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INDIAN CREEK.

Dave Spalding is not expected to live. He has been sick for several months and has been rapidly growing worse in the last few.

The little son of Harry Gones received a bad burn last Friday by stepping into a pan of hot water.

Mrs. L. A. Borden is quite sick of bronchitis.

Mrs. Annie Kelley left for her home in St. Louis last Sunday.

Alvin Hagan broke both bones in his left fore arm last week by falling from a wagon.

John Melton, of Lakenan, visited relatives in this vicinity last Sunday.

Miss Anna Lou Buchanan, of Shelby, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Mattie Seward has returned home.

Jas. Dixon and wife, of Palmyra, visited Mrs. Dixon's parents near this place Sunday.

Riley Parsons, of Hannowell, was with his home folk Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bessie Hardesty and brother, of Monroe attended services at Indian Creek Sunday.

Master James Winsatt spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Hannowell.

Miss Dollie McLeod returned to her school near Shelby Saturday.

Dr. W. C. Sprinkle, of Hannowell, visited the family of V. C. Spalding this week.

J. A. Swank, the School Commissioner of Barton County, visited our school one day this week.

Chas. Hessler who has been in Montana for the past ten years is visiting old friends near Indian Creek.

Mrs. Eliza Thiehoff, of Hannowell, came down Thursday to visit her brother, W. D. Spalding.

HATCH.

A dancing party was given at the residence of Mr. Haden Monday night in honor of Miss Katie McAllister who will leave in a few days for Oklahoma her future home. Miss Katie is a highly esteemed young lady and her many friends wish her good luck in her new home.

While Plus Kendrick and Miss Julia McGraw were driving Sunday night their team became frightened and ran off throwing Mr. Kendrick out of the buggy, scratching him up considerably. The young lady escaped uninjured however with only a hurt foot. Passer-by took great care of the young couple and secured them a conveyance home. The buggy was badly broken up.

Emmet Wilson, of Berdier is here on a business trip.

Our boys and girls will take in the play in your city at the Opera House Friday night.

Miss Mattie Whitesotton, of Monroe county is expected here this week.

Miss Sadie Hagar of your city is here on a visit.

ELY.

Oto Lane, of Palmyra, made a business trip to this place Monday.

Sharp and Gray shipped hogs from here Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Losson visited friends in your city Saturday and Sunday.

Clarence Jackson, of Palmyra was

attending to business here Tuesday.

Prof. J. W. Lightbody, of Hannowell was an Ely visitor Tuesday.

County Clerk Luther McKay was shooting quail in this vicinity last week.

Miss Pearl Larc, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever is, we are glad to state much better.

Once more the merry chimes of the wedding bells were heard in this community, the high contracting parties being J. A. Fitzpatrick and Miss Maude Green, both of Ely. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Sullivan at the Catholic Church in Monroe City, Tuesday at high noon. The attendants were J. H. Smith and Miss Marguerite Lightbody. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride where a few friends joined them and partook of an elegantly served luncheon. The best wishes of the community attend Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

MRS. VICKERY BREAKS HER ANKLE.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vickery, of Emerson, Marion county, Mo., left their home early this morning to come to Quincy. It is a twenty-mile drive from their farm home to West Quincy. They came in a spring wagon, drawn by a team of horses. When they approached the Quincy Route tracks the other other side of West Quincy there was a train passing. A team ahead of them took fright and their team began to plunge considerably. Mrs. Vickery became alarmed, fearing that the wagon would be upset, and jumped to the ground. Her husband remained in the wagon and escaped injury, but his wife's left limb was broken at the ankle by the force of the fall on the hard roadbed.—Quincy Herald.

W. C. T. U.

It is a matter of rejoicing to the W. C. T. U. that thirty two states increased in membership last year; four states having more than five hundred increase Indiana, Missouri, California and South Dakota.

The Sunday School department put 3340 temperance books in Sunday School libraries this year.

Press Superintendent reported temperance items had been furnished and printed to equal thirty thousand columns.

The Banner offered by the National Superintendent of Medal Contests was awarded to Missouri for the third consecutive time. Nearly three hundred contests held during the year.

Xmas goods arriving at WILLIAMSON & RAGSDALE'S.

MUST CHOOSE THE BEST.

Congressman De Armond of Missouri is justified in his assertion that the coming session of Congress promises to be a most important and far-reaching one, and that it would not be surprising if its influence upon the approaching national election should be great, perhaps even-controlling, in scope.

It is by this Congress that the American policy for the settlement of the Philippine problem is to be definitely outlined. It must also indicate what is the American intention with regard to the keeping of American pledges for the national independence of the Cubans. Through its deliberations and action it must be made known what is the American attitude toward the growing trust evil. The dangerous proposition for the establishment and maintenance of a big standing army will be made at the session now soon to open. It is more than likely that important financial legislation will be attempted.

The Democratic minority in the House of Representatives must be led by a strong, well-trained and thoroughly equipped man throughout a session of such exceptional importance. It is by the course of this minority on the floor of the House that the Democratic policy on all these momentous issues will be officially announced. It is through the efforts of this minority that the Republican majority must also be placed on record in a manner calculated to make platform trickery or evasion in their next National Convention impossible.

The Republic urges Congressman De Armond as the strongest leader of the Democratic minority in this great fight. For the best interests of the party it hopes to see so capable and earnest a Democrat chosen for leadership. The issue is not that of what section should be "revived" in its Democracy by being thus honored, but of what is the best man for the place.

SOUTHWESTERN FRONTIERS.

The Ninth Lancers, who pursued the retreating Boers after the battle of Gras Pan Saturday, have not returned to Methuen's camp.

It is now believed that they have met the same fate that befell the Hussars at Glencoe.

A report from Berlin says that the Lancers were captured by the Boers.

The Boers' attack on the naval brigade in the Gras Pan battle resulted in 105 British being killed and wounded.

General Methuen has not yet sent his list of casualties.

Methuen's next engagement is expected to take place at the Modder river.

It is considered probable in England that Joubert will dispatch part of his command across the Free State to oppose Methuen, in which case the British Kimberley relief expedition would be inadequate.

NATAL NEWS.

A dispatch from Frere, Natal, says that the 10,000 British are there and that the Ladysmith relief expedition is drawing nearer.

The Boers are expected to make a stand at the Tugela River, probably on the south side, so as to prevent an attack by White upon their rear.

General Hildyard's loss in the battle of Beacon Hill, November 23, is given at fifteen killed and seventy-two wounded.

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A Photographic Chat.

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C. S. ROBERTSHAW.

General Buller is at Pietermaritzburg.

GENERAL SITUATION.

The three-pointed British advance against the Boers is now in full swing.

General Gatacre in Northern Cape Colony moved forward yesterday.

LUZON CAMPAIGN.

Manila advices indicate the dissolution of the Filipino insurrection.

Aguinaldo's son is in Wheaton's hands.

The mother of the insurgent leader either has fallen into American hands or is lost in the woods near San Fabian Luzon.

Buenacmino, the Filipino Secretary of State, and the brains of the insurrection, has been captured and sent to Manila.

He declares the Aguinaldo regime is dead.

Many provincial Governors and others holding office under Aguinaldo have entered Manila and thrown themselves on the mercy of the Americans.

The dictator himself has not been caught. He had several narrow escapes, and the pursuit by General Young has not been abandoned.

It is believed at Manila that Aguinaldo either must surrender or be driven into the hands of hostile tribes—a worse fate.

The insurgent army is reduced to small bands in flight or in hiding.

A small body of Filipinos south of Cavite Province continues active.

PANAY SITUATION.

General Hughes has driven the Tagalos twenty miles inland. Thirty-two dead were counted and the natives report that nineteen carts of wounded were carried away.

The Americans lost five killed and thirty-eight wounded.

MARKET REPORT.

Cattle.....	\$3.50@4.50
Hogs.....	\$3.15@3.65
Sheep.....	\$3.00@3.50
Ducks.....	3½c
Eggs.....	15c
Turkeys.....	6½
Chickens.....	5c
Geese.....	3½c
Hens.....	4½c

Shipments for the week. Jas per Henderson, 1 car of dressed poultry; H. M. McClintic, 1 car of young bulls; Union Davis, 1 car of extra fine hogs; Sharp, Gray, Barger and McClintic, 12 cars of cattle and hogs; Fink & Boulware, 2 cars of ties; Stribling & Shale, 2 cars of sawed ties and 2 of piling; W. C. Blackburn, 2 cars of ties. Total, 23 cars.

DRINK HABIT IS PUNISHED.

Rev. Dr. Guirey gave an illustrated lecture on the liquor traffic to a crowded house in the First Baptist church last night. The lecture was altogether out of the beaten path, the main feature of which was an original drawing on a large canvas nine feet by seven, of a brewery on one side and a distillery on the other. Out of the brewery came a long procession of animated kegs, bottles, cans mugs and glasses bearing the mottoes: "Down with the church, up with the brewery." "Down with the home, up with the still." "Down with the school, up with the bottle," followed by the others with the motto: "So say we all of us." At the same time, they were supposed to be trampling on law, religion and morality.

Out of the distillery came into the foreground an enormous serpent: This was the liquor traffic, and it was coiling itself around the home, the church, and the school, and crushing these into ruin. Over the scene was written "Ruin and death." On one side was a large bottle—this was "The Bottle of Death"—the letters being in the form of an acrostic.

The doctor drew a lesson from each word of the acrostic. He had an imaginary jury of twelve drinking men to whom and to the common sense of his audience he frequently appealed as he made his points. He declared that the perpetuation of the liquor traffic meant just what was pictured on his canvas. He scored unmercifully the professedly Christian voters who prayed the Lord to put an end to the fearful evils of intemperance, and at the same time voting to perpetuate the saloon and the liquor traffic. He appealed to the voters in the churches to be consistent with their profession, and vote as they pray. Either vote down the liquor power or cease praying against it—be consistent; vote as you pray. Don't pray to God to destroy the evils of the liquor traffic and then vote for the devil to continue the business. The doctor declared that we were a nation of drunkards, that the liquor power was the most influential in the land; that the annual drink bill amounted to \$700,000,000.

This morning the saloons were open as usual.—Quincy Herald.

Mrs. Walter Moore, of Kansas City is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Luta Proctor. She is looking for her husband to-day. His visit will be a short one.