than 300 are purely truck farms.

"Uncle Jimmy Taus, who is one of the county's most peaceable and best beloved citizens, has been in a mix-up recently and is wearing a black eye," frequently reports the Hontsville Herald. "His adversary got the best of the scrap and gave Uncle Jimmy a pretty shiner. It all came about when his little grandson struck Uncle Jimmy in the eye with a dipper to wake him up."

"Albert Jones, near Florida, thinks God never makes a mistake as a civil engineer, and is of the opinion that mere man had better let some things alone," reports the Monroe County Appeal. "In Livingston, his old home county, two days were required for surplus water to navigate the natural channel of a local stream. Property owners cut an immense ditch, through which the water could pass in three hours. This looked like men knew

best. But when an immense rain fell not take care of the water and the overflow ruined thousands of acres of fine crops."

Miss Lottie Robinson of Stanberry, had her hair bobbed last week in a very unusual manner. Miss Robinson had washed her hair and was seated before an electric fan drying it when the ends of her hair became caught in the fan blades. In a short time her hair was cut so short that a barber was then got to trim it in the popular bobbed fashion.—Maryville Tribune.

The total cost of the constitutional convention up to September 1 was \$157,798.80, according to a financial report made to the convention. The principal items of expense are: Salary of members, \$91,580; officers, \$2,111.03; clerks, \$11,799.50; stenographers, \$35,510; mileage of members, \$2,954; printing, \$4,216.75. An appropriation of \$200,000 has already been made by the convention to meet expenses. In the event additional money is needed the amount will be increased.—Cole County Rustler.

A Livingston county jury, last week, gave O. B. Snow 50 years. It will be remembered that "Burr" Snow was charged with the murder of Dick Wamsley. Wamsley was found dead in a vacant house on the outskirts of Cameron on October 26, 1920. Snow was tried by a Clinton county jury about two years ago, was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary. He served a part of that sentence. The supreme court found error and gave him a new trial. In stead of 99 years in 1920 he gets 50 years in 1922.

The wooden pavement at Twenty-fourth and Wyandotte streets performed like a huge popcorn griddle between 1 and 2 o'clock Thursday morning. Of a sudden—"pop!" a wooden block would shoot into the air a distance of a foot or so. Before an observer could recover from his purpose, a mild fusillade of "pops" would sound, and he would turn just in time to see a small shower of blocks strike the pavement. Then the popping became general. Blocks jumped up in groups of two and three, leav-

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ing more than a hundred small, gaping holes in the pavement. And the holes were not all that gaped. Observers thought of earthquakes and gas explosions. One man threw a nearly empty bottle from his pocket, shouted "Never again!" and hurriedly departed.—Kansas City Times.

Failure of the government to put into use a \$245,000 hospital at Excelsior Springs which is equipped with 125 beds, unoccupied, was characterized as a "crime" by Sid Houston, editor of the Stars and Stripes, after an inspection of the hospital Tuesday. He embodied his protest against the government's failure to use the hospital in two telegrams, one to Col. Chas. R. Forbes, director of the veterans' bureau, and the other to Brig. Gen. Chas. E. Sawyer, both in Washington.

We are told parties were shooting ducks last Sunday evening over west of town, and are reminded by a local sportsman of the interesting fact that these men broke five laws: First, shooting ducks out of season; second, shooting ducks between sundown and dark; third, shooting firearms on the Sabbath; fourth, trespassing, and fifth, disturbing the peace. If breaking one law will send a man to jail, what about violating five of them all at once?—Mound City News-Jeffersonian.

"A farmer near Joplin read an article in a farm journal that told how to make a watermelon sweet," reports the Joplin Globe. "The process included splitting the stem of the melon in the early stages of its growth, filling a bottle with sugar and water and then running a lamp wick from the bottle to the cut in the stem. So the farmer thought if sugar and water were good, grape vine would be better. Zealously he watched the melon grow to perfection until the time came at last to enjoy the juicy morsel. His family was not in on the secret and after cooling the melon he retired to a lone spot to feast all by himself. One bite cured him, however, of all wish to finish the feast. It tasted like a cross between a green persimmon and a piece of asafetida. The wine had soured."

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Loss of Mails by the Sinking of the Vessel "Shirin" Is Reported.

By the sinking of the vessel Shirin, which sailed from Miami, Fla., for Nassau, Bahamas, on August 11, 1922, there were lost 1 sack of letters, 1 sack of prints, and 2 sacks of parcel-post packages, dispatched from Miami on August 11, 1922, and 1 sack containing 5 parcel-post packages, dispatched from New York, N. Y., on August 8, 1922.

**Consular Invoices for Cuba**

This office has been informed by the Cuban Director General of Posts that each package of merchandise of whatever value sent in the mails from the United States to Cuba must be accompanied with an invoice in quintuplicate when addressed for delivery in Havana, and with an invoice in quadruplicate when addressed for delivery in other parts of the island, all copies of which invoice, when the shippers are located at a place where there is a Cuban consulate, must first be presented at such consulate for certification. The certification fees to be charged are as follows:

Invoices for less than \$5, 10 cents; invoices from \$5 to \$49.99, 50 cents; invoices from \$50 to \$200, \$2; for every additional \$100 or fraction thereof, 25 cents.

The shipper need pay for certification of only the original copy of the invoice.

When there is no Cuban consulate at the place of origin, the invoice need not be vised.

Packages for Cuba accompanied with invoices as above specified need not have customs declarations attached.

**Merchandise in Parcel-Post for Belgium**  
This department is in receipt of a letter from the Brussels office of August 19, reading as follows: "It frequently happens that the

senders of merchandise liable to ad valorem import duties in Belgium mention the amount of the invoice in the value column of the customs declarations.

"However, in accordance with article 3 of the law of April 8, 1922, the value to be declared for the payment of duties may not be lower than the normal gross price of similar merchandise on the Belgium market at the time of importation, after making deduction of a sum proportional to the duties to which such products are liable upon introduction.

"Consequently the customs service finds many cases of undervaluation and inflicts fines in many cases which must unjustly be borne by the addressees.

"We shall thank you to give the necessary instructions to your services concerned, with a view to causing the senders to bear in mind the above legal provision when declaring the value for the Belgium customs."

As failure to comply with the requirements of the Belgium law as referred to above may lead to the infliction of fines, postmasters should call the attention of senders of packages to Belgium, to the provisions governing the statement of value on customs declarations attached to packages for that country.

According to the Sheldon Enterprise, Dr. Fred L. Merchant of Pittsburg, Kas., who has been visiting near Sheldon, was the victim of a peculiar accident recently. He was driving his car during a thunder storm, when lightning struck, as he thought, the road in front of him. When he regained consciousness, however, he found the wiring systems and cylinders in his car so badly burnt out that they had to be reworked, but besides this and other damage to the car, he found that the bones of one of his legs, above and below the knee, had been shortened about an inch and a half by the electric bolt.

Mrs. S. Eutter, of Hopkins, has the distinction of having read the Bible thirty-nine times—reading it once a year for the past thirty-nine years. There are more who have never read it at all than have read it half this number of times.