

Big Oaks.

From little acorns grow, not only in the woods, but in the business world.

It has proven a truism in the case of Elmer Shryack, the Variety storeman, who came to this city a stranger in 1890 with goods enough to fill a room 20x80 feet, lots of energy, business sagacity and a determination to always know financially where he was, when the doors were locked at night.

At first the people pooh, poohed, the idea of doing a cash business and freely predicted failure. The days went by and he used printer's ink. People went to him and paid cash and bought on credit elsewhere and he must have offered an inducement—all business men can—for cash trade.

Soon the partition was knocked out and it was then a business room 20x90 feet filled with the goods that are known as "saleable" when at the right prices.

By that time the little acorn was a sapling and it was only a question of time when it had to be two clerks, then—it was still cash—the wise ones began to wonder for he had rented the adjoining room, giving him 40x90 feet floor space and filled it with goods from floor to ceiling and naturally that meant more clerks to handle the ever increasing trade, and when you entered the house there was always from four to six smiling affable clerks to wait on you.

Of course that amount of cash trade meant money for Mr. Shryack, and as he had confidence in the little city where he was making his "pile" he invested his surplus money until at present he owns five nice residences in the Queen of the Prairies. If you ask him how much he has made, he will smile as only Elmer Shryack smiles, when amused, and the smile is the only answer, but even if you held duces it would be safe to bet that those residences and big stock of goods is not all that he is to "the good" by coming to Monroe City and doing a cash business with people who watched the press for bargains.

July 19, 1904. Mr. Shryack, after deciding to retire from business, invoiced his stock and turned it over to Mr. J. F. Crawford, a live business man from St. Louis, who will enlarge the dry goods and furnishing department, keep the other lines of the stock up and do business on the same lines that Shryack established.

Mr. Crawford is a gentleman that would be pleased to meet you and we believe you will be pleased when you meet him.

Has the little acorn, Elmer Shryack, become such a great oak that the city is too small to nourish him? That is a question that we cannot answer, but he will remain here for a while at least, and if the time ever comes when he and his estimable wife and daughter, Miss Ada, decide to cast their lot elsewhere, their many friends will miss them.

Hard Luck.

Sunday was a scorcher for two unfortunates at Hannibal. Frank Honson tried to hop a Wabash freight and lost his left leg below the knee. Walter Johnson, negro, tried to hop a H. & St. Joe freight and the doctors did the rest. He is shy one right foot and the left foot was cut off at the knee.

They say: A. R. Leavering and Charles W. Lamb, of Hannibal, own the Hannibal and New London "Plank Road" road bed and that the charter expires soon and when it does, the gentlemen will use the road bed and bridges for an electric road that they will build.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in post office, Monroe City, Mo., on July 19, 1904

Baldwain, Mrs. Iora,
Helman, Mr. D. E.,
Johnson, Mrs. Beile (Col.)
Lyell, J. S.,
Maggard, Mr. T. J.,
Marshall, Mrs. D. A.,
Rucker, R. D.,
Sanitord, Mrs. Pliney.

To obtain any of these letters persons must say advertised.—J. P. PATTON, Postmaster.

Saturday's Fire.

Saturday about 1 p. m. fire was discovered in one of the big barns of J. M. Proctor & Son's Hereford breeders at the south line of the city. As they had been grinding feed in the morning, the supposition is that the fire was caused by the engine. Loss about \$2,200 with \$500 on barn and \$300 on contents. Both policies were in the Aetna Insurance Co.

Two horses and a lot of machinery as well as grain was burned. When fire was at its height they phoned for the fire department, but before the Fire Chief could get a permit from the Mayor, another phone message came, saying: "Don't need the engine and then an hour later they phoned again asking for the engine to come out and save a big lot of corn. The request was quickly responded to."

\$100 Prize.

The Norvell Shapleigh Hardware Co. divided their traveling men up into ten classes and then offered \$100 prize to the man in each class that made the biggest sales in April, May and June. Carl Jaeger of this city, lead his class handsomely and received the prize for his class. That proves practically that as a Knight-of-the-grip, he is a success.

Paris, Mo., July 16.—During a severe electrical storm at Paris yesterday morning lightning followed an electric light wire into the power-house of the municipal light and water plant. Ben Waggoner, the engineer, was knocked senseless, the machinery continuing to run without an attendant until he recovered. The dynamos were badly damaged, and the city will be in darkness for some time.

A Suggestion.

Democracy's candidate or nominee for the Vice Presidency makes a suggestion that promises much in the way of a campaign of education on this question in the north when he says:

Let the white people of the country understand they are ruled by the black vote added to the republicans, and a remedy may come. The white men of this country pay nearly all the taxes, and they should rule.

Read Henry T. Finck's article in the August Woman's Home Companion on "Which is the Beautiful Sex?" He has a scientific discussion of the relative beauty of the sexes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bell, of Springfield, Ill., came over Sunday to look at some farms with expectation of purchasing.

Frank Buffum has decided to get his news as served by the DEMOCRAT.

Roy Mudd and better half came up from Hannibal Friday to visit the homefolks.

Dean Goldsberry of Hannibal, spent Sunday with his kinspeople east of the city.

W. L. E. y, wife, Miss Lillian and Arthur and Mrs. Cora Umstatt are doing the Pike.

Mrs. Annie Engle, of the City of Flowers, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Spalding.

Mrs. Jennie Anderson, of St. Louis, arrived Tuesday to visit her friend, Miss Jennie Seymour.

After a two weeks visit with his aunt, Mrs. J. P. Patton, Gene Thomas has returned to his home, Quincy.

Miss Gertrude Robertshaw and Mrs. —James of Dallas, Tex. are the pleasing guests of Mrs. C. S. Robertshaw.

Miss Bertha Nichols and Ree Ragland left Tuesday for Lincoln county where they will visit relatives and friends.

Dr. W. P. Abell, Osteopath, will be in Monroe City every Monday and Friday, beginning Aug. 1, 1904.

W. P. ABELL, D. O.

Dr. A. Wood, of Lentner, came down Tuesday to, no not to visit his brothers, Ferd and Uncle Phil, but to see that wonder of wonders, Ferd's little girl.

Brown eyes and blue. Misses Edith and Letta Donley, of Nevada, have been in the city visiting relatives. They are fine specimens of Missouri's handsome womanhood.

Mr. Roosevelt's press agent says that the packers have forced the strike in order to injure the president's chances for re-election. Just why the meat trust should want to embarrass its kind friend is not explained.—Hannibal Journal.

Poor Teddy, poor Atty. Gen. Knox.

Manager Wanted.

Trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for well and favorably known house of solid financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced. Position permanent. Address Manager, 810 Como Block, Chicago, Ill. 7-14

Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hawkins entertained at supper and Plunch last Thursday. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bull, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Yowell, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Taylor, of Romney, W. Va. Mrs. Taylor is an older sister of Mesdames M. A. Hawkins, J. R. Dawson and J. B. Bristow.

Bell Wether.

Here, hurry up boys, hurry, "fore God," we'll get left, hurry, I've got the transportation, rang out in the clear clarion notes of the bell wether, Robt. H. Hagar.

Bob was a little nervous for he was anxious to marshal his forces at the great convention at Jefferson City. The boys were: R. S. McClintic, Roy Meriwether, M. A. Hawkins, W. B. Arnold, Dr. A. K. Rutledge, J. W. Cox, Tip McClintic and himself. They got there. Now listen to the after math as given by Bob.

DON'T FORGET

That the largest line of

Buggies AND Surries

Is to be found at

R. M. Walker's.

He also has a car load of
WAGONS.

Remember he keeps
Machine Oils.

Called Meeting.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Association and the City Council held in the Methodist church Friday evening, July 15, the following committees were appointed on receiving and erecting tent and the work in general preparatory to the Union meeting to commence Sunday at 7:45, p. m., and be led by Rev. J. B. Brown of Neosho, Mo.

On platform and seating the tent:—Dr. S. M. Brown, J. J. Rogers, G. W. Tooley, W. L. Bond, Dr. W. T. Rutledge and Melvin Nolen.

On location of tent:—D. F. Bone, I. W. Read, Aaron Boulware and D. D. Melson.

On lighting tent:—J. S. Scott
On inclosing tent and fixing racks:—City Board.

On securing janitor:—Gardner Wade, Bert Bull and H. C. Fuqua

On receiving and erecting the tent:—J. W. Stephens, Jasper Henderson, J. H. McClintic, A. M. Vaughn and Herschel Foley.

On music:—D. S. Sharp, J. P. Patton, Clyde Fink, R. S. McClintic and Miss Susie Smith.

On finance:—Gardner Wade was elected treasurer.

On ushering:—J. J. Rogers director of forces, D. R. Campbell, Thos. D. Jarman, James M. Johnson, Oney Fink, Claude Henderson, Jack Conway, Dr. W. T. Rutledge and C. M. Sullivan.

High Jinks.

The big tent meeting cut all kinds of high jinks with the Paris druggists. "They say" the back rooms that were formerly the dispensing department for "hardware," have been refitted for wall paper, paints and oils.

Also that \$3,000 was raised and banked for the purpose of running a civic righteous crusade, and that Penn. Brace has been selected to run on that plank for prosecuting attorney.

Gee, if they sweep the Village-by-the-Court House clean, it will be a big sweep and unless that is a fearfully unhealthy locality, four or five of the numerous drug stores over there will have to quit business.

Only Two.

The stork has paid Frank D. Proctor another visit and left him a handsome boy.

He also went to see P. E. Bagley and left him a dear little girl to entertain.

Free sample demonstration, July 25 to 30 at W. B. Spalding.

A few days since Edwin Walker became too intimate with a mowing cycle with this result: he is now nursing his left hand.

Mrs. A. T. Baker and pretty little daughter, Miss Eleanor of Ft. Worth Tex. have arrived and will spend some six weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Proctor.

Misses Stella and Gertie Sharp are almost fixtures at the Variety store, they were not invoiced with the stock, but they will remain with Mr. Crawford just the same.

Hob. W. T. Ragland returned Tuesday from a business trip at Midland Tex. Mrs. Hugh M. Clark was no better, in fact when Mr. Ragland left they had taken her to a sanitarium at Fredonia Kan. where a sister, Mrs. Locke of Mexico met her.

J. Porter Patton, Joe Fitzpatrick, P. P. Sullivan and D. C. Clark left Tuesday for Bone Steel, S. D. where they hope to get a slice of the Rose Bud reservation which is being which is being thrown open to settlers. As J. Porter is an infant probably his idea is to grow up with the country.

Kept Promise to Dying Man.

Chillicothe, Mo., July 17.—That she might keep her word to a dying man who was an almost complete stranger to her, but whom she had nursed, Miss Eva Purcell, a Chillicothe school teacher, departed to-day for Wilmington, Del., with the body of Lewis H. Collins.

Collins and Miss Purcell boarded at the same house. When the man was taken suddenly ill several weeks ago Miss Purcell undertook the task of nursing him, solely for charity's sake. She remained faithful until death came.

Often during his delirium Collins spoke of a young lady at his old home, and during his rational hours begged his nurse that, in case he should die, she would take his body back to his old home. Miss Purcell gave him her promise, and it was to keep that pledge that she started on her long journey today.

The president has ordered that the Igorrotes shall continue to wear the abbreviated costume, consisting of only a four-in-hand worn low. Just what the cranks who want to regulate the universe, will tackle next no prophet can tell.—Hannibal Journal.