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RIDING A FREE HORSE.

A Few of the Things Expected From a Local Paper.

Carrollton (Texas) News: People sometimes decline to subscribe for their home paper for the reason that they already take several papers published in New York or elsewhere.

Yet these same people often ask and receive favors from the local papers, while none are received or expected from the far-off journal.

When they wish to express gratitude for kindly assistance during sickness or misfortune, the local paper is asked to publish a card of thanks.

When they wish to have a supper or reception of any kind, the local paper is asked to give it a free notice.

When a public meeting is to be held for any purpose, they want the local paper to give it due publicity.

When they want their town boomed, so as to increase the value of their property they call on the local paper.

When they want a new railroad, or factory built, they expect the local paper to work for it with all its might.

When a death occurs in the home, they expect the local paper to report it in tender, sympathetic strain, and to extol the virtues of the deceased.

When a birth or wedding occurs in the family, they expect the local paper to give a description of the event.

When they are trying to build up churches or schools, the local paper is asked to give them good, strong puffs.

If there is a battle for right in the county or precinct the editor is expected to bear the brunt of it.

Thus, people are constantly receiving favors from the local paper, but many fail to show their appreciation by subscribing for it.

Yet they cheerfully pay their subscriptions annually, in advance, for the New York Bazaar, or the Philadelphia Barnsformer, which never did anything for them or their community.

He Had No News.

LeRoy (Ill.) Eagle: "Do you know of any news that would be of interest to the Eagle Readers?" was asked by a reporter of a farmer living east of town Saturday morning. "No, guess not," was the reply. "Have you got your threshing done yet?" "No," he said, "I came in to the doctor's to send him out to my house." "Why, what is the matter?" asked the inquisitive Eagle man. "Well, you see, my wife presented me with triplets; two of them are very sick; my oldest boy is down with malaria; my hired man got his collar bone broken coming home from the great LeRoy fair, and my nearest neighbor fell from a load of hay and broke a limb, so I've come after one of your good doctors. A friend of mine living down on Salt Creek died last night and I have come to town to make necessary arrangements for the

funeral. Sorry I can't give you any news. Good-day."

Missouri Speakers.

Recently it has been stated that Mr. Whitecotton was the first man to succeed himself as Speaker of the House.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe states this to be an error and gives the following:

In 1820 or at the first meeting of our state legislature, Henry S. Geyer was elected speaker with only two dissenting votes. In 1822 Henry S. Geyer was elected speaker by acclamation. And again in 1824 Henry S. Geyer was elected speaker for the third time in succession.

In 1828 John Thornton of Clay county was elected. In 1830 John Thornton of Clay county was elected by acclamation.

In 1834 at the convening for the Eighth assembly, John Jamison, of Calloway was elected speaker. In 1836, at the convening of the ninth assembly John Jamison of Calloway was again elected speaker.

In 1840, at the convening of the eleventh general assembly, Sterling Price of Chariton county was elected and again when the Twelfth general assembly met in 1842 by acclamation.

A Business Opening.

The publishers of "Success," the great home magazine of America, published in New York, write us that they desire to secure a local representative in this county to receive and solicit subscriptions. The compensation given by "Success" is said to be the largest offered by any first-class periodical, and if any of our readers are desirous of undertaking work of this character, we suggest that they communicate at once with The Success Company, Washington Square, New York.

The Scholarship Bureau of The Success Company will also gladly explain a plan by which boys and girls can secure an education. The Success Company itself purchasing Scholarships in return for a comparatively small amount of work. Address, for full information, The Success Scholarship Bureau, 32 Waverly Place, New York City.

Port's Torpedo.

Lately a couple have been "spooning" late in the afternoon in the dark—west corner of the postoffice and J. Porter Patton concluded to give them a surprise party so obtained some of those large, noisy torpedos to toss over the boxes so they would explode at their feet. Well, the balance of the story is on the postmaster. He put one of the explosives that was left over in his coat pocket and went to church, and while the congregation was singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," Port whipped out his handkerchief and with it came the bang, which made the congregation think some one had dynamited the house.

The report Mrs. Herman Mitchell nee Nance, of Pontiac, Ill., is dead reached this city Friday. It is a fake. Mrs. Cramer is enjoying her usual health, so her brother Josh Nance informed us Sunday.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES.

Interesting News Concerning the Different Denominations.

Last fall Rev. Dr. I. W. Read was elected Chairman of the N. E. District of B. Y. P. U's, which embrace twenty-one counties. Friday he went to Macon City to arrange for a meeting of the B. Y. P. U's. there in March.

The pastors of the various churches of the city have served their flocks as follows: Rev. Fr. D. F. Sullivan, Holy Rosary, fifteen years; Rev. Homer W. Starr, St. Jude church, has just begun his Rectorship; Rev. D. F. Bone, Methodist, has not completed his first year's work; Rev. T. A. Clagett, Presbyterian, has been here only a few months; Rev. Smith, Christian, has not completed his first year. So it will be seen that in point of theological service in this city, Rev. Fr. D. F. Sullivan easily leads them all.

The city has as residents; one priest, three Methodist preachers, one Episcopal, Rector, four Baptist preachers, one Christian, and two Presbyterian preachers, making the Queen of the Prairies the "Theological Hub" of North-East Missouri. Possibly that is what gives tone to the moral status of the city, because as a result, it frequently happens, there is not a police case in court for one, two and three months at a stretch.

A letter commending the Retiring Pastor of Grace Baptist contained: "Resolved that a copy of this letter of commendation be sent to the papers, a copy spread on our minutes," etc., signed by J. P. Wood, Ch. Clk., was given out to the press last week. As for the DEMOCRAT, it was "the letter that never came." Now set this down in your day book, if any church or denomination is not represented in the Church Column of the DEMOCRAT it is not the fault of the paper.

Rev. W. F. Burkhead, of Winfield, Mo., supplied for Rev. Wiley J. Patrick, at Bethlehem, Sunday.

Rev. L. P. Smith, of Independence, Kan., has been the guest of old time friends in this city.

Rev. E. Gill, pastor of Fifth St. Church in Hannibal, has been called to be pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. It is thought, he will accept.

Rev. Thomas Gallaher, of Rensselaer, was in the city with friends Monday.

Alton, Ill., Jan. 15.—Jewish rabbis from Chicago blessed the mill of the Sparks Milling Co. at Alton while the miller turned out 1200 barrels of a certain grade of flour to be used by Chicago Hebrews in making unleavened bread for the approaching feast of the passover, which is universally observed by people of the Hebrew race.

Report says: Rev. Walter Mitchell, formerly Rector of St. Jude Church in this city, will not go to Cuba for two years, because the Board cannot use him sooner, and in the meantime the church at Palmyra is trying to secure his services. The Palmyra church will be fortunate if it succeeds.

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PRESBYTERIAN.

Services as usual next Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday at seven o'clock.

Teacher's meeting at eight o'clock, immediately after prayer meeting. There will be a five minutes intermission between so that those who do not wish to remain to the teacher's meeting may retire.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet Friday p. m. with Mrs. C. Bowen Poage. Subject for afternoon, General View of the Foreign Mission Work.

ST. JUDE.

The ladies of St. Jude Church gave a delightful social at the home of Mrs. A. Boulware last Saturday afternoon. The net proceeds were \$7.00.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Read, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Proctor, Mesdames J. M. Proctor and J. S. Scott as delegates of the First church, attended the S. S. Convention of Bethel Association at Providence last Thursday. Charles Rhodes, State S. S. Secretary, was there. It is reported as a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Regular services Sunday by the pastor. Morning topic, "Will My Work Stand?" Evening, "Gnats and Camels."

METHODIST.

The Woman's Missionary Society gave a very enjoyable tea party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cox last Friday evening. Receipts \$11.

The society have on exhibition at J. J. Rogers' store a very handsome monogram quilt that they only ask \$10 for. They should put it up to the high bidder and realize \$25 on it.

Parasites.

Some of the Parasites are boasting of the free delivery they are to have and are offering mock sympathy to Shelby and Monroe City. This city needs no sympathy. Two of the largest business concerns—stock and grain—don't require \$20 worth of stamps a year to transact a greater business than is done by any three concerns in Paris. If it were not for the court house—which should be the county—Paris would not be in the ring. Monroe will get there the next fiscal year and don't forget it. Now will you be good?

If it was not for free things freely delivered by the county, where would Paris be with its six illegal licensed drug stores? Why is it that that pocket-borough of politics cannot get anything under its thach except wind? Yes, it will have mail facilities when it comes free. There are 4 mails each day over the M. K. & T. and Wabash. Boys, don't you know the Queen of the Prairies receives 16 mails over the Burlington, the M. K. & T. and Wabash, to say nothing of the Indian Creek and Warren mails.

Mrs. R. McIntire, nee Miss Willie Brower, presented her husband with a fine nine pound boy on Jan. 8. They are very proud of the young man. It is their first. Mr. and Mrs. McIntire are good citizens of Nardin, Oklahoma.

BRISTOW.

Major R. B. Bristow, One Of Nature's Noble Men Gone.

Major Robt. B. Bristow, one of the best known lawyers in Monroe, Ralls, Marion and Shelby counties, passed peacefully from this life into the great beyond, where the surges cease to roll, early last Sunday morning.

He was a man of many warm generous impulses, one whose generosity was only limited by the limit of his means. It is more than doubtful if there are three men in the city who have done as much to make life comfortable and happy for others as he. He will be missed, sadly, truly missed by many.

Born Jan. 21, 1840, at Saluda, Middlesex Co., Va. Was married Feb. 22, 1863 to Mrs. Lucinda Jones.

He organized a company of Confederates and was made a Major, but soon afterwards resigned to be with his brother in Gen. Longstreets artillery and remained with Longstreets Division until the surrender with Gen. Robt. E. Lee at Appomattox.

When a young man he joined the Baptist Church and at the time of his death was a member in good standing of the First Church in this city.

Major Bristow came to this city October 1870 and in 1871 was editor of the Monroe County Appeal, now of Paris, but then of Monroe.

He began the practice of law in 1866 and as the years rolled by made an enviable reputation as a lawyer, a reputation that gave him all of the professional work from many of the leading and best men of the four counties that he could attend to, work that called him before the supreme courts of several states.

The funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. I. W. Read assisted by his old friend, Rev. B. F. Hixson,

Negroes Wed White Women.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 17.—The report of City Registrar McGlenen showed that thirty to forty white women in Boston marry negroes every year. There were thirty-two mixed marriages of this sort in 1901, and for 1902 there were thirty-five. Such marriages go on with such frequency among working persons as to evoke no comment from neighbors nor from the officials or clergymen who perform the ceremonies. In nearly every case it is a negro who marries a white woman. About one white man a year marries a negress.

Unfortunate.

For several years, Will G. Nance has been almost a physical wreck and it finally effected his mind to such extent that his family looked upon him as being dangerous. Friday morning he was persuaded to go with deputy sheriff John W. Stephens to Fulton. Poor Will was under the impression when he left this city that a good position was awaiting him at Columbia.