

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The dog days will soon be here. The June apple failed to materialize. Oats promise to be the banner crop this year. The horse trader is very numerous these days. Fresh Home-Made Lard at Nagel's Meat Market. There never was a season when we had less fruit. Last week afforded some most magnificent hay weather. Why doesn't somebody build some houses to rent in Ironton? The probate docket for the August term is printed this week. A correspondent, in another column, talks of the bare-headed girl. There is now a regular hack line between Sabula and Centerville. Fifty volumes will be added to the public school library this summer. Dunklin county will vote on local option August 8th and a big fight is on. The Valley cannot afford to let an opportunity to get an ice factory go by. Mr. Johnson says that he will have to begin importing ice about the 1st of August. The price paid by the screen factory for the Baldwin hub factory is said to be \$3,000. Herman Davis has made a very neat little park out of the lot south of his residence. The warm weather is seriously regarding the work of the local dramatic organizations. The financial statement of the Ironton school district is published in this week's paper. The old screen factory is being torn down preparatory to using the best timbers in the new building. The rains this summer have been glorious and none more so than that one last Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Humphreys and little daughter, are boarding with the family of Mr. F. Semands at Fort Hill parsonage. While we were having our big rain last Saturday afternoon scarcely enough water fell at Hogan to lay the dust. From winter to summer is a mighty short step in this country. Just think of those truly cold days we had in June. The road question is a most important one and it should receive more attention at the hands of the people than it does. The Ironton boys badly worsted the Y. M. C. A. boys in a game of ball last Thursday afternoon. The score being 16 to 0. The colored population will give a grand picnic at Goulding's park August 4th. They are making preparation for a big time. To the weather man we would suggest not so much winter, not so much summer, but just a little more of the delightful spring time. The telephone building is nearly completed. The lower story will be used for business purposes, the upper story for a central office. MARRIED—At Bear Branch, Iron county, Sunday, July 5, 1903, Joseph C. Farmer and Miss Mary Thomas. S. Kitchell, J. P., officiating. The splashed sidewalk is a fine thing of a dark night, and it betokens progress, civilization, Christianity, and all that the wicked sneer at. There will be a grand picnic at Brunot on Saturday, July 26th. Arrangements are being made for a large crowd and a big time is anticipated. The celebration of the Southeast Missouri Woodmen will take place at Poplar Bluff August 11th. A very large crowd is expected in attendance. School Commissioner Buford has gone to Sabula where he is engaged teaching a two month's school previous to conducting the Pilot Knob school in September. Frank Delano had the misfortune to break a bone in his ankle while playing ball last Thursday afternoon. He will be confined to his room several weeks in consequence. Rev. H. B. Smith, of Kirkwood, will hold services at St. Paul's church, Ironton, next Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend. A car of manganese ore was shipped from the mine south of town one day last week. The ore was shipped to some brick yard in St. Louis to be used in coloring vitrified brick. Raspberry sherbet and pineapple ice-cream with oaks on the Presbyterian church lawn this evening if the weather is favorable. Otherwise, it will be served at the Dr. Blanks' room. A wreck up the road delayed all the south-bound passenger trains a couple of hours last Friday night. The midnight trains did not go through here until three o'clock Saturday morning. The young people had a dance at the Academy of Music Wednesday night of last week. Notwithstanding the intense heat there was a good attendance and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. No. 2 ran into some freight cars in the Piedmont yard last Thursday morning. The engine was badly damaged and the engineer, Lou Taylor, and fireman, A. B. Gorham, were both badly injured. The train was delayed a couple of hours because of the accident.

Sam. Niccolis has been chosen as cashier of the People's Bank of De Soto to succeed the late M. S. Coxwell. Sam. Niccolis is a most worthy young man and we are glad to hear of his advancement to such a responsible position.

The flowing well at the northern limits of Pilot Knob town is just as popular a place these hot days as it has been for many summers past. Man or beast in passing that way always stop for a drink of the most refreshing water.

Two hungry, marauding cows broke into Mr. Weupp's premises one night last week and destroyed, among other things, a lot of fine, thrifty young fruit trees. The "poor man's cow" comes high to his neighbor, but this town must stand by her.

The big bell on the cow in the night. With its tuneful ding-dang! How we love it and list with delight As it raises its clang! To its clang, yes, beautiful clang, Ringing out in the night, I do sing, "spite of other's wit 'dang'" For it's sure my delight!

John S. Benson of Annapolis was here last week looking over the situation with a view to putting an ice plant in the Valley. Mr. Benson has about concluded to leave Annapolis and seek a home elsewhere. He should be given every encouragement to locate here.

Services at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9:30, and preaching at 11:30 o'clock. In the evening this congregation will unite with others in a union service at Fort Hill, to be conducted under the auspices of the several pastors of the city.

Rev. George Steel will preach at the union service, to be held at Fort Hill church next Sunday evening. The young people's service will be held at 7:15, and will be led by one of the young people of the Epworth League of the M. E. church. Everyone will be made welcome.

Fred Warren, of Annapolis, who was down taking in the Fourth, had the misfortune to get his hand badly torn by the explosion of a cannon firecracker about 10 o'clock Saturday night on the picnic grounds. The wound though painful is not necessarily serious.—Piedmont Banner.

Rev. J. M. Huber, recently of St. Louis, is the young man who will assist Rev. L. C. Wernert at Arcadia College, Pilot Knob and Graniteville. Rev. Huber made us a call one day last week and we found him to be a most pleasant and affable gentleman. We trust that his stay among us will be long and profitable.

We wish through the columns of the REGISTER to offer a vote of thanks to those who assisted in our recent entertainment, for the benefit of our rectory fund. Also we thank Mr. Johnson for his liberal donation, and all who assisted or patronized us in any way.

LADIES' GUILD OF ST. PAUL'S. The Federal Lead Company, on Wednesday last, made its final payment on the Ironton tracts of mineral lands. This payment amounting to \$120,000 and made through the Bank of Farmington, secures to the Federal Lead Company all the lands in the Ironton neighborhood, for which they had contracted.—Farmington Progress.

Clark's wagon shows are advertised to be in Ironton on Monday, July 20th. The proprietor of this show is not the W. C. Clark who wintered here several years ago but it is owned by his brother. It is said, however, to be the same outfit with improvements and additions. The advance agent says that the show is prospering and consists of sixty wagons or more.

The rains this summer are quite local. On several occasions we have had good showers where not a bit of rain fell at Pilot Knob. At other times it rains up there and we scarcely have a drop. Last Friday afternoon not enough water fell here to lay the dust while up at the Knob there was a good shower and out east there was quite a heavy rain.

The people along Marble Creek are taking up a subscription for the improvement of the road down there. It is understood that the county court will make an appropriation equal to the amount subscribed and in that way the people hope to get quite a neat sum to spend on the road. The move is a most commendable one and should be followed in other parts of the county.

On Wednesday evening of next week, July 22nd, the pastor of the Presbyterian church will be installed by representatives of St. Louis Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Yeaman, Moderator, will preside and preach and the Rev. S. C. Palmer, D. D., will deliver charges to the incoming pastor and to the congregation. It is hoped the people of the city generally will take notice and participate by their presence in this interesting and important event in our community.

DIED—Eaton E., infant son of Wm. and Edna Cary, was born in Graniteville, Mo., April 12, 1902; died July 4, 1903, aged 1 year, 2 months and 22 days. While Eaton's days here upon earth were few, he left a host of friends who now mourn their loss. After appropriate funeral services held at the home, conducted by the pastor, the little form was laid to rest in the cemetery. The father and mother have our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement. T. G. PETERSON.

Two weeks ago Conductor John Dates, on his run from Belmont was asked by some one at Henson to relieve him of two hundred pennies for two silver dollars. This, the ever ready accommodating Conductor Dates did, to oblige the fellow who was burdened with so many coppers. He willingly counted every one of them. Johnny put them in his pocket along with some other silver change and gave the man two dollars, which seemed to be the end of the transaction, but as the passenger train pulled in at Charleston going north, an excited fellow approached Johnny Dates and began to remind him of the suspicion which they had, and said that among the coppers there was a ten dollar gold piece, or at least it should have been, as he had lost one.

Johnny told him that he was right, that when he got home that night he found a ten dollar gold piece among the other money which he could not account for, and gave man two five dollar bills, which vouchers for Johnny Date's honesty.—Sikeston Star.

The Clark & Baldwin Manufacturing Company last Thursday sold the site and buildings of the Baldwin hub factory to the American Screen Door Company. An addition will be built to the Clark hub factory and the machinery in the Baldwin hub factory will be moved thereto combining the two hub factories in one. The American Screen Door Company will at once commence the erection of a large screen factory on their newly acquired premises just south of the site of the hub factory. The buildings now on the site will be used by the screen door people for warehouses. The hub people expect to vacate the Baldwin factory and give the screen factory complete possession by October 1st. By that time or earlier the new factory will be completed and it is expected to work fifty hands or more making screens.

A writer from Mann, this county, to the Reynolds County Outlook seems somewhat disgruntled at the result of the late teachers' examination in Iron county. Here is what he says: "Our people and teachers of Iron county are worked up to a very high pitch over the results of the late examination. There were thirty-three who took the June examination. Nineteen of the number failed, only fourteen being granted certificates. A large per cent. of the failures were old experienced teachers. Some of the most successful teachers of the county were numbered with the failures. A young commissioner may think this will profit him, he may think he will get a name, and so he will, but not very far up the ladder of fame. We need older and better experienced men in our County Commissioner offices. Why not grant the teachers who have proven themselves, certificates? Some of these teachers had made the grade in algebra and literature, thinking they would receive a second grade."

Rev. T. F. Marshall, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church here, but now of Linton, Indiana, has just closed a big tent meeting in connection with his work there. Rev. Chester Birch was a leading feature and his work is greatly complimented. In speaking of the meeting a late issue of the Linton Record says: "One thing we must not fail to mention; that is the energy and enterprise exhibited by the local minister, Thomas F. Marshall, who had charge of the management of the meetings throughout. He is an able young man, vigorous, active and effective in whatever he attempts. His presence in body and soul was in every meeting. Between meetings he was as busy as when in the services, hustling around in some way to make the meetings better. He is very popular, especially among the members of his congregation, where his worthy efforts are continuously being manifested. All who had the pleasure of attending the meetings feel thankful to Mr. Marshall for his untiring efforts in the worthy cause. If such services were carried on all the time it would be a good thing for Linton."

In another column I reproduce an article from the Emporia Gazette. While I do not approve of some of the terms used and think his criticism at times unduly severe, yet the trend of the article is in the right direction. An item in this paper two weeks ago, written in the kindest spirit, and because of the knowledge I have of the dangers that beset the weaker sex of tender age, has aroused some untoward comment; yet I have seen some things, and heard of some others, which more than justify the warning then given. It is right that girls in their early teens should understand the risks of the range at evening and call for this or that soldier? Is it the correct thing for them to be buggy-riding through the valley with strangers at eleven, twelve and one o'clock at night. And it is right, why do the girls get out of the rigs at the outskirts of town and walk unattended home? Is this not done to deceive their parents? As sure as they are girls, their greatest danger comes with their practicing deception with their mothers! Can they with impunity seek association with strangers and callow youths and play the hoyden? I warn their parents that worse may come of it if greater care be not exercised. If these little Misses could hear the remarks made about them in their absence by some of these same men it might make them more circumspect; certainly it would begot more vigilance on the part of their parents, who ought to be likewise their guardians.

Can some one tell us when and where originated the fashion for women and girls to go on the street without a covering for the head? We may well be thankful that the women in America do not have to be shrouded in a thick, heavy veil, with only the eyes visible, as do the women in Turkey and India. Nor do they have to stay indoors all day, and only have a walk on the street at night after their heads are in bed asleep, as in some eastern countries. Nor do our women have to wear a bonnet as large as an umbrella or carriage top, as in Corea. But our American independence seems to have led the modern woman to the other extreme, to appear on the street, in glaring sunshine, bareheaded. Some years ago a fear of spoiling a fair complexion led girls to wear a sunbonnet or large hat and often a veil. It is not to be regretted that girls are no longer afraid of the sun, whose rays will tan or bring out annoying freckles, but it is not ladylike or an indication of true womanly character to go on the street with head uncovered. How many of the girls who do this would like their gentlemen except to do this with a hat? If our girls only realized how much prettier even a pretty face is half hid by a dainty white sunbonnet or straw hat, they surely would not forgo this part of their proper dress. As for comfort, what comfort can there be with the head exposed to the glaring sun? (Ose is tempted to think the girls bareheaded on a hot July day haven't much brains, for a sensible person wants his head cool if

he expects to use his thinking apparatus. May the day be not far distant when this senseless, unladylike fashion shall no longer be seen in our fair valley! F. S.

Arthur Mann, who has been confined in jail here since March for burglarizing the post-office at Piedmont last winter, escaped from jail last Thursday evening. It was about 8:30 o'clock and Sheriff Polk was locking the prisoners in their cells. As is the usual custom Sheriff Polk had his little boy lock the outer door as the Sheriff was locking the cells. Mann came to the door and asked the boy to give him the key. The little fellow did so, Mann unlocked the door, let himself out and then turned the key on the Sheriff's again. Mann then made several attempts to open it but was not successful and the noise attracted Mrs. Polk who came and grabbed him by the coat. She endeavored to give an alarm but before anyone could get to the scene the prisoner made his escape by breaking the glass and getting through a window. In a short time the Sheriff was liberated from the jail and he immediately started in pursuit of the fugitive. The officer was satisfied that Mann would attempt to get away on some train and he, with some assistance, patrolled the railroad from Ironton to Tip Top to see that he did not board any of the passing trains. Up to 11:30 o'clock Mann succeeded in eluding his pursuers. About that time No. 5, one of the south-bound passenger trains, stopped at Arcadia for a pusher. The sheriff boarded the train to go to Tip Top. As they reached the Hinchey place the Sheriff discovered Mann coming through a field evidently intending to board the train. They were going a pretty good rate but the sheriff dropped from the train, threw his gun into Mann's face and brought him back to jail where he is doomed to languish for many months.

"Let not him boast that putteth on his armor as he that taketh it off," and "A still tongue makes a wise head," are two familiar quotations. The truth concentered in them is often evident, but never was it made more manifest than in a little occurrence last Saturday evening after the sun had disappeared and the heat of the day was abating. Gus started to the barber-shop, hoping to be "next" when he got there. A block ahead of him the station agent and his wife were sauntering in the same direction. Ben, the colored "barber" of the barber-shop, homeward bound, met Gus. "Anybody in the shop?" inquired the latter. "Nobody, sah, 'ceptin' the barber; but I think the depot man yarder is going there now." This was just enough, and Gus quickened his walk, hoping to pass the man in front of him, but the distance to the territorial establishment was rapidly lessening, and the walk grew into a trot. As Gus is usually sedate and leisurely in his movement, all the people on the street gazed in wonder, but he only ran the faster, and when the shop was still half a block away he passed his unconscious competitor. All would have been well if the sprinter had observed the second of the foregoing maxims; but as he rushed by he turned in triumph and cried out, in response to the inquiring look of the agent, "I wanted to beat you to the barber-shop—that's all!" "Did you?" said the agent, his war-paint on an instant—"I'll see about it!" and, being young and of light sprinter weight, and fresh to the race, lit out and fairly beat him to the goal.

"Well," said Gus, as he sat waiting his turn, and endeavoring to recover his breath, "I would do better if I knew how to keep my mouth shut!" And so would we all, Gus; so would we all.

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children are made out of the same kind of mud that we all are made of, and they are just as liable to temptation as older people and a thousand times less experienced. And their mothers let them gad the streets and flirt with all kinds of men, and then their mothers wonder how the devil got them and think the girls must "take after" their fathers. There are just two things that will keep girls of that age straight—one is plain clothes and the other is home duties. A simple, pure-hearted girl has a place in a home, home work and home duties, has her heart there and no boy can steal it. Only when maturity comes and a real man comes, and a real affair of the heart comes will such a girl leave home, and then only after heart-aches and heart-rending. But the girl whose place in the home is at the table and in bed, won't love that home. Work makes things sacred. The child whose home memories are not hallowed by work, who is not needed and does not need, will not love home. And if she does not love the home of her girlhood, she will love no other. The mothers of this town who are responsible for their girls who gad the streets, should stop and think what they are doing. These girls are no long children. They are at the impressionable age.

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