

1903 McNairy County Independent
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The travels of Clinton H. Moore, from McNairy County to Texas in 1839, was included in the 1903 McNairy County Independent. It was written by Mr. Moore in rather diary form, and is quiet lengthy and was a regular feature in the paper for about four months. Rather than have it continued each week for months, the complete diary is included in these abstracts at the end of December.

Friday, January 2, 1903

Ex-Chief Isparacher of the Creek Nation died at the age of 90.

Mrs. U.S. Grant left an estate valued at \$243,000 to be divided among her four children.

The school board leased to Prof. H.J. Cox the Selmer school building for three years.

Capt. E.J. Hodges and wife celebrated their 50th mile post on life's journey on Dec 29.

Capt Hodges is the oldest man in the county living on the same farm he was born on and never moved. He is 72 years old. His four sons, all same height, same weight, wear same size shoe and hat and names all begin with H: Horry, Henry, Harmon and Harvey.

The Farmers Column: Turpentine a good remedy for sick pigs. From a teaspoon to a piglet to a tablespoon for a mature hog.

Selmer High School--- Ten Months to begin Sept 1, 1902. J.A. Cox, Principal, J.D. Mullens, County Superintendent, Assist. and Mrs. H.J. Cox, Primary Dept.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:

W.C. Frazier to Judie Weeks

W.C. Wicker to Maggie McKenzie.

Will Willer to Sally Rowsey.

G. Martin to Laura Dixon.

Henry Dameron to L.V. Walker.

Van Buren Davison to Purlie Reves.

George Oneal to Mary Brooks.

James Wood to Mattie Lane.

Andrew William to Hattie Evans.

Elija Harris to Susie Wilson.

Bethel Springs Community: Bethel is the cotton town of McNairy County with shipment of 2,000 bales this season. Bethel needs good roads and hopes to raise public sentiment to spend \$500 in this county in 1903.

It is rumored the Illinois Central might put a line from Florence, Ala. to Jackson, Tenn., running via Shiloh and Snake Creek bottom.

Land transfers: A.E. Davis, adm. of J.B. Newell estate to W.J. Young, 4-10 ac, \$240. Mrs. M.B. Dickey to R S. Bell, ½ ac and town lot \$40. M.J. Wilson to Wm. Warren,- \$50. A.R. Huggins & wife to J.B. Huggins, 16 ac, \$600. P.A. Neathery & wife to W.S. Young, 12 ac \$25.- L.A. Lockman to W.S. Young, 80 ac \$125.- Sam Sharp to J.R. Wardlow, - \$800. J.R. Wardlow to R.A. Tays - \$600.-L.C. Simpson & wife to E.D. Moore, 140 ac \$200.- W.E Parrish to B.L. Kemp, one lot \$10.-W. W. Rogers & wife John W. Shaw, 2 tracts \$500.- J. M. King & wife to W. T. Howell, 250 ac, \$450.- J.W. Purviance & wife to Frank S. Elgin, one town lot \$500.- G.L. Harris & wife to A.M. Sewell, 76 ac \$500.- W.M. Davis to A.M. Sewell, 9.5 ac \$200.

SAND BOX: ... some missing.... next election vote County Superintendent and vote on the three wire fence.- -- A cold wave has struck everybody between the eyes.---Call and buy a few dozen brooms at this office at \$1.50 and \$5.00 per dozen.

Sometime last summer or early fall, one Charley Bias was arrested on a charge of criminal assault upon a Ferguson girl who lived at Peter Bailey's. Bias was bound over to the court by Esq. Beard and on his way to Selmer escaped, and not heard from since. A few weeks later, Bailey sat down to dinner and in taking a bite of biscuit found it bitter threw it to the floor, and a cat eating it, died suddenly. It is said the girl made the biscuits with arsenic out of revenge for Bailey for prosecuting her lover. No test was made to see if the biscuits were poison. This story also appeared in the Henderson Headlight but the names were misstated. It told Pete Bailey of Bethel Springs, an orphan girl and a man named Burles, and the whole barrel of flour had been poisoned and the whole family would have died. This story is not true. The facts of Peter Baker have been investigated and found to be true.

Personals: Virgil Barnhill took Christmas with relatives in Memphis. Pet. Carter, of Dyersburg, is visiting home folks here this week. E.G. Atkins spent several days of last week in Jackson and Lexington. T.A. Tedford and family returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Missouri. Miss May Derryberry spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Chewalla.

Alva Hudiberg, John Bigbee and Hunnelly Broyles visited relatives in Hardin County last week. Miss Mamie Smith, who has been attending school at Jackson, is visiting her parents near Selmer. Albert Gillespie and family have been visiting the family of Capt. W.T. Powers at Parson, Tenn. Mr. E.F. Stovall, a railroad man of Louisville, spent a day with his aged mother in Selmer last week.

Mrs. Kit Medlin and little son, of Jackson visited her parents Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Tedford last week. Miss Irene Houston, daughter of R.S. Houston of Guys, was guest of relatives in the city recently. Charlie Clay Stone, who has been publishing a newspaper at Sumner, Miss. for the last nine months, returned home last week. J.B. Graham and wife, who have been teaching school at Cherokee, Tenn., visited home folks and friends here during the holidays.

W.T. Magee called to change paper because he is moving his family from Corinth to Covington. Hon. Will K. Abernathy left Sunday for Nashville, where he will resume his duties as representative. He was accompanied by his wife and Miss Marie Adams Mr. Latimore Sanders, in the express business at Memphis, came over to spend a few days with his brother, Dr. Henry Sanders and other relatives.

Friday, January 9, 1903

Review of 1902: Strikes for unions, better wages and hours these included were coal miners, railroad, woolen mills, firemen and dockhands of tugs, packing house and department store drivers, fright handlers, grave diggers, boiler makers, and flour mills. Some were resolved and some were not.

May 7, 1902 Pierre, Martinique was totally destroyed by volcano eruption of Mt. Pelee and earthquake; 30,000 people died and 10,000 other in neighboring parishes.

Westminster Abbey in London: King Edward and Queen Alexander were crowned. Several business and banks failed, New York City, M.P. Anderson, real estate operator had a big lost at \$1,535,212.

Fires, explosions, train wrecks, blizzards, earthquakes, tornados, floods, cyclones, hurricanes caused lost of lives, property and crops.

The Boer War ended on May 31 at 10:30 p.m. at Pretoria under the terms that prisoners are returned to Africa without punishment, exemption of Boers from war tax and stocking of farms at British expense.

News of January 1903:

West Point Military academy celebrates centennial (100 yrs) of its establishment.

Work has begun on a big open hearth steel furnace at Pottsville, Pa. for the Eastern Steel Co. These furnaces have a capacity of 150,000 tons per year and will be the largest steel mill in the country.

L.D. Tyson, of Knox County, was elected speaker of the lower house of the Tennessee legislature of the 77th ballot defeating Abernathy of McNairy country.

The world fair will be held at St. Louis in 1904. --- Western Colorado's cold weather and heavy snow has resulted in heavy losses to cattle owners. These snows have cut the cattle from pastures and water.

The Farmers Column: Gallatin, Tn., Summer county, 10,000 turkeys were dressed for market; they average at 15 lbs. each and sell about 9c per pounds.

Statistics show that land value in the north is \$60 per acre brings a rental of four to five dollars/acre, and land in the south as a market value of \$15 per acre with a rental of five dollars.

Halls, Tenn.: The education of our children is 3 to 4 months a year. It is felt that there should be longer terms of school and decreasing the numbers of school houses, having no more than 2 schools per civil district and one or more high schools with at less 6 months of school per year.

Rose Creek: Ned Hall and Dora Hooper eloped. --- 3 new salesmen were hired at Williams Bros. Bargain store, they are Lee MacAlpin, Will Mitchell and L. D. Budlong.

Marriage Licenses:

S.T. McMahon to Lawdela Moore.

Chas. Deming to Della McAlpin.

Lee Combs to Maude Hipps.

Nonresident notice: J.F Gooch vs. Jim Wade & Minnie Wade for debt of property. The Wades are non-resident of the state. News paper publication for 4 weeks commanding the Wades to appear before John H. Steadman, J.P. For McNairy County, Tn. on the 6th day of February, 1903, or same will be proceeded with ex parte.

Taxpayers' notice: different places to collect taxes for 1902 starting Jan. 12-16, Jan. 26-30 at Caffey, Acton, Jno. Carroll's store, Pebble Hill, Adamsville, Milledgeville, Mt. Zion, J. H. O'Neal's store, Leapwood. Feb. List starts on the third -13 and 16 -20 and the 25th at Nethery's, Rose Creek, Kerby's, Gravel Hill, Purdy, Walker's Mill, Stantonville, Garrett's, Bethel, Finger, McNairy, Cypress, Chewalla, Ramer, and Guys. Horry Hodges, Trustee of McNairy County will be in Selmer on Saturdays and First Mondays.

For rent: Raines farm on Crooked Creek with two sets of houses and about 60 acres first-class bottom land. Also nearby what is known as the John Middleton place, a two-horse crop, one set of buildings. Concerning either, enquire at this office. In the paper Nov.12, 1902.

Bethel Springs: The re-organized Epworth League had its first rally and election of officers Sunday night. Rev. J.G. Williams, the new pastor, has a most convincing way of taking hold things. Mrs. Robert Turner and Miss Pearl Partridge returned to their Bemis and Jackson homes after a short visit to Mrs. Mollie Bel. Mr. Turner spent one Sunday here. The event of

the week was the wedding of Miss Maude Hipps to Mr. Lee Combs, of Jackson. The bride is the daughter of Squire Thomas A. Hipps. The groom is the son of the late John G. Combs, widely known and respected resident of the old Purdy neighborhood.

Friday night, January 23, to come up and hear the Y.M.C.A. dramatic club "Down East" a rollicking good comedy.

Frank M. Freeman, the funny man who sells tobacco to our merchants, and tells yarns and plays his fiddle for the boys, was mixing with his many friends in Selmer yesterday.

John Smith and Emmet and Drew Graham returned this week from a hunting expedition in the northern part of the county. They are all expert shots and brought home something over 200 quail and several wild geese and ducks. Mr. Smith reports having a shot at a black bear.

Selmer Hotel: Mrs. M. Halstead, Proprietress; everything kept in first class order. To the traveling public, \$1.00 per day. Low rates by week or month. Single meal, 25 cents.

T.A. Tedford, blacksmith: Located in Selmer and I do all kinds of blacksmith and wood work on wagons, buggies and farm implements. My prices are as low as anyone ought to want. Horse-shoeing a specialty.

Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at night when you go to bed and you will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It will insure you a copious and healthy movement of the bowels, improved appetite and digestion and increased energy in body and brain. Sold everywhere at \$1.00 per bottle.

Brighton: a rural free delivery route will be established February 2 next at Brighton, Tipton County, Tenn., with one carrier. The route embraces an area of eighteen square miles, containing a population of 500. The post office at Wright will be supplied by rural carrier from Brighton.

To cure a cold in one day: Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

*Accuracy- Husband- "Didn't I tell you that was a secret, and you were not to tell it to anyone." Wife- "you told me it was a secret, but you did not say I was not to tell it anyone."- Washington Star.

January 16, 1903

McMillin's message: To the Fifty- third Session of the Tennessee General Assembly: Battle Monuments: The Shiloh Battlefield has been set apart by act of congress as a park or reservation. The various States that had troops in that battle, as well as many of the military organizations that participated therein, have taken steps to erect suitable monuments to commemorate the heroism of those who fought there. I submit this subject to your careful consideration and recommend that you make an appropriation to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Tennessee soldiers who participated there-in. It was fought on Tennessee soil and was one of the greatest battles of the Civil War. A very large number of Tennessee's sons fought there and lost their lives in the fierce conflict. It is proper that this State should show its appreciation of their heroism and suffering. A monument should be erected of Tennessee marble to perpetuate the glorious deeds of those whom this State sent there to do battle. Not only at Shiloh, but in the other fields that have been set apart, as national parks, this action should be taken. These monuments should be built now, while the survivors of those battles still live, and while the generation that has personal knowledge of the magnitude and the importance of the struggle is here to see that the work is well done. I cannot too earnestly urge upon the necessity

of immediate action.

The coal famine is becoming serious in almost every city and hamlet in which they rely on coal as a fuel. The price has been advanced so that the poor are not able to get their needs.

Program Farmer Institute: At Selmer, First Monday in February Next: Opening devotional exercises. Preparing land for corn; how and when to plant; B.F. Darby. How to prepare land, how to plant and how to cultivate cotton and best variety; S.T. Chambers. The best breed cattle, sheep and hogs for McNairy County; J. Swain. The Angora the goat for this county; C.C. Marshal.

Sand Box: Everyone has been hustling around this week in Selmer—around the fire. This has been good hog killing weather.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Joe Coham to Mary Curtis. T.O. Naylor to Malinda Sweat.
H.M. Sanders to Rhoda Armstrong R.S. Kirk to Naomi Russell
Edgar Grady to Lou Hair.

Land Transfers: John T. Warren and wife to J.R. Adams, cashier McNairy Co. Bank; 1 lot in Adamsville—\$1500. Hardin and wife to J.V.W. Droke; 100 acres—\$250. M.M. Wilds and wife to H.G. Stutts; 68 acres—\$15. J.P. Epps to R.P. Ellis; 28 acres—\$350. A.S.J. Ledbetter and wife to Birdie Perkins; house and lot in Adamsville—\$700. J.R. McIntyre to J.S. Ball; 1 town lot—\$40. W.P. Green and wife to Ben Evans; 89 acres—\$325. B.L. Kemp and wife to J.D. Alexander; 1 lot—\$181. H.C. Mulder and wife to E.S. Perkins; 20 acres—\$20. J.S. Rogers and wife to Celia A. Ward; 1 lot in Selmer—\$700. Albert Gillespie, C. & M. to B.A.P. Selmer; 320 acres—\$400.

1,000 Watches Given Away! BOYS, GIRLS, MEN, AND WOMEN, do you want a beautiful, good timekeeping watch absolutely free? If so write us at once enclosing a 2c stamp for reply, and we will send full information how you can obtain an excellent watch without costing you one cent of money. All we ask is that you help us advertise our mail order business. Address all letters to WILLIAMS BROS., General Merchants, Rose Creek, Tenn.

Water Mill Meal: My mill runs for customers every Tuesday and Saturday. J.W. Purviance.

Personals: Marshall Minton, a prominent farmer of near Pocahontas, is in the city today. Lee Hendrix, the railroad timber contractor, was in Selmer Wednesday. “Uncle” Gib Scott, of Adamsville, was mixing and mingling with his many friends in Selmer this week. Elder Watters preached a strong and deep sermon Sunday night at the Methodist church on the “talent” text. Mrs. Mamie Jopling has not been able since Christmas holidays to be at her business house. Her health is improving and she hopes to be out soon.

Elsewhere will be found the ad of our boot and shoemaker Mr. Heddey. He is a first-class workman and has come to stay. He has his shop in the Gooch building next to Curry house. Take your repair work to him.

Bethel Springs: W.R. Talley has taken two trips to St. Louis with cattle in the last few days. Prices are good but Bud says it is mighty cold. Mr. Richard J. Pigott has taken the position left open by E.A. Epps leaving.

Born to Mrs. Bell Graham, a boy, on January 4. Mrs. Graham is improving slowly and surely, and the boy is proving his title to heir ship.

Death of an infant: This morning occurred the death of Elizabeth, the three days old infant of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Swain. The little one was born on Friday last and its death is a severe shock to the parents who had welcomed it with such hope and joy. The funeral occurred this afternoon at half past two o'clock from their home on Franklin street.—Selma, Ala., Journal, Jan. 5.

Teachers' Institute: At Stantonville, Tenn., Saturday, Feb. 7, 1903. 10 O'clock: Welcome address, J.R. Harley. Response, Terry Abernathy. U.S. History, Harvey Hodges and James Shelton.—Grammar, A.K. Hamm, and J.R. Erwin. Tennessee History, Wm. Littlejohn and J.H. Williams.

Noon Session: Theory and Practice, J.D. Mullens. Arithmetic, Louis and J.A. Houston. Physiology, G.A. Michie and Frank Locke. Reading, S.S. Littlejohn and Chas. Morphis.

Night Session: Recitation, Miss Lena Dean. Debate: Resolved, That Tennessee should have a compulsory school law. Affirmative, J.R. Hurley. J.A. Houston, G.A. Moore, Alex Boshart, J.H. Williams.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1903

Roosevelt and Edward VII - Exchange Greetings Over the ocean by the Marconi System. This was between Cape Cod and Cornwall, England, between President Roosevelt and King Edward: "His majesty, Edward VII., London, England; In taking advantage of the wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity which has been achieved in perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, I extend on behalf of the American people most cordial greetings and good wishes to you and to all the people of the British empire.

Roads: It has been suggested by some few that the first roads needed are between Selmer and Bethel, between Selmer and Pittsburg Landing, between Selmer and Bolivar, and between Bethel and Savannah. These are the main traveled ways now and once put into real road form, would become highways of commerce second only to the railroads which would be fed by them.

The Farmer's Column: Bermuda as a Grass: Every farmer should have permanent pastures or such grasses as are best suited. We are convinced that the great pasture grass for the poorest lands is the Bermuda. Once set it is there forever unless you want to destroy it. There is no grass which produces far superior to the Bermuda. It is the great grass of Texas, and covers large areas in Mississippi. When McNairy hills are covered with this grass it can be truly said "see the cattle upon a thousand hills".

Corn wanted by H.A. Warren, and also eggs for which I will pay cash or groceries. Don't forget to see me when in Selmer.

Sand Box: Monday come in like a May morning maiden with frosty curls.... It is said there is a regular booze den east of Selmer a few miles where the critter thrives under a license from Uncle Sam. Post master Dickey has bought the Curry Hotel property west of the R.R. and will put it in first class shape for the perfect hotel with up-to-date attachments. J.A. Locke was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail, on the judgment suspended at last court for a pardon.

Bethel Springs: The M & O R.R. has placed the genial Captain in command of a brand new office, bay-window, business passage and all. Mr. George Patrick and his crew did themselves proud in "fixing up" things about the station, even the tank and spring-house getting their share.

Personals: R.H. O'Neal, of Leapwood, was in town this week.....Fuller Kirkpatrick has

been taking orders this week for fruit trees, and left sheckles or a paper to his daughter Miss Uma at Humboldt. D.D. Hardin, a prosperous planter of near Leapwood, was in to see us this week and ordered papers sent to himself and other relatives.

C.C. Lewter, of the Telephone of Adamsville, was over Monday. We are glad to note his growing prosperity with his paper. He began as a boy on the first issue of the old Independent in 1879. Mr. Drew Hester and wife of near Bethel Springs: moved to Corinth December 29th. Mr. Hester has gone to work for Adams Machine Co.

Proceedings of the January Term of Circuit Court: Judge L.S. Woods, presiding; W.J. Null, clerk and R.M. Carroll sheriff.

Grand Jury: L. McDaniel, foreman; W.H. Stone, J.L. Coleman, W.H. Earnest, T.H. Sipes, Nath Plunk, Henry Lumpkins, S.K. McCaskel, N. Kerby, J.B. Butler, J.L. Latta, M.L. Sanders, W.S. Young; Lee McAlpin, officer.

Petit Jury: Tom Walker, James Reeder, J.M. Littlefield, J.E. Dunaway, A.B. Davis, J.W. Blasengame, D.G. Roberson, James Knight, John Lipford, J.C. Struder, D.W. Perkins, J.W. Carothers.

Civil Docket: White, Branch & McCoskin Hat Co., vs. J.P. Epps. Jury demanded by defendant and case continued.

J.D. Maness vs. J.R. Wright, two cases. Case compromised each paying his own witnesses, and cost divided.

J.H. Stults vs. O.F. Presby. Case disposed of by compromise.

City of Selmer vs. J.L. Brooks. Jury demanded by defendant and case continued.

Mark Lusk vs. M & O R.R. Jury demanded and case set.

Elizabeth Nethery vs. M & O R.R. Jury demanded and case set.

E.E. Walker vs. M & O R.R. Jury demanded by plaintiff.

Moselle Hamilton vs. Frank Bowers. Defendant dismissed his appeal

Criminal Docket: State vs. Lee Tacker, tipping. Forfeiture on bond.

State vs. N.D. Cook. False pretense. Motion to quash sustained

State vs. Put Baldrige and Tuck Hurst, malicious mischief. Trial and convicted.

State vs. Will Baldrige, tipping. Forfeiture on bond.

State vs. Pedra Walker, malicious mischief. Attachment for state witnesses & continued.

State vs. John Moore, 2 cases. C.W. Plea of guilty and judgment, continued.

State vs. John Moore, 2 cases. C.W. Nol Pros, defendant given, next term to secure costs.

State vs. Frank Jones and Crawford White, D. P. W. Nol Pros

State vs. Joel Kirkpatrick, C. W. Nol Pros and defendant assumes all costs.

State vs. John Garrison, Henry Jones & Clarence Brown, gaming. Submits, Fined \$1.

State vs. Bill Melton et al. Tom Gray submits, fine \$1.00 and costs.

State vs. Joe Plunk, C. W. Submitted, fine \$50.

On Monday afternoon a jury was selected to try the case of the State vs. R.J. Oliver, charged with the murder of L.B. English on the 18th of last June. The following is the Jury: Vit Oneal, James Knight, Jim Carothers, D.G. Robison, D.W. Perkins, W.B. Melton, G.M. Dallas, Benton Kindrick, John Jones, J.W. Garner, J.H. Boleyn, Tom Walker. Officers in charge of jury: G.J. Etheridge and L.J. Surratt. The evidence was all taken Tuesday, and Wednesday and most of Thursday was consumed in argument by the able array of legal talent.

*The world is more inclined to take a man at his own estimate of himself when he places it low than when puts it high.—Judge.

January 30, 1903.

Election Laws: Our election laws have grown up through a series of enactments passed at different times until they have become somewhat complicated and difficult to understand, both by the voter and those charged with their execution. They should be codified and all uncertainty removed and to be made as plain, simple and direct as practicable. It should be the purpose of all election laws to aid in securing, so far as possible, a true expression of the will of the people at the ballot box.

Tennessee Legislature: Jim Crow Bill Passed - The street car bill requires car companies in counties of 150,000 inhabitants to furnish separate cars for white and colored passengers. This makes the measure applicable to Shelby county alone.

The liquor interest received a terribly black eye today when the Senate passed the Adams Bill, extending the provisions of the four-mile law to towns of 5,000 inhabitants and under. The present law takes in all towns of 2,000, and if the house concurs in the senate's action, which it is certain to do, liquor is likely to be cut out of nearly every town in the state except the eight cities whose population exceeds 5,000.

'The Four- Mile Law' provides for the keeping of liquor out of any district within four miles of a school house, except in incorporated towns. Now comes the Adams Bill, amending the last law so as to extend it to towns of 5,000 inhabitants.

The anti-fireworks bill died as soon as it hit the clerk's desk, and the effort to make women eligible to the office of notary public met the same fate. Among the senate bills was one by Senator Peak to appropriate \$10,000 for the establishment of a colored summer normal and industrial college at Tullahoma, to be modeled after Tuskegee Institute.

The bill empowering county judges to perform the marriage service passed.

The house bill prohibiting children under the age of 16 from entering saloons or purchasing intoxicating beverages was amended to raise the age to 21 years, and passed with only one opposing vote.

It seems from every indication that there will be soon be built by the Illinois Central railroad a branch from some point on their main line to Birmingham, Al. Preliminary surveys have been made from Jackson, Toones and Bolivar with an indication that the Jackson route will be adopted. To us this seems the best. In any event McNairy County will get a good piece of the road.

County High School: The need of such a school as contemplated by the law of Tennessee to be provided in every county, is no-where so manifest as in McNairy, where the one school which has taken a stand for real work in the line of preparation for life work has drawn nearly a quarter of its enrollment from towns at a distance from Selmer.

Purdy: Commencing a few miles east of Selmer on the old road to Purdy, the ancient capital of McNairy County and the original center of culture and aristocracy in West Tennessee, beginning with the rise in the picturesque hills that mark the home of the moonshiner, the evidence of iron ore are distinctly marked. Back during the war soldiers of both armies, hard pressed, stop here long enough to enforce hospitality from the aristocratic inhabitants of the soil, and when their supply of lead ran short, they were wont to convert the rocks that made up the roadways into the iron bullets of war.

Bethel Springs: The event of the year—at least of the week—was the Dramatic Club's

presentation of "Down East," under the direction of Mrs. O.J. Stovall. The introductory item of the evening was a guitar and violin duet by Mr. C. Wilson and Miss Sudie Dowling, accompanied by Mrs. J.R. Dismukes. Miss Marie Stovall, as "Bets". Miss Minnie Cockrum played Hannah. Miss Ann Stovall was a typical Village Beauty. Mr. Will Pigott played the villain. Mr. J.R. Dismukes, Jr. played the part of the colored man. Mr. Ernest Stovall played the part of the mail carrier. M. Charles Dismukes played the parts of country post master, merchant and general mechanic. Mr. Paul Stovall played a mean villain. Deacon Perkins played by Mr. Robert Motly, a most kindly protector and counselor to the wayward miss whose heritage he held in trust. Mr. Aubrey Reeves as patrolman Rounds. Misses Nellie and Ruth Stovall played a duet. Miss Sudie Dowling sang "Because I Loved You."

Donnell Springs: Prof. Carter closed his school here Friday. John Carroll, of Pea Ridge, sold two fine mules in Corinth Saturday. Acton has a daily mail from Corinth. Joe Nix has moved into this vicinity. Leo and Fene Atkins, Ike Thomas and Leadford Dickson spent Saturday in Corinth.

Marriage Licenses:

Will Mosely to Ell Ross.	J.S. Hathcock to Elcie Fowler.
Jim Clint to Mary Patterson.	Luther South to Mary Horn.
George Meek to Widie Hamm.	J.B. Dallas to Leoqua Lott.
D.A. Wooten to Ellen Burrow.	Colonel Hughes to Apollonia Ginn.

Sand Box: Jim Pascal has been confined to his room for several days with chills.-- It is said Brant Johnson was the owner of the best pair of mules in Selmer on Monday.--The Selmer High School is enrolling new students every day.-- J.W. Johnson, the city barber, has moved his family from Highland Ave to Cypress Ave.

It seems as if Monroe Gooch, the dray-man, will meet with considerable competition as Master Thrasher Anderson has purchased a trained William goat and wagon and is doing quite a lot of hauling.

S.W. Gooch received a lot of rural mail boxes this week, and if you are in need of a mail box give him a call and secure one at a reasonable sum. Major Ferrell was in town Monday. Thursday was warm enough for gentlemen to appear in the shirt waist.

Sad death: Lessie May, the three year old daughter of Anna Hester, daughter of L.A. Lockman, of the 2nd district, was drowned in a creek near her home about eight miles west of Selmer Wednesday. The little girl is supposed to have followed a dog with which she had been playing to the back water of the creek and stumbled into a deep hole and before assistance arrived was drowned.

Personals: J.H. Sinclair, of Oxford Creek, was in town this week.--Dr. J.L. Smith made a professional trip to Finger recently.--Prof. W.H. Beck, of Guys, visited Selmer one day this week.--W.H. Topp, the banana man was in town yesterday on business.--John C. Sanders, representing J.M. Anderson Grocery Company, St. Louis, was in town Wednesday night.--S.T. Chambers, one of the most progressive farmers and stockman of Ramer, was in the city Monday.

U.S. Commissioner John W. Stumph has been seriously ill for the past few weeks but is some better this week.-- Selmer was very largely represented at Bethel Springs Friday night at the concert. All report a nice time.--Neely and Alvin Graham, prosperous farmers from the Rose Creek vicinity, spent a pleasant day with their brother, C. Graham, one mile west of Selmer, Sunday.--Louis W. Ellis and W.R. Carter, two of our promising young teachers who have been

teaching in the 9th district, have closed their schools and will enter school here.

Mud Creek: I notice in your last issue that the editor makes a motion for better roads. I second that motion. If there is anything under the heavens and on earth we do need it is better roads. Mud Creek can beat the deck for bad roads. I have not as yet heard of the shadow of a buzzard being mired up but I learned the other day of a incident almost it's equal. A man was riding over, or rather through the muddy roads, sometime knee deep and then still deeper in mud. He saw just ahead of him a hat lying on the mud. He reached down and picked the hat up and saw a bunch of hair. At this juncture the man in the mud exclaimed; "Say mister, don't take my hat. I have a mule somewhere here in the mud, if I can find it."

A good and sufficient tax should be levied to make all public highways pleasant to travel over—the writer is road free. He served his time out by working on the roads. Now he is perfectly willing to pay taxes to get better roads. The present road law is a humbug and a failure. So many road hands that go on roads for duty if they carry shovels, spades and axes do not shovel dirt enough to fill a wheel-barrow in a whole day, or cut brush enough to make a crow's nest. They stand, talk and gas off the entire day and get credit for a day's work. What justice is there in that?

The state of Tennessee needs more free school money. Every community needs enough money to run five months at least each year. And this should be supplemented by a compulsory law to make men that won't send his children to school to send them.

Livery stable for sale: A Bargain to the Right Man: As administrator and representative of the heirs of the late H.N. Emmons, I will sell the livery stable known as the Emmons Bro. Stable. The building and lots on which it stands are 75x150 feet. Stable has 24 stalls and commodious hay and feed rooms and sheds. Ten head of horses, all used in stable and in good condition. Five buggies, two surreys and two worn hacks and harness sufficient for same. The property will be sold on such terms as may be agreed upon. Some cash will be expected and time on deferred payments. Fred G. Emmons, Adm.

Wild at Union City: A telegram last week from Hon. George E. Bowden, announcing the vote in the senate on the Adams' Bill (four-mile law), set the people of Union City wild as soon as it became known, and bells rang, whistles blew and people yelled. Union City will have a great rally to commemorate the passing of the bill. The saloons will surely go from Union City.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1903.

Tennessee legislature: Senate Bills Disposed of. Senate bills on final reading were disposed of as following: To make it a misdemeanor for sheriffs, deputies or constables to refuse to receive and execute processes placed in their hands. Passed.

The house concurred in the senate amendments to Mr. Stratton's bill to prevent children under 16 years of age visiting saloons, the amendment to make the age 21.

House bills on third reading were disposed of as follows: To prevent assignment of unearned wages or salaries except where assented to in writing by the employer. Passed

To make married women who sell their real estate liable on the covenants in their deed. Passed.

To regulate the sale of hides. Passed.

To amend law on landlord's lien so as to make to extend five months.—Passed.

To protect rights of defendants in criminal cases when the judge becomes sick.—Passed.

Senator Hancock introduced a bill to qualify women to practice law.

Bethel Springs: Mrs. Mary Archer Ethridge, age 45, died at her home on Wednesday February 3, 1903. She leaves her husband Clark Ethridge and 11 children. The funeral was at noon, Thursday at the Presbyterian Church and burial at the Church cemetery.

The Farmers' Column: McNairy County Farmers' Institute, Feb 2.

President Gooch present and presiding. In the absence of Job Maxedon, secretary pro tem, J.J. Swaim was appointed secretary pro tem. Devotional exercises by J.W. Purviance. P.H. Thrasher took Dr. B F. Darby place on the subject of "How to prepare land for corn and when to plant." the following also gave talks about this subject. They are J.W.P. Kerr and L.A. Lockman.

"How to prepare, plant and cultivate cotton," S.T. Chambers opened the discussion, followed by R.D. Anderson and P.H. Trasher. "The best breed of cattle, sheep, and hogs for McNairy County" J.J. Swain opened this discussion, followed by J.W.P. Kerr and J.W. Purviance. Presented by a written essay by C.C. Marshall on "the Angora goats" for McNairy County.

The following resolution was adopted by the Institute: That it is to the interest of the farmers of McNairy County that they adopt a no-fence system, and we therefore instruct our representatives, Hon. W.K. Abernathy and Hon. J.C. Jackson to favor and vote for any measure toward this end. The Institute adjourned until the first Monday in March at 10 a. m.

Marriage Licenses:

Mitch Manes to Minnie Wood.

Robert Coleman to Donie Williams.

George Henson to Nellie Campbell.

C.F. Buford to Mary James.

Sand Box: J.H. Curry vacated the hotel property Monday, moving to his recent purchase--the Chas. Battle house.--Ike Dickey is pushing repairs on the Curry Hotel with a view of soon occupying it with both hotel and post office.--Joe Alexander has just completed a contract of getting out a large lot of heading timber for a Jackson firm.--The Wednesday winds cut like they had been sharpened on icebergs.--Ike Dickey has purchased a Monger system gin and will erect the buildings this season and be ready for the ginning season with the best outfit in the county, so he says.

Personals: R.O. Smith is visiting in Memphis this week. J.T. Houston spent several days here this week.--C. Graham, of near Rose Creek, was in town Monday.--J.W. Roberson and T.J. Sharp were in Selmer Tuesday.--S.T. Steadman and R.D. Anderson made a business trip to Corinth Tuesday.--S.T. Chambers and little son, of Ramer, visited Selmer this week.--U.S. Marshall Elgin was over from Memphis Wednesday, looking after business.--J.R. Stovall, a leading merchant of Bethel Springs, spent Monday in Selmer.--J.P. Epps was trying to negotiate for a fast horse Monday from Emmons Bros.--J.E. Williams, of Rose Creek, was in to see us Monday and left orders for job work.-- Mrs. M.M. Dickey returned this morning from a month's sojourn in the Lone Star state.--Bro. Hardeman, of Henderson, filled the pulpit of the Christian Church Sunday morning and night.--Dr. Henry Sanders of near Stantonville, was in the city Monday.--Hon. W.K. Abernathy spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks here, returning to Nashville Sunday night.--Joe Wagoner was present at the farmers' Institute and took a lively interest in matters. Joe is a thrifty farmer.--The many friends of J.B. Graham will be glad to learn that his wife is recovering from a dangerous illness of several weeks.--We are glad to note that U.S. Commissioner Stumph is recovering from an attack of erysipelas which has confined

him for several weeks.

James Kerby purchased Thursday the shingle mill advertised for sale in last week's issue of the Independent and is moving it to Henderson where he has a contract to get out a big run of cypress timber.

Dr. J.W. Flatt Dead. Dr. J.W. Flatt, of Stantonville, died at his home Thursday night, January 27, aged 47. He was buried at Clear Creek Cemetery. He leaves a wife and two children.

To the memory of Mrs. B.F. Darby: Mildred Hannah Darby, born in South Carolina died at the age of 65. She was the daughter of W.M. Prather. Her husband - B. F. Darby and seven children survive her.

Land transfers: P.B. Wamble and wife to R.S. Deaton; 1 lot-\$15.
J.W. Lock and wife to V.L. Lock; 1 lot-\$300. Bula Lock to V.L. Lock; 1 lot-\$750.
J.T. Barnhill to Sim Smith; --- acres-\$200. J.W. Ledbetter to Sallie Derryberry; 90 acres-\$1,000.--- W.J. Maxedon to Martindale; 1 lot-\$25.-- A.T. Springer to W.G. Armstrong; 80 acres-\$180.---J.T. McIntire to J.T. Barnhill;----acres-\$300.-- B.T. Evans to Hula Wharton; 150 acres-\$225.---W.S. Tacker et al to J.H. Swaim; 47 acres—\$110.-- W.H. Fulwood to H.C. Poindexter; 40 acres-\$300.-- J.W. Prather and heirs of Thomas Prather to L.W. Prather; 250 acres -\$300.---L.C. Roten and wife to T.M. Hawkins; 145 acres-\$500.-- R.C. Wilson to R.M. Sharp; 12 acres-\$100.-- C.L. Wilson and wife and R.C. Wilson to J.W. Shaw;---acres-\$1200.
R.M. Sharp and wife to J.W. Shaw; 25 acres-\$650.-- G.L. Hendrix to W.H. and Walter Franks; 100 acres---\$150.--Farmers & Merchants bank to R.J. Bass; 171 & ½ acres-\$350.--
C.A. Combs and wife to John Wall; 75 acres-\$200.-- R.J. Bass and wife to A.F. Shunfest; 70 acres-\$225.--G.W. Sipes to J.T. Wall; 60 acres-\$250.--J.W. Purviance to Owen Kell; 4 acres-\$10.

*Only a small man will blame his circumstance for his size. Ram's Horn.

*It is not usually so much a case of not getting what you want as of wanting what you can't get.--Judge.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1903

Tennessee Legislature: Another new bill by Mr. Poe provides that marriage license shall not be issued to persons under 18 years of age. The minimum is now 16.

Mr. Barnes introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for persons to kiss in public or private, unless married, when parties are between 16 and 45 years of age. Violations are punishable by fine of \$5 to \$50 and one to twelve months' imprisonment.

The terms of assessors were limited to four years. An amendment allowing assessors 15 cents for separate assessments of real estate was adopted.

Mr. Abernathy was unanimously chosen speaker pro tem.

Household Notes: Flour thrown upon burning oil will instantly extinguish it, while water only spreads the flames.---If soot should fall on the carpet, cover it with salt before attempting to sweep it up. It will then be removed easily and cleanly.

Silk dresses should never be brushed, but should be carefully rubbed with an old piece of velvet kept especially for that purpose.

To renew velvet, cover the face of a flat-iron with a wet cloth; hold the wrong side of the velvet next to this cloth until thoroughly steamed, than brush the pile with a soft brush.

The tender leaves and small ends of the stalks of celery should never be thrown away. If

dried they are found excellent for flavoring soups.

To power parsley, the bunch is dipped in boiling water to make it a brilliant green; then put in a hot oven for a few minutes to dry thoroughly. After this, it may be broken into tiny flakes.

Smallpox in McMinn County: Smallpox is raging in McMinn County. 25 persons have been exposed to the disease. 12 cases have been reported and one death has resulted. The county authorities are exercising the greatest precautions, and many quarantines have been established.

Brownsville Ice Plant: The Brownsville Cotton Oil Company will erect an ice plant in that town this spring in anticipation of the need of a large amount of ice and cold storage by the fruit and vegetables shippers. This will make two ice plants for Brownsville.

Closing Post Offices: Rural post offices in Obion County will soon be a thing of the past. The business of the Freemont, Clayton and Protemus offices were wound up last week and these offices have ceased to exist. The farmers generally like the rural system better than the little neighborhood post office, to which they could not always conveniently go, while as it is now their mail is brought to their doors every morning.

Dr. Frank Hasenkamp, of Chattanooga, a graduate of McCormick Optical College, of Chicago, will visit the following places on the dates given and spend one week only for the purpose of examining eyes and prescribing treatment or fitting glasses, as may be required, and take orders for any kind of spectacles. A second trip will be made on this circuit to deliver and fit the glasses ordered on the first trip. He will be at: Gravelhill from Feb. 16 to 21.--Stantonville from Feb. 23 to 28.--Pittsburg Ldg. From Mar. 2 to 7.--Savannah from Mar. 6 to 14.--Adamsville from 16 to 21.--And from Adamsville to Bethel and Selmer. Anyone needing glasses specially fitted to their eyes may rest assured he will do so and if not satisfactory when received no charge will be made.

Sand Box: The streets are again becoming show grounds for spring farm implements. The little spring daisies are now showing their modest heads. A tidal wave in the South Sea islands and more than a thousand natives were drowned and many of the islands devastated.

The old speckled hen is getting in her work at reduced rates--say at 12 ½ cents per dozen.

The bill before Congress introduced by Brownlow to appropriate \$20,000,000 for good roads has given him quite a national reputation. No one has taken license to marry this week or acknowledged a deed for registration.

Personals: P.W. North, of the 9th District, was in the city Monday. Dr. Hodges was down from McNairy on business. Representative Abernathy spent Sunday in Selmer. John R. Gooch, of Gravelhill, was here Tuesday. Mrs. Dr. Carter has been real sick this week but is reported better. Mrs. J.T. Barnhill has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Memphis.

Misses Lula Carroll and Pearl Abernathy paid us a pleasant call Wednesday. Miss Maud Sheffield from McNairy, has entered school here. Wm. Ruleman, one of the leading farmers in the 13th district, was in the city this week. Chancellor Hawkins convened the chancery court Monday and disposed of several lawsuits. Mrs. Minnie Rice of Memphis came Sunday and spent a day with her mother, Mrs. Lea. J.C. Hair called Tuesday and renewed his subscription and that of his brother, W.R. Hair, of Bulcher, Texas. Mr. Gerry Sanders, who has been taking a course of lectures at the Memphis Medical College, returned home this week.

Mr. Hugh Carter, a student of the Memphis Medical College, was called from Memphis Monday on account of the serious illness of his mother. A. W. Stovall, of Jackson, John

Roberson, of Henderson, and E. Ross, of Savannah, attorneys, were in attendance at chancery court this week.

Arthur D. Moore, of Kentucky, will lecture at the College Hall, under the auspices of the Selmer High School. His subject, "The Three Races: Red, White, and Black." He is said to be a very interesting lecturer and will be worthy of a large crowd at the Hall tonight. Admission, 25c. Children 15c.

Bethel Springs: Mr. W.B. Ronnie, the M. & O's night force, spends Sunday with relatives in Dyer. Mrs. June Browder, of near Finger, is visiting her brother, W.H. Tedford. Miss Lily Lane, daughter of Crump Lane, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The burial is at Mt. Carman.

Shoes, Shoes! Bigger & Abernathy are selling the best shoes in Selmer and they sell them at reasonable prices. See their line before you buy elsewhere.

*Every man is a volume, if you know how to read him.--Channing

February 13, 1903.

Bits of information: There are about six and a half million unopened letters received each year at the dead letter office.

Fifty million dollars worth of cottonseed oil are extracted in the United States each year.

New England makes six percent of the boots and shoes made in this country.

Nebraska shows the largest percentage of persons between the ages of 10-14 that can read and write.

Bread as a daily article of food is used by only about 1/3 of the population of the earth.

Over four billion post office stamps of various denominations are shipped to different offices within a year.

There are 30,000 women in Chicago that have the right to vote; and only 1,073 registered last year.

The world produces about 650,000,000 tons of coal a year. Two-thirds of this is dug in Great Britain and the United States.

FEBRUARY 27, 1903

More Smallpox at Milan: Several new cases of smallpox have developed at Milan. The health authorities have taken precautions to prevent its spread.

Land transfers: T.T. Coln and wife to J.L. Emmons; ___ acres--\$250. G.W. McCullar and wife to S.I. McCullar and wife; 222 acres--\$800. E.L. Farris and wife to T.O. Carman; 1 lot--\$160. O.G. Stutts to O.C. Hagy; 63 acres--\$105. T.J. Huggins to K.J. Hogan; 85 acres--\$160.-M. Hamilton To C.B. Middleton; 200 acres--\$575.

Wm. Stainback and wife to J.H. Swain; 2 lots--\$20. Martha J. Pitman to N.A. Erwin; 34 acres--\$100. E.E.L.A. and Thad Copeland to C.L. Copeland ___ acres--\$250. J.T. Barnhill to W.E. Tedford; 49 acres--\$300.

Bethel Springs: Mrs. Janie Neels, of Middleton, on the way to St. Louis to buy spring millinery spent several days with the family of J.R. Stovall.

Mrs. Ethel Cantrell left for her new home in Jackson Tuesday after a ten day visit at home.--Mrs. E.F. Hendrix, of Selmer, was visitor to relatives here on Tuesday.--Top price for cotton was reached on Tuesday when Buck Tull secured 9.52 1/2 on a bale from Lockman & Hendrix.--Miss Dovie Williams of Kennett, Mo., is visiting J.M. Moss and other relatives.

Mrs. S.A. Stovall, mother to J.R. Stovall, is reported to be very poorly. John Randolph, Jr. is housed up with fever.

Joplin: Mr. And Mrs. J.J. Swain visited in Masseyville Wednesday. They had a nice time. They reported that the roads were very muddy. Mr. George Basham and sister, Miss Orlena, visited the Swain family last Sunday. Mr. W.G. Hester left last week for the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lipford returned home to live, they had lived in Kansas for the last two to three years.--Kinney Lain, who has been very low, is reported no hope of recovery.

Marriage Licenses.

James Knight to Jennie Holmes	T.A. Copeland to Alice Smith.
Rube Anderson to Lula Floyd	M.A. James to Callie McIntire.
Will Mullins to Florence Floyd	

Professional cards.

John B. Jopling ----- Dentist ----- Selmer, Tenn.

Wood & Barnhill — Attorneys at Law ----Selmer, Tenn.

Practice in all the Courts

All Work Guaranteed ---- Lady Assistant in Attendance.

Sand Box: If the city officials do not put a crossing in front of the M.E. Church, we suggest a passing of the hat.--The boot and shoe maker pulled up stakes and left. He was not able to run his shop alone and had no help.

Reports from other places show a case of small-pox here and there. We hope to have none in this county this year; but caution should be exercised.

Today the old fashioned slow rain makes things look sad and melancholy.

Personals: U.S. Marshall Elgin was in town Monday morning on business.

Odus Weeks, of Masseyville, spent Wednesday in Selmer. U.S. Commissioner Stumph is reported some better this week.--J.W. Robinson and S.T. Chambers of Ramer, were in town Monday.--J.M. Chapman of near Stantonville, was a patron of our job office.--Mr. John Aldridge, a popular M. & O. Conductor, was in the Monday.--R.O. Smith has accepted a position as clerk at the Waldron hotel at Corinth, Miss.

Sheriff R.M. Carroll and Circuit Clerk W.J. Null were in Jackson one day this week.

We regret to note that Mrs. Carter is still dangerously ill as we go to press.--Hon. W.K.

Abernathy attended an important committee meeting in the capitol city this week.--Charley Clay Stone, who is with the Gazette-Era at Henderson, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. Edgar Thrasher and wife were up from Corinth Sunday visiting their many friends and relatives.--Mayor H.P. Wood and Hon. J.T. Barnhill returned Wednesday from the Mardi Gras festivities at Mobile.--Mr. & Mrs. Troy Graham, of Tupelo, Miss., were in Selmer a short time Wednesday, en route to Adamsville to visit relatives.

Jo Ed Williams, senior member of the firm of Williams Bros., of Rose Creek, was in the city Monday, and called in to see us about a large order for job work.--Misses Marie Anderson and Lillie Prather, of the firm of Jopling & Anderson, milliners and dress makers, left Wednesday for St. Louis to spend a couple of weeks in laying in their spring stock and familiarizing themselves with the latest fashion in both their lines of trade. Their customers may expect something extraordinary in millinery and dress goods on their return.

School notes: Everything is quiet with us, and work is progressing nicely. Last Friday

was examination day. As in all schools, there are some who do not do as well as they could, and to such students our examinations are a terror. Though there were very few, if any, failures this last one. Some of the students will finish the secondary course next week, then several of the young men will leave school to begin work on the farm.

The Philomathian and the Union literary societies meet alternately, and the Sebret society meets every Friday night.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers

Dr. King's New Life Pill. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at Pickens & Ethridge, Bethel Springs:.

Absolute Security, Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small and as easy to take as sugar, for Headache, Dizziness, Biliousness, Torpid Liver, Constipation, Sallow Skin, and Complexion. Purely Vegetable. Price 25c.

Every time the unexpected happens the I-told-you-so person is on the spot.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1903.

The Farmers Column: C. Graham takes a lively interest in the Institutes and is a worthy member. P.H. Thrasher can make some good hits at the Institutes though he is a little erratic in some of his notions. Rev. I.P. Austin was one the most practical farmers in the Institute. This was his first attendance. J.A. Shelton, one of the practical young farmers of the county, filled the position of secretary pro tem at the Institute. Esq. W.A. Gooch keeps things moving in an Institute of farmers. He can always hit the nail on the big end when he says anything. T.N. Bell is no slow mule when it comes to giving his experience on topics about the farm. He is one of the faithful attendants at every meeting. Esq. Giles Springer, by being selected to open two important topics, proved himself a thoughtful and successful farmer who thinks as well as plows. While J.T. Houston is not much of a talker in a Institute, he is a good listener, and his approval or disapproval can always be seen on the change of his countenance.

Bethel Springs: Leroy Tally and family moved to Memphis Thursday. C.C. Stone of the Henderson Gazette-Era, blew into town Sunday and drank of the springs. Dr. Perkins, of Henderson, and Dr. Hodges, of McNairy; were in consultation with Dr. Motley Saturday. Mrs. Jane Kernodle, mother to Mrs. J.P. Epps, is visiting her daughter for a few weeks. She is 83 years old. The chicken-pox has been epidemic here but is about stamped out. It is hoped that it will have spoiled this neighborhood for small-pox contagion.

Joplin: Mr. And Mrs. John Swain and little daughter, Ira, visited the former's parents Sunday. The community was greatly shocked on last Monday night on account of the sad death of Mr. Kinuey Lain. He leaves his wife and nine children. His body was laid to rest in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Died: Jephtha Fowlkes, nephew of S.K. Fowlkes and brother to Mrs. T. Prather of Ramer, died Wednesday at the home of the latter of consumption.

Sand Box: Emmet Graham has purchased the Belgian hares from Mr. Smith and expects to supply the markets of the north this season. Lee Hendrix, the railroad timber man, was in town Wednesday. Horry Hodges has come off of a tax collecting tour of the county. Hugh Carter is at home From Memphis after attending the medical lectures. Massey Phillips came down from Jackson and took in "first Monday." the Panama Canal scheme will be rarified soon

and will work will begin on the biggest ditch any paddy ever dug.

Personals: Everet Townsend, of Memphis, was in the city Tuesday.—J.M. Hamm and family have moved to their farm in the 2d district.—W.P. Littlefield, of Adamsville, was in to see us this week. Mrs. Terry Abernathy has spent the week in Corinth with relatives. Dr. Hodges, of McNairy visited the city on professional business. Millard Sipes has moved to his new purchase, the Mrs. Skull place. Miss May Derryberry spent the latter part of last week with her parents at Chewalla.

James Terry, Jr., John Rhodes and Charley Stone, of Henderson, spent Monday in Selmer. Mr. James Moffit and family of Jackson, visited their relatives, Mr. U.S. Alexander and family, Sunday.—Misses Florina Steadman and Nora Jones, of west Selmer, visited Wednesday afternoon.—C.C. Steele was a caller Monday. He is selling quite a quantity of fertilizer this spring for a Memphis factory.—Marshal Rube Braden has been pretty busy this week on account of having to watch the places that have been quarantined.

Clem Lea has a case of smallpox at his home three miles from here. He has been quite sick. He has been quarantined by the health board.—G.W. McCullar left Wednesday night for St. Louis where he went to buy the spring and summer stock of goods for Moore & McCullar.—Arlie Murray, a employee of the Memphis Street Railway, was in the city Monday and while here paid us a visit.—George Surratt and family, of near Adamsville, were on their way to the Indian Territory, where they will make their future home.— Fuller and James Kirkpatrick, representing the Humboldt Nursery Co., spent Monday night in Selmer. They were en route to Alabama where they will work the trade this season. Mrs. M. M. Dickey has a slight or small spell of small pox. She is strictly quarantined and no danger of the spread of the disease.

Farm & Garden: Sunlight Kills Potato Scab: A simple and quite effective method of disinfection is to expose the seed tubers to sunlight for several weeks previous to planting. We used this method last year for disinfecting seed, every tuber of which was exceedingly scabby. Upon harvesting the crop from this seed we found only 16 3/4 percent scabby, as compared with 45 1/4 percent, in the untreated rows. Where seed is not badly or deeply scabbed sunlight would no doubt be sufficient. The value of this treatment is the greater since exposure to sunlight hastens the growth of the tubers. Indeed, it is often practiced for this reason alone. Our potatoes so treated were up a week ahead of any of the others.

*Many are called, but few get up.

*Some people forget too little; others too much.

Friday, March 13, 1903.

The Farmers Column: The official reports from the gins of McNairy County to W.H. Stone, special agent census department, shows that the exact number of bales put up as a cotton crop for 1903 was 8,695 bales. The Adamsville gin put up a few more than any other.

Bethel Springs: Mrs. Robert Turner, of Bemis, is visiting Mrs. Martha Bell and her mother, Mrs. McAfee. She was accompanied by Mr. Robert Keelen.

Mrs. Ida Townsend, sister to Mrs. Martha McAfee, with her two young daughters, Misses Leah and Ida, and son, Eddie, on her way from San Antonia, Texas, to her new home in Tilton, Ga., is spending a few days with her sister.

Rose Creek: Hollis Williams of Selmer was here last week, looking after his father's farm. Eugene Basham has returned from Memphis where he had been attending the medical lectures. W.E. Hurst, one of Chester's efficient constables, was here one day last week on

business. Esquire Locke and Dunaway were here Thursday en route to the 3rd district to attend the Ferguson-Hooper lawsuit. Rev. W.T. Bazzell, one of the most brilliant as well as eccentric geniuses of the state and a young writer of considerable note, will occupy the McIntire houses this year.

Land transfers: B.F. Darby and wife to Thomas Sherman; 57 acres—\$60. Jesse Elam and wife to W.C. Elam; 235 acres—\$400. J.E. Hamilton and wife to T.M. Wilkins; 9 1/4 acres—\$200. T.M. Wilkins and wife to R.M. Sharp; 58 acres—\$600.

N.S. Neely to Mary Sanders; 80 acres—\$250. Mary Sanders to J.C. Sanders, et al; 80 acres—\$250.---Maggie James and Mollie Wren to G.L. Sanders, ___ acres—\$150. A. Farris and wife to J.R. Morgan; 45 acres—\$150. W.M. Brown and wife to B.P. Moore; 25 acres—\$250. A.W. Stovall to O.J. Stovall;—lots—\$266.65. John Pigott to Mary E. Hodges; 100 acres—\$250.

Marriage Licenses.

David Brown to Hattie C. Duboise.

W.F. Wall to Eva McBride.

J.T. Stanfield to Julie Prather.

J.C. Estis to Minnie Roberson.

S.A. Scott to Jennie Hodges.

W.D. Prather to Mary Smith.

George King to Sis Price.

Thomas Cobb to Mary Moore.

Sand Box: The amount of garden seeds in Selmer stores indicate something to eat this summer. Oil in large quantities is said to be found in Mexico.

Willie Sanders, from the 10th district, was in town Wednesday on business for his father, Byron L. Sanders.

Eating sweet potatoes at \$1.00 per bushel from country wagons is getting near the danger line.

Mr. Cobb had other people to see besides his relatives. He came for a wife and took license to wed Miss Mary Moore Thursday.

The Mississippi river is higher than ever known before. All those in the bottoms are fleeing to the hills. New Orleans will probably be submerged. Almost every town in Tennessee by vote has gone dry since the enactment of the recent law.

There is a growing need in Selmer for a lumber yard. Enquiry for small lots is daily.

Personals: Hon. J.C. Houston is in Nashville today. Warren Wallace spent Sunday with parents near Otterville. G.L. Anderson has been in St. Louis this week buying goods.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. McCullar have returned from the St. Louis area. Horry Hodges spent a day with his father's family near Finger this week. J.W. Prather and son, Arlie, left Monday morning for St. Louis to buy new goods. Dr. O.H. Parnell, of Florence, Al., has opened up dental parlors at the Curry Hotel.

The little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Tedford are seriously ill with pneumonia this week. Will K. Abernathy returned to the capitol city Saturday. He was accompanied by his wife and Miss Mary Adams. Mrs. M.A. Shull has moved to the Burnett residence on West Court, Mr. Burnett and family having moved to Memphis.

Miss Little Prather, on her return from St. Louis, spent a day or two with her aunt, G.W. Hawkins, at Union City. Thomas Cobb, of Texas, came by Tuesday. It has been fifteen years since he left McNairy. He has been visiting relatives for several days. John Lock, of Corinth, was in the city this week. He spent several days at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Laura King, who is dangerously ill at her home west of Selmer.

Miss Maggie Allen, of Iuka, and the Misses Walker, of Baldwin, en route home from St. Louis, stopped off and spend the day with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jopling, Sunday.

The "Deestrick Skule" will be presented Saturday night March 21, at College Hall. Scenes of the old field school will be reproduced. It is one of the most interesting plays ever presented. You should not miss this opportunity to see it.

One of the best and most enjoyable affairs of the season was the Flinch party given by Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Houston last Friday night at the Curry Hotel. Those present were: Miss Bessie and Verda Anderson, May Derryberry, Alpha Scott, Pearl Stone, Messrs. Arthur Scott, Edgar Atkins, Troy Brooks, Terry and O. Abernathy. Miss Alpha Scott will entertain tonight in honor of Miss Grisham.

It is a pity that we do not give more heed to the still small voice, but it must be admitted that Conscience is far from being a delightful conversationalist.

The success of one man is sometimes due to the failure of many.

MARCH 20, 1903.

Tennessee State: For Graveled Roads: The people of Madison County showed last week that they were unanimously in favor of graveled roads. The bill as amended will provide for the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds to be used within the next two years in graveled all the roads and all the lateral roads in every direction for 5 miles out from Jackson. The remainder of the bonds will be issued later on, as the county court may require it. The county court is favorable, and Madison County will have graveled roads before the year of 1904.

Farmers column: There is a great demand for all kinds of horse, and mule stock. Within the last 3 months there has been an advance of at least 25 per cent on everything in the way of work stock and harness. Thousands of these animals have been by the high waters.

Bethel Springs: Mr. W. Wilds, of Holland, Texas, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J.G. Wilson, while on his way to east Tennessee. The three year old girl of Mr. Duckworth, who lives on the William Chalmer's place, fell from a seesaw and died before aid could arrive. Mr. Ed McAfee, from Terrell, Texas, surprised his mother and sister with his unexpected arrival Sunday night. It had been 2 years since he was last home.

Joplin: Misses Maude Pigott and Maude Johnston, near Bethel, were the guest of Misses Swain recently. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cobb left Wednesday for their home in Texas. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life. Mr. Will Cobb and Miss Vina Swain visited relatives on Sugar Creek Monday night and enjoyed a musical entertainment given in their honor.

Ad: It Saved His Leg: P.A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the last medicine in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Pickens & Etheredge, druggist, Bethel Springs.

Sand Box: Now is the time to set out shade trees. Every citizen should put out this spring trees in front of their residences and businesses. Corn is as cheap in McNairy as in the great corn belts in the North. The quarantine is raised from the Dickey house. It is very doubtful whether Mrs. Dickey had the smallpox at all, but to be safe a quarantine was enforced. This promises to be a good spring for us. The blue bird is on the post, the jaybird on the limb and the English sparrow everywhere. The Tennessee River is out only in the low lands. This is unusual for it to be behind the procession. The latest advices from the high waters show the Mississippi waters still slowly rising; all roads leading west from Memphis are washed up and trains entirely stopped. The waters have covered all the bottoms west of Memphis and many lives are reported lost.

Too many senators love the little brown jug to pass a law to prevent shipping it into their dry towns. Oat sowing and repairing fences seem to be the jobs this week. Peas are being shipped from here to the market at \$1.00 per bushel. Jingo, the biggest elephant in the world, died at sea on a voyage to the United States.

Personals: John R. Smith has been on the sick list this week. J.R. Darby, of near Gravel Hill, was in the city today. E.T. Cantrell, of Jackson, was with relatives here this week.

Frank Sanders, of Adamsville, was in town Monday night. Sheriff Carroll and Warren Wallace spent Wednesday in Jackson. A.J. Sewell, Chester County's Register, was in town this morning. Noah Prince, of Corinth, spent a day with his family in Selmer this week.

J. Lewis Adams returned Wednesday from a visit to Florence and other Alabama points. W.J. Null, the clever and accommodating circuit court clerk of McNairy County, was a caller Monday. Jo Ed Williams was in Selmer yesterday en route home from Memphis where he had been to purchase goods. J.T. Dunaway was in town Tuesday after a confinement of several weeks caused by lagrippe and bad roads. Mr. Polk Cantrell moved back to his Tennessee river farm this week. He had his family here for school purposes.

C.C. Lewter, editor and proprietor of the Tenn. River Telephone, was in town this morning and says the mud is still "thar" all the way to Adamsville. Miss Callie Sinclair, the accomplished daughter of J.H. Sinclair, who has been teaching west of Selmer, was in the city Monday en route to her home in Oxford. T.P. Ramer was here Wednesday looking after his horse breeding interests.----Mrs. Kit Medlin and little son, Buford, came down Wednesday night from Jackson to visit Mrs. Medlin's parents, Mr. And Mrs. W.E. Tedford. B.L. Sanders was in Wednesday looking after the long looked for coal oil wells. Only a few more leases are necessary to insure work to begin within thirty days, so he says.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1903.

Tennessee Legislature: Anti-Jug Bill Defeated: the liquor and brewing interests in Tennessee won a victory when the State Senate, by a vote of 20 to 9 rejected McFarland's anti-jug bill, which sought to prevent the shipment of intoxicants in packages and barrels from saloon cities and towns to towns where the saloons are barred.

The senate adopted Bell's resolution declaring in favor of the State contributing annually \$25,000 to the Peabody Teachers' College, providing the college is located in Nashville.

Memphis Bill Passed: The house passed the bill taking the appointment of police and fire department officials in Memphis out of the hands of the mayor.

In the house: by Mr. Johnson--To provide that no two trustees of the Western Insane Hospital shall come from the same county.

House Bills on third reading: To appropriate \$5,000 to the Kings' Daughters for a home for blind girls at Nashville; passed.

Sand Box: W.K. Vanderbilt intends to make his future home in France, He says he has all the money he wants and cannot stay in the United States without constantly accumulating more. Clay Gibson is putting extensive additions on his residence on Cypress Avenue.

The rendition of the "Deestrick Skule" Saturday night was a howling success a large audience was in attendance an enjoyable evening spent.—Terry Abernathy as the teacher in the play was a roaring success. John R. Smith, son of Dr. Smith is said to have a case of small pox. Capt. Lee Howell was in town Wednesday doing his spring trading. Memphis has a button factory

that will employ 200 people.---Ed Cole was arrested on suspicion for stealing from Dr. Parnell's room some money, but no one believed he was guilty and he was released.

Personals: Dr. J.H. Curry, of Finger, spent a day in Selmer recently. John Stumph, of the 2nd district, spent yesterday in Selmer. Jim Terry and C.C. Stone, of Henderson, spend Sunday in Selmer. Mrs. Edgar Thrasher, of Corinth, visited relatives in Selmer recently.

Dr. G.W. Morris, of Adamsville, visited Selmer on professional business Monday.

U.S. Deputy Marshall Brown was looking after business in the 10th district Tuesday.

Mrs. W.K. Abernathy and Miss Mary Adams have returned home from Nashville.

Joe John Adams and Judge Abernathy have been seeing the sights in Nashville this week.

Mrs. H.P. Wood has been dangerously sick all week, but is reported better as we go to press. Mrs.

Dr. O.H. Parnell, of Florence, arrived this week to visit her husband who is doing dental work here. John R. Erwin, of the G.R.C. at Henderson, was in the city yesterday en route to visit home folks near Stantonville. Miss Pearl Davis, who has been teaching near Chewalla, has returned to Selmer and will attend the Normal term of the Selmer High School.

Mr. Wesley Simpson had his foot painfully crushed Wednesday while assisting at Mr. Anderson's gin. A heavy pipe slipped from the top of the boiler while temporarily detached and the end struck his foot where he was standing assisting in filling the broiler which had been emptied. He will be laid up some time.

Bethel Springs: Arthur Lane returned to his work at Corinth Thursday, his brother Asa, having recovered his usual health. Col. Soule spends Saturday in Memphis interesting investors in McNairy County property. The fire at Hester & Cobb's was promptly subdued by the generous and timely aid of their neighbors. It caught from a spark which is old and very dry.

Dick Turner has been gone to Henderson to take charge of the M.O. Pump at the water tank. Mrs. Ida Townsend, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha McAfee, for two weeks, has gone to her new home in Tilton, Ga., with her three children. Miss Leah reports having had a splendid time in Bethel and feels especially grateful to the young people for their courtesies.

Luke R. Littlefield died at his home in Adamsville Wednesday of pneumonia. He was about 85 years old and was from South Carolina; he resided in this county over a half century. He was the father of 11 children. He was buried in the Adamsville cemetery.

Bigger & Abernathy Selmer, Tn. We must respectfully call attention to the fact that we are buyers of everything you have to sell in the way of Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Hides, Railroad Timbers, Spokes, Heading. We pay cash for Spokes and Heading.

We sell Everything you have to buy, and we have the largest stock in the county.

Clothing: We have one of the Largest and most up to date stocks of Men's & Boys' Clothing.

B. & A.: They range in price from \$1.50 to \$12.50. Pants: See our line before you buy. We know we can suit you in Style, Fit, & Price Shoes! We have a splendid assortment of shoes and you would do well to inspect our line before buying elsewhere.

Bromo Seltzer Cures All Headaches. 10 cents Everywhere.

*The man who is willing to meet trouble half-way seldom has to go that far to meet it.

FRIDAY APRIL 3, 1903

New Rural Carriers: five new rural free delivery routes will be started out of Huntingdon at once.

Farmer's Column: In one of the South Carolina counties pecans are being grafted on hickory sprouts successfully. Borers do not attack the hickory. Old pecans trees in Virginia are valued at \$1,000, yielding annually that sum each.—Charleston News and Courier.

Bethel Springs: Miss Helen Haily of Adamsville spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Mollie Bell.—Mrs. Henry Dennie reports all well with his wife and the new eleven pound boy who came Wednesday morning.—John Drew Cheshier and Mrs. Anna Lockman Hester were married by Rev. George Carman, Wednesday, in the presence of a very select gathering.

Miss Anna Montague and Miss Marie Winningham of Henderson stopped over Monday night with Miss Marie Stovall on their way home from school.—Mrs. John Carter is very ill with Meningitis.

Sand Box: Corinth is trying to get up a railroad boom by the visitors seeing its need on Monday and Tuesday in getting to Shiloh and back.— Sheriff Carroll has out 100 post cards offering a reward for any of the escaped prisoners.—The Dickey Hotel is being finished up in city style.

Personals: Mrs. R.M. Carroll and daughter, Miss Lula, are visiting in Memphis. Mr. Hodge Sanders from the 10th district, called Wednesday and added his name to the family. Mrs. Dr. Carter has been seriously ill again this week with heart weakness.—C. McCann of Henderson was here yesterday placing some harvesting machinery with our merchants. He is an old McNairy boy. We regret to learn that our fellow townsman, J.T. Warren, sustained a loss of over \$2,000 by fire in the store at Duncan, I.T., last Saturday night in which he had an interest. It was a large concern with general loss of \$25,000, and only partially insured.

Land Transfers: W.H. Kier to S.L. Smith, 135 acres—\$315.—James Rharr and wife to T.N. Bell, 62 acres—\$70.—J.M. Pettigrew to E.H. and John Colemans, 173 acres—\$525.—H.L. Moore to J.W. Wardlow, 201 acres—\$133.

Marriage Licenses.

H.D. Lott to Anne Canady.

Frank Comer to Pearl Newell.

Bell Hurst to Jessie Meeks.

J.M. Mayfield to Maggie Sanders.

A.J. Nickols to Kathrine Foster.

J. N. Floyd to Roxannie Russum.

J. S. Grantham to Cornie Majors.

Uther Pharr to Georgia Fowler.

T.H. Buller to Amy Maness.

John Cheshier to Anna Hester.

APRIL 10, 1903

A Baptist preacher named Cannon at Pittsburg, Tex., is the inventor of an airship, the ideas for which he claims to have obtained from the Bible.

In Memoriam: Luther Rice Littlefield, of Adamsville, Tn., he was 76 years and 3 months old. He leaves his wife Nancy A. Wolverton and 11 children and several grandchildren.

Sand Box: Eggs are 10c per dozen in Selmer and 7 ½ c in Adamsville.—S.W. Gooch has the biggest onion patch ever seen in Selmer.—Horry Hodges fell in love with Nellie Grant at Shiloh. She is the grand-daughter of the great U.S. Grant. It's said Col. Patterson's speech at Shiloh was received with greater enthusiasm than any others. A test coil oil well at Huntsville, Al., shows indications of a rich strike.

Personals: W.P. Hurley, of Tulu, was here attending to business Monday. Miss Ella Gooch spent yesterday in our city visiting her brother, S.W. Gooch. Jones C. Maxwell of

Masseyville was in the city Monday. Mrs. Carl Stovall and children, of Corinth, spent yesterday with relatives in Selmer. Dr. J.H. And Bruce Mitchell, prominent citizens of Masseyville, were in town Wednesday. Several of our young people attended the dedication exercises at Shiloh the 6th and 7th. Terry Abernathy left Monday night for Nashville. He was accompanied by his brother, Wisdom. Mrs. Oscar Wooten left Sunday to spend a week or two visiting her parents near Essary Springs. Mr. E.T. Cantrell returned yesterday from Jackson after a two month's job at a drug store in that city.—Jas. L. Littlefield and Esq. J.R. Wesson, from Adamsville was in the city Monday.—A.H. Olive went to Corinth Tuesday to assist L.A. Beatty in a rush of work in the photograph business.

James Henry Wardlow, who has been attending school here, returned to his home in the 9th District Monday. Mr. William Chester, of near Huntsville, Al., is visiting his mother at Bethel and spent yesterday with relatives in Selmer. John Smith, after a month's confinement to his room with small pox, is again able to be out and paid us a visit Monday. Mrs. W.M. Phillips and children, of Jackson, after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends to in the city, returned home Tuesday.—We had a call from Prof. Prather and son of Madisonville, Ky., Wednesday. They sang at the Methodist church Tuesday night.

Mrs. Boone, who has been visiting relatives in Memphis for several months, spent a few days with the family of H.P. Wood this week on her return to her home at Adamsville. Mrs. Ella Stone, who has been spending the winter with her relatives in Selmer, left Tuesday for her home in Sumner, Miss. She was accompanied by her father-in-law, W.H. Stone. D.W. Cobb and C.C. Plunk, called Monday to interview our specimens of vetch and other farm products.

Hon. W.B. Romine, of Pulaski, came Monday to be at the bedside of his afflicted father at his home near Stantonville. He returned to the legislature Wednesday night. McNairians are proud of his prominence as a member of that body. Prof. J.L. Soule left last night for Memphis where he is offered a position in the auditor's in the office of the Illinois Central railroad.

Pleasant Site: J.W. Wyatt and wife, David Smith, S.V. Jones and his daughter, Miss Edith, spent the 6th and 7th at Pittsburg and reported a good time.—Rev. J.C. Harris filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Bethel Springs: Miss Callie Miller, of Finger, visited in the city this week. Mrs. Malissa Miller has been visiting relatives in McNairy and Chester counties for several weeks, spent Monday with her cousin, Mrs. W.H. Tedford, on her way to Booneville, Miss. Mr. J.F. Walker, of St. Louis, and Mr. Thomas Shea, of Pocahontas, spent Monday night with Mrs. Martha McAfee, the latter's sister-in-law. Mr. Walker is a nephew of the late President Polk, and has in his possession a cane made from an apple sprout bearing inscription showing it to be 120 years old, having been owned by President Polk's grandfather.

Land Transfers: Thomas. Shea to W.H. Irwin, 2 tracts—\$1200. W.M. Susan, A.C. and Mattie Lane to A.T. Murray, 40 acres—\$200. W.M. Jones and wife to S.S. Brooks and wife, 64 acres—\$450. J.T. Warren to W.G. Carothers, 25 acres—\$42. A.M. Sewell to W.G. Carothers, 169 acres—\$225. J.W. Birmingham and wife to Liddie A. Gipson, acres—\$300. W.S. Plunk to J.C. Plunk. 165 acres \$300. W.S. Plunk to C.C. Plunk, 60 acres—\$250. G.W. Hurley and wife to T.J. Hurley, - acres—\$500.

Marriage Licenses.

Nat Carman to Minnie Miller.

H.T. Smith to Pearl Littlejohn.

Chester Hailey to Minnie Gray.

Two Women Doctors: The State Medical board examined 36 applicants at Knoxville last

week, who desire to practice medicine in Tennessee. Two of the number were women, the first who ever applied in that section of the State to practice medicine.

The Jackson Free Library (Jackson, Tenn.) is issuing membership cards to the public, and the library has opened its doors. It is one of the handsomest library buildings in the State. It starts with about 3,000 volumes, which will be added to from time to time, as appropriations are made.

APRIL 17, 1903

Over thirty-eight thousand immigrants arrived at New York during the first ten days of April. Twenty-two monuments costing \$25,000 marking the positions of the twenty-two Indiana regiments which participated in the battle of Shiloh have been presented by the state to the government.

Bethel Springs: Miss Myrtle Williams is visiting friends here.—Prince Etheridge is visiting at Crainesville. Lola, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Pickens, is in Adamsville this week. Mrs. Motley and children are visiting her brother, Mr. Tatum, at Montezuma. Mrs. E.T. Cantrell is the guest of J.R. Stovall and family. Miss Lillie Wilson, who has been teaching in Ardmore, I.T., returned Friday. Miss Montegue, of Henderson, opened school here. We learn that Prof. J.L. Soule, who recently closed his school at this place, has gone to Memphis to accept a position with the L.C. Railroad.

Essary Springs: Jimmy Gurley has been very sick this week but is better now. Miss Myrtle has been sick this week. "Grandpa" Nelims visited the family of Fred Wright last week; he had a good time fishing.

Another old citizen dead: J.A. Romine, 65 years old, died at his home near Stantonville last night. He had three children, and his wife Sarah E. Fullwood. He was buried Tuesday at the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Opie, Tn., April 13.—Yesterday at the Cooper's Chapel Baptist church, Prof. G.M. Gooch, of Smithsdale, Ark., was married to Miss Mabel Farris of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M.E. Dodds of Jackson.

The wedding invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. James Louis Adams and Miss Rachel White at the home of the bride at Burrham, Ala., Tuesday morning, April 28.

Dickey Hotel: A rather informal inspection of the improvements being fitted with an elegance and convenience surpassed by no building of its dimensions anywhere. It has 16 rooms, and each has been newly papered, painted and finished in oil with elegant furniture. The dining room is light and elegant. The office and parlors are gems of beauty. There are open fire places in nearly all the rooms. Wide halls and two-story verandas on front sides make it enjoyable the year around. It is expected to open for guests on May 1.

Williams Bros., Rose Creek, Tn. Everybody Invited to attend the big show of Ladies' Hats. All sorts of fine dress goods, Children's hats, caps, and clothing, shoes and slippers, jewelry, novelties, watches, rings, latest things in belts, hosiery, handkerchiefs, gloves, the most stylish things in men's hats, all sorts of straw hats, men's clothing, collars and ties, and furnishing goods in general and all sorts of notions.

Jopling & Anderson, Milliners & Dress makers: Everybody come and see what is pretty, good and cheap. Prices: Plain Shirt Waists, 25c, wrappers, 50c, etc. We also have the largest stock of Hats ever brought by us or anyone to Selmer. Our Offer: We give a coupon for every article of goods purchased from 5c up. Thanking you for past favors and assuring you a warm welcome to our store.

As a pointer on what judicious advertising will do we learn that Jopling & Anderson's millinery emporium has furnished Williams Brothers., at Rose Creek, over 200 hats already and Miss Ora Williams has the management of that branch of this establishment.

Sand Box: Strawberries should soon be on our tables soon. Old Pride is now giving cream, and Uncle Hugh has the sugar. We trust the new I.C. Road will be built before they have any more dedications at Shiloh. Hardin County has adopted the three-wire fence. McNairy County is afraid to do anything that their daddy didn't do. The report of the visiting committee of the legislative shows a deplorable condition in the prison mines, corruption and fraud being rampant. The painter's brush is toning up the town in a way that looks like everyone is not on the old foggy list. The surest way to stay poor permanently is to try to get rich quick.

It is reported that the county officials are finding some leaks in some of the late county official's books. When we learn the particulars we will give the facts. Cotton reached the highest mark of the season Monday, squaring up on 10c. Guess the sun will rise in the morning whether H.C. Gooch is elected Mayor or not.—The M. & O. has been treating the depot to a new coat of paint which makes the building look like an Easter Sunday girl.

Fresh fish every Saturday: I have a nice lot of fresh fish on ice every Saturday from Union City for sale at my restaurant. T.M. Humphrey.

Personals: Hon. A.W. Stovall spent Monday in Selmer. Hon. E.W. Ross, of Savannah, was in the city Monday. Mrs. Edgar Thrasher was the guest of relatives in Selmer this week. Arthur Olive and Troy Brooks were up from Corinth Sunday. Dan Gooch returned the first of the week from a visit to Nashville.—K.C. Jopling, of Memphis, spent Sunday with his parents in Selmer. Editor Houston and wife visited Mrs. Houston's parents at Finger this week. J.W. Ledbetter, of Chewalla, was looking after business in Selmer the first of the week. Charlie Stone, who has been at Henderson with the Gazette-Era, is with the post now.

Oscar Wooten and Frank Crocker spent most of the week attending the civil services examination in Memphis. Capt. J.W. Shaw, superintendent of the Shiloh Cemetery, was in town Wednesday. Claude Prince, had charge of the mechanical department of the Post for the last year has accepted a position with a leading newspaper of that place.

April 24, 1903

An Unfortunate Boy: Earl, the 13-year-old son of W.T, Bailey, of Ramer, met with a painful accident last week. A log on which he was setting suddenly rolled over, crushing the lad's right leg. This is the seventh time the lad has suffered a broken leg.

Tennessee Legislature: The assembly also passed a bill giving women representation on the board of trustees of the confederate Soldiers' Home.

Pebble: Rev. C.P. Erwin filled his appointment at Pebble Hill Sunday, and left an appointment for the 3rd Sunday in May. John Morgan of Tulu spent a part of Sunday here. H.G. Stutts, a merchant at Pebble Hill, has sold his stock of goods to his father and may go west. Frank Huggins, who seems to be at death's door with consumption, is no better.

Bethel Springs: Thomas Moss has been in Texas for several months, returned home Friday night. Edgar Stovall, of Louisville, Ky., spent a few days with his mother. Mrs. Tally, of Middleton, has been visiting relatives here. Miss Tennie Baxter, of Corinth, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Scabro. Mr. Kinney Hendrix, died at his home Saturday of pneumonia. He was buried Sunday at Buena Vista. Mrs. J.G. Williams is on the sick list this week. Thomas A. Ansley, an old

soldier, spent a few days with W.H. Tedford and family. Miss Pauline Stovall is on the sick list.

Vicie (Lou Viey) Stiles, age 36, died at her home near Selmer last Friday. She was buried at the Jopling cemetery (Bethesda).

Wool Carding: My new machinery is now running in first class order. I will visit each neighborhood and take your wool free of charge. It is best for you to have your wool clean and free of burrs. I have a fine burring machine. I charge 8 cents per pound or one fourth the wool. I guarantee to make as good rolls as it is all new and of latest pattern. J.H Alexander, Selmer, Tenn.

Sand Box: Sunday's rain was not as heavy here as most places. The election last Friday resulted in the election of H.P. Wood for mayor. Register Carothers is suffering with rheumatism; he still hobbles to and from his office and is always at his post. Wanted: some officer to clear the brick from Court Avenue. Try your hand gentlemen at doing something for the town. The dreadful plague of buffalo gnats is now on in the Memphis district. They are a terror only known to those who have had experience with their presence. An open gate near Mr. Coleman's, leading into the railroad enclosure, was the cause of a valuable cow getting on the truck and being killed by a passing freight Monday. J.R. Hurley and family have left for the Indian Territory. They will doubtless return wiser and poorer at the end of five years. Strawberries are now being shipped from this point. The berries are fine but not a large crop.

May 30th the Iowa monuments at Shiloh will be dedicated. Wednesday was old blackberry winter. If one believes what he reads, Corinth is to have free delivery, sewerage system, an oil mill and any old thing, any modern city possesses.

Personals: R.L. Parrish, of Adamsville, was in the city Sunday. J. H. Bigger made a flying trip to the Bluff City Monday. U.S. Marshall Elgin was over from Memphis recently on business. E.G. Atkins and C.A. Scott left Wednesday for a visit to Memphis. Bob Stone, after an absence of several months in Mississippi, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Abernathy returned Monday from a pleasant trip to New Orleans. Mr. John Thrasher and wife of Corinth spent Sunday in the city with relatives. Mrs. Albert Gillespie left Tuesday for Decatur County to visit the family of her father, Capt. W.T. Powers. Mrs. Rebecca Emmons, who has spending a week relatives at Action, returned home Wednesday. Mr. E.W. Stiles, of Canton, Miss., was up to attend the funeral of his sister Sunday and remained several days.

Miss Beatrice Grisham, the music teacher at Selmer High School, is spending a week with relatives in the 9th district. A. C. And Mrs. Lea, from Memphis, came to Selmer Wednesday to visit with relatives and friends and stayed the balance of the week. Mrs. R.E. Emmons and son Marvin, from Falcon, was here Tuesday shopping.—Andrew Purviance Hamilton, from Memphis, paid us an unexpected visit yesterday. John Calvin Hamm, who recently moved with his father to the 24th district, had a serious accident last week. He was trimming a tree when the axe glanced and cut one of his feet so badly the he will not be able to work for a while. Miss Lillie Prather from the millinery emporium of Jopling & Anderson visited Finger yesterday with a beautiful line of hats.

For the annual reunion at New Orleans, May 19-22, the Mobile and Ohio R. R. will sell tickets to New Orleans and return at above rate, limited for return to May 24th, with privilege of extension to June 15, 1903. Side trip tickets at rate of one first class fare plus 25c. For the round trip will be sold from New Orleans. Ask your nearest ticket agent for full particulars.

It Cures While You Walk: Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for hot, sweating, callus, and swollen, aching feet. Sold by all Druggists, Price 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

MAY 1, 1903

Farmer's Column: A man is inhuman who shears his sheep before the cold rains and bleak winds of April have passed. Sheep should not be shorn of nature's clothing until the middle of May.

Bethel Springs: several of our people are laid up with grip. Troy Ammons was here from Cairo this week on a visit to relatives. Rev. J.D. Wilson and wife from Texas are visiting here. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of J.G. Wilson, our post master.

Pebble: Frank Huggins is very low. Wesley Wood left Thursday for Hot Springs where he hopes to improve his health. Dr. Howell was here recently.

Lockman's: Miss Bettie Mayfield is on the sick list. Mack Reeves and Miss Daisy Robinson visited Crainesville Sunday. The fishing party on Kies creek Saturday was well attended and all report a grand time. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lockman visited Mr. Neely Fulghum's family Saturday night. Everybody interested in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery is invited to Decoration Day the 3rd Saturday in May. Willie Lockman visited home folks Sunday.

Marriage Licenses.

James Evans to Bee Linsey

E A. Duncan to M.B. Paterson

Frank Spencer to Emma Smith

Arthur Milligan to Lula McDaniel

Wm. Sanders to Etta M. Davis

R.B. Rinehart to Annie Davis.

Sand Box: The reception at the Dickey Hotel tonight launches this attractive hotel open to the public.

Would it not be well for Gov. Frazier to change the election commissioners in McNairy as well as in most other counties. D. Erwin was in town Tuesday. Strawberries at 10c per quart. What about the new gin and sawmill?

We supplied the new Dickey Hotel with stationery this week. A flock of 250 sheep and lambs were sent from Selmer to Obion County Wednesday.

Personals: Claud Prince has returned from Gleason. Miss Pearle Stone visited at Finger Sunday. John Rogers has returned to his home at Jackson. Jo Ed Williams, of Rose Creek, was in the city Monday. Jim Terry, Jr., of Henderson was in the city Sunday. J.W. Prather has been at Jackson this week as a juror in the U. S. Court. Miss Irene Houston, of Guys, was the guest at the Curry house this week.

Audrey Sipes and Frank Sanders of Adamsville were visitors to Selmer Sunday. Mrs. Maggie Adams, who has been visiting her relatives in the 10th district, has returned home. Miss Georgie Wolverton of Adamsville was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lum Alexander, recently. Fred Emmons left Monday to accept a position with the Pearson-Ferrell Grocery Co. at Jackson. U.S. Commissioner Strumph and deputy-marshal Brown have been at Jackson attending federal court this week. Mrs. Kendrick, of near Stantonville, was in Selmer Tuesday en route to Henderson to visit her daughter, Mrs. Thompson.

C.W. Moore made his usual semi-monthly appointment Monday, and with his sample case and order book was busy among our merchants. J.W. Purviance, P.H. Thrasher, Horry Hodges, and Terry Abernathy left Wednesday night for St. Louis to attend the dedication of the World's Fair. We wish them a pleasant trip and a safe return. Mr. Louis Adams and bride arrived on the 9:42 train Tuesday night. They were married at the bride's home near Florence, Al. Tuesday afternoon.

19th Annual McNairy county Sunday School Convention, which meets at Ramer, Tn., May

14 and 15, 1903. Let everybody come and let this be the grandest convention yet. Ramer churches and generous citizens welcome this convention to the hospitality of their homes.

*Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatest thrust upon them; and they nearly all agree in telling the rest of us that is isn't what it is cracked up to be, anyway.

MAY 8, 1903

Reward for Moore: A reward of \$50 was offered last week by Gov. Frazier for the apprehension of John Moore, convicted of murder, and who recently escaped from the McNairy County jail.

Woman in Hardeman County near the McNairy line has given birth to nine children in four years. She has been married sixteen years. Three sets of twins and one set of triplets.

Electric Bitters is believed to be a wonderful cure for acute stomach and liver troubles. They are positively guaranteed for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, and kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Pickens & Etheridge's, Bethel Springs.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all throat and lung troubles. It's infallible for Whooping cough grip, pneumonia and consumption. It's guaranteed by Pickens & Etheridge, Bethel Springs. Trial bottles free. Reg. Size 50c, & \$1.00.

Pleasant Site: J.V. Jones had a fine horse to die Tuesday. Miss Lillie Smith, of near Caffey, is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. W.J. Smith. The people of this community are preparing for the foot washing at Gravelhill Sunday. Miss Lula Patmon, of Gravelhill, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. E. Hopkins, last week.

Lockman's: Miss Cora Brint spent last week with her brother, Frank Brint. L.A. Lockman and wife visited at Selmer Monday. John William and Oscar Lockman and their wives visited Selmer this week. Mrs. Lula Fulghum and son visited Bethel Tuesday. Mrs. Jodie Gooch and children visited her father, J.A. Weatherly, last week. Frank Lockman has bought a new buggy, so he and his wife take in everything far and near. Red Bird.

Bethel Springs: Our quarterly conference convened here Sunday and Monday, Rev. J.W. Watters presiding. Music by Prof. Prather. Mrs. W. H. Tedford, who was called to her brother's bedside at Mifflin, returned Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Scarborough are at Mifflin this week. J.M. Pickens and family are visiting in Decatur County. Robert Turner visited his father here Sunday. Mrs. J. D. Cheshier, who has been quite ill, is improving. Speckled Bird.

Acton: W.P. Hurley and family visited in Corinth Sunday. Nixon Emmons, of Selmer, was visiting his brother, Jim, recently. Drs. Hayes and John Abernathy and J.J. Fraley, Jr., returned from the Memphis Hospital Medical College Thursday. They graduated there on the 29th of April, and report the biggest class ever graduated at that college. They locate at their old stands—Pittsburg, Acton and Hamburg. Miss Beatrice Grisham is visiting relatives at Tulu and Acton. Edgar Farris, who has been in college at Selmer, returned home Saturday. We are proud of our free mail delivery out of Corinth. The people are getting interested in it, but we find people everywhere who object to everything. We hope they will see their mistake and fall into line. We had frost here Saturday morning. Luther Miller, of Caffey, died last Sunday and was buried at New Hope. Charlie Castleberry, of Corinth, visited home folks Sunday. Dr. Mitchell was with us Saturday. He claims that he has gained 10 pounds since he came to the farm. Blue Bird.

Rose Creek: Children's day at this place will be the 3d Sunday in May. Memorial services will be held at Sandy Flat the 4th Sunday. Miss Pearle Jessica Williams visited Miss Nellie Bazzell

Sunday. Pole Acuff, of Crainesville, called on friends here Saturday. Ely Basham and Roscoe Huddleston have been doing effective service as salesmen at Williams Bros. Store. H.L. McIntire, J.A. Moore have purchased the Sipes & Sharpe mill & gin outfit and will move it to this place. J. H. Cude and A. Swain, two popular salesmen, were here last week. D.W. Tull, of Memphis, is visiting relatives here this week. Canary Bird.

Land Transfers: N.L.C. Derryberry and wife to C.A. Ledbetter, a homestead, affection.

J.B. Warren and wife to R.L. Warren, 140 acres, \$300.

T.J. Hurley and wife to J.W. Ledbetter, 160 acres, \$1,000.

R.T. Atkins and wife to J.F. Carroll, 1 acre, \$250.

C.F. Harris and wife to William Dodds, 215 acres, \$68.

R.T. Atkins and wife to J.F. Carroll, 1 lot, \$179.

G.W. Sipes to W.B. Smith, 105 acres, \$450.

P.H. Thresher to W.P. Greer, 6 acres, \$100.

Sand Box: Will Forsythe and Lee Tracker are visiting with the jailor in Memphis for 30 days because someone told somebody about the kind of red liquor they sold. Cotton is climbing high up on 11 cents. The Selmer flouring mill is running almost every day and as usual puts up the best flour we ever used and experience of two years is our reason for so saying. W.M. Hicks (Rev.)? is published by the Masons as a fraud. This section does not need such men as the Rev. Hicks in their business any longer. A number of our people will attend the Confederate Re-union at New Orleans next week. Selmer has enlarged her hotel capacity and contracted her livery stables. Prof. Prather's music class is getting along nicely, and many Selmer songsters are expected to be involved. A lively crowd of school girls from Mississippi, on a trip to St. Louis, passed Thursday morning. Their car was wreathed in flowers and they made Horry Hodges feel happy. McNairy, notwithstanding what they say, has plenty of corn selling at 40c per bushel.

We have been told that the Selmer Ginning Co. is fully organized, and will begin at once to put in an up-to-date Munger system gin, and be ready for the coming gin season. Several of our leading merchants and business men compose the stock holders. It will doubtless draw a large amount of cotton to this point that has heretofore gone elsewhere.

At the Hotels: At the Curry: Mr. Greene, Chicago; Mr. Owens, St. Louis; Mr. Frances, Memphis; Charles William, Savannah.

At the Dickey: J.W. Cowden, Lewisburg; C.M. McCann, Henderson; H.F. Harwell, Baltimore; W.C. McCollum, Memphis; B.F. Newport, Chattanooga; B.B. Bell, Pittsburg; J.W. Roberson, Henderson; T.L. Wesson, Adamsville; J.J. Swaim, Joplin; W.A. Gooch, Gravelhill; Frank L.S. Elgin, Memphis; E.L. Farley, Memphis; Charley Helmes, Adamsville.

Hotel Rates Reduced: Selmer Hotel is 75c per day. House newly fitted up. Mrs. Halstead is the proprietress.

Dickey Hotel, Selmer, is now open to the public; Rates: \$1.00 per day. No pains spared to please guest. Light and airy sample room on the first floor.

Personals: Dr. W.H. Hodges, of McNairy, was in town this week. Dr. Frank Flatt of Stantonville was in town yesterday. W.K. Abernathy made a business trip to Nashville this week. Miss Doshie Bennett, of Chewalla, was the guest of Mrs. Barnhill this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Estes, of Masseyville were shopping in town Wednesday. Mrs. D.A. McDougal, of Savannah, was the guest of H.P. Wood and family Monday night.

Mrs. Wood, after a long and serious illness, we are glad to note, is able to be out again. E.T. Cantrell and family returned home this week from a visit to relatives in Pittsburg. Hons.

Milard Ozier and John Roberson, two of the leading lawyers of Henderson, spent Monday in the city. William Hamilton, of Memphis, spent the first of the week with his family, who are visiting relatives in Selmer. J.R. Wesson, of Adamsville, was in Selmer on Monday.

Mr. Sam Chambers of Hardin County was among friends in Selmer Wednesday. Mrs. Oscar Wooten and Misses Maudine Struder and Tennie Henderson, were pleasant visitors to our office Wednesday. Mrs. Hankins is at home after a visit to relatives in the country. Monroe Gooch was in Henderson Tuesday on business. Lillian Rodgers came this morning from the Nashville Dental Colleges. Miss Eva Stone, of Summer, Miss., was recently made post-mistress. She is here for a few days' visit. Her father W.H. Stone is attending to the office during her absence.

*Smiles are smiles only when the heart pulls the wires.

*What you call temper in your wife you call temperament in yourself.

Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at night when you go to bed and you will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It will insure you a copious and healthy movement of the bowels, improved appetite and digestion and increased energy in body and brain. Sold everywhere at \$1.00 per bottle.

MAY 15, 1903.

The strike on the Mobile & Ohio grows more serious daily. Railroad officials admit that freight traffic is demoralized. A temporary restraining order has been granted the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Co at Memphis, Tenn.

The Strike on M. & O. At Jackson Sunday morning the strikers shot and almost instantly killed Will Yarboro from Bethel, he had gone out on a train Saturday, As the train stopped at Jackson about 11 o'clock Sunday, a mob tried to pull him from the engine, and when about to fail, one of the mob shot him through. Several arrests have been made, they did not find out who shot Will. Will was raised near Bethel; he leaves a wife and two children.

The Farmers Column: One of the blessings this season to the potato grower is the failure of the abominable bug which has been a curse for years.

Unprecedented mortality: the following deaths have occurred in a portion of the county. All of them without warning. James Young, from Oxford Creek, last Friday. A. Olive, father of W.J. Olive, died at home near Gravelhill early Saturday morning. Mrs. Robert Browder of Falcon died Sunday Night at 8 o'clock from a heart attack.—Capt. Smith, father of Rev. Lee Smith. Capt. died at his home near Pea Ridge.—Margaret Patterson (colored) dropped dead Friday morning. She lived near Selmer.

Marriage License: John R. Harris to Ora Brown

Sand Box: The Selmer boys who went up Sunday to take charge of the operating feature of M. & O. R. R. took to the woods when Yarboro was shot. They were all home Monday morning for breakfast. We understand J.T. Houston has been appointed Election Commissioner in place of W.J. Olive. The commissioners are now J.T. Houston, C. Graham, and J.W. Robinson. U.S. Deputy Marshal Brown brought in a live wolf Tuesday to tell Com'r Stumph about a little whiskey deal. Now is the time for the stalwart boys of Selmer who want to be railroad superintendents and presidents in the future, to jump in and take a job

Tom Moss, of Bethel Springs: was in Selmer Wednesday. Wheat cannot be furnished to the mill here; hence it is out of flour for its customers. Spot cotton was 11.40c Tuesday at New York. This is the highest in thirteen years. One lonesome little freight train passed down Wednesday, the

first this week. No excuse now for you lazy husbands to not work in the garden because it is too dry.

Personals: J.E. Lett, the hat drummer was here yesterday. E.F. Hendrix and little son Earl went to Jackson Sunday. Eugene Whitehurst, after an absence of several weeks, is at home. Virgil Barnhill spent a few days at Corinth the latter part of last week. W.F. Jordan, of Bethel Springs was in Selmer a short time Monday. Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Candrell visited at Bethel Springs the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cobb, of Bethel Springs: visited relatives in the city Sunday. Mrs. T.M. Humphrey returned Tuesday from a few days' visit at Booneville, Miss. Troy M. Brooks has been real sick this week, but we are glad to note that he is able to be out now. Rev. J.G. Anderson, of Beech Bluff, Tenn., was among his relatives and old friends at Selmer the first of the week. Mrs. Maggie L. Stainback left for her home at Memphis today, after spending several weeks with relatives in Selmer. Mrs. J.B. Jopling returned Sunday night from a stay of several weeks at Baldwyn, Miss. We are glad to note her improved health. W.H. Carothers is very low in health and small hope of his living much longer. He is 73 years old and has been feeble for years.

Tuesday afternoon we had the pleasure of a most delightful call from Mr. Orpheus Abernathy and Misses Pearle Davis and Lula Carroll. A dispatch to J.T. Warren Thursday morning brought the news of the death of J.T. Jeans at Commanche, I.T. (Ok) Wednesday. He had been dangerously ill for several days. He is the last member of the Josiah Jones family. His wife and two children survive him. He probably will be buried at Duncan, I. T.

Bethel Springs: we have had refreshing showers, which are much appreciated by everyone. Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Bell and Ed McAfee returned Monday from an extended trip to Pocahontas. William Turner is at Bemis visiting his son, Robert. W.H. Tedford is at Nashville this week. He has gone there to represent the Phythian Lodge of this place. We regret to learn of the murder of our friend Mr. Will Yarboro, who was killed at Jackson last Sunday by the strikers. Shame on such a crime. Speckled Bird.

Land Transfers: J.M. Dickerson to M.W. Ferrell, town lot in Selmer, \$185.

J.W. Wallace to J.E. Dunaway, 1 acre, \$20.—J.E. Dunaway to J.W. Wallace, 2 1/2 acres, \$20.—W.P. Hurley and wife to D.A. Springer, 111-160 acres, \$125.—Richard Livingston and wife to T.E. Grier, 100 acres, \$800.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1903.

Quarantine on Hogs: State Live stock Inspector Dunn received an order from the bureau of animal industry at Washington placing quarantine restrictions on hogs shipped from stock yards or driven over highways where they may have been exposed to hog cholera or swine plague. The effect of this order is that all hog driven over highways or shipped from stock yards must go at once to the slaughter pens.

Robbed of Pension: Dock Hurse, an ex-Federal soldier, came to Adamsville a few days ago and received a check for services as a soldier during the late War Between the States. He had the check cashed, remained all day and until a late hour in the night. During the night he received a fearful blow across his forehead and was robbed. He says he has no recollection of the blow.

Fire at Henderson: The handsome residence of Dr. A.L. Sanders, at Henderson, was destroyed by fire last week. The cause of the conflagration is unknown. The loss to the building, furniture and fixtures is \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

Farmer's Institute: June 1st, 1903: Opening exercises: How to feed and treat work horses

and mules. (B.F. Darby) How to cultivate cotton from this date. (S.T. Chambers) Does sheep pay, and if so, which is the best breed? (Joe Milstead & Jas. Shelton) Which is best cow for the general farmer? (D. Cobb & J.J. Swaim) Grasses (Clem Lea & C.C. Steele). We trust the above practical questions will command the presence of a large attendance next first Monday. We hope everyone appointed on the program will be present. W.A. Gooch, Chmn.

Sand Box: This week will about close the strawberry crop in this section. Bob Stone, Orpheus Abernathy, Charlie Atkins, Arthur Scott, Byrdo Stone, Flake Humphrey, Judge Abernathy, Monroe Gooch, Alva Hudiburg, and Nixon Emmons are the delegation from Selmer working for the M & O., and who expect to be railroad superintendents some day. The city dray under the management of Oliver Gooch is now running on schedule time.

Last year's cotton is going up faster than this year's cotton is growing. W.F. and Andy Beard were in attendance at court this week. The new cotton gin is getting bids on lumber they need, amounting about 30,000. The new Bank at Bethel Springs will soon be open for business. The new improvements the court house put up by S.W. Gooch for the benefit of the clerk is a long needed addition.

From all accounts the Confederate re-union had the largest attendance in its history. There are many of the strikers who did not favor the M & O strike, and they will perhaps get their jobs when the mist blows away. We trust that they may, and that the leaders never will be restored. Nixon Emmons landed Wednesday from Jackson where he has been serving as guard.

Personals: Dave Stovall, of Jackson, was here the first of the week. George Graham, of Corinth, spent Sunday in the city. A.H. Olive, of Corinth, visited home folks in Selmer Sunday. Mrs. A.W. Stovall from Jackson visited her brother, E.F. Hendrix here this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Adams and Miss Mary Adams left last Sunday to attend the Confederate reunion. G.D. Maness and Robert Rankin called Monday and became very much interested in the sample of Vetch in our office. Mrs. Moselle Hamilton and babe from Memphis, returned home yesterday after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Selmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bigger, and Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Steadman left Tuesday for New Orleans to attend the reunion. Aunt Lucy Tedford, 85 years old, died last Friday at her home near Sweetlips. Frank Monroe, 65 years old, died last Sunday of pneumonia at his home near Gravelhill. Col. W.K. Abernathy left for New Orleans Tuesday night. He is to meet Gov. Frazier and staff at Mobile and take his place as one of the Governor's staff.

Uncle Sid Plunk spent an hour with us on Monday. He and his wife have passed their Golden Wedding day. Hon. W.K. Abernathy has been elected for the position of Keeper of Records and Seals in the Grand Lodge of Pythians. Mrs. American McKinney and her sister from Memphis, has been visiting the family of Mr. J.R. Adams this week. Mrs. M.M. Dickey of the "Dickey Hotel" gave a special invitation for dining at the Hotel Tuesday to Judge L.S. Woods, Atty. Gen. M.F. Ozier, Col. W.K. Abernathy, Mr. F.M. Freeman, Col. Horry Hodges, and the Pendulum of the Independent. All retired with profuse expressions of appreciation.

Pebble: Bro. Knight filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and at the Carter schoolhouse Sunday evening. Frank Huggins died Sunday evening was buried Monday evening.

Rev. Maddox conducted the funeral services. Mr. Huggins leaves a wife three children.

Mr. Edmond Smith fell dead last Friday morning and was buried at the Carter School House Saturday evening. He was 81 years 9 months and 6 days old.

Marriage Licenses:

J.B. Plunk to Minnie L. Sanders.

Harrison Sims to Lula Mack.

Land Transfers: Town of Selmer to J.B. Maxedon, 1 town lot, \$20.

R.W. and M.H. O'Neal to G.D. Maness, —acres. \$00.

J.H. O'Neal to Horer O'Neal, one acre \$600.

Circuit Court: The court met Monday morning, Judge Woods presiding. In the absence of Att'y Gen'l Howard, M.F. Ozier occupied that position pro tem. The following grand jury was empanelled: J.H. Steadman, Foreman, A. Beard, E. Strickland, J.W. Williams, A.K. Hamm, G.W. Sipes, G.W. Beaty, J.G. Sanders, R.D. Wallace, J.H. Williams, W.H. Harris, Wm. Tull, and W.B. Smith: R.I. Hendrix, Officer.

Travis Jury: B.J. Hawkins, Geo. Jernigan, S.R. Gibson, W.D. Cole, W.C. Butler, J.T. Houston, Sidney Plunk, J.T. Ramer, Frank Milsead and Bob Murry.

Visiting Attorneys: Mr. Cardler and Mr. Lamb, of Corinth; A.W. and David, of Jackson; M.F. Ozier, of Henderson, and M. Barlow of Savannah.

A petition was presented to Judge Woods owing to the farming interest of the people, that the court be adjourned until the next regular term. Judge Woods expressed a preference to go on regularly and try jury cases but said he would defer to the wishes of the people.

The following business was done, disposing of a great many cases and the two days were busy ones for the officers and attorneys. The Grand Jury returned several bills of indictment during the two days. Court adjourned Tuesday night.

Criminal Docket: State vs. Lee Gladdish, c. w., nol pros, defendant assuming costs.
State vs. John McIntire and Mattie Dick. Lewdness, submitted and fined \$10 each.
State vs. Pedro Walker, Malicious Mischief, nol pros at defendant's cost. One pistol case, same.
State vs. John Moore, c. w., plea of guilty, fine \$50 and costs, 2 cases same order.
State vs. John Moore, carrying pistol, brass knux, nol pro and cost by defendant.
State vs. Ben Smith, tippling, plea of guilty, fine \$50 and six months imprisonment, suspended.
State vs. Rube Anderson, gaming submitted and fined \$1.00 and costs.
State vs. Ace Luttrell, tippling, cases and defendant surrendered and committed.
State vs. Cleve Furgerson, tippling, trial and jury acquittal.
State vs. Clarence Furgerson, tippling, guilty plea, fine \$10 each case, sentenced to work house
State vs. J.F. Landreth, injuring public building, fined \$1.00 and cost
State vs. Mon Borrin and Everett Sewell, gaming, submitted and fined \$2.00 each.
State vs. Ed Williams and Willis Anderson, gaming, submitted and fined \$1 each.
State vs. Bill Sowell, larceny, verdict of guilty and sentenced to 4 months in work house.
State vs. Bud Bond (col.) Housebreaking, jury verdict of guilty, three years in penitentiary
State vs. Seymore Brewer, larceny, verdict of guilty and 4 months in county work house.

Civil Docket: R.I. Younger, P.W. North, case compromised. G. W. Kendrix vs. J.H. Houston, 2 cases, on appeals, both cases compromised. M. Goodwin vs. W. A. Loftin, case compromised on Plaintiff paying all costs. All the balance of the docket was continued until next term.

*We first make our habits and then our habits make us. .

*RECIPE: Crackers a la Creme: allow two butter crackers to each person. Split them and spread with on a little salt, pepper and mustard and then cover with grated cheese. Put them in a

battered dish, cover with milk, and if convenient, let them stand half an hour, then bake about the same time (half hour), or until brown. (This must be more like buns, than crackers, can't split a cracker.)

MAY 29, 1903

Crop Conditions in Tennessee: Chester—Good season will insure good stand of cotton; early corn damaged by cut worms. Hardin: Good rain 14th; cotton coming well; corn planting well advanced and some coming up; oats late but good; wheat damaged by cold. McNairy: Rains bringing up corn and cotton; stands of corn good, cotton poor; gardens fine. Million

Spectacles and Optical Goods: I now have on hand a well selected stock of the best American made spectacles and optical goods. Persons needing glasses of any kind, either young or old, by calling upon J.W. Stumph in the Williams Building, you can have your eyes tested and glasses accurately fitted and mounted in frames of either Steel, Nickel, Gold filled, Solid gold or Platinoid at prices much lower than such goods have been sold at, and any style of frame wanted.

T.A. Tedford, Blacksmith: I am permanently located in Selmer and am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmith and wood Work on wagons, buggies and farm implements. A share of the public patronage is solicited. My prices are as low as anyone ought to want. Horse Shoeing A Specialty.

McNairy County Bank— Selmer, Tenn.: C.H. Ferrell, President, S.D. Waddell, Vice President, A.R. Dodson, Cashier, J.R. Adams, Assistant Cashier. Capital, \$83,000,000. Branch of Merchants State Bank, Humboldt.

Sand Box: With a new gin, an oil well, and Thrasher's summer resort with piscatorial attachments, are a few of Selmer's business and pastime attractions. Clem Lea spent all of last week at Jackson as officer of the guard for the M. & O. R. R. U.S. Commissioner Strumph is catching the fellows for swearing lies about where they have been getting their booze.

Selmer is furnishing Corinth with brick for building houses. The latter city across the line is having quite a boom. At any public gathering in McNairy, the number of babies show that our people are not scared about the hardships of raising family.

For Sale: A registered Red Poll bull, 11 months old. Enquire at this office.—Spring chickens and Irish potatoes are ripe.

Corinth has a great fishing resort at the Mooreville Park two miles southeast of the city. It is said to be an elegant spot with attractions for fishing and hunting.

Personals: Miss Daisy English, of Guys, is visiting in the city. Mrs. N. Prince visited at Bethel Springs: yesterday. Misses Lutie Atkins and Marie Smith visited at Corinth Sunday. Mrs. J.R. Ammons of Bethel Springs spent last Friday in Selmer. Mrs. Willou Borrum, of Corinth, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jopling this week. Marcus Crump, one of the Old Purdy Boys, spent last Saturday in Selmer with old friends.—J.T. Warren left last week for the West to advise with his sister about the affairs of the late J.T. Jeans.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Williams, of Gleason, Tenn., visited in the city this week as the guest of M.W. Sipes and family. Mr. W.Q. Russum and daughter visited us last publication day to see the mysteries of newspaper making. It was all new to them, but they left satisfied to make a contribution. Rev. W.J. Williams returned Tuesday morning from Nashville, where he had been in attendance at the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Prof. Cox will open the High School in September. The outlook for this school's second year is very flattering.

The Prof. and faculty have shown that no better educators can be found, and our people are highly pleased with their first year's work.

Bethel Springs: It seems quite natural to have freight trains running again. Tony McAfee, of Memphis and Mrs. Robert Turner of Bemis are visiting their mother, Mrs. McAfee. Miss Pearl Audin from Saltillo, Tn., is with Mrs. Williams for awhile. Miss Maude Stovall returned home from School at Tuscumbia, Al. Sunday, accompanied by her friend Miss Keith. John and Albert Stovall are visiting their aunt at Guys. Mrs. English, of Guys, has been here to see mother, grandma Stovall. She left for home Saturday. The strawberry season is about over. The next thing will be blackberries, beans and fried chicken. Speckled Bird.

Typhoid Fever–Diphtheria, Small Pox: The germs of these deadly diseases multiply in the decaying glue present in all kalsomines, and the decaying paste under wall paper. Alabastine is a disinfectant. It destroys disease germs and vermin; is manufactured from a stone cement base, hardens on the walls, and is as enduring as the wall itself. Alabastine is mixed with cold water, and anyone can apply it. Ask for sample card of beautiful tints and information about decorating. Take no cheap substitute. Buy in 5lb. Pkgs.

June 5, 1903.

Bubonic plague is adding to the horrors in the famine stricken district of China.

Over 200,000 working men are on strike in New York City, trade is almost paralyzed.

All flood records since the year 1814 have been surpassed by the floods of the past week in the Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas valleys. The greatest loss reported is from Topeka, Kan. At that point and in suburbs of Kansas City over 200 people drowned.

The Farmers Column: An absence of the usual crop of spring ticks on cattle is noticeable. Usually by this season the first crop on cattle is worst than later in the year. The winter was not unusually severe which could not be the cause. We can congratulate ourselves that so far cattle are free of this great pest.

Liver Troubles: If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Thedford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. It frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile and strengthen the kidneys. A 24-cent package of the black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

Sand Box: The New York Central Railroad intends building a tower at its depot in New York 790 ft. high with a clock and beacon on the apex. A fire at Ripley, Miss., Saturday destroyed one side of the Square. A rear end collision above Finger Saturday on the M. & O. Caused trains to go crooked until Monday. Henderson had the hardest rain storm Saturday they have ever experienced.

The human tongue is the hair trigger of the universe. Monday night a fire in the woolen mills at Corinth came very near destroying the whole plant, damage at \$3,000.

*The strength of any nation is measured by the character of its citizenship.

The annual decoration of soldiers' graves with flowers is a beautiful custom which honors both the living and the dead. It was inaugurated in the South, in Mississippi, by the Southern women, who, in paying loving tribute to the Confederate dead, laid flowers also on the graves of the Federal dead sleeping far from home in a land where they died a soldier's death. The annual decoration of graves of the soldier dead –whether the uniform they wore was blue or gray–should never be abandoned. When a country forgets its heroes it ceases to product heroes. Nashville

American, May 31.

Personals: W.M. Ruleman was among the yeomen Monday. Wm. Pigett was in town between trains Thursday night. Miss Effie Prather is attending the closing exercises of the M.C. F.I. at Jackson this week. Duke Hendrix, of Bethel Springs, attended the K. of P. Lodge meeting here Monday night. Mrs. J.R. Dismukes, of Bethel Springs, is in the city today.

Hon. J.C. Houston and Troy M. Brooks spent Wednesday at Jackson. Miss Alleine Hudson of Sheffield, Ala., visited friends in Selmer Monday. Miss Lula Carroll is visiting friends and relatives at Adamsville and Savannah. Mrs. J.L. Smith left Tuesday for an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma Territory.

John Smith and Wm. Browder, two of our baseball boys, played with Corinth at Moscow, Tenn., Monday. Monroe Gooch, who is now on the police force at Jackson, spent Wednesday. His little son, Tommy, is real sick. Onie Whitehurst has gone to Corinth to accept a position as clerk at the Waldron Hotel. We wish him much success. Misses Maude and Stovall, of Bethel Springs, visit relatives in Selmer this week. They were accompanied by Miss Keenan, of Tuscumbia, Ala.

J.T. Warren returned from the West Wednesday after spending a couple of weeks. He reports plenty of water. J.L. Putman was here Tuesday looking after business, and made us a pleasant call.

William Wallace, who lived in the 1st district, died Tuesday at his home, he was 80 years old. He was buried at Nethery cemetery.

Pleasant Site: General Humphries and sister, Miss Mattie, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Jno. Smith this week. On account of so much rain Rev. J.H. Curry did not fill his regular appointment here Sunday. Allen Young and sister, Miss Anna, have moved to W.R. Crabtree's since the death of their father. W.H. Erwin killed ten squirrels with 11 shots. Snow Bird.

*People who accomplish most make the least noise.

JUNE 12, 1903

The only automobile rural free delivery in the U. S. has been established between Knoxville and Sevierville.

*Hardness of heart is not a sign of strength but of character.

When the strikers come through Selmer and propose to cuss out the boys while they were at work at Jackson it won't go. One tried it Wednesday, and escaped by leaving his train and going through afoot.

Dentistry: Dr. J.E. Rowsey, of Henderson, will be in Selmer for 3 or 4 days beginning Tuesday, June 16. Those needing dental work will please call on him.

Sand Box: Sunday was "Finger Day" and a large crowd was in attendance from here and elsewhere. Capts. Reeder Anderson and Adams were each seen poleing home Tuesday with a bunch of bananas each. J.W. Stumph has fitted up the second story of the Williams building in first class shape, and with many conveniences, and is prepared to furnish any one with eye glasses. Freights are entirely cut off to and from St. Louis by the high waters there.

Lieut. Benjamin Wright, son of Gen. Marcus J. Wright, died in St. Louis Monday. He retired from the Navy, and was engaged in business in St. Louis. D.R. Hurst was among our people the first of the week. Checkers seem to be the national game in Selmer. It does not pay for a brakeman on the M. & O. Railroad to "cuss out" our boys who went to Jackson to work for

the road as scabs. Cursing is an offense in Selmer, and Mayor Wood so treats such conduct. Selmer has under way to erect a tabernacle for a church and all other legitimate meetings, on the lot near the big wild cherry tree near the courthouse.

Personals: D.F. Dillon was in Selmer Wednesday. Mr. Albert, of Bethel, is in the city today. Onie Whitehurst returned from Corinth Saturday night. Miss Nannie Prince visited at Bethel Springs last Saturday. Troy Brooks spent the first of the week at Booneville; Miss. Miss Alpha Scott spent several days visiting friends at Corinth this week. Miss Maggie Hodges, of Finger, is visiting Mrs. M.M. Dickey. Dr. O.H. Parnell has been here and at Bethel this week doing dental work. Messrs J.L. Hendrix and Henry Cobb of Bethel Springs were in the city a short time Monday.

Terry Abernathy has been at Brownsville this week assisting the State Supt. in an Institute. Barney Shytles returned Tuesday night for a short visit after a three years' stay in Texas. Miss Maude Sheffield, of McNairy, visited in the city Tuesday as the guest of Ness Cordie Brown. If it's pictures you want, call on Beaty & Olive. They will be in Selmer June 22-23-24-25-26-27. Rev. J.G. Williams was in town this week looking after the preliminary steps for the tent meeting the last of July. Napoleon Freeman, of Adamsville, was in town the first of the week and called to pay his contributions to our missionary fund.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Bevel, of Bemis, were visiting in Selmer Monday. Mrs. Bevel will be remembered as Ms. Kernodle, one of the first settlers of Selmer. Charlie Dunaway, who had been away at the Cuban war for the last 4 years, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Pettigrew and two children of Greenfield, are spending a few weeks visiting relatives in McNairy. Mr. Pettigrew is the son-in-law of our townsman, Mr. J.T. Warren. Prof. Terry Abernathy returned last Saturday from Somerville, where he spent the week assisting in a Teachers' Institute under the management of the new State Supt., Prof. Mynders.

Bethel Springs: There are quite a number of our town people on the sick list. Mrs. Bell entertained quite a number of young people Monday night. Those present were: Misses Lucy Newsom, Grace Newsom, Rosa Tally, Annie Stovall, Maude Stovall, Belle Keenan, Lillie Wilson, Minnie Cockrum, Mamie Pigott; Messrs Duke Hendrix, Ernest Stovall, Dick Pigott, Mossie Lockman, Robert Motley, Chas. Dismukes, Tony McAfee, Will Pigott, Harry Motley and Paul Stovall; and Mesdames Turner and Crockett.

Miss Nannie Prince from Selmer was visiting relatives here Saturday. Mr. S.J. McAfee left for Memphis Tuesday. Mrs. Margaret Wilson left Wednesday for a visit to Corinth and Guys.

To the teachers of McNairy County: I will hold the annual Teachers' Institute at Selmer, beginning Monday, June 22. The Institute will continue one week, and will be followed by the annual examination on June 26-27. Terry Abernathy, Co. Supt.

Marriage Licenses.

Geo. Wright to Frances Ledbetter.
Claude Cleveland to Viola Hidnatt.
Robt. Richards to Ella Washington.
Willis Anderson to Flora Floyd.

M.W. Maness to Sallie J. Kirk.
Stanford Willis to Lou Blakely.

Land Transfers: J.D.A. Coleman to Mollie E. McCullar, 2 acres, \$205. J.D. Coleman to John Wolf, 2 acres, \$350. Mrs. L.A. Sipes Adrs. to J.F. Verses, 104 acres, \$350. George McConnell to E. S. Perkins, one town lot, \$10. J.T. Rowsey and wife to H.G. Garner, 200 acres.

\$300. R.B. Riggs and wife to Mrs. M.M. Dickey, one town lot, \$20.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1903.

It is simply impossible to realize the distress and suffering caused from the high waters in every section of the country the past six weeks. Major W.H. Gibbes, who is said to have the first shot of the Civil War upon Fort Sumter, died last week at Columbia, S.C.

Rose Creek: We drop you a few lines this morning to let you know we are still here. The children's Day services at Hooper's school house Sunday were among the best ever had in this section. Almost 100 students took part in the day's services. A large crowd from all parts of the country was here. Crops prospects are not good. Cotton cannot make anything like a full crop unless the indication and appearances are wrong. Rev. Faust's regular appointment here is next Sunday. Arrangements are being made for the unique 4th of July. Everybody is invited to come and bring dinner. Mrs. Nellie Bazzel spent Saturday with Miss Pearl Williams. This is all for this time. Observer.

The Farmers' Column: The high price of beef is because there are only 16,000,000 beef cows in the United States to feed 80,000,000 people. It is law of demand exceeding the supply that increases that causes the high price rather than the trusts. Every steer fit for the feed pen or butcher's block is being sought after by buyers.

Sand Box: J.B. Jopling and family are really making arrangements to move to Memphis. The number of mowing machines being sold in this county show an increased acreage of hay. J.H. Alexander's carding machine is now running regularly and doing first class work. Monday morning a crowd of fisherman headed by J.J. Adams, U.S. Alexander, and J.D. Null were seen packing their traps for Cypress Tank fishing. Walker Bros. have been hauling out a new saw mill from Selmer this week. Esq. W.A. Gooch says if elected chairman of the county court in the event of a vacancy he will move to Selmer.

On the 13th of June, 1903, there was frost in McNairy County Tennessee. R.D. Anderson has not sold his gin, and will operate it himself this fall.

Personals: Dr. J.M. Mitchell was in Selmer Wednesday. Miss Ethel Bobbit, of Humboldt, is visiting friends in the city. Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Crocker spent Tuesday at Corinth. Claud Dodds, of Henderson, visited his mother here this week. Dr. W.H. Hodges was in town Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Jessie Lockman, of near Rose Creek, visited in the city the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Chambers, of Ramer, spent Sunday in Selmer visiting relatives. Miss Myrtle Williams left Monday night to visit relatives in Arkansas. She will be gone several months.—Rev. Thomas Maxedon came down Monday to attend the funeral of his grand-child - the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson.

Mr. Bruce Mitchell returned Wednesday from Selma, Al. He spent 10 days with his brother-in-law, Rev. W.T. Swaim. The wedding invitations for Miss Mary Jeanne Anderson and Mr. Clarence S. Archer are out. They will be married at the Christian Church in Selmer Sunday at 5 p. m. on June 28. Married: Edgar Arkins to Miss Theo Dalby at Memphis on Monday. They will reside on Court Ave.

Died: The youngest child (10 months old) of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson died of cholera infantum on Monday. His funeral was Tuesday at the M. E. Church, and interment in cemetery.

JUNE 26, 1903

It has been announced that the National Soldiers' Home, under construction at Johnson City, will be opened September 15. Already applications have been received from all parts of the country.

P.M. Dickey moved the post office into his new quarters near the Independent office. Humphrey Adams the great African accordionist of Bethel Springs paid our town a visit Tuesday and rendered a few of his classical selections. The Dickey Hotel seemed to be headquarters this week for pretty school marms.

Monday night's mail was delivered from the new post office.—People should be very careful what they eat and drink as there seems to be an inclination toward towards flux in the community. We would call attention of lemonade stands and barbecuers that the last legislation imposed a state tax each of \$10 per day. Let everyone roll up their sleeves and put up the tabernacle, which must be completed by July 25. The money has been subscribed for all the material and those who have not can subscribe work and hauling which is the same as money. --- The Institute people took on the baseball. In fact it was a part of the week's show.

Rose Creek: A pretty wedding was at Mt. Pleasant at 4 o'clock last Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Faust, pastor of the Crainesville circuit and Miss Jessie Lockman were united in marriage. Rev. Wallace was the pastor that married them. They will make their home at Crainesville. Charlie and Hershall Hornsby, of Crainesville, visited friends here Sunday. More Anon, Observer.

Personals: Mrs. Bulah Harris, of Finger, visiting here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank visited relatives at Corinth Sunday. Jas. Terry, Jr., of the Henderson Gazette, was in the city Monday. Mrs. J.L. Smith returned Tuesday from a month's visit to relatives in the West. A.W. Stovall and J.W. Robinson were in attendance at court the first of the week. Jesse M. Smith of Lake City, Ark., dropped in yesterday. His many friends were glad to see him. Messrs. Arla Prather, Odus Smith, and Troy Brooks, and Misses Minnie Smith, Lutie Smith, and Effie Prather spent the day at Pittsburg Sunday.

Died: William H. Miller aged 37 years, living on the King place, died Tuesday of Flux. H.A. Warren brought in one of the largest cabbage we have ever seen this season. Jo Ed Williams, of Rose Creek, spent several days attending the Institute this week. Jo says Rose Creek is going to be the 4th of July Mecca for all kinds of people.

The baseball game between Selmer and Booneville teams resulted in a score of 13 to 11 for Selmer. It was a close and exciting game. Prof. J.L. Brooks, of Jackson, delivered a very practical talk to the teachers this afternoon. State Supt. Mynders, owing to sickness, could not fill his engagement and Prof. Brooks came in his place. The examination of teachers for certifications will begin this afternoon.

Monroe Gooch was down Tuesday. He and Ben Emerson are Guards at Jackson to protect the M. & O. Property and employees.

Died: Willie Carothers at the home of his son, R.A. Carothers, Monday, June the 22nd at the age of 73. He lived in the 11th district. He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends. His sands of life had passed through the glass.

On Saturday, July 4th, there will be given at Bethel Springs: a Picnic and Barbecue. A general variety of refreshments will be served on the grounds, and plenty of innocent amusement and good speaking. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation. Come, eat, drink, and be merry.

H.B. Dennie & T.V. Moss.

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

JULY 3, 1903.

Sand Box: One good comes from so much water in the coal oil. It puts the fire out and never blows up the cook, as was often the case in former days. This week the Colored Institute has been on the boards. Quite a number of colored teachers have been in attendance. Corn and cotton appreciated the summer days of this week, as shown by their improved appearance. Tomatoes are on the market, but from below. Home grown are about ripe.

Clem Lea seems to get more out of life than anybody. He always takes the spur and sweet alike, and always has "that reminds me," and then works a joke in his imitable style. Tom Tedford left us a cabbage head Tuesday that was simply a buster. It was a foot in diameter and solid.

Oscar Hagy's gin at Hamburg was on fire Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock. Loss about \$800. The shed containing considerable corn, buggies, and wagons, was destroyed. The reason given for the railroads discharging all female employees is that in the line of promotion they are not fitted, and it blocks the civil service rules of promotion in railroad service.

Hendrix, of Stantonville, moved a new saw mill to his place Thursday from the Jackson shops.

Personals: Dr. J.H. Curry and family, visited here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks were in attendance at the Archer-Anderson wedding. Rev. J.G. Williams has been on the sick list this week at his home in Bethel. Bob Stone, who is employed by the M. & O., spent a few days with home folks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Adams and Miss Mary Adams went to Humboldt Monday on Business; on the part of Louis.—Profs. Cox and Mullens last week rendered faithful, effective and valuable services as instructors at the Institute. Mrs. J.B. Jopling shipped her household goods to Memphis today, and she and family will leave tomorrow for their new home.

Dr. J.L. Smith and daughter Miss Lutie, leave tonight for a tour taken by all the surgeons of the Southern Ry. System. They meet at Norfolk, and make several side trips. Dr. Ed Perkins, of Henderson, was a guest of the city Sunday. He has a weather eye on locating here. Mr. J.C. Moore and mother, Mrs. Clinton Moore, of Prescott, Ark., are visiting in Selmer and vicinity.

Mr. Jordan Parrish and bride, of San Antonia, Texas, arrived Sunday, and are spending the week in Selmer and Adamsville visiting friends and relatives. They are the guest of Mrs. Phillips.

Happy Nuptials: The marriage of Mr. Clarence S. Archer, of Baldwyn, Miss., to Miss Marie J. Anderson, of Selmer. Was married by Rev. J. A. Houston at the Christian Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The reception was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Anderson, the bride's parents. They will make their home at Baldwyn, Miss.

W.W. Wallace was born in North Carolina on the 26th of August 1823. He came to Tennessee as a child and was raised here. He died at his home in McNairy County on June 2, 1903. He was married to Elizabeth Lockman Feb. 25, 1847. They had 5 children. After the death of Elizabeth he married Cyrena Nethery March 1, 1857. They had 7 children. W.W. was a Master Mason in Gravel Hill Lodge. He leaves a wife and 8 children.

Bethel Springs: Our town is on a boon. The lot has been cleaned off for the bank building. Mrs. Frank Crocker, of Selmer visited here this week. Mrs. Keelen, of Bemis is visiting her

father, Mr. Turner. Mrs. Sallie Wilson returned home from Aberdeen, Miss., Saturday night. Mrs. J.H. Ammons, of Selmer, visited the family of Mr. Henry Cobb here the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Pickens visited at Adamsville Sunday, returning Monday, accompanied by Mr. Pickens' mother.—Miss Essie Cockrum returned Tuesday from a visit to Corinth.—Speckled Bird.

The Ziegler expedition sails June 24 to explore the North Pole. The month of May was a banner month of the immigration service in the United States. During the month 140,000 immigrants landed in this country.

Open for Business: The Hardeman County Savings Bank, which was organized some time ago in Bolivar, has fixed up Quarters in the Kahn block and is now doing a full banking business.

JULY 10, 1903.

One of the most gigantic pieces of railroad work ever proposed in East Tennessee is a plan of the Atlanta, Knoxville and Nashville railroad to tunnel Star Mountain between Knoxville and Atlanta, and shorten the line distance of 4 miles besides diminishing present grades. The tunnel will be two miles long. The Atlanta, Knoxville & Nashville will form a part of the Louisville & Nashville through line to the Southeast.

Annual Barbecue: at Finger, Tn., Aug. 1, 1903.

Bethel Springs: According to the Kady-did sign, we will not have frost until late thereby giving the crops, which were late, time to mature. The Epworth League met Sunday evening and had an interesting program. Miss Lillie Wilson is visiting at Adamsville this week. Misses Kernodle, of Humboldt, and Winningham, of Henderson, are visiting Miss Marie Stovall. Mrs. Hudson and daughter, Mary, of Sheffield Ala., are at the Ammons House. Mr. W. Scarborough and wife visited Corinth Sunday and Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are in Jackson this week. Speckled Bird.

Sand Box: It rained all the first part of the week almost everywhere around here, but not a drop at Selmer where it is needed by the farmer in his business. Our roasting ear patch looks like it was going into the cigar business. Williams Bros. of Rose Creek, at their 4th of July sales took in \$386 as the receipts of the day.

The probabilities of a test well being put down near Selmer at once depends entirely on getting leases on 10,000 acres of land. J.T. Warren has swapped his residence to U. S. Alexander for his residence and farm near town, and will exchange possessions before long.

It seems like is a hard job to get a man to carry the mail to and from Stantonville for the price. Reuben is now trying for the job.

John Clifton and his bridge crew have been at work for some time on the railroad bridge south of town. Peaches are scarce. Apples small and inferior. Blackberries plenty, but everybody too busy or lazy to pick them. Mrs. Greer is one of the best gardeners in town, as evidenced by the vegetables she raises.

A wreck at Finger yesterday was caused by the north bound passenger running into the tail end of a freight on the switch. No one was hurt.

A young married city girl wanted an egg plant to raise her own eggs.

The wreck yesterday morning was at Pinson instead of Finger as stated above. Three persons were slightly injured, and the locomotive of passenger train badly smashed.

Land Transfers: J.B. Hardeman to A.J. Hill ____acres, \$1,500. A. J. Hill and wife to R.H. Hill, 61 acres, \$400. A. B. Jones' Heirs to J. B. Jones, 85 acres, \$400. S.B. Smith and wife to H.A. Wilkins, 7 acres, \$50. C.G. Smith and wife to Ruf Hill and Kirpatrick, 1 lot, \$48.50.

W.W. Robison and wife to W.S. Robertson, 32 acres, \$150. J.E. Dixon to J.A. Miller, one lot, \$150. Albert Gillispie to J.A. Perry.—J.A. Perry to H.B. Wade, ____acres, \$150.

Rose Creek: We'll drop you a few lines from our neighborhood. A splendid rain fell here Monday making everybody feel happy. The Fourth of July celebration at this place was a very pretty affair. A good civil crowd was in attendance and all seem to enjoy themselves. Several persons from here went to Selmer Monday.

Personals: Capt. Lee Howell has been visiting at Corinth this week. Misses Pearl Stone and Alpha Scott are at Adamsville this week. Mr. J. G. Wilson, the postmaster of Bethel Springs, was in town Monday. Mrs. G.W. McCullar has been quite sick this week and is not improving.

M.E. Shelton, one of the stalwarts of the 18th district, was in town on business Wednesday. Claude Dodds has taken charge of the free school at Pocahontas and left for his field this week. Misses Bulah and Lela Allen, of Union City, visited the family of E.F. Hendrix here this week.

Anderson Moore left for Memphis Wednesday and perhaps further west if he can get across the river. We are glad that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell which was dangerously ill is better. Mrs. Julius King has been seriously sick for several days. She is reported some better the past day are so. Joe Ed Williams has been in today getting out a lot of printed material for his mercantile business at Rose Creek.

W.B. Cantrell and family left this morning for Red Sulphur Springs for the benefit of Mr. Cantrell's health, which is poor. W.H. Stone was called to Memphis Wednesday night to the bedside of his nephew, Robert Stone who is in a dying condition. Jordan Parrish and wife returned from Adamsville Tuesday, and left on the night train for their home in San Antonia, Texas.

Mr. Andy Robinson brought to our office Monday the biggest reddish the old man ever saw. It was ten inches in diameter and a foot and a half long. Mr. Lawson King not to be out done by Mr. Warren's big potatoes, brought us a fine sample, on the vine there are three which he brought as they grew.

Personals: Francis Malone, oldest son of W.B. Malone, died in Texas Monday. He has been there several years. He was a young man of robust physique, when here last winter. We do not know the particulars.

Mr. W.A. Wallace is the greatest hustler in the county. He deals in sheep, cattle, mules, and now is having sawed a big lot of timber at the Donahoe Mills near Rose Creek. He furnishes the lumber for the Tabernacle here.

Marriage Licenses.

Walter Sharp to Adelaide Roberts.
James Cain to Donie Russell.
C.S. Archer to Marie J. Anderson.
Andy Case to Mary Hill.

T.F. Faust to Jessie Lockman.
John Wickles to Ada Browning.
T.L. Grantham to Let Cox.
Chas. Lambert to Zeth Mathews.

JULY 17, 1903.

All American soldiers have been withdrawn from Cuba, with the exception of four companies, which will guard our coaling stations in that country.

Violating the Law: Warrants were sworn out last week for the arrest of Bob Cartmell of Jackson, proprietor of Dunlap Springs, a watering hole, 3 ½ miles southeast from Bolivar, and one McClure of Kentucky, for the selling of whisky without license and the other for selling it within the four mile law. McClure skipped the country, and is still at large.

The Farmers Column: The noxious smell of fresh paint in a room may be absorbed and entirely removed in one night by slices of onions set in the room in a dish. —The average cost per acre of corn in the United States is \$5 per acre. There are 3 million farmers in the U. S. who produce corn. The profit in any kind of stock is to sell whenever it is ready for the market. This holding over for a better price has ruined more farmers than any other one thing except that of idleness and indifference.

Sand Box: The temperature was 62 degrees Tuesday morning, but it has warmed up since. Selmer is the driest spot in McNairy County. They have struck oil near Gallatin, though only a five barrel flow. We intend to beat that when we get our hole in the ground.

Rose Creek Tenn., July 14, 1903. Mrs. Della Hicks, wife of John E. Hicks, died Friday evening and was buried at the Moore's Schoolhouse Cemetery Saturday. She leaves a husband and 4 children. Miss Roxie Estes, sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Green Estes, died on Saturday evening and was buried at the Moore's Schoolhouse Cemetery Sunday.

Personals: A.H. Olive went to Henderson this morning. J.D. Null and J.J. Adams took a fishing outing this week. J.R. Stovall, of Bethel Springs was in the city a short time yesterday. W.A. Wallace gave a helping hand on the tabernacle Wednesday, and is a hustler. Miss Myrtle Kernodle, of Humboldt, is visiting the family of E.F. Hendrix on Parr Ave. U.S. Marshall Elgin was among home people Wednesday, and spent the time enjoying the association of old friends.

Mr. Sunderland, of Australia, has been in our town this week, examining for lands with a view of a sheep or Angora goat ranch. P.M. Dickey spent the first of the week in the delta country of Mississippi. He located a nest of bear for Teddy's next winter sport. Wm. Lea's, of Astell, Ga., mother sent a lot of large Elberta peaches to us. Our thanks are due you, Will.

Dr. J.L. Smith and daughter, Miss Lutie, returned Sunday night from their trip were they visited several points of interest. They also took a short sea voyage. They report a most enjoyable trip. The Memphis Morning News gives a very complimentary report of U.S. Marshall Elgin and his deputies at the end of his first year. The Dept. at Washington speaks in highest terms of the office work. McNairy is proud of our boys; they are Marshall Elgin with deputies Lea, Brown, and Hawkins of the McNairy Marshall's Office.

A great gospel meeting at the tabernacle at Selmer Tenn. Several days beginning Friday, 8 P. M., JULY 24. The preaching to be done by Revs. J.W. Lowrance and J.R. Bell. Prof. A.H. Prather, Madisonville, Ky., will have charge of the music. Several services a day. J.G. Williams, Pastor.

JULY 24, 1903.

Marconi has discovered a new principle in wireless telegraphy and has perfected an instrument by means of which he no longer needs high towers for transmitting his messages

across the ocean. He can now send them skipping thousands of miles from wave to wave along the very surface of the sea.

Colored Publishing House: A permit was issued last week to the Baptist Publishing of the National Baptist Convention, Colored, of America, for the erection in Nashville of a 4 story brick building to cost \$25,000. This will be the largest colored publishing house in the World. Several new presses, linotype machines, etc., are to be installed.

Sand Box: A nice rain fell Saturday night which helped crops. Pink Lemonade picnics are among the past. Let them be old fashioned free social gatherings after this. Grady Abernathy and Jim Paschal were the two most faithful volunteer boys at work on the Tabernacle this week.

The colored folks will have an old fashioned camp meeting at Selmer from Aug. 7 to 16th. H.C. and Mrs. Gooch moved to the Dickey Hotel property Wednesday, and Finley Ammons moved to the Gooch residence. A dead infant was found near Gravel Hill Wednesday. We have not any of the particulars as yet.

Personals: Mr. J.B. Jopling left Wednesday night for Memphis. A.H. Olive will make you a Dozen Photos for 25c. Mrs. A. H. Olive and C.C. Stone spent Sunday at Henderson. Miss Clevie Sanders returned home from Bemis Wednesday night. Miss Lillie Prather took charge of the free school near Tulu Monday. Miss Marie Stovall, of Bethel, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Archer has been spending the week at Baldwyn with her husband. A.K. Hamm, of Mt. Vernon, attended the K. of P. Lodge meeting here Monday night. Mrs. Darby, of Memphis, arrived this week to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Atkis. Hugh Carter, after spending several months at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, returned home Tuesday morning. Miss Mary Lou Strumph and several of the Esq. Strumph's grandchildren are with him, and will remain for the meeting.

Mrs. M.M. Dickey left for Memphis Wednesday to have her eyes treated, one of them having been affected for some time. A.H. Olive makes Stamp Photos, Buttons, Medallions, Paper Weights, Watch pictures, and everything in the Photo line up to a 16x20 Portrait.

Orpheus S. Abernathy, formerly publisher of the Independent, and who is now a popular M. & O. Brakeman, came down Sunday night to recuperate from a siege of chills.

Rev. R.G. Holcomb died at his home at Henry County, Tenn., Friday July 17, of flux. He married Sallie Basinger about four years ago. She and two children survive him. He was about 35 years old.

Mr. Dickey has traded his hotel and furnishings here to a Mr. James of Memphis, for a plantation in La Flour County, Miss.

JULY 31, 1903.

There is no danger of a famine in Obion County, provided the potato crop does not rot. There are enough of the tubers to feed every man, woman and child on the county until another crop is made.

Bethel Springs: Mr. Carl Stovall, of Corinth, visited home folks this week. Rev. J.G. Williams returned Saturday night from district conference. Mrs. Mary Malone and family of Nashville the family visited the family of W.H. Tedford Sunday. Mr. Charles Dismukes went to Columbus, Miss. Last week returning Saturday accompanied by his sister, Miss Fannie, who has been attending school at that place. Speckled Bird.

A Real at Cost Sale. The closing out of the firm of Jopling & Anderson's millinery establishment is the reason we will sell, beginning at once, the entire stock at "Actual Cost." It consists of Dress goods and Trimmings of all kinds, Domestics, Lawns, Laces, Hose, Corsets, Thread, Etc. Hats almost given away. The sale includes every article in the entire stock. Terms strictly cash. This is the occasion when our loss will be our customer's gain. No premiums given on these sales. Call at once.

Sand Box: The Democratic Party is still hunting for an available candidate for president. J.E. Atkins furnished a piano Tuesday for the use in the meeting in addition to the organ which was in use from the M. E. Church. After the showers Tuesday the air was balmy and everything looked refreshed. The town boys all went to Sommerville Wednesday to a baseball contest.

The County Judges of county court are forbidden not only by the law but by Judge Woods to release any prisoners in the jail under misdemeanor sentences. The Governor is the only power.

It is impossible for a newspaper to please everyone when it has enough backbone to give an idea of its own. Our religion or politics could not suit everybody but they get people to thinking.

Wheat has been shipped in for the Selmer Milling Co. The home crop is an unusually short one. A colored woman in the Falcon vicinity gave birth this week to three children all of whom died. Mrs. Dalby left for her home in Memphis Thursday.

Those who attended The Tabernacle Meeting are Mr. and Mrs. George Carman, J.J. Swain, Mr. J.W. Pickens, of Bethel, Rev. Faust and wife, J.H. Furgerson, H.D. Maxedon, W.A. Grant, Rev Job Bell who preached two nights and Prof. Prather who lead the singing.

Homer Townsend, of Memphis, spent several days this week among friends in Selmer. H.F. Tennyson from near Lawrence was in Monday. Robert Wagoner was in Selmer Wednesday looking like he would like to get on the agreeable side with some dashing widow. B.F. Darby was in Monday with a load of his fine apples and other fruit. We were glad to meet Dr. W. R. Simpson, of Pigott, Ark., who came Tuesday to spend a while with his relatives and old friends in McNairy.

Mrs. J.T. Warren has been very sick this week. She has suffered so severely that her strength has been heavily drawn upon, and she is quite low. Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Dickey have returned from Memphis where she went for eye treatment. We are glad to note the operation was successful and the defect thought to be cured.

Charley Holmes who has been sick in the county jail for several weeks, died Monday morning. His mother stayed by his side to the last.

AUGUST 7, 1903.

Sand Box: This week opens up with largely improved prospects, on account of good rains which were never more timely. Watermelons and apples seem to be plentiful on the streets of Selmer. The Jury did not agree on a verdict in the Wolf and Pearson case Tuesday. They were evenly divided.

The Tabernacle expenses are all paid and the building free. What about that spoke factory? Why send the timber to Corinth to make the factory there rich? Has on one here got any business

sagacity [judgment] about such things? Trimming the shade trees by the R.R. Co. South of the depot makes them look like a fellow with a high a high water cut coat.

The Dickey Hotel under new management is starting out with glowing patronage and universal satisfaction. No cyclone ever stirred up as much excitement as the bank failure at Henderson. The depositors are many of them poor farmers and people with their all. The indications are that the depositors will get little or nothing.

J.W. Williams of near Adamsville has been spending a day or so in Selmer this week.

J.E. Powers has rented the Curry Hotel and will take possession next week. A.H. Jopling and family will move to the Dr. Atkins house. This puts the two hotels both in new hands and we bespeak prosperity to all.

Personals: J. Robert Stone is visiting home folks this week. Dr. J.M. Mitchell was in Wednesday with the board of pension examiners. Esq. J.E. Dunaway, of the 2nd district, was in the city on business yesterday. J.Q. Ingham was in Monday. "Quin" is now pulling a conductor's bell cord.

Warner Wyatt took in the farmer's Institute Monday. Haywood and J.C. Hair, from the Leapwood section, called Monday. W. Gooch left this week to work on the depot at Corinth. He will probably be there some time.

We understand no hope is entertained for the recovery of W.B. Cantrell now at Red Sulphur Springs. Mr. W.M. Phillips and family, who have been in Selmer some time. Returned home to Jackson Wednesday.

Mrs. J.T. Warren is still very low. No hope of recovery. Dr. J.E. Perkins of Henderson visits her almost daily. Judge J.W. Roberson sitting as special Judge in a case Monday and Tuesday, showed good judicial timber. Ed McLeod called Monday. He wants rural route No. 2 to go to his store, and the change ought to be made.

J.L. Boatman, the hero of Moss Creek, was in Tuesday among his friends, and spent a pleasant half hour with us. Dr. J.B. Jopling returned from Memphis and spent this week here. He intends to locate in the Bluff City and follow his Dental profession.

Dr. J.C. McConnel, of Newbern, Tenn., came back to his old haunts Wednesday. E.C. Chamness was among our callers Wednesday. He is thinking of coming to Selmer or in the vicinity for school advantage and permanent location.

Land Transfers: Josiah Jordan and wife to J.R. Gooch, one lot, \$50. A.G. Huggins and wife to J.R. Gooch, --acres, \$100. L.M. Lock and wife to J.R. Gooch, ___ acres, \$200. J. F. Carroll and wife to J.R. Gooch, one lot \$200. J.F. Carroll and wife, J.W. Simmons, and M.D. Simmons and wife to J. R. Gooch, ___ acres.

J.R. Adams and wife to M.M. Dickey, hotel in Selmer, \$850. J.L. Doss to W.H. Doss, 5.5 acres, \$150. Bascom Riggs to Flora G. Estes, one lot, \$20. J.R. Adams to Haywood Hair, 1.5 acres \$100. John Morris to Haywood Hair, __ acres, \$100. L.E. Farris and wife to G.M. McKenzie, 50 acres, \$200. T.J. Moffatt and wife to N.J. Bryant, 7 acres, \$77. Nannie Williams to L.L. Sipes, 1-6 interest in - acres, \$100.

Marriage Licenses.

Will Burus to Maggie McCullar.

M.B. Bowers to Josie Tate.

Tom Bishop to Callie Mosley.

S.J. McNatt to Sissie McGarity.

Robt. Hathcock to Louella Fowler.

Samuel Tate to Mollie Ramer.

P.E. Whorten to Lizzie Brown.

Joe Whitten to Sallie Hubanks.

T.J. Hurst to Edna Murray.

Joe Kirk to Emma Ray.

When people marry for fun the laugh is on them.

Why do people who keep a barking dog complain when the baby cries?

AUGUST 14, 1903.

Home for Veterans: N.B. Forrest Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Chattanooga, together with the Daughters of the Confederacy, took steps at their meeting to purchase a home. A committee was appointed to select a building or a site upon which to erect a home.

Death of Capt. T.H. Paine: Capt. Thomas H. Paine died at Lexington, Tn. last Saturday night. The people of McNairy always felt like the Capt. was one of us, on account of his once being our Senator and his frequency here as an education and head of the agricultural bureau of the state. His farm and home is in Hardin Co. His death away from home is truly sad to his family and hosts of friends.

John Aldridge, died at Pascola, Mo. last Sunday, and was buried Thursday at Refuge near his old home. John was once a State Senator. He was 80 years old.

Bethel Springs: Crops are much improved by the recent rains. Mrs. J.M. Cockrum had a painful accident; she fell from a porch a few days ago and broke her arm. Mr. Joe Etheridge got two of his fingers mashed off in the mill last Saturday. Miss Annie Stovall is real sick.

Misses Maude and Annie Stovall returned Friday night after an extended visit to relatives in Arkansas. Mesdames McAfee and Bell are visiting Mrs. Robert Turner at Bemis. Mr. Ed McAfee left Monday for Texas. Miss Mary Stovall left Monday for Union City. Speckled Bird.

Sand Box: The youngest son of Mrs. Wm. McNatt, aged 12, died Sunday morning. Other members of her family are very sick with fever.

Look not ask upon the office seeker. He is sugar coated until after the election, then he bites like an adder and has no hearty embrace.

Irish potatoes are so plentiful that 25c. a bushel is about what they bring. The watermelon is much in evidence on the streets of Selmer.

H.C. Moore, of Corinth, has returned from a trip to London to meet with the directors of his Mexican mining interests. The venders of illicit whiskey will not find very smooth sailing with Jack Clayton on their track.

Personals: J.R. Carothers was in Monday and spent a while with us. J.A. Lock says he has the fastest mare in the county. Noah Prince is at Gravel Hill this week teaching a penmanship class. W.J. Null took a business trip to Memphis this week, returning Wednesday night.

Dr. J.B. Jopling left for Memphis Saturday, where he is for all practical purposes located. Miss Myrtle Williams returned Friday night from an extended visit to relatives in Arkansas. Prof. H.J. Cox left Tuesday for a trip to Saltillo in the interest of the High School which opens on the 7th.

W.D. Jopling and wife are spending a week or so with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Wagoner, at her home near Purdy. Mr. and T.N. Bell have been spending a few days at White Sulphur Springs for the benefit of Mrs. Bell whose health is not good.

Mrs. Mary Robinson and son, of Tynozzi, Ark., are visiting her brother-in-law, circuit court clerk, W. J. Null and family. Deputy Marshall W.M. Brown has resigned on account of his ability to ride and Jack Clayton was appointed by Marshall Elgin as his deputy for this and adjoining

counties.

T.N. Bell, and C.C. Graham, went to Henderson Wednesday at the summons of Dr. Job Bell, who is said to be probably on his death bed. The Dr. is about 80 years old and has been feeble for months. W. B. Cantrell, who has been at Red Sulphur Springs for his health was removed to his brother-in-law at Shiloh Wednesday. He is some better than a week ago, yet he is in a very precarious condition.

Arthur G. Scott has been appointed Assistant Post Master here. He fills the place as though he was a veteran mail handler. James T. Dunaway, familiarly known as "Uncle Jim" was in town Friday morning.

Selmer High School, Selmer, Tenn. Co-education. Accessible, Good Influences. Thorough. Healthful. Reliable & Cheap. A School for the Masses. The very place for your boys and girls. Opens September 7, 1903.— For Catalogues write H.J. Cox or J.D. Mullens, Selmer, Tenn.

Don't brag about the watermelons you stole when you were a kid, and blame your boys for their mischief.

AUGUST 21, 1903.

Farmers Column: Whitewash the inside of the henhouse, and sprinkle air slacked lime on the floor. Rub off the perches with coal oil.

Fast walking is one of the most important elements of training for the colt. When the young is trained to fast walk he is apt to keep up the habit when older, and it adds much to his value.

For Sale: In Selmer—House and lot known as the McDougal place; five rooms, hall, porches, orchard and large lot. Apply to: M.W. Sipes, Selmer, Tenn.

Sand Box: Andy Jopling is still entertaining his guests at the Curry Hotel. He moved then he didn't. J.W. Taylor and Robert Fulwood are building a residence near Ramer for Mrs. M.A. Shull of Selmer.

R.J. Maxedon has been holding a very successful meeting this week at Pleasant Grove six miles south of here. The race for governor in Mississippi is getting red hot and still heating. They will get to killing each other before they settle it we predict. There is not a vacant house in Selmer. Those who want advantages of the High School have not neglected making arrangements.

John W. Taylor has been on the sick list during this past week. A.H. Oliver has been taking pictures of the public buildings in the town, and they made quite a beautiful collection.

W.J. Jopling says he has not shaved his chin whiskers since 1849. They have never been trimmed and yet are only a few inches long. J.F. Dillon shipped a car load of sheep Tuesday to Ky.

Personals: Orpheus Abernathy spent Sunday with home folks. W.M. Hill has been spending a few days in Selmer. Mrs. P.H. Thrasher has gone to Jackson to spend several days.

Dr. J.C. McConnell was back this week to spend a few days in Selmer. U.S. Marshall, F.S. Elgin, spent a day in Selmer this week on business. J.S. Brooks will soon remove to the Dr. Atkins residence on Cypress Ave. W. M. Brown and other members of his family are on the sick list this week.

W.D. Jopling and wife returned Sunday from a week's visit at J.C. Waggoner's. Mrs. J.T. Warren is slowly improving and hopes of her recovery are hopeful. Arthur Crow and Wm. Boone, now at Chattanooga came in yesterday on their way to Adamsville. Rev. Cal Strumph was here Wednesday, and spent the night with his father. He has two more years at college.

Joe E. Williams, of Williams Bros., Rose Creek, left last Friday night for a trip to Ocean Grove and other Eastern resorts. Esq. W.A. Gooch was here Wednesday, in conference with J.H. Trice in regard to the next Farmer's Institute.

Mr. Chester Scott wed Miss Cubie Brown Sunday evening at the home of Cubie's father, Mr. W.M. Brown.

W.B. Cantrell died at 35 years old, at his brother-in-law, George Hurley, on Saturday morning the 16th. He was buried at Shiloh cemetery Sunday. He leaves his wife and 1 daughter.

AUGUST 28, 1903.

Sand Box: It is a little troublesome for an Independent Newspaper to go right along and tell the truth regardless of friend or foe and not touch a sore toe now and then. But it is always the struck dog that howls.

What is the reason that livery stables are run Sundays when other business houses cannot. A monkey playing around in the high trees of Cypress bottom was the week's sensation. The owner, John Clifton, was restored to his usual smile by his capture and return to his car.

Marriage Licenses.

W.F. Maness to Anna Young.
S.B. Brown to Rosalena Henry
Chester Scott to Cubie Brown.
W.M. Montague to Rosa Tonsal
M. Younger to Fredonia Batterson.
M.C. Hooker to Annie Johnston.

Otis Perkins to Lee Ann Grier.
Allen Moore to Sophia Chambers.
J.N. Page to Mattie Rogers.
Jno. Smith to Pearl Kilchrist.
M.N. Mullins to Emma Wallace.
Dow Cartwright to Georgia White.

Personals: F.A. Barnes and J.M. Hamm were in Tuesday. Stanford Gooch spent Sunday with home folks. Edgar Thrasher visited relatives here Sunday. Hollis Williams visited in Chester and Hardeman County this week.

Joel McGee returned to Texas Monday. He was accompanied by his brother Will. H P. Dancer of Ramer was in to see a mule buyer Thursday. Miss Bulah Lock returned Wednesday, from a week's visit to friends at Corinth, Miss. Mrs. J.T. Warren is still slowly improving, but not in manner to indicate a certain recovery.

W.L. Looney, the insurance man, was registered at the Dickey Hotel Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. G.L. Anderson left Monday for Asheville, N.C., for the benefit of her health. She will be gone several months. When you come to the reunion call at Olive's Studio and have some pictures made that will make your friends proud of you.

Joe Sanders spent a day squirrel hunting in Hatchie bottom this week. He reports 13 killed, and the miraculous escape of many others. Monroe Gooch has lately made several trips to Cairo, Ft. Jefferson, Humboldt and other points on the line, in the interest of the railway.

A protracted meeting begins at the Christian church next Sunday by Rev. Ira Boswell, of Miss. The church has been renovated and new papered. Mr. Dow Cartwright and Miss Georgia White of Booneville Miss. came up Wednesday morning and were quietly married at the Curry

Hotel. Rev. J.H. Curry officiating.

Dept. Marshall A.C. Lea came home last night to spend a couple of weeks. Hon. W.K. Abernathy and wife, accompanied by Post Master Dickey and wife are out today on a fishing expedition on Moss Creek near Sulphur Springs. Ed Fullwood after a two week stay at Adamsville returned Thursday, accompanied by Arthur Crow and Wm. Boone of Chattanooga, who left for their home this morning.

Land Transfers: S.K. Fowlkes et al to M. & O. R. R., ___ acres, \$100. M.M. Dickey and I.T. Dickey to J.W. and M.W. James, town lots, \$1,500. E.W. Sheffield, one gin and lot, \$500. J.L. Wisdom to W.A. Reeder, 271 acres, \$600.

J.A. Riddle and wife to John W. Shaw, 81 acres, \$1,000. G.L. Anderson and wife to J.R. Duncan, town lot, \$750. F.W. Sheffield and wife to Allen West & Co., town lot, \$1,000. R.H.L. Grantham to J.W. Wardlow, \$100 acres, \$50. G.L. Brook and wife to R.L. Larew, 185 ½ acres, \$2,000. R.L. Larew and wife to H.S. Shelton, 185 ½ acres, \$2,500.

It is better to know little than to know a lot that isn't true.

Worry is a good friend of the undertaker.

September 4, 1903.

Sand Box: The feature of Tuesday's ball game was "Shy" Browder's playing. Let everybody take part in the gathering at Thrasher's Park where an interesting and pleasant time can be socially spent.

Base Ball Game: Selmer 22-24. Jackson 10-20. Quite a lively game of ball was played Tuesday, between a club of little fellows of Jackson and Selmer. Hon. C.G. Bond and Col. R.I. Chester were the matron heads of the Jackson boys. They played two games during the afternoon and in both games the Selmer Boys beat the little visitors.

Personals: J.R. Stovall of Bethel was in town Wednesday. Miss Lula Carroll is on the sick list this week. Miss Bulah Locke has been on the sick list this week. Deputy U S. Marshall W. Jack Clayton was here Wednesday. Miss Flora and Daisy Stedman visited Miss Zelma Carter of Gravelhill this week. U.S. Alexander moved this week to his old residence on Front St. and Pharr Avenue.

J.B. Graham has been employed to teach the Bethel School. It will open on the 7th. Miss Lutie Atkins returned Tuesday from an extended visit to relatives at Booneville, Miss. Dr. Mitchell, of Acton, was in attendance of the Board of Pension Examiners Wednesday. Lillian Rogers, Charlie Alexander and Aubrey Sipes, of Adamsville, were in the city Tuesday.

J.T. Warren moved this week to his property across the creek; which he traded for from U.S. Alexander. The meeting at the Christian Church during the week has been well attended. Rev. Boswell is quite a fluent and magnetic preacher.

Mrs. W.C. Haily and family from Adamsville moved Wednesday into the Frank Smith residence on Court Ave. Col. R.I. Chester was down Tuesday. He has to interview a good many people everywhere he goes about claims against the M. & O. Road for stock killed.

J.E. Powers has arranged to put in a saw mill near the Poor House, and it will begin operations at once. Miss Monto Ricketts, of Clifton, Tn. , has been secured as teacher of Music and Elocution in Selmer High School. She teaches Piano, Organ, Guitar, Violin, Banjo, and

Mandolin. Terms will be reasonable.

Telegraphic communications are now established in all parts of Alaska covered by the United States.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1903.

Child Fatally Burned: J.C. Greer's son, 2 years old, was fatally burned at Acton last week, by pulling a kettle of boiling coffee off the stove upon his head.

Sand Box: It is said brick throwing of a night is not evidence of a well governed town. The school here opened Monday with 78 scholars which had increased to over 90 during this week. There are 13 boarding students among the number. The town badly needs two livery stables; one cannot meet calls for livery hire. J.E. Powers will have his saw mill going next week.

Personals: Noah Prince spent the day at Booneville yesterday. Forest Hendrix is in St. Louis this week buying fall goods. G.L. Anderson left this week to join his wife at Asheville, N. C. Mr. T.E. Devault and family were in Thursday to take in the reunion. Marcus Prince, of Gravelhill, took in the reunion, returning home Saturday morning. All hope for the recovery of Mrs. J.T. Warren has been given up.

Arthur Olive left Thursday for Corinth, where he joins L A. Beaty in his studio for a few weeks.

Jo Ed Williams, of the firm of Williams Bros., of Rose Creek, was in attendance at the reunion. Capt J.W. Shaw, Supt. of the Pittsburg Cemetery, took in the reunion and enjoyed the occasion. Judge J.W. Roberson, of Henderson, came down the first day of the reunion and took in the whole show. Col. J.E. Robertson, of the Nashville Banner and Col. B.F. Parlow, editor of the News at Parsons, Tn., attended the reunion.

Chancellor Hawkins was on time Monday morning and assumed his regular work on the bench of the Chancery Court. A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist Church on the first Sunday in October. Rev J.H. Curry will do the preaching.—

Otterville: H. Clay Boatman and family visited relatives near Lawrence Saturday, returning Sunday. F.A. Barnes went to Selmer Monday. Mr. Sam Nethery is at home again, from a prolonged visit to Yorkville, Tn. Claymore Gooch is the champion coon hunter of this section. He killed 4 last Monday morning. Jerome Smith has purchased the Z.D. Lemmons farm. T. M. Boatman visited relatives near Coffey last week. W.C. Henderson is afflicted with a strange malady diagnosed by Dr. King as a case of walking slow fever. Hero

A Sad Death: Rose Creek, Sept. 7, 1903. Guy Moore, son of W.F. Moore, died Saturday at 10 a.m. at 17 years old. He leaves a host of family and friends.

Curry Hill: Curry Hill is in the 18th district one mile south of the Southern R.R. and is probably the highest hill in McNairy County. At the highest point you can see Hurley seven miles north east, and Tusculumbia church four miles south east in the state of Mississippi. On the west is farming country, mainly owned by F.F. Wright, C.L. Wooten, Esq. J. Ramer, and Pete Mahunder. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Butler are the happy parents of a three pound girl. Philip Scott, of Jackson, is spending the summer with his grandfather, and attending the Young School. Charlie Curry, Bird Isom, and Robt. Ramer left Sunday for Selmer where they will attend school. Luther Henderson is attending school at Henderson. Rose Mullens is working at Corinth. Davis Pittman is visiting the Ozark Mountains, Louisiana, and Arkansas. J.O.C.

Bethel Springs: A rain would be appreciated now. Quite a lot of sickness is reported in

this vicinity. Mr. Lige Smith's little girl died since our last communication. Messrs. Ross & Rice are putting a saw mill in Cypress bottom near this place. George Carman has bought Mr. Pickens' residence.

Duke Hendrix has bought what is known as the Hudson place. Miss Marie Stovall returned last week from Union City. Mr. and Mrs. McCallum, of Murfreesboro, Ill., are visiting their sister O. Stovall.

Mrs. Lee, of Morris Chapel, is visiting her brother, Crump Wilson. Miss Melissa Tedford who has been visiting near Athens, Ala., for the past four weeks is expected home in a few days. V. E. Scarborough went to Henderson Monday.

Bethel Springs High School: Opens Sept. 14th, 1903. Course of Study: Freshman Year. Orthography, Reading, Practical Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, U.S. History, Physiology and Hygiene.

Sophomore Year: Higher Arithmetic, General History, Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy, Geology of Tennessee, Elements of Agriculture, Algebra, Civil Government, Book Keeping, Plane Geometry, and Latin. Cheap Boarding, good moral influences, and healthful. J.B. Graham, Principal, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1903.

Second District: J.R. Knight is erecting a new gin near Hunter's Schoolhouse. Moore & McIntire will soon have their gin and saw mill ready for operation at Rose Creek. Misses Martha Jane and Florence King visited relatives near Otterville Sunday. Mrs. J.W. Wallace attended church at the Morris Schoolhouse Sunday. Warren Wallace, who is teaching near Cypress, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks. Mrs. J.T. Hunter is visiting her mother, Mrs. L.A. Loceman. Miss Nola Wallace visited at Mr. J.A. Weatherly's near Lawrence this week. Forbes Hicks, of Paragould, Ark., is visiting relatives here this week. W.M. Lockman has opened up a general store near his residence.

Marriage Licenses.

J.B. Wilson to Emma Ingle.

Sanford Steer to Mary Ijams.

Osborne Wickes to Lula Barnett.

J.A. Austin to Lizzie Chandler.

A.C. McCann to L.T. Phillips.

W.D. Hendrix to Linda D. Reeves.

Tom Paterson to Annie Burnside's.

J.D. Wardlow to Immie Rink.

Joe Beaver to Sallie Stigger.

Terry Gooch to Dora Latta.

H.A. Pott to Tennie Oats.

Fletcher Surratt to Nora Sweat.

Luther Dickerson to S.M. Dubois.

Head On Collision: Quite a serious wreck occurred last Saturday afternoon at the north end of the side track to the side track at Selmer on the M. & O. It was the meeting point for four freights. The second south bound came around the bend at such a speed that it could not stop before it reached the switch on which the other train was trying to get back on and close the switch. The incoming train on the switch and the engines came together and hit each other head on. Some three freight cars were smashed and entirely ruined. All the engineers and firemen jumped and no one was hurt. The chief blame was attached to the speed at which the south bound train was running, and the crew was held responsible for the accident.

Sand Box: A hurricane a few days ago came near blowing off the tail end of Florida.

Mexico has purchased 170,000 American typewriters during the last year. Addison Moore (col.) near Bethel was killed last week by a falling tree while cutting another.

Orpheus Abernathy, who has been sick for some time is able to be out. J.E. Powers started his saw mill Saturday, is now filling orders for all kinds of lumber. J.D. Alexander is the busiest man in Selmer, running his carder every day. this is the way a city boy put it, when asked his age he said, "eight at home, six on the train, and four on street cars."

A \$2,000 Confederate Monument is to be erected near the Shiloh Church at Pittsburg. Mrs. J.S. Rogers and family are preparing to join her husband in Arkansas soon. First bale of cotton came in yesterday from Gravelhill by Littlejohn & Huggins, and was sold to Bigger & Abernathy.

Personals: G.L. Anderson has moved to the Burnett place on Court Ave. Hon. W.K. Abernathy has been on the sick list for several days. Joe Sanders and family spent last Saturday at Pittsburg. J.J. Adams is still the same old bachelor trying to keep up with J.D. Null and J.D.A. Coleman.

O.J. Stovall and J.L. Hendrix, of Bethel, were in the city between trains yesterday. J.W. Prather returned from St. Louis Saturday, where he been laying in stock of winter goods. Raymond Carter and sister, Miss Zelma, were among the boarding pupils who entered Selmer High School Monday. Mr. Cobb, of the firm of Hester & Cobb, of Bethel Springs, called last Friday. Dr. Ed. Perkins has been in attendance to Mrs. Warren.

Mrs. Ed Meeks died this morning at her home in the city, after a short illness with acute congestion. She leaves her husband and 3 children. J.H. Sinclair sold his farm in Oxford to A.T. Smith. It is known as the R.D. Anderson farm. Mr. J.C. Sanders and wife, of Dyer, are spending a few days with their many friends and family and attended the Hendrix-Reeves wedding at Bethel Wednesday.

Died –Mrs. E.F. Meeks aged 39, at her home in Corinth, Miss., Sept. 11, 1903. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Houston, of Guys, and sister of Hon. J.C. Houston, of Selmer. She leaves her husband and 3 children.

Land Transfers: H.B. Meeks to J.L. Meeks ___ acres, \$240. J.W. Smith and wife to D.S. Plunk, one acre, \$154. J.L. Hamilton to N.L. Varnell, ___ acres, \$200. D.S. Plunk and wife to J.W. Shaw ___ acres, \$142.50. B.S. Carr to A.J. Kirk, ___ acres, \$580. J.H. Helton and wife to Jas. Hill, ___ acres, \$290. J.A. Romines to S.F. Romines ___ acres, \$362. J.M. Croskey to S.F. Romines, ___ acres, \$450. J.A. Romines to S.F. Romines ___ acres, \$200. D.A. McDougal to O.V. McIntire, 2 lots, \$90. ___ R.B. Riggs and wife to Mary S. Devault, ___ acres, \$300.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1903.

James Culver, the oldest man in Kentucky, celebrated his 121st birthday at his home in Perryville a few days ago.

Land Transfers: J.W. Purviance to Alice Kendall et al, two acres, \$20. B.W. Hendrix to Wm. James, one lot, \$175. Britain Hovis to Jennie Cox, 49 acres, \$300. J.D. Duke to P.J. Mahundro, 150 acres, \$150. J.E. McMahan to P.J. Mahundro, 124 acres, \$30. R.L. Clark and wife to W.C. Smith, an undivided interest in ___ acres, \$75. J.M. Smith to J.O. Smith, undivided interest in ___ acres, \$100. Frank Smith to W.O. Smith, same interest, \$75. T.B. Kerr's heirs to O.C. Hagy, 35 acres, \$66. L.A. Lockman to L.R. Lockman, acres, \$150. J.T. Lockman to W.H. Foster, 2 ½ acres, \$50.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.

J.F. Kitchens to Claudie Duncan.

B.F. Powell to Tilda Horton.

McGee's 25 cts. Chill cure: pleasant to take. Largest Bottle. Tasteless. Guaranteed to Cure or Money Refunded. Contains no Poison. Acts on your liver. Manufactured by: The Mayfield Mfg. Co., Mayfield, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo.

Bucklens Arnica Salve: Cures Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever sores, Chapped hands, Skins Eruptions; infallible for Piles. Cure Guaranteed by Pickens & Etheridge Bethel Springs.

Don't wait for a Cold to Run into Bronchitis of Pneumonia. Check it at Once with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Sand Box: P.M. Baker brought on the first load of seed cotton Saturday, and J.W. McNatt the second Tuesday. Bigger & Abernathy got both loads at \$3.55 per hundred with the seed. The High School opened this week away up into the two hundred enrollment. Public profanity seems to be one of the habits which the courts are trying to change.

Circuit Court: The September term of Circuit met Monday with Judge L.S. Woods on the bench, B.J. Howard Attorney General, R.M. Carroll Sheriff, and W.J. Null Clerk.

The following visiting attorneys were present: Hons. E.S. Chandler, W.J. Lamb, and J.M. Boone, of Corinth; M.F. Ozier, J.W. Robinson, and T.W. Stubblefield, of Henderson; A.W. Stovall and David Stovall, of Jackson; and D.A. McDougal of Savannah.

The following names were drawn as Grand Jurors and Trial Jury: Grand Jury: J.P. Canady Foreman, A J. Foster, J.F. King, Will Dillon, J.D. Armstrong, J.V. Tedford, L.B. McIntire, J.A. Farris, James Boshart, Dee Sewell, E.H.T. Garrett, J.C. Jeter, W.L. Curry, Harry Hill Officer.

Travis Jury: William Lipford, Will Mahan, J.R. McCoy, J.A. Lock, W.F. Beard, H.C. Chambers, Chas. Hair, W.W. Derryberry, J.L. Littlefield, T.C. Robertson, N.W. Cude, Charles Gray; Officers Jack Etheridge and Lee Willis.

State Docket. Cases Disposed Of:

State vs. Bruce King, disturbing meeting, submitted, fined \$20, sentenced to work house.

State vs. Joe Gunaway, c. p., nol pros, defendant assumes cost.

State vs. Ace Luttrell, Three cases tipping, forfeiture on bond.

State vs. Bill Melton, Ted Cleary, John Garrison, and Will Barrion, gaming, trial by jury and verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Benton Carter, d. p. w., nol pros on payment of costs.

State vs. Jeff Smith d. p. w., nol pros on payment of costs.

State vs. Bruce King, c. w., fine \$50 and sentenced to work house.

State vs. Calvin Copeland, c. w., trial by jury and mistrial entered

State vs. H.C. Gooch, public profanity, nol pros and costs assumed.

State vs. Jo Ed Williams, public profanity, verdict by jury for "cussing," fine \$25; appeal taken to Supreme Court.

State vs. Jim Dobbs, lewdness, submitted and fined \$10.

State vs. Millard Carter, d. p. w., submitted and fined \$20.

State vs. Napoleon Freeman, tipping, 7 cases, submitted in one case, plea of guilty in one and not guilty in one and not guilty to second and cases continued. The other six cases stricken from docket on payment of costs.

State vs. Bunk Parrish, tipping, three cases, same order and arrangement as in the Freeman case.

State vs. Dolph Nixon and Bob Clifton, malicious mischief, verdict by jury of guilty, and fine of \$10 assessed against Clifton. Nixon and Bob Clifton, malicious mischief, verdict by jury of guilty, and fine of \$10 assessed against Clifton. Nixon fled before jury returned.

State vs. Olive, murder, on trial yesterday and today. There was not anything done on the civil docket except compromises and continuances for want of time.

Personals: J.M. Ham was in Monday. Post master Dickey is spending a few days looking after his Mississippi plantation. Arthur Olive after spending a week among friends in the 9th district, was home Sunday. Prof. E.L. Whitehurst, now engaged in teaching in Lauderdale Co., Tenn. was here this week.

Esq. W.A. Gooch, now in Monday. He has been about recovered from a serious affection of the throat. U.S. Marshall Elgin spent Monday and Tuesday in attendance at Circuit Court and other official business. J.A. Miller, of Sweet Lips, spent a pleasant time with us Monday. Col. A.N. Griffin, special Agent of the M. & O. Was here yesterday looking after the interest of the road.

W.P. Henry made a call here Monday. He is a farmer from the 13th district. Mrs. Young, of Philadelphia, and nephew, of Texas, spent a couple of days last week visiting the family of J.R. Adams. Ed. McCallum has been spending several days with his old friends and relatives at Bethel Springs:, and spent Wednesday in Selmer.

W.J. Sutton while in Monday still insists that now the danger of frost is past that there will be fair cotton crop in his section. O.D. Perkins, of Crump's Lodge, was among his many friends in McNairy this week. C.F. Harris and family, from the 11th district; left last Friday for Joaquin, Texas.

C.C. Steele was in Monday getting bills struck for the public sale of his personal property Oct. 10, 1903. Mrs. Mary Meeks, of Henderson, has been visiting friends and relatives in Selmer this week. Jo Ed Williams called yesterday and informed us that his customers would hear from him soon through our columns. He wants to buy all the cotton and produce the farmers have.

Capt. J.J. Brown of Buntyn, Tenn. has been spending several days as the guest of R.D. Anderson, looking up some of his old war comrades, among whom was Capt. Anderson and others of the county.

Clem Lea is the crack sweet potato raiser. He brought a vineless yam to our office last Saturday. It was the largest we ever saw and we have never been blind. Mr. L.C. Chance, acting Special Agent for the free rural delivery, has been looking over the territory for two new routes, and extending No. 2 out to W.E. McLeod's store.

Died: Mr. Roland Sutton, perhaps the oldest man in the county. He was nearing his 95th year. He died last week, he was the father of a number of children, among them was W.J. Sutton. He also leaves his second wife of thirty years.

September 25, 1903.

Hunter's School House: Cotton picking is on this week. C.G. Boatman of Sulphur Springs visited in this community Sunday. Deputy Sheriff Wm. Johnson made a clever capture of a noted "Dodger" in these parts last Saturday night. Oscar King visited in Hardeman Co. last Saturday and Sunday. Henry Boatman has been attending Court this week. Esq. J.E. Dunaway is making extended improvements on his barn. Bettie Bell visited relatives and friends near here this week. Mr. Sid Clifton of near Bethel was visiting in this section Sunday. He contemplates a visit to Ark.

soon. Andy Forsyth attended court this week. Miss Mary Norton visited friends on Moss Creek Sunday. P.T. and J.L. Wallace left for Bolivar Wednesday to spend a few days. Mr. William Curtis died Monday morning and was buried at Moore's School House Tuesday. J.D. Hunter and G.W.B. Hines went to Selmer Monday.

Bethel Springs: High School Opens Sept. 14, 1903.

Course of Study: Freshman Year. Orthography, Reading, Practical Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, English, Grammar, Geography, U. S. History, Physiology and Hygiene.

Sophomore: Higher Arithmetic, General History, Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy, Geology of Tennessee, Elements of Agriculture, Algebra, Civil Government, Book-keeping, Plane Geometry, and Latin.

Tuition: First Grade, per month---- \$1.00; Second Grade, per month— \$1.25; Third Grade, per month—1.50; Fourth Grade, per month----\$1.50; Fifth Grade, per month----\$2.00; Teachers Course, per month,----\$2.50; Classical or Scientific, per month,—\$3.00.

Cheap boarding, good moral influences, and healthful. J.B. Graham, Principal, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

Better say only half what you think than think only half what you say.

Modern Ballooning: Modern ballooning, by universal content, dates from 1783, when the Montgolfiers, two brothers, made their first ascent in France. They used hydrogen gas, which Cavendish in 1766 had discovered was only about one-seventh the weight of air.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

Sand Box: John Wolf has bought a tract of land and is building on the east Selmer road a mile or so from town. An old cow Monday wrecked a train between Nashville and Chattanooga, killing the engineer and fatally injuring two others. The yellow fever is on American soil at Laredo, Texas. There were 5 cases the first of the week. The circus next week will bring everybody to town.

Olive Trial: the trial of R J. Olive charged with the murder of Lee English near Gravelhill about a year ago, ended Monday morning when the jury reported it was impossible for them to agree. The jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. The case was ably represented on each side. This makes two mistrials in this case. The arguments were made by David and A.W. Stovall and the Attorney General, on the part of the state, and E.S. Candler and H P. Wood for the defense. The case will stand for trial again at the next term we suppose.

Hunter's School House: Mrs. John English is visiting at Mr. Frank Lockman's this week. The new store of Hunter Bros' is nearing completion. J.W. Wallace is making sorghum this week. The singing at this place last Saturday night was well attended. It will go on for ten successive Saturday nights, conducted by Prof. G.W. Hines. Mrs. Marion King is still in a critical condition, being afflicted with paralysis. Misses Janey and Biancha Hunter were the guests of Misses Rosetta and Minnie King Monday. Warren Wallace has closed his school at Cypress and will enter school at Selmer Monday.

J.R. Knight now has his new gin ready for operation. A.T. Wallace left Wednesday to accept a position with G.L. Anderson at Selmer. J.C. King of Selmer visited his brother, R.W. King, Sunday. J.B. Moore and E. Dunaway claim to be the boss carpenters of this section. Henry Boatman is having chills.

Personals: Mrs. John English, of Guys, visited in the city today. Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Hendrix

are happy parents of a new boy. Mrs. W.K. Abernathy has been quite sick for a couple of days. J.C. Sanders, of Dyer, was among his customers selling groceries. Mrs. L. P. Pettigrew, of Greenfield was called to the death bed of Mrs. Warren.

Capt. Wm. Stainback of Memphis, visited in Selmer Saturday & Sunday; taking a trip to Leapwood also. Esq. John H. Steadman was stricken Tuesday very severely with the doctors thing is Acute Meningitis. His recovery was thought impossible. He lay unconscious from Wednesday morning until this morning, when he showed some evidence of consciousness.

See the ad this week of Jopling & Anderson. They mean to sell out what they have, as the firm will dissolve by the partner moving elsewhere. This is a rare opportunity for someone to buy the stock and continue at the same stand. They have built up a fine business which would ensure to any purchaser who would engage in the line of millinery and dress-making.

After an illness of over two months, Mrs. J.T. Warren died Wednesday Sept. 30, 1903. She and Mr. Warren were married Sept. 10, 1899. She was the daughter of Noah Cantrell, and was raised near Shiloh. She was born May 14, 1854. Her brother died while she was sick and her mother shortly after her death. She was living in Selmer at her death.

OCTOBER 9, 1903.

Death of Idell Robinson: Idell died on Friday, Oct. 2, she was almost ten and was the oldest child of W.D. Robinson.

Personals: Edgar Thrasher and wife are spending a few days at Bethel Springs; they had spent several weeks in Colorado for his health. T.J. Kinchen, from Ramer, was in Monday. Wm. Ruleman made his regular first Monday visit. A.G. Scott left Monday to accept a position as brakeman on the M & O. Hugh Carter, after spending several weeks with home folks, returned to resume his course in medicine. T.B. Whitehurst and family, after spending a week at Winnesoga, have returned home. Mr. J.J. Adams brought us a three pound Egg Plant.

Frank Bowers from Crooked Creek brought to our office a stalk of corn measuring over fifteen feet, and with two large ears. It was eight feet to the first ear. Mrs. J.S. Rogers and family left Tuesday for Success, Ark., where they join Mr. Rogers for a future home. Mrs. G.L. Anderson left Tuesday morning for South-west Texas in search of heath. She thinks the climate will be beneficial. Miss Eva Cain, of Carterville. Mo. arrived Wednesday to spend a while with her Selmer relatives and friends.

OCTOBER 16, 1903.

Farmer's Column: Cost of moving freight: By Horse power it cost \$1.25 for a ton for five miles. By electric power \$1.25 will carry a ton 25 miles. By steam power it carries it 250, and by lake ships the \$1.25 will carry the ton 1,000 miles.

The time of meeting of the West Tennessee Farmer's Institute at Jackson will be the 7th to 9th of December.

Williams Brothers Proprietors Of the Big Bargain Store at Rose Creek is having a large sale of Shoes, Clothing, and Winter Goods.

Sand Box: The deepest place in Cypress Creek is at the crossing of the recently open bridge. It used to be a shallow ford. An additional barber has been put on the force in the parlors of J.W. Johnson. Cotton has about struck bottom in prices. 143 ton locomotives are being put on

the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. They are the largest in the world.

Fire Insurance: We have opened an insurance office in the Farmers and Merchants Bank Building at Henderson, Tn., and are prepared to write insurance on farm property, dwellings and contents, barns and contents, live stock, etc. Our Mr. Franklin is in the field soliciting. It will be placed in the "Home" of New York, one of the old reliable companies. Williams & Franklin.

Personals: Fred Emmons was here Sunday and Monday. Chas. Dunaway was up to the show Friday. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crocker are in Jackson today. J.W. Strumph was at Jackson last week on official business. J.W. Robinson, of Ramer, was in the city the first of the week. S.W. Gooch, engaged with the building of the depot at Corinth, was home Sunday. Noah Prince, who is with Lockman & Hendrix at Bethel, spent Sunday with home folks.

Our boys crossed bats with Henderson Monday, with the results of 7 to 4 in favor of Athens. Mrs. R.L. Pettigrew and children, having spent time with her father, returned Monday to their home at Greenfield, Tn. C.C. Steele was in Tuesday accompanied by his daughter who was en route to Lexington to enter school for the next term.

Died: Mr. Neely Fulghum near Crainsville, died Thursday morning; leaving a wife and four children.

Dr. J.C. Parish and wife, of Hot Springs, Ark., were here last Friday. They are spending several days visiting scenes of the doctor's boyhood. The circus was on hand Friday as promised. There was a large crowd here estimated at 3,000.

The best thing is to be respected, and the next is to be loved; it is bad to be hated, but worse still to be despised.

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup has been used in thousands of families for fifty-two years. Cures Constipation, Kidney or Liver Troubles and Makes Pure Blood. For sale at all dealers. Thacher Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

St Jacobs Oil: For Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Sprains, Bruises, Soreness, and Stiffness. Use the old reliable remedy. Prices, 25c. And 50c.

Putman Fadeless Dyes: These dyes are cleanly, as they neither stain the hands nor spot the kettle. One 10c package colors silk, wool or cotton equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Putnam Fadeless Dyes are for sale by all good druggists everywhere.

OCTOBER 23, 1903.

The Farmers Column: Program For County Farmers' Institute First Monday in Nov. Meeting called together at 10 a. m. Should the farmer sell or hold his cotton for better priced, by W. J. Sutton. How to put up corn in crib to prevent ravages by rats by W.A. Gooch. What is the remedy for exterminating ticks on cattle. By B.F. Darby. What is there in fall plowing by W. Cobb.

Alfalfa as a Fertilizer: As a pasture and a forage plant alfalfa is without a rival; for purchase it easily nets \$40 per acre.

Sand Box: J.E. Powers seems to be able to now furnish all bridge and building lumber people have been clamoring for. That reward offered by a certain minister preaching in Selmer has proved effective. Corn gathering is now one of the big jobs on hand for the farmers. Corn is very good this year.

J.W. Taylor and Robert Fulwood have finished the residence for Mrs. M.A. Shull near

Ramer, and are back at Selmer. The Selmer Milling Co. has shipped to their mill 3,000 bu. of wheat this week.

Personals: Ross Carter returned from Memphis Wednesday evening. Mrs. J.R. Adams has been quite sick for several days. Mrs. Mary Adams has been spending this week at Humboldt. Mrs. Mary Archer spent Sunday at Baldwyn with her husband. Mr. Duncan is quite sick at his residence. Mr. C.C. Miller, of Clifton, spent the first of the week in Selmer.—Jas. Terry Jr., of the Henderson Gazette, was in Selmer yesterday. Esq. J.H. Steadman is still very low, with little hope of recovery. The latest thing out is Dan Gooch's new Cigar stand at the Dickey Hotel.

Arthur Olive returned Wednesday from Corinth, where he has been taking pictures. W.M. Ruleman Thursday brought in over 500 pounds of wool from his clip of this year. Miss Pearle Stone, after several weeks' visit to Sumner, Miss. returned home Monday. There will be a free musical entertainment at college Hall tonight. Everyone invited. Mrs. M.E. Phillips and daughter, Miss Lizzie, left Thursday for Jackson to visit several days. E.T. Cantell was called to the bedside of his father Wednesday. Mr. Cantrell is ill at Pittsburg. J.M. Rouse, of McNairy, was here Monday. He is selling goods at McNairy. B.P. Moore and F.A. Barnes each made us a call Thursday.

O. J. Stovall and two daughters, Nellie and Ruth, spent Sunday evening with relatives in the city. Our boys went to Henderson Monday and defeated the Henderson boys in a ball game with a score of 10 to 6. Orpheus Abernathy has been confined several weeks with rheumatism, but was able to hobble out Wednesday. Garfield King came down from Fowlkes last Saturday. Dr. J.M. Mitchell was a pleasant caller Wednesday. Henry Curtis, a successful farmer of the 2nd district, was in Wednesday. Dr. J.C. McDonnell has visited a couple of months with old friends in McNairy, left on the morning train Thursday for his home at Newbern. Maj. W.H. Sloan, of Sloan's K.P. Weekly, at Nashville, visited Selmer this week in the interest of his journal.

Marriage Licenses.

Lee Carothers to Julia Hair.

A.G. King to Mrs. N.C. Weaver.

James F. Lofton to Rosa Case.

Chas. Walker to Ella May Harris.

G.L. Graham to Ethel Carter.

Jonas Prather to Mabel Lock.

William Barnes to Clara Monroe.

Hunter's School House: T.M. and C.G. Boatman visited in this community Sunday. Warren Wallace and John Henry Weatherly, of Selmer High School visited home folks Saturday and Sunday. Dr. John A. Boatman is at Louisville, Ky. taking a course in the medical college there. Constable Lee McAlpin has purposed the Dr. Boatman stock of goods, and will continue the business at the same stand. Hunter Bro's. will open their new store to the public Saturday. Miss Dora Moore was in Selmer Monday having Dental work done.

Land Transfers: M.A. Nolen to P.F. Springer, ___ acres, \$116. J.B. Britton heirs to Laura and P.W. North, 100 acres, \$300. H.C. and J.F. Gooch to J.N. Smith 76 3/4 acres, \$180.

M.D. Huggins and wife to W.O. Armstrong, 68 acres, \$600. C. and Mary K. Wilson to J.G. and J.W. Wilson, 7 acres, \$80. Catherine Nelson to J.W. Wardlow, undivided interest in 400 acres, \$100. S.M. Perkins and wife to W.G. Norwood, 110 1/2 acres, \$1,000. H.B. Robinson and wife to Alfred Moore ___ acres, \$450. J.C. Roberson and wife to D. F. Dillon, 100 acres, \$500. J.W. Surratt and wife to J.P. Gray, 100 acres, \$800. J.R. Hurley and wife to C.M. Durbin; ___ acres, \$800.

OCTOBER 30, 1903.

The famous Alaskan boundary dispute has been settled by the board of arbitration and the United States virtually gains every point contended for. No American citizen will lose a foot of land he thought he owned, while the United States gets all the waterways to the rich Alaskan territory with the exception of the Portland Canal, which gives Canada only one outlet.

Hickory Nuts Plentiful: The largest nut crop ever before known is the present crop, which is just beginning to mature and fall. The people from the counties of Haywood, Hardeman, Crockett and Gibson are flocking to the Mississippi river bottoms in wagon loads and are bringing out thousands of bushels of nuts.

Sand Box: Judge Woods is now being handed around for congress. The order for the monument to the memory of old Purdy citizens is in the hands of the sculptor and will be placed on Court Avenue in Selmer. If the murder Sunday near Falcon will not deter whiskey bums and crap shooters, the devil has no other specific.

Precinct Number Two: Prof. C.A. Morphis will teach at Hunter's school house the third Monday in November. Mr. Ben Lockman entered school at Selmer this week. Sim Hunter was in the 1st District on business this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brint visited Sunday at J.A. Weatherly's. Joe Kirk made a brief visit to Mr. C A. McAlpin's one day this week. George Taylor has employed a large tract of his land on Moss Creek for cultivation. Bud Goodrum is selling out his stock of merchandise at cost, he thinks of doing business in Selmer the first of next year. J.L.W. Boatman and Claymore Gooch visited Esq. Dunaway's Sunday.

Horace Lockman is in Dyersburg this week. Mrs. Mary King will leave for Missouri in the near future for an indefinite stay. A large crowd attended the opening day of Hunter Bro's big store. Prof. Grantham, formerly of Chester County, has located in this District. Potato digging, beef packing and cotton picking are in order this week. Yeoman.

Personals: J.W. Wallace was in the city Saturday. James T. Dunaway was in town Monday. Mrs. M.M. Dickey spent the day last Saturday at Finger. Mrs. Collins, of Corinth, is visiting the family of J.R. Adams this week. Mrs. R.L. Cooley and little daughter Gladys are visiting Mrs. P. H. Thrasher this week.

Mrs. Frank Estes, was called to the bed side of her mother, Mrs. Dr. J.H. Mitchell, of Masseyville, Monday. J.W. Prather is on crutches from a badly sprained ankle, caused by a cow turning him across a deep gully. Misses Alpha Scott, Pearl Stone, Bessie Anderson and Bulah Locke, took in the Jackson show Wednesday and Thursday.

U S. Alexander, L.D. Null, J.A. Lock and W.H. Alexander were among the many who took in the show at Jackson this week. Mr. John Hall sent to our office a dozen fine ears of corn as we have seen. Such Specimens should be collected and sent to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

A letter from Will Lea in Ga. is the father of a new girl baby. Mrs. M.A. Shull has moved to her farm and new home at near Ramer. J. McCaskell was in Thursday nursing the place where a finger and half thumb used to be until a couple of weeks ago, his sawmill near Bethel interfered with the regularity of said digits. It is bad Johnnie, but is just as well to laugh as cry. As the guest of Trustee Horry Hodges we partook of a most elegant dinner Thursday at the Curry Hotel.

Bigger & Abernathy request that everyone to come and see their immense stock of goods they have, and the exceedingly low prices.

N.E. Carman stabbed with a dirk knife and dies a few minutes later. Within the sound of church bells a number of evil disposed men gathered last Sunday below Falcon in the bottom to

drink whiskey and shoot craps. There were about 12 to 15 present. Among them were Boss Perkins and his brother Ode Perkins, Nat Carman and William Carman. These seem to be engaged in the game when a dispute arose over the game. Boss Perkins and N.E. Carman came to blows and Carman was found to be stabbed a number of times, resulting in his death. It was said that all were drinking except the Perkins, and it probable they were. At the inquest the witnesses could not give a satisfactory account of the matter on account of being drunk. A long two edged dirk was used by Perkins. He left at once. Warrants were taking out charging Ross and Ode Perkins with the crime. Monday Ode surrendered and was released on a bond of \$2,000 to appear Nov. 5 for a preliminary examination. The same crowd, it is said, frequently engage in the same evil habits and it is but reaping the harvest they have sown. The whisky they obtained from Jackson the night before, or the morning of the tragedy.

The following is the verdict of the jury of inquest. State of Tennessee McNairy County.

An inquisition held about one mile about one mile south of Falcon, in the woods in McNairy County and state of Tennessee, on the 25 day of October, 1903, before W.H. Stone, Coroner of said County, upon the body of N.E. Carman then lying dead, by the jurors whose names are here unto subscribed, who upon their oaths do say: That on Sunday the 25 day of October 1903 the said N.E. Carman was stabbed with a knife in several places upon his body and his head, and that the stabbing was done by Boss Perkins, which caused almost instant death, and that the killing was done by the said Boss Perkins unlawfully and feloniously, and he is therefore guilty of unjustifiable homicide. In testimony wherein said jurors have herewith set their hands, the day and date above. W.H. Alexander, Foreman. Z.T. Powell. J.H. Alexander. U.S. Alexander. W.E. Tedford. Lea Willis. B.T. Baker. W.H. Stone, Coroner.

Good work is its own reward.

An idle brain is the busiest for harm.

The error of one moment becomes the sorrow of a whole lifetime.

The lord helps those who help each other.

NOVEMBER 6, 1903.

A number of cases of Diphtheria are reported in the county near Humboldt.

Sand Box: To see J.W. Prather on two crutches with a sample of cotton shows that no one can knock the fleecy sentiment out of him. J.J. Williams is clearing up land back of the college and his residence and will have a handsome little farm. R.D. DeFord, of Olive Hill, has several prospective buyers for his property advertised for sale, but bargains are still to be had. J.W. McNatt has moved to the farm he has recently purchased one mile north of town. W.J. Olive came home from Corinth Wednesday with a case of Mississippi fever. Robert E. Holder, Illustrated song Artist, at the college Hall Friday and Saturday nights Nov. 6 and 7.

Personals: FA. Barnes was in town Thursday. Anderson Henry was a caller Monday. Miss Maggie Hodges, of Finger, is the guest of Mrs. Dickey this week. J.F. Dillon, R.B. Lain and W.F. Moore of the Bethel Springs: post office was at our office Monday. H.C. Taylor, the Jeweler, brought to our office, an immense cotton stalk Monday morning. There is talk of a company of State Militia being organized here. Mrs. M.E. Phillips, after spending several days at Jackson, returned the first of the week. Sheriff Carroll and Esq. H.C. Gooch have being making life "miserable" for Crap Shooters this week. Deputy U.S. Collector Essary, of Lexington, spent Tuesday in Selmer visiting us. G.W. Farris, of Dyer, was down Monday looking after business.

J.H. Steadman seems to be improving slowly, and is held out that he may recover his mental as well physical self. James Hicks of the Rose Creek neighborhood had the misfortune to lose his house and entire contents by fire Saturday night. Judge Jon. B. Jopling was at his post on Monday, looking after his duties as Chairman. He will continue until the first Monday in January. A.J. Foster, of Ramer, after a siege of pneumonia was in town Monday looking pretty shadowy, but still in the Independent family.

Lawson Carman died Tuesday night at Bethel Springs. He is the son of G.J. Carman.

T.A. Tedford was stricken last Friday with a severe attack of fever which affected his head so that he is irrational, and is considered in a dangerous condition. Clem Lea has quit the railroad service and is devoting his time to his farming interest. Mrs. Cain and daughter, Miss Evie, returned to Selmer Saturday, after spending ten days visiting relatives in the Western portion of the county. Miss Evie left for Dyer Monday morning.

The preliminary trail of Odus Perkins, charged with being accessory to the killing of Carman was by consent, put off until Saturday. Boss Perkins has never been arrested, through officers are doing all they can to come up with him. He probably has left the country.

Dr. Norton and assistants gave a most delightful entertainment at the college auditorium the last two nights. Respectfully, H.J. Swindler, Major of Newbern, Tenn. A dangerous fire was averted Friday night by the discovery by Ed Cole of a burning ash box in the store of H.A. Warren. He sounded the alarm and the fire was soon extinguished. The fire would have destroyed many houses.

Dick Clayton died Wednesday night near McNairy. He was a popular brakeman on the M. & O. R. R. and had many friends in the county.

Noah Cantrell, aged 76 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Blanton, at Adamsville Oct. 31st, 1903. Within the past year, his wife, son, and daughter have died, Mrs. J T Warren just 30 days before his death. He lived in the vicinity of Pittsburg Landing for many years. Recently he had moved to Adamsville. He was one of several brothers who are all prominent farmers.

NOVEMBER 13, 1903.

Selmer High School: The names and grade of those having made highest in their classes on written exams for the month of Oct. 30:

Book-Keeping—Virgil Barnhill and Karl Wood—98. Geometry—Karl Wood and Aubrey Cox —100. Higher Arithmetic—Grover Maxedon, Buford Hendrix and Brose Wardlow—90. Third Arithmetic.—Edgar Duncan —98. Ad. Geography—Edmona Hailey, Gertrude Wilkinson, and Charlie Wade —95. Dictionary Spelling—John Henry Weatherly—97. Physiology - Geo. Duncan—87. Ad. Grammar - Warren Wallace, Brose Wardlow and John H. Weatherly—93. Rhetoric—Grover Maxedon—94. Elem. Geography—Jamie Cox, Eber Greer, Velma Castleberry—80. Philosophy—Buford Hendrix —98. Elementary Algebra—Virgil Barnhill—98. Tenn. History—Edgar Duncan—95. United States History— Claude Johnson—98. Grammar B.—Mary Cox—100. Primary Grammar—Velma Castleberry—96. Primary Arithmetic—Johnnie Fullwood, Robert Marr—75. 4th Reader—Kathleen Wood—95. Intermediate Philosophy—Kent Wood—92. Prim. Arith.—Grover Carter—90. Primary Arithmetic B. —George Hooker—88. Numbers—Eva Gooch, Lessie Smith and Harry Simpson—99. 3rd Reader—Velma NcCullar—93. 2nd Reader—Eva Gooch—93. 1st Reader—Gladys King—94. Prim. Geog.— Kathleen—88.

Primary Grammar—Alcie Prather, Kathleen Wood, Geo. Prince—90. Spelling A—George Prince and Grover Carter—94. Spelling B—Lanie Reeder—91.

Marriage Licenses.

Earl Dollar to Celia English.
Charlie Perkins to Sallie Perkins.
Arthur Whitten to Maggie Emmons.
R.H. Hill to Winnie Barnes.

Robert Hickman to Pearl Smith.
Oscar Whitten to Sarah Laughlin.
John Greenhill to Emma Ramer.
Rube Braden to Lula Carroll.

Sand Box: Pleas Henry, Bud Wolf and Emmett Wolf were convicted in the U. S. Court for perjury and sentenced to two years prison. A man got cut up in a gin in the 9th district this week.

Men who are great on little things are apt to be small in great things.

Personals: J.H. Sinclair was in town Monday. Esq. C.C. Steele was in the city Monday. Rev. J.G. Williams made us a short visit Monday Morning. Lee Hendrix of Bethel Springs: was in town Monday. C.G. Boatman of Sulfur Springs was in with cotton on Tuesday. J.W. Stumph went up Thursday to McNairy to attend the burial of J.J. Bradley. Deputy U.S. Marshall Jack Clayton, after a severe spell of fever, was able to be here Tuesday. Mr. L.A. Lockman, of the 2nd district, was shaking hands with friends here Tuesday. Mrs. Frank Estes is with her mother this week: Mrs. Dr. Mitchell of Masseyville, who is dangerously ill. W.J. Null was at home Sunday, he is returning to Jackson Monday to resume his duties as U.S. Court juror. James A. Lock returned Tuesday from Memphis, where he went as a guard with federal prisoners from the U.S. Court at Jackson. John R. Smith left Monday for Nashville, where he goes to attend the Medical College. As an M. D. We predict for him a bright future. Mr. L.J. Thurman, salesman for the Carter Dry Goods Co. Of Louisville, and past grand master in Masonry, met with the Masonic Lodge here last Saturday night.

Mr. J.H. Moss and family spent a number of days the first of the week visiting at Adamsville and vicinity. Monday the teachers will scatter over the county to take up their duties as teachers. Frank Locke has secured the Liberty School, Warren Wallace at the Sanders School house and Ross Carter at the Gooch Schoolhouse.

Attorney T.B. Whitehurst returned from Jackson Wednesday night with impaired health, the result of professional duties in the U.S. Court for two weeks. The preliminary trial of Boss Perkins for the killing of Nat. Carman came up Tuesday, and was continued on a most flimsy excuse until next Monday. It is apparent the nothing will come of the whole bloody affair except a perfunctory examination, and a final ending of this case as was that of Odus Perkins last week. The only consolation is that no innocent man in the entire crowd was hurt. The whole gambling and drinking lot are entitled to no sympathy.

A little ripple of excitement was created in social circles here Friday night when it was learned that Rube Braden and Miss Lula Carroll (daughter of Sheriff R.M. Carroll) had eloped. They were married at Bethel Springs: by Esq. Rhoades.

John T. Lewter died at his home at Crump's Landing last Sunday. He was a brother of Editor C.C. Lewter of the Telephone. He was raised a mile south of Purdy and his parents before the war were well known citizens. He was buried at Purdy Cemetery Monday. He leaves a wife and two children.

J.J. Bradley died at his home at McNairy Nov. 11 and was buried yesterday. Mr. Bradley was born December 5, 1832. He married Miss Sanders in 1859. He was a member of the Baptist

church which he joined in 1858. He leaves two children.

Thomas A. Tedford died Saturday night at his home in Selmer of acute pneumonia. He leaves his wife and four children. He has been living here about four years conducting a blacksmith and wagon manufacturing shop. His remains were laid to rest at Buena Vista under the ritual of the Knights of Pythias.

Precinct No. Two: Mr. Bradley, of Kentucky, is visiting his sister Mrs. Goodrum this week. Miss Tennie Henderson began teaching at Moore's school house Tuesday. Miss Mattie Weatherly visited at Mr. John Nichols' Sunday. Miss Evie Lockman visited Mrs. Minnie Hunter Saturday and Sunday. Oliver Wallace visited in the 1st district this week. Mr. Jim Hamm and Mr. Ed Moore are busy hulling peas this week. Mr. Morphis Causey is doing carpenter work in Henderson County this week. Mr. Napoleon Kirk left for Ark. Monday.

Rev. J.B. Maxedon preached his sermon for the year at Sulfur Springs Sunday. J.H. Weatherly and Warren Wallace visited home folks and other places Saturday and Sunday. John R. Lockman and family are moving to Selmer this week. Mr. Weaver has rented the Lockman farm. Considerable excitement in the neighborhood of Kize creek that a bear has been seen in that section. Capture of the bear has failed. P.T. Wallace visited this section Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Bill Henderson of the 1st district made a business trip to these parts recently. Mrs. Sarah Paralee Taylor, age 84, is visiting in this district.

Land Transfers: C.V. Brown and wife to J.R. Harris, lot in Finger, \$300. J.F. Cox and wife to J.R. Adams, 178 acres, \$270. H.C. And Ida Bell Gooch to J.L. Boatman, 10 acres, \$50. Mrs. T.A. Smith to J.H. Brown, 123 acres, \$400. J.W. and J.C. Ledbetter to T. Hurley, town lot in Chewalla, \$25. S.J. Freeling to F.W. Sheffield, lot in McNairy, \$80. J.C. McConnell to C.C. Steele, ___ acres, \$350. W.R. Lewis to J.H. Swain, Lot in Leapwood, \$15. J.H. Walker to H.J. Walker, 117 acres, \$394. J.M. Isbell and heirs to E.J. Farris, 167 ½ acres, \$350. J.V. Vinson and wife to R.T. Gray, 7 ½ acres, \$250. J.H. Moss to S.B. Bowdie, 106 acres, \$350. W.R. and Lou Anderson to A.L. Smith, 219 acres, \$2,000. S.B. Martin to Geo. B. Owens, ___ acres, \$29. Rebecca Dillion to Louis Hurst, 3 lots in Bethel, \$250. J.W. Carothers and wife and L.S. Carothers to L.B. Loudon, 67 acres, \$575. J.N. Barham and wife to E.W. Sheffield, 202 acres, \$500. F.W. Sheffield et al to E.W. Sheffield, 140 acres, \$200. F.G. Wilson to A.B. Tyler, 126 acres, \$950. R.T. Atkins to J.W. Marlar, 75 acres, \$175. W.J. Olive and wife to L.H. Prince, 63 acres, \$500. J.C. Maxwell and wife to N.W. Cude, 104 acres, \$300. J.C. Maxwell to Alfonso Wilson, one town lot, \$60. Homer O'Neal to J.L. Leath, one acre, \$600.

NOVEMBER 20, 1903.

Farmer's Column: An acre that cannot be made to produce a bale of cotton under ordinary circumstances in an average season should be planted in some other crop. Farming is regarded as a healthy occupation. But it is claimed that the life of a shepherd is better. A shepherd in Scotland is hale and hearty at 102.

Sand Box: Sunday and Monday, summer with April showers—Tuesday, winter with its somber shades. If all the fruits trees being delivered this week should become fruit bearing instead of rabbit food and borer nests, there should be plenty to furnish the home market in a few years. Cotton took a wild tumble Monday. Pleas Henry came home in charge of the Marshal

Sunday and returned Sunday night to Jackson when he will go to Nashville to serve his twelve month's sentence. T.R. Sanders claims to be the happiest man in McNairy County. He is enjoying his old time health after a siege of two years with Rheumatism. It is reported that the Dickey Hotel has rented the Curry Hotel for sleeping apartments and that Andy Jopling has rented the Jeans residence and will take the field for the democratic nomination for sheriff. Esq. J.H. Steadman is steadily improving and is able to be about the room.

Personals: J.D. Hunter & J.A. Weatherly was in town Monday. Mrs. W.E. McLeod was in the city yesterday. Mrs. J.R. Dismukes, of Bethel Springs, is spending the day in Selmer today. R.W. King of the 2nd district was in town Saturday. Miss Annie Stovall, of Bethel spent a day visiting relatives in the city last week. Mrs. Z.D. Lemmons and family have moved into the Whitley house on Fourth Street. Mrs. M.M. Dickey is spending a few days in Memphis for treatment of her eyes. C.C. Lewter, Ed & prop. of the Telephone, was in Monday getting some big ideas from the metropolis.

W.D. Jopling has been quite unwell for the past week, being confined to his bed most of the time. H. King will soon remove to Oxford Creek where he has rented one of the "fertile" farms of Mr. Lea's. M.V. Crump made the sunshine even more charming by his presence Thursday morning on the streets of Selmer. Deputy U.S. Marshall Clayton left Tuesday night to start for Nashville with McNairy prisoners from Jackson Wednesday morning.

John L. Simpson, oldest son of J.A. Simpson, died Wednesday and was buried in Selmer cemetery Thursday.

Died: Mr. L.J. Bradley, Minor City, Miss., called Saturday morning on his return from the funeral of his father Mr. J.J. Bradley. His mother will move to Coal Hill, Ark.

In Memoriam: "Little Clara" Clendenon, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Ingram, died Sunday night Nov. 8th, 1903.

Memphis Conference Appointment: Saltillo and Scotts Hill, R.E. Humphrey; Adamsville Circuit, T.P. Riddick; Selmer Circuit, supplied by J.B. Maxedon; Bethel and Selmer, J.A. Moody; Bethel Circuit, supplied by W.A. Banks; Shiloh circuit, A.L. Dallas; Lee Sanders transferred to North Texas Conference.

She saves half a dollar!—Puck.

NOVEMBER 27, 1903.

The Farmer's Column: the West Tennessee Farmer's Institute meets at Jackson on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December, 8, 9 and 10. There are about 1200 delegates. McNairy County has 38, and we trust every one appointed will attend. All will receive their appointment and transportation on the M. & O. Railroad.

Sand Box: This has been a sad week for many a gobbler. But then that was all they were fit for—a Thanksgiving dinner. Joe Prather is in high oats now, since his sprained foot has gotten better and the new Methodist preacher has come. Miles Needham was in Tuesday, after a stay of a year in Dyer county. He intends buying more land adjoining his present place. Now is the time to be laying up some extra "hen fruit" (money) for Xmas. Uncle Hugh Warren likes the idea spending next summer on his new possessions down on the Cypress. Turnips are selling for 60c per bushel. Every kid large or small, was out with an old shot gun Thursday after Quail. Wonder if they know the law about hunting without a written permission, on any man's premises? Mrs. Russell, wife of Col. E.L. Russell, general counsel for the M. & O. R. R., died in Washington

Wednesday night.

Personals: J.H. Bigger went to Corinth Wednesday. Robert Stone was down for Thanksgiving. Dr. B.L. Moore was in town Saturday. Miss Maud Gooch spent the day at Corinth Tuesday. Arthur Scott spent Sunday with home folks in Selmer. Mrs. Orlan Smith, of McNairy, was in the city Saturday. T.M. Boatman, of Sulphur Springs, was in town Saturday. Mrs. Josephine Humphry spent a day in Corinth recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace were shopping in the city Tuesday. Mrs. N. Prince and little son visited at Bethel Springs: Tuesday. Mr. John Matlock, of the 2nd district, spent Saturday in the city. "Uncle" Wess Emmons, after a severe illness, was in town Saturday. Mesdames Bell and McAfee of Bethel Springs were in the city recently. Mr. Crockett, of Bethel Springs, was down between trains Wednesday morning.

Arthur Olive is now behind the counter for J.W. Prather & Sons. Arthur makes a first class salesman. If you want first class dental work done call on Dr. Parnell at Selmer between now and Xmas. Mr. & Mrs. Bedford Gooch, of Pocahontas, were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Gooch the first of the week. R.D. Anderson has been on the sick list for some days. Step in and see the biggest beet you ever saw, it came from the garden of H.C. Gooch.

T.C. Campbell, of Bemis, made us a call Monday. He had information about a cotton factory. He reports all the McNairians as getting along. The school here is going fine, with a large number of boarding pupils. Mrs. Frank Estes returned home Sunday from Masseyville. She had been at her mothers' (Mrs. Dr. Mitchell) bedside for the last two weeks. Mrs. Mitchell is very ill.

We regret to learn that Esq. W.A. Gooch has been very ill with a bout of rheumatism. Mr. G.D. Jones, of Buffalo, N. Y. was in the city Thursday night in the interest of the Acacia Development Company, which is the company that is arranging to put down the test oil well.

Died: Louis Jopling (col.) Wednesday morning, after a brief spell of dropsy, died. He has been the faithful friend and servant of W.D. Jopling, since long before the war.

Rev. J.A. Moody, the new preacher for Selmer and Bethel Springs circuit filled his first appointment Sunday morning and Sunday night at the Methodist Church. Everyone was glad to see Esq. J.H. Steadman on the streets. He is rapidly regaining his strength after forty days of being unconscious. The National Thanksgiving Day was spent in a quite manner in Selmer. At night Prof. Cox directed a pleasant entertainment at and by the school. It was attended by a large enthusiastic crowd.

As the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Gooch of the "Dickey Hotel," Ye Editor and wife, enjoyed a most elaborate Thanksgiving dinner. "The Dickey" has become a hotel phase with the traveling public, and has obtained eminence rapidly under the present management.

Thursday morning Prof. J.D. Mullens departed on the morning train for Newbern, Tenn., to take unto himself a wife. This morning the early train brought the Prof. and his accomplished bride Beatrice Grisham, of Newbern, she was a teacher of music in the school here last year.

Precinct No Two: Mr. Tom Campbell, of Bemis is visiting relatives here this week. Mr. Pierce, of Hardeman County, was at Sandy Flatt Sunday. Jim Walker left for Dyersburg this week. Oscar Mathis will leave for Pittsburg in the near future. Rev. White, of Miss. has been secured as pastor for Sandy Flatt and other churches in the district for next year. Wiley Lockman is slowly improving from a severe sickness of several days. Connie & Carl Smith have returned from a business trip to Bolivar on the first of the week. A band of Indians from the west have been hunting in Hatchie bottom this week. Marvin and Clarence Bell, of Selmer, were at Sandy

Flatt Sunday. Thomas Steadman, of the first district, is attending school at Hunter's Schoolhouse. Arlie and Henry Hendrix, of Bethel were in this section Sunday. Yeoman.

DECEMBER 4, 1903.

Walter Scott Drowned: Walter Scott was drowned last week, while attempting to cross the Tennessee River in a dugout near Pittsburg Landing. His body has not been found. Mr. Scott was born and lived near Shiloh battle grounds and was an expert oarsman.

Sand Box: Tuesday morning the snow was a pleasant event to all except those whose wood piles are low. Farmers in the hog belt are getting \$3.60 for their hogs. Beef is also in the hole. Cotton is doing well. The Census Bureau, Wednesday, showed the amount of cotton ginned by Nov. 14th to be 7,070,434 commercial bales. There were 29,595 gins. Hicks' Almanac for 1904 is out. The future of Selmer is now assured as Troy Brooks and Arthur Olive take the first degree in the Drummer brigade the first of the year.

Personal: J.C. Houston spent Sunday at Finger. Mr. Joe Williams came over Sunday to visit home folks. A.H. Olive spent part of this week in the "Bluff City." Little Eunice Cantrell has been real sick for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Willis spent the day in Corinth yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thrasher have moved back to Selmer and will spend the winter here. Mrs. R.M. Carroll is spending the week at her old home in Adamsville, visiting her many friends there. R.D. Anderson is still on the sick list, and confined to his room and bed. Mr. Victor Robinson, of the Moore Schoolhouse neighborhood was in town today. G.L. Anderson left Tuesday night for Texas, where he joins his family. Mrs. Join English returned from a three weeks visit in Texas. Saturday Mr. E.C. Chamness called to say goodbye. He is moving to Pattonville, Texas.

Things Worth Reading: You cannot whitewash your own character by blacking others.

DECEMBER 11. 1903.

A Freak Hog: Harrison Tate, of the Fifteenth District of Hardeman County, killed a hog last week with 22 toes, 6 on each of the forefeet and 5 on each of the hind feet.

Hugest cash price paid for turkeys and all country produce.—J. C. Robinson, Selmer, Tn.

The Farmers Column: Farmers' District Institute at Jackson: Boarding the morning train Tuesday, we found the following McNairy County delegates aboard on the same mission as ours—attending the Farmers' Institute—viz: P.H. Thrasher. J.W. Robinson, N.W. Cude, J.E. Mitchell, J.J. Swain, Wm. Piggott, A.J. Garner, D M. Baker, J.T. Houston, Ed Mitchell, T.N. Bell, L A. Lockman and wife, A.D. Derryberry, Robert Gilchrist, Dalton Gooch, Isaac Hill, and Joseph Milstead, and perhaps others we did not see. Topics covered: Care and Reclamation of Soils—Good Roads; Corn, Cotton, Tobacco, and Alfalfa----- Food Roads and Forage Plants of Tennessee.— Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs.

Sand Box: The demand for homes by renters is greater than the supply. Every man in the county ought and could own a home if he would so determine.

Personals: M.W. Ruleman was in town Monday. Alf Taylor spent the day at Corinth Sunday. J.C. Moore, of Caffey, was here Monday. John English, of Guys, was in the city Monday. J.R. Hurley, of Stantonville, was in town Monday. Jno. R. Gooch, of Gravelhill, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. J.P. Springer has removed to the Gravelhill neighborhood. Os Perkins, from Crump's

Lodge, was in Monday. Capt. J.L.W. Boatman was seen and heard on the streets Monday. Ernest Grant returned Sunday night from a thirty days' visit to Memphis. James Lee Wallace, of the Hunter Schoolhouse community, was in town Monday.

Personals: H.C. Murray was in town Monday and Tuesday. Miss Willie Shea, of Ramer, attended the Farmers' Institute as a delegate, this week. Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Grant, of the Oxford Creek community, visited in the city Monday. Mrs. Bevels, of Bemis was in Selmer this week looking after her rents and property interests.

J.R. Barham from the Finger area called Monday. Esq. J.R. Wesson and Mamie Perkins of Adamsville came over Sunday night to take in first Monday. Miss Addie Shelton of Cypress visited Miss Bulah Locke here Saturday returning home Monday. A.J. Garner was a pleasant caller Monday. He was a delegate to the Farmers' Institute at Jackson. D.F. Dillon was here Monday. Dick is now residing on his farm two miles west of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Dunaway were shopping in the city Tuesday. C.R. Gage of the 29th district was in Monday. From the crowd at Humphrey's Restaurant Monday, we would judge McNairy people relish fresh oysters and fish.

Rev. Moody, wife and babe came down Tuesday to spend a day with our people, and determine whether they will locate here or at Bethel Springs. Rev. S.A. Moody will preach at the Methodist Church here Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., and will preach his opening sermon at Bethel Springs: Sunday night.

Tom McGee, formerly of this place, now from Memphis, was in the city in the interest of his firm.

Mr. Dan Toomy, of Chattanooga, now engaged in constructing an iron bridge over Snake Creek near Pittsburg Landing, spent several days in our city this week.— David Howard was in town Monday exhibiting some specimens of corn he raised this season and is taking orders for seed. Through the kindness of old friend R.H. McNeely, of Humboldt we are in receipt of the Courier-Chronicle of Humboldt. It is quite an elaborate display of the people and industries of that thrifty city.

Mrs. Sallie Stovall died at her son's home. She was 82 years old. She leaves two sons, J.R. and E.F. Stovall, and five daughters, Mrs. N. Prince, Mrs. John English, Mrs. R. F. Tally, Mrs. E.F. Basham, and Mrs. I.C. Seawright.

DECEMBER 18, 1903.

Vast strides had been made in everything else; the average country was no better than it was 100 years ago. The roads in West Tennessee are some of the worse in winter. Hundreds of millions have been appropriated to the improvement of rivers and harbors which could be more usefully expended in good roads.

L.A. Lockman tells us that he is very interested in an exhibit from McNairy County to the World's Fair that he will pay a reasonable price for all samples of corn, (different varieties) Peas, Wheat, of any other field or garden products. The owner's name will go on the exhibit. He wants them brought to this office and we will ship. Bring soon.

Land For Rent and Cottage for Sale: I have several small parcels of land and good houses to rent at Leapwood, Tenn. Also a nice house and lot for sale at Bethel Springs, Tenn. 3 room cottage, garden and orchard— cheap. Will take horses or mules in part payment.—Address me at No.129 Court St., Memphis, Tenn. Wm. E. Stainback.

Turkeys Wanted: Highest cash price paid for turkeys and all country products. J.C. Robinson, Selmer, Tenn.

N.E. Goodrum, the new merchant, next door to the Thrasher Brick, is here to stay, and sells goods just right. He carries a full line of family groceries, new and neat. All kinds of canned goods, cheese, crackers, and lunch counter luxuries.

If your feet are cold these frosty mornings, go at once to Prince & Wallace and get the best pair of shoes you ever saw for the money.

Sand Box: J.P. Epps' gin was burned at Bethel Tuesday afternoon. About 40 bales of cotton was destroyed, together with the entire gin and buildings. Jno. Clifton with his bridge crew can be seen in this region daily. The festive little pig is now going in the sausage mill and getting his sage flavor on for the whole Xmas week. The turkey goes out of service in the hash dish at breakfast on the 26th. If old winter holds out as faithfully as it has begun this will be a record breaker for a cold winter.

Personals: Noah Prince went to Corinth Tuesday. Miss Mary Lou Strumph is in the city to spend the holidays. Fred Emmons was in town yesterday selling groceries to our merchants. Chas Dunaway left this morning for Smithland, Ky. to take Christmas. Trustee Horry Hodges took a trip to Memphis Saturday returning Monday morning. Frank Locke has been very sick this week. We are glad to note he is better today.

Personals: D.R. Hunt has sold his farm in the 11th district and moved to Falcon, where he intends to run farming interests. Big fine Cocoanuts at Adams & Gillespie's Fancy Grocery emporium. The largest variety of foreign and domestic nuts. J.B. Jopling has been appointed by U.S. Marshall Elgin to the vacancy in his office caused by the promotion of A.C. Len – that of office deputy. R K. Hendrix age 83, of Bethel Springs, has had a case of pneumonia for 10 days. He is considered past the danger line. J.W. McNatt brought to town Monday a fine lot of brooms made by him at his factory one mile north of town. Miss Willie Shea, postmaster of Ramer has tendered her resignation. Robert Taylor, of Ramer, was in town Wednesday looking after the appointment of the postmaster of Ramer.

Clem Lea was in Wednesday looking like any other farmer. He says he only needs a wife to make him not only happy but prosperous, though he has a plentiful supply of prosperity. Deputy Marshall A.C. Lea has been offered the position of Chief Deputy, which he accepted, under the U.S. Marshall at Shreveport, La. He left Saturday to enter at once on his new duties. Miss Morta Ricketts, had charge of the Music Department at Selmer High School since September. She has returned Saturday to her home at Clifton, Tenn.

Wedding: Quite a romantic wedding occurred yesterday. John King (62) married Leona Ferguson (19 or 20) on December 17, 1903; they were married by J.H. Steadman. Everyone wishes the old hero and young bride much joy.

Mrs. Ramer, known as "Grandma Ramer" aged 86, died suddenly at her home at Ramer, last Saturday evening.

Ads: Joe John, the ladies favorite, wants to see all his customers at his store for their Xmas groceries and a nice present is there for everyone.

Adams & Gillespie is the place for fancy Xmas goods such as powdered jelly, and for plain and fancy candies in the store at Selmer.

DECEMBER 25, 1903.

Land Transfers: Peyton Atkins heirs to R.T. Atkins, ___ acres, \$850. W.L. McAlpin and wife to H.A. Warren, 300 acres, \$200. George Plunk to Minnie Yarboro, 31 1/4 acres, \$350. J.W. Bonds to Marcus L. Robinson, _____ acres, \$30. P.H. Thrasher and wife, hotel in Selmer, to M.L. Robinson, \$1000. L.F. Booker and wife to Jodie Meek, 164 acres, \$500. J.W. Wallace et al to J.E. Fortune, one town lot, \$235.

J.A. Locke to N.J. Kizer, 150 acres, \$235. W.F. Dollar and wife to W.A. McClung, 2 acres, \$150. J. McIntire and wife to O.C. Taylor, 3 1/2 acres, \$100. J.C. Ball to R.M. Barham, 255 acres, \$82. M. Kirkpatrick to R.M. Barham, 38 acres, \$114. S.B. Smith to W.H. Doss, 40 acres \$300.

J.T. Coats and wife to H. P. Wood trustee, 110 acres, \$116. J.W. Purviance to J.H. Richards, 40 acres, \$170. L.A. Lockman to Z.T. Simpson, 154 acres, \$140. W.J. Null, R.M. Carroll and U.S. Alexander to Selmer Lodge No. 232 F. & M., 1/4 Prather upper floor \$177. W.E. McLeod and J.E. Powers to D.A. Wall, 280 acres, \$650. W.S. Wisdom to J.F. and M.E. Austin, 170 acres, \$500. W.C. Coleman to J.H. Kirk, 112 acres, \$300. J.W. Hardeman and wife to S E. Bishop, 104 1/4 acres, \$1057. J.B. Hardeman and wife to A.D. Bishop, 53 acres, \$500. T.M. Humphrey to Mrs. J. Humphrey, 9 acres, \$220. J.N. Smith and wife to R.H. Smith, 120 acres, \$200. J.M. Gray and wife to J.H. Harwood, 84 acres, \$450. McClung & Dollar to Tidwell Bros., 1 town lot, \$1000. W.R. Crabtree to W.R. Wardlow, 91 1/2 acres, \$330. Oscar Wallace to D. Wardlow, 40 acres, \$400. M.S. and Ora Burnett to J.T. Warren, 3 lots, \$415.

Personals: J.S. Brooks left Monday night to spend several days at Dyer W.M. Hill has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Phillips, this week. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Plunk came by our office.

Mrs. A.C. Lea, of Memphis, came in Tuesday to spend the Holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. White, of Florence, Ala., are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Louis Adams on Cypress Ave. Ed Fulwood, who is in attendance at a commercial school in Memphis, returned Tuesday to spend Christmas with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Gib Scott, of Adamsville, have left for the wild and wooly west. Mrs. M.J. McKenzie, of Chico, Texas, came Sunday night to spend the holidays with her brother, R.D. Anderson. Capt. W.E. Stainback and wife, and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton and son Andrew, arrived from Memphis Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Purviance. Mr. Hamilton will arrive Xmas morning.

R. Emmons was down last Sunday with his mother. For the last three weeks he has been about McNairy laying the new rail on the M. & O. Geo. Miller has been heading the regular section during his absence. We are glad to note that the new dry goods store of Williams Bros. is full blast; though their new goods are not all in but are arriving daily. Hon. Will K. Abernathy has thrown his hat into the political arena. The election of Mr. Abernathy to a seat in the Legislature almost assures the honor of Speaker of the house being awarded to this favorite son of McNairy.

Marriage Licenses.

Lonie Scott to Johnnie Gladis.
Oscar Sweat to Magerettie Crouch.
Boss Perkins to Mary Brown.
Fletcher Scott to Willie Jones.
Thomas Taylor to Octavie Moss.

J.W. Pervin to C.A. Jones.
Luther Lott to Bessie Robinson.
J.L. Littlefield to Ollie Orr.
D.A. Walker to Mary Moss.
Oliver Browder to L. Smallwood.

W.F. Harris to Maggie Norwood.
W.J. Vinson to Rushie Smith.
W.A. Miller to Sallie Thigpin.
L. Burkeen to Mary Morris.
J.M. Kerby to Hannie Oleman.
Luther Walker to Mattie Harris.
Albert Cook to Pearl Sinclair.

Edgar Weaver to Idella Cofer.
Joe Gray to Maggie Haley.
A.J. Christopher to Nora Chapman.
Joe Couch to Sallie Hendrix.
Gillie Smith to Lula Brisco.
J.W. Jones to Viola Sylvester.
John King to Leona Ferguson.

1839 The Diary of Clinton Harrison Moore

The following history of the travels of Clinton H. Moore has been submitted to us by his son for publication. It is written by Mr. Moore in rather diary form, and is quiet lengthy. We believe it will be read with interest on account of its antiquity rather than its literary merit, yet for one in that day with the meager education of the early times it is exceedingly creditable. Clinton Harrison Moore was the son of Dempsey Moore (Moore's School House clan). W. C. Moore, Betsy Moore, Angeline Martin and Clinton H Moore were siblings and George Moore was their uncle. Clinton Harrison Moore moved permanently to Nevada County, Arkansas in 1875, where he was the county surveyor. He married Mary Ann Robinson on October 23, 1845:

We left McNairy County in the western district of Tennessee on the 10th day of March 1839. The party consisted of W. C. Moore, George Moore, Robert Martin, Angelina Martin and Betsy Moore, the last which is my sister, the first my brother, the second my uncle, the third my brother in law, whose family lived 9 miles west of Purdy, and myself. But I will assure you that it was with much reluctance that I left my father and mother with whom I had lived so long, and I felt on this occasion a feeling that I never shall forget as long as I live. When my father bid me adieu he gave me some advice I never shall forget. It was a considerable shock for me to leave a country where I had lived for six years in prosperity and peace, and where I had the good will of everybody that knew me. Notwithstanding all this, on March the 10th we started for the Republic of Texas. The day was beautiful and the sun shone with all its accustomed beauty, and all things seemed to indicate that we would have success. We traveled 5 miles this day and encamped in good order. The morning of the 11th was also fine and we passed the house of Mr. Ward, who was the head of a very respectful family. Here we were well quartered. I never shall forget the hospitality of this man. After inviting us in he also invited us to take a horn with him, and observing at the same time that it might be a long time before we would have the pleasure of drinking with him again, of course we did not refuse on this occasion.

This day we crossed the Hatchie River, which is about 50 yards wide with high banks, and its water is always muddy. Its banks are beautifully seated with various kinds of timbers. It runs a north west course and discharges into the Mississippi. This day we traveled 15 miles and passed through the town of Bolivar. This town is situated in the center of Hardeman County and is a thriving place with a population of about 500.

The morning of the 12th we started at 6 o'clock from one Mr. Todd's where we spent the night before. This day we passed some beautiful farms and land appeared very good and lay

well. The growth was post oak, black oak and hickory. We traveled 16 miles.

The morning of the 13th was cloudy and seemed to indicate rain. We started in good order and about 9 o'clock passed through Somerville, the county seat of Fayette County. This is a splendid place with some magnificent buildings and contains about 1000 persons. About 11 o'clock it thickened up and became very dark and there was the appearance of a mighty storm. We made ourselves in readiness to guard against it. The thick gloom was dispersed by the winds of heaven and the clouds soon passed by but it was succeeded by another cloud and the artillery of heaven broke forth in loud claps and at 12 o'clock the rain began to fall. The balance of the day was wet and the night disagreeable. We traveled 18 miles this day.

The evening of the 14th the heavens were with scattered clouds and the wind blew violently from the north. We started this morning at 7 o'clock.

The morning of the 15th was a fine morning. It was with pleasure that I heard the notes of the birds which called for her mate in notes too plain to be misunderstood. Spring time was near for we saw that the maple of the swamps has already put forth its blossoms. On the night of the 15th we encamped in 2 miles of Raleigh, the county seat of Shelby County, after traveling 18 miles we started the following morning and passed through Raleigh. It is nicely laid off and contains 350 inhabitants. There is a steam mill at this place in which is exhibited some of the ingenuity of man. The place is situated on the Wolf River. The river is about 45 yards wide with a deep channel. We arrived in Memphis about 1 o'clock. This town is on the banks of the Mississippi. The town contains 2500 inhabitants.

Memphis is the most commercial point in Tennessee. There were several steam boats landed there while we were encamped, two of them being the John Randolph and the Asia. The John Randolph is the largest boat that plows the river. We crossed over at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 16th into the state of Arkansas. The Mississippi River is about a mile wide at Memphis and runs a south west course. Its length is about 2006 miles. After receiving countless streams it discharges its waters into the Gulf of Mexico. This is one of the greatest commercial rivers in the world. It is said it received its name from the Aborigines, which in their language signifies the Master of Rivers. We traveled 10 miles and came to Marion, the county seat of Crittenden County.

The National Road runs a west course and a levee runs 28 miles and is 30 ft. wide, and it was made by an appropriation of the Government. On the morning of the 17th we started at 6:30. This morning we saw six deer pass the road before us, but we were unable to get a shot. This bottom is 42 miles wide including the bottom of the St. Francis. We traveled 10 miles and came to Black Fish Lake. The lake is 150 yards wide and has to be ferried. Here we fell in with other wagons that were going across the swamp. A short time before we came to Black Fish Lake, a swamp pilot by the name of Roberson, who made a business of piloting people across the swamp, offered his services and all the company agreed to make him up \$6.00 to pilot us 12 miles to the other side of the St. Francis. This extensive bottom is the habitation of bear, deer, and turkey and is but thinly settled. The soil is remarkably good, but does not possess the advantage of spring water, and is very sickly, but doubtless someday will be thickly inhabited. The principal timber in this county is ash, elm and different kinds of oaks. This is the native country of black birds and crows. They are to be seen in large droves here. On the morning of the 18th we left the old road and took our course through the woods and cane breaks, but of all the

days I ever experienced in my life this stands foremost. For many times we were forced to wade through mud and water up to our waists. But we survived all the difficulties and traveled 11 miles, which put us out of the bottom this day, 8 miles from where we encamped and crossed the St. Francis. This river heads in the state of Missouri and after running many miles empties in the great Mississippi. It is 150 yards wide with lofty banks. On the night of the 18th we encamped near a Mr. Stones where we had to give a dollar for corn.

We made an early start. I got up early and heard the roar of distant thunder rumbling in the west. And at 12:00 it began to rain in torrents while lightening flashed and the thunder rolled from east to west and from the north to south. Late in the evening the rain ceased and we sent out four hunters. I was one of the four, but we all returned to camp without killing anything. We traveled 18 miles this day and encamped in Langa swamp. The Langa is a river about 40 yards wide and empties into the St. Francis. This morning old Mr. Castleberry left us, a man that had come through the swamp, and also a Mr. Smith and the swamp pilot. The rain commenced again and rained hard all night, and the next morning we found ourselves surrounded by water on every side. I awoke in the night and heard a tremendous storm rising. I immediately examined to see if there was any dead timber near our tent but found none. But the lofty swamp oak bowed its head on the morning after the rain. We made an early start and traveled 16 miles, many of them we had to travel altogether in water as all the low grounds were in float this day and the day before we traveled in the county. St. Francis is very extensively laid off, but thinly settled. There is only 5 miles of high land from Memphis to the White river, a distance of 92 miles. We passed through some small prairies. From St. Frances County we passed into the County of Monroe. On the 21st we traveled 17 miles. We passed through some low flat country. There was one thing that took place this day that was right diverting.

We had traveled hard all day and late in the evening Robert Martin went ahead of the wagons in order to take a hunt. He had not gone more than a half mile till he came running back like the old boy himself was after him, yelling every jump. I approached him in great haste and all the occasion of his fright he said was that he had seen a bear cross the road. We put our dogs on the track, but they never took it. It clouded up in the evening and at night it began to rain. It rained all night and all day and the next.

The morning of the 22nd we continued our journey and after traveling 4 miles came to the White River. This river is 180 yards wide. It rises in the state of Missouri and discharges its waters into the Arkansas. It is navigable to the mouth of the Black, 250 miles. The water of this river is clear only when it is made muddy by continued rains or melting snow. We traveled 15 miles and encamped at the edge of a grand prairie at the house of Daniel Wolders, who had formerly lived in McNairy County, but getting somewhat behind he had immigrated to this country in the fall of 1828. Since he has been there he has made a considerable rise as he is a man that has a large stock. As before stated, on the night of the 22nd we encamped in the grand prairie. This was a grand and majestic scene, where the vision was only bound by the horizon, and the timber that spotted it appeared like a distant cloud. On these extensive plains are fed the buffalo and deer unmolested by the noise and appearance of man, and only occasionally by the Red man of the desert, who with delight and pleasure bring down the gigantic buffalo as their prey. But alas, these days are passing away. The enterprising storm of civilization has arisen in the east, from whence it has wafted by the winds of Heaven till it has reached the extensive plains of the west.

On Saturday the 23rd we started into the grandprairie. This prairie is 27 miles wide the

way the road runs and 150 miles in length, extending from the head waters of the White River to the Arkansas. We traveled all the way through the prairie without seeing any game except that of the small kind, such as ducks, wild geese, pelicans, and prairie hens. The prairie is scattered with post oak, black oak and some hickory and some of the land is good. There is a stretch of 20 miles between some of the houses here. We made a good travel this day and went 20 miles and encamped at one Mr. Harris 7 miles from the edge of the prairie. Corn was \$2.00 per bushel.

Sunday, the 25th we arrived at Little Rock. This place is situated on the southern bank of the Arkansas River on a beautiful bluff, and is a thriving and prosperous place. It is one of the most beautiful places I ever saw. It is handsomely laid off, elegantly built, and to its splendor and beauty the female inhabitants with their delightful presence graced the streets enrobed and adorned in all the pomp and splendor of an Eastern Queen. It revived and animated my youthful heart and it was with much reluctance that I left the place. The river at this place is about 320 yards wide with high and fertile banks. The population of Little Rock is about 3,000 souls. The country west of Little Rock is broken and with good springs and several creeks cross the road with their water as clear as crystal, filled with the best of fish, but the land is very poor.

On the 26th we traveled 18 miles through a tolerable good country. The timber is principally black oak, pine, dogwood and chinquapin. The country is broken and rocky; some knolls are altogether covered with white flint rock.

From Monroe County we passed to Pulaski, Little Rock is the county seat and also the seat of Government.

On the 25th of March, John Hill left us bound for Johnson County. He fell in with our company at the Black Fish Lake. I found him to be a very fine agreeable fellow and his wife also deserves much praise.

There was one thing which took place on the night of the 24th that I failed to mention. About 2:00 I awoke and heard a tremendous noise and the dogs were barking, and raced off very rapidly. We long heard the sound of their feet till it was lost in the distance. Three of us were ready in a short time to follow, hoping that we would overtake them at the first house, but to our surprise did not. The night was beautiful and clear. I turned back to camp, while W. C. Moore and W. P. James followed and about 10:00 next morning over took them after traveling about 18 miles.

On the night of the 26th we encamped on the bank of the Hurricane, a small creek, after traveling 18 miles. This night we encamped with one Mr. Stewart and a Mr. James who lived in Lavare County.

From Pulaski County we passed into Galena and on the 27th passed through the county seat of this county. This place has only been organized about 2 years. It is situated in a very nice place, on a high pine ridge. Its population is about 100. Two miles west of Benton runs the Sabine River {Saline River}. This is the most beautiful river I ever saw. It is 50 yards wide with a gravel bottom. The water is clear and beautiful and finely stocked with fish. We traveled this day 19 miles and encamped on Wolf Creek. The evening was cloudy and seemed to threaten rain.

On the 28th we made an early start. We had not gone far before we met three Indians and a Negro. I inquired of the Negro where they were going and he said that they were going to the Chickasaw Nation to see their relatives. And that they were Chiefs of that Nation. We traveled 16 miles through dreadful showers and encamped at a Mr. Blakeley's.

The morning of the 29th we pursued our course and soon entered what we called the 12

mile stretch. This 12 mile stretch is on top of a mountain which is drained by several creeks and is remarkable on account of so many travelers having been killed there. About 12:00 we came to a large creek that heads in the mountains and runs into the Wachita . After we crossed it I saw a monument erected to the honor of the dead. His grave had the appearance of not being long done. And by inquiring into the matter I found out that he was a traveler that was passing this way and was killed and \$1300.00 taken from his pockets. The name of this gentleman I never heard nor the man's name that killed him. It was so dim on the monument that I could not ascertain. But even where the murder was committed bore a gloomy aspect. One Mr. Jackson and his company of trappers who happened this way were the first that found him. They were all taken into custody supposing them to be the murderers. And it was a long time before they established their innocence. It appeared that it was a young man that lived in this county. He was apprehended and put in jail but the same night he made his escape. Mr. Jackson of whom I have spoken was a native of Missouri.

We next came into Warm Springs County (Hot Springs County). In this county is one of the greatest curiosities that is in the state of Arkansas, or perhaps in the world. This is the Warm Springs about a hundred in number, varying in heat, some warm enough to scald a hog while in the middle of that there is a spring that is too cold to be agreeable to drink. This spring is on the east side of the Wachita. The Wachita is 125 yards wide and empties into the Red River.

On the 29th we traveled 16 miles and encamped on the bank of the Bio Delee. It had rained for the last 2 days and nights, and it was thought advisable for us to stop here and spend the evening in hunting so the water might go down, to which we agreed. Three of us left the camp in the evening leaving one to guard. We hunted till night and returned to camp without killing but one deer and this one was killed by W. C. Moore. George Moore shot several times but killed nothing.

Deer was plentiful so we made a morning hunt and wounded several turkeys but killed nothing. About 8:00 we left the tomb of the dead. A sad feeling passed over my mind while we encamped on this horrid spot. But he now sleeps with the cold and silent mansions of the dead. It is said that travelers often turn aside to drop in sorrow for their fallen friend.

We crossed the Caddo, a small river about 50 yards wide. The lands and banks of this river are very fertile. This country was settled by the French shortly after the American Revolution. The Caddo discharges its waters into the Wachita. We traveled 16 miles away from the Warm Springs County.

Here we were told by one Mr. Howlen that we would be obliged to cross the Red River at Nackatosh which was contrary to our expectations. For we intended to cross at Fulton . He said to cross there we would be obliged to go to the Country of the Cadoes, a tribe of Indians that are now hostile to the people of Texas, and he said to prevent damage we had better go the lower route to which we all agreed. We traveled 16 miles, killed a turkey and encamped.

Monday morning April 1st was a beautiful clear morning. It was with great delight that I heard the harmonious songs of the delightful spring birds as they welcomed the new month in. Vegetation seemed to flourish. We started at 10:00 and came to the bank of the Little Missouri. The river is 55 yards wide and runs an eastward course and empties into the Wachita. The face of the country is poor, but some good bottom land. Timber is principally pine, ash, mulberry, black walnut and poplar. In the evening we came to the Rabbit Prairie which is 3 miles in width and I know not how long. This prairie has some very good land, some of which is tended by the

inhabitants of its skirts. We caught 4 rabbits and encamped.

Tuesday, April 2nd we left the rabbit prairie and traveled over some of the best land that I had seen in Arkansas. This land is of a red color lying on still clay and thickly cemented with gravel. This land produces good wheat, corn and cotton, the timber is pine, dogwood, post oak and ash. This is a tolerable good country with some good spring water. From Black County we came to Hempstead County. This place has been settled a century ago by the French, a considerable place of business is here. Although this is represented as a new country it was settled by the French and Spaniards about the last of the 16th century. This day we came to one Mr. Trammels, where I saw a quarter moon. He was a Creek by birth but had been raised in Arkansas. After some conversations with him I found him to be a very smart and well disposed man, who was well acquainted with all the country east of the Arrezoan Mountains. He was a horse trader and was here collecting his money.

On the 3rd we traveled 18 miles, and as it was raining we stopped at one Mr. Mayfield's. This gentleman invited us into his house and told us to use anything that we stand in need of, and was very friendly toward us and insisted that we should stay and make a crop with him. All this we refused to do. He was of the Choctaw Nation and as there was no house nearer than 16 miles, they had resorted to this place to hunt. They had killed several bear for they hunted nothing else. I was told by Mr. Mayfield that about 2 months before we came there that one of their women died, and desiring to know something of their manner of burying the dead, I made inquiry into the subject. I was told this was a highly esteemed woman and that she was buried with all the honor of the nation. He spoke as follows; "When the grave was finished, they put her in it with all the clothing and furniture she possessed, with crockery, and water vessels and a large sum of money, believing that she will stand in need of them in her passing from this to another world." But the poor Indian has lost all his former greatness. The once Lord of the Soil has been driven away from his native country. His counsel fires no longer blaze. All that he had has fallen in the hands of the white man. On the very spot where once stood his wigwam the white man has built his splendid mansions.

On the 4th we traveled 17 miles and encamped at the house of Mr. Trammel. We crossed today Wild Cat where we had to take a log ferry. This creek of considerable size, it has been leveled by the rains so we were obliged to carry our plunder across on a log and reload.

When we were in the country at the house of one Mr. Mayfield, 18 miles from where anybody lived, we were insisted to take up and live there till fall, when George Moore coolly and deliberately said that if he would find him a little negro to pull the ticks off him, he would comply with his request. The ticks are so numerous in the country as to cover a man in 15 minutes. This raised considerable laughter and the old Judge was offered a stiff drink of grog.

From Hempstead County we passed into Union and LaFayette, both of which are thick settled.

On the 5th we traveled 23 miles passing only one house. We saw a great many deer but killed none. This is a low and piney country, many places where you cannot hear the voice of man, inhabited only by the wild and humble deer and the ferocious and lonely wolf. The keen and penetrating cry of the catamount breaks forth amid the awful silence and repose of nature. This is a dreary wilderness and I longed to pass through it.

On the 6th we struck the state of Louisiana, and encamped at the house of one Mr. Knox. While I was at the house of this gentleman, he told me that his lady had been on a visit from home and as she returned she was pursued by a pack of wolves, 5 in number, and it was with

much fear and rapidity that she made her escape.

When we struck up camp it was about sundown. One of our party failed to come to camp, on account of which we were much alarmed for the evening was cloudy and we imagined he was lost. We blew our horns and about dark, great to our surprise he made his appearance at camp.

On the 7th we traveled 12 miles. In the afternoon there was a dark cloud in the west and in a short time commenced raining very hard and continued during the evening. We therefore got a house from a Mr. Tucker in which we spent the night. After night awhile there was a dreadful storm. The lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, and the winds blew at a tremendous rate, while we heard the dreadful crash and falling of old trees.

From the state of Arkansas we passed into the state of Louisiana. I became somewhat acquainted with an Irishman who was raised a sailor, and had been to most of the commercial towns in the world. He told me that he had been on the island of St. Helena at the grave of Napoleon Bonaparte. He said the place bore a horrid aspect, over which the willows hang its lonely head and seems to weep with sorrow for the death and downfall of this great mighty man.

On Sunday we had some bad luck. The bolt of our wagon broke and we were compelled to stop until we could get it mended. So we only traveled 15 miles. In the latter part of the day it began to rain, and by the hospitality of Mr. Grey we were invited out of the drenching rain.

Monday morning April 8th it stopped raining and cleared up. We made an early start and traveled 22 miles. The country here is level with a tolerable good soil, good range and tolerable good water. The timber is pine, dogwood and black oak.

On the 9th we traveled 12 miles and at 10:00 we came to the great Hurricane. The hurricane passed through here in the year 1829. It was one of the hardest winds that ever passed through the United States. It laid the giant oaks level with the ground. Extending eastward it passed through Shelbyville, Tenn. and on into the eastern seas. {I believe this was actually an earthquake. LWP} At 11:00 we came to the Red River. We struck the river 8 miles north of a small town called Comta {Campti, Louisiana}. The river at this point is 125 yards wide with high red banks and a deep channel. It is called Red River from the redness of its waters which are very red. Some of the most beautiful farms that I ever saw are here. The soil is of a dark red and is 40 foot in depth. It never over flows its banks and therefore leaves level fertile bottoms.

Nachitoches is a place of considerable business and is settled by French, Spaniards, Americans and Creoles. It derived its name from a small tribe of Indians who use to inhabit the place. But the tribe, by the ravages of war, has long since been extinct. It was settled by the French about the year 1720 and remained in its possession ever since. The Catholic religion is prevalent among these people. They, it appears, have never emerged from a state of darkness but remain under the power of a Priest.

On the 10th we traveled about 15 miles and encamped one mile west of Nachitoches. This is a fertile country possessing much wealth but the climate is unwholesome. There was a trading house established at the river in the year 1832, 6 miles northwest from this place. The house was established by one Mr. Caffee, an enterprising Yankee, and was founded for the specific purpose of trading with the different tribe of Indians that infested that country. They carry on the principal trade with the Comanches. I have been informed by a man that lived there 3 years that from the former of those tribes he could purchase a mule with a quart of whiskey anytime.

On the 11th we traveled 16 miles through poor and broken country. Late in the evening I

heard the report of a cannon which shook the earth. It was quickly followed by a heavy discharge of cannon. The roaring of the cannon was like coming together of two hostile armies. This continued until the sun had set. I was very much alarmed at all of this, but was relieved of my fears the next morning, for we had not traveled far before we passed a small Spanish town, and on inquiring into the matter, found they had been celebrating a festival in memory of a distinguished Spaniard who fought the battle of his country.

By 12:00 we came in sight of the American flag flying over Fort Jesup. This place is 25 miles west of Nachitoches. There were 300 men here, regulars in the U.S. Army, kept here in readiness to stop the depredation of the Indians in the western part of the United States.

On the 14th we traveled 16 miles and encamped on a pine ridge, and in 5 miles of Sabine {Sabine River}, which is here the line between the United States and the Republic of Texas. Shocking and disgraceful were the tales told me respecting this country. It was that I was going to a land of thieves, cut throats and highway robbers, who had gone from their country to escape the stern hand of justice. But I found this to be false, not being found on the principal of truth. They received us with a spirit of friendship, and with a smile on their pleasant faces they welcomed us. They told us their country was extensive and that the lands were rich, and told us to plant and sow and reap of the plentiful and never failing harvest. And that their daughters were the foremost of all the daughters of Eve, for us to show ourselves and we might have them for our wives, and that we might live in prosperity all the days of our lives, and see this Republic become one of the greatest nations on earth.

Such was the conversation held forth to me when I had come into this good land, after I had drunk of the great Labbin, the waters of which is said by these people cleans from all crime.

From Cleborne Parrish we passed into Nachitoches Parrish and thence to Labbin (Sabine) County in the Republic of Texas. The Labbin is 75 yards wide and is a navigable stream for many miles. It runs a southeast course and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. When we had traveled 8 miles west of Sabine we came to what is called the red land which is a dark red color, resembling very much the lands of the Red River. The growth on this land is scrubby hickory, post oak, and black jack on the upland and elm and black walnut on the bottoms. There is some small prairies in this country. They have a good land and blackest I ever saw. This red land is very fertile, bringing from 1200 to 1500 pounds of cotton to an acre, and is also good for corn, but is very subject to drought. This land of very stiff nature and baked by the sun becomes as hard as stone. Milam is the county seat of Labbin {Sabine} County. It is situated 8 miles from the river, is a small place but is improving fast.

From this county we passed into St. Augustine. On the evening of the 15th we passed through St. Augustine, the county seat of this county. The Spaniards had a fort at this place as early as the year 1730. It is situated in a very nice place but it is not laid off very pretty. The houses are of an inferior kind. It is one of the most wicked places I ever saw. There is a gallows in the eastern part of town where many have drawn their last breath. It stands as a reminder to all those who would transgress the laws of their country. Here was hung the murderer of General Meersham.

On the 14th we traveled 18 miles and also 18 on the 15th.

On the morning of the 17th we came to Nacogdoches, situated 40 miles west of St. Augustine {San Augustine, Texas}. The town is in a beautiful place, surrounded by lofty oaks. This is a place of considerable business and contains about 700 inhabitants. It was court

week when I was at this place and the night of the 17th there was a ball given in honor of Capt. Riley and his Guards. I had not been there long till I heard the playing of the fife and the beating of the drum, and in a short time they marched up. When night made its appearance the roll was again called. The moon had just arisen over the eastern hills and their uniforms appeared beautiful and their swords glistened in the moonlight. They were marched into a house and up a flight of stairs which were decorated and adorned in pomp and splendor. The house was called to order and addressed by Capt. Riley. He touched on the difficulties that had so long attended this country. He concluded in the happiness he hoped would attend this country in days yet to come. His remarks were brief but suited the times. At 7:00 the ball commenced. The room was large and they carried on two reels at the same time. The music was good and the dancing the best I ever saw. The music and dancing were of a Spanish kind, such as were customary when this place was under the subjection of the Mexican Government. Nacogdoches was settled early in the year 1680 by the Spanish. They kept a garrison here till it was overran by the immigrants to this country, and now they are all banished from this place and their magnificent mansions have fallen into the hands of the white man. Thursday the 18th was an unlucky day for us, for when we were encamped in the west part of Nacogdoches our steers left us, therefore the 18th was spent in hunting them but all our exertions were fruitless. We had almost given up the search in despair and concluded they were stolen. But returning after dark I was relieved from all fears, for as I rode into camp I saw them there. I was much rejoiced when I saw them for I did not expect to see them anymore. But the secret was, they had lost their bell and was near camp all the time.

The country here is level and barren. The land varying, some red, some grey and some black. It is well watered. Beautiful clear branches run across the road with gravel bottoms. The timber is hickory, blackjack and black oak. On the 17th we traveled 16 miles.

On the morning of the 19th we left Nacogdoches and traveled 14 miles and encamped on the west bank of the Authalian (Angelina) river. This river is 45 yards wide and runs a southeast course emptying in the Natchez. From this place it takes the name Luon River which empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

On the 20th we traveled 22 miles and encamped on the south side of the Natchez {Neches River}. While I was here I found that the people were much alarmed for this was one of the western frontiers and the most intelligent men of the country were daily looking for the Indians to break out. Indeed they had already killed 18 persons.

On the 23rd we passed many houses that were abandoned and found that all the people that were in the country were gathered together at various places so that they might be able to defend themselves if they were attacked by the Indians. I was not much alarmed, till I saw several houses enclosed with pickets and the inhabitants within. Here I was told that all our horses would be stolen and ourselves killed if we did not keep a sharp lookout. This put us on our guard. This day we traveled 17 miles and encamped in an open place where the grass was good.

Monday morning April 23rd we got an early start and came to Crockett, the county seat of Houston County. Here was about 50 of the Crockett Rangers collected. They were going on an expedition to picket frontier towns

Here I will relate two adventures that took place in this country in the year 1838, as it was related to me by one of the Rangers. He said that there was a man who had come to this country many years before, and was very apprehensive of danger, and had built his house strong and had lived securely. In the fall of 1838 there were 150 Indians came to his dwelling. He was alone

except his wife. They defended their dwelling. The Indians pressed hard against the door, but it being strong they could not enter. Then they began coming up through the floor of the house and as fast as they came in they were killed by these brave heroes within. Then they attacked from another place. They commenced coming down through the roof. At length finding all their efforts useless, they retired leaving this brave man and woman in possession of their house and 15 of their number dead at their feet. The other is truly a blood-curdling tale and was told to me as follows.

The times being equally in 1838 it was thought expedient for the inhabitants to gather in groups for their safety. So four families gathered at one house. The men, four in number, had one night eaten their supper and stepped into another room. In a moment an Indian made his appearance and looked through the wall of the other house, and finding that there were no men in the house, he called his comrades on and with their tomahawks and scalping knife came rushing on these helpless women like lions on his prey. In vain was all their screams and cries for their husbands who were in the other house looking on the murder of their wives without even offering to rescue them from the hands of the Indians. Although they were well armed and equal in number, it is said while the Indians were murdering their wives one of them aimed his gun at an Indian but was prevented by his cowardly comrades. After the Indians had killed these women they took all the plunder that was desirable and left the place inhabited by those cowardly dogs, and so ends the tale.

This day one Mr. Strode and a Mr. Nelson fell in with our company. They were from the state of Missouri and were going to travel together. So on the 24th we traveled 20 miles.

On the 25th we broke an axle-tree of our wagon and detained us several hours, but we mended it and traveled 15 miles.

On the 25th we traveled 20 miles and gained the south side of the Trumada {Trinity River}. Before we came to the river we traveled through a prairie about 4 miles wide. Here the humble deer ran with all its accustomed activity, and the extensive plain was dotted with buffalo. After we crossed this prairie we came to a skirt of timber which was on the bank of the Trinidad (Trinity). This river is fifty yards wide and runs a southeast course and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. It is also about 500 miles long, is navigable 350 miles, has high banks and deep current. We came to the banks of this river the evening of the 25th and it was a great river for fish, we tried our luck but caught none. We stayed here till the morning of the 26th, made several hunts for deer but all proved unsuccessful. While I was fishing, I had my hook set out in the bank and there was such a large fish got hold of it that it pulled the pole out of the bank and was making its escape with my hook and pole. I leapt in after it and we had it nip and tuck for a few hundred yards when I got hold of the pole and tried to pull him to shore. We struck a log and he made his escape down the river and I made my way back to camp.

On the morning of the 26th we left the banks of the Trinidad {Trinity River} and traveled through a timber land and a prairie country in all 17 miles and encamped using the greatest precaution for fear our horses would be stolen by the Indians.

On the 27th we came to one of the most beautiful landscapes I ever saw. This was the elevated prairie. When we ascended to its top, I looked to the right and saw it only bounded by the horizon, looking to the left, I saw the timber raised in the air which looked like a cloud dimly seen through the mists of night. On the prairie grows almost every herb of the vegetable kingdom and rose with all its beauty, and by its side the Lily of the Valley seeming to mourn and hang its lovely head, being over charged by the dews of Heaven. As we approached I heard the gobbling

of the wild turkey. The deer ceased to feed, threw up his head and tail, apparently much alarmed at the approaching footsteps of man and at our appearance ran off as fleet as the wind that blow over their native land. Here I was delighted in the industrious pursuits of the bee. He would hum from flower to flower gathering his sweet and delicious food and then with pleasure would strike his course to the distant wood.

On the 18th we traveled 18 miles and killed one turkey. On this night we had to use greatest precaution lest the Indians kill us or stole our horses, as we were then 20 miles from any house where white people lived. We therefore pitched our tent as usual and we lay some 15 or 20 paces away, knowing that if we were attacked that the Indians would first fire upon our tent. In the first place that would alarm us and the next fire would be ours. We lay with our rifles close to our sides but I will assure you that sleep was a stranger to my eyes that night. The night passed slowly by, yet we were unmolested.

On the 29th we traveled 20 miles and encamped on the south side of the Brazos. This river is 500 miles long and 80 yards wide. It has remarkable high banks. The river has a sandy bottom and very shallow. It has logs and snags in it which at present prevent it from being navigable. It runs a southwest course and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. The country between the Trinidad and the Brazos is a prairie and some timbered country. The timber is principally post oak, and the land tolerable good and the water moderately so. We crossed the Brazos at Washington. This town was founded in 1828 and contains about 450 inhabitants. From Houston County we passed into Montgomery County and from Montgomery into Washington.

On the 30th we made an early start and in a short time we struck those beautiful prairies that lie between the Brazos and the Colorado. Here is doubtless the most beautiful country in the world. Here all animated nature seems to flourish in perpetual youth. The wild horse rest in luxury uncontrolled. Here you see thousands of cattle feeding at large where the green prairies are snugly bound by the blue vault of Heaven. On the 30th we traveled 20 miles, and on the 31st we traveled 18 miles. Here we left our friends that had come through the wilderness. They stopped at Mr. Madison's who came to the country in 1838.

May 1st 1839 I awoke early in the morning and heard rain falling heavily upon our tent, but it soon stopped. We drove on till 12:00 and stopped in the edge of a prairie to let our horses graze. While we were here the lightening began to play in the north and all at once the clouds shifted from the north to the south and the wind blew with great violence. The tall grass of the prairie waved like a wheat field in June. My horse became frightened, threw his head, struck back his ears and ceased to graze. At length the rain stopped and the balance of the evening was fine. We traveled 18 miles this day and encamped on a large creek that runs into the Colorado.

On the 2nd we traveled 16 miles which took us into the valley of the Colorado. This valley is 8 or 10 miles wide. The river is generally skirted with timber, which is pecan, hackberry, elm, ash and cottonwood. During the 3rd and 4th we traveled up the valley of the Colorado, and at 12:00 on the 4th we came to Bearstrop {Bastrop, Texas}, the county seat of Bearstrop {Bastrop} County. This place contains 500 inhabitants. The Colorado is here 80 yards wide with lofty banks. Many places being covered to its channel by bluffs of solid rock. It has a rapid current with beautiful clear water. When raised by a freshet its waters cover all the lands around. It contains various kinds of fish. It runs a southeast course and empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

On the 3rd we traveled 18 miles and on the 4th 10 miles. This finished our journey which we preformed in 54 days, during which time we were exposed to all sorts of weather. Many

times I was drenched by the beating rains. We had to guard against the Indians which were in a very hostile state toward travelers. Yet notwithstanding all these difficulties we safely reached our goal.

There is something in the make up of a man that seems to brace him up in an hour of danger, and move his arm with the strength of a giant. But his days are short and he will soon sleep with his Fathers that sleep that knows no waking at the break of day. Hard indeed seems the lot of the present generation. It is harassed by misfortune and disappointment all the days of their life.

We arrived at Bastrop on May 4th. This place is situated on the Colorado River 175 miles from its mouth, and contains 300 inhabitants. The climate in this country is very pleasant. If it was not for the gales of wind, man would cease to inhabit this country or he would have to be like the birds of night and dare not venture out till the setting of the sun, as the days are warm. By night the wind comes cool, so much that I could very comfortably be under cover. In parts of this country it seldom rains, but the defect is supplied by heavy nocturnal dews. In some parts it rains in great abundance. Here the works of nature show forth in magnificence. We can see it in the north or if we look to the south, to the east or to the west. The power of the Creator is deeply engraved in all the works. But if we are permitted to live we may yet see the desert bloom as a rose and the solitary places be made glad. And yet every time the opening of morning and the decline of evening, tell to man that his temporary existence is short. The first are the joyful days of youth. The attachments of our early days are followed by the meridian of life, then our days of sorry have begun; and then comes the winter of old age when our race is ended and our days are no more.

It was the 4th day of May 1839 that we got to Bearstrop. We rented a cabin down from one Mr. White at the place. They were trying a man by the name of Scarboro on a charge of murder. We went to the Courthouse in the evening and heard the speeches of the lawyers. Although some of them seemed to be well informed, yet they were abrupt, bold and emphatic than they are in the States, these Texas lawyers. I was much interested in the customs of the place for I observed the lawyers and, in fact, all individuals on coming to town dismounted, took a long coil of rope from the horn of their saddles and tied it to their horses' necks and thus turned them out to graze in the luxuriant prairie grass. I afterwards learned that this is the general practice throughout Middle and Western Texas. This rope is about 40 ft. long and is called a lariat. Some of them are made of raw hide but the best ones are made by the Mexicans out of horse hair. If a horse is wild or if they are afraid of him running away, they staked him out. This is done by driving a stob into the ground and tying the end of the lariat to it. The horse can then feed around the stake at leisure and when the grass is eaten down he is removed to another place.

We had arrived at the end of our journey, but the country did not meet our expectations and it was not long before we found that our calculation had been too great, and that we could never realize them. Provisions were very high and in place of being a good country to make money in, we found it was the best country in the world to spend it in. Hard cornbread baked out of meal ground on a hand mill and tough fat meat was the common food. Here the Colorado is forced to a narrow channel. The eastern bank is 50 or 60 feet high. From its elevation a prairie extends toward the east about 3/4 of a mile, when it terminates a low pine ridge arises from its base. Below the town this ridge runs nearly to the bank of the river. This valley, with luxuriant grass bound by green pine hills is one of the most beautiful that the imagination can conceive. In

fact, the valley of the Colorado cannot be surpassed in beauty by any country. The soil in this valley is dark black, but with little or no sand in it, and it is remarkable sticky when it is wet and cracks open and is very hard when dry. There is generally a narrow skirt of timber on the river, generally pecan, cottonwood, elm, and some oak. In the breaks the land is gray and sandy. Here low scrubby post oak and live oak generally grow. In addition to this there are some cedar and small patch of pine near Bastrop. This description will generally hold good in Middle Texas. Water is very scarce. It is called rotten limestone, looks well, but has a flat limey and salty taste.

After staying at Bastrop 8 or 10 days, George Moore and myself concluded that we must raise some corn. A Mr. Haney told us he had some land about 12 miles above there on the river, and there was a cabin on it, and about 4 acres of prairie land that had been broken up with rails enough nearly to fence it. He told us that we might occupy the cabin and have all that we could make. With a wagon, yoke of oxen, a dog and a rifle a piece, we set out. We bought some salt, but could get no meal nor meat, we had a little corn which we parched. This constituted our food. We thought we could kill plenty of deer and antelope for meat, but in this we failed. Although we saw hundreds we killed none. We were both good with rifle, George in particular. We shot at a great many without killing a single one. That day we traveled about 8 miles on the west side of the river. We got alarmed. We were in an uninhabited country. Bands of Indians frequently passed through the country murdering, burning houses and stealing horses. Only the winter before the settlement on the Colorado had been attack by the Indians. Many farmers were killed and a great deal of property destroyed, horses and cattle driven off. No settlers were west of us, we had been following a trail all day and just at dusk we came to a dry creek. Following the channel we found a hole or pool of water. Here we determined to pass the night. We hobbled out our oxen and after eating supper of parched corn, lay down in our wagon to pass the night. But sound sleep was a stranger to our eyes. The disasterous Indian tales that I had heard haunted my imagination and drove sleep from my eyes. But the morning dawned, the sun seem to rise out of the prairie, its golden beams illuminating the landscape, which told us that all was well, our oxen had wandered some distance but we soon found them, hitched up and started again on our journey. The dim trail in the grass led up to the river. We imagined that we were 4 miles of our cabin. We saw a large number of deer on every side and shot several times, but killed nothing. The reason of our failing was we shot too far. The country was level and we were deceived in distance. It is like shooting on water.

We proceeded on about 10:00 came in sight of the cabin. On coming up to it - it had a shocking appearance. It was indifferently made with a dirt floor and a low chimney. On examination we found several holes in the door and in the house logs, which lead us to believe that the house had been attacked by Indians. In fact we had been told before we left Bastrop that people were afraid to live there, that Haney himself had left on that account. It lay near the mouth of Indian Creek and there was a ford near where the Indians always crossed in that vicinity. This made it a dangerous place to live. We found the land that had been broken up but looked in vain for the rails. We made considerable search for them but never could find them. While near the creek our dog was attacked by a Mexican hog. The dog came running to us at the top of his speed and the hog close after him, and as it was a dense thicket they were right on us before we saw them. It would have run over me had I not stepped to one side as it passed and discharged my "Betsy" at it. I shot so quick that I missed it. Uncle George shot it though, but it ran to the creek, plunged in and sank. It looked ferocious with its hair turned the wrong way and its tusks sticking out several inches. It looked like it could ruin a man or a dog in short time. It

very much resembled a common hog, but was short built. While standing there we discovered bees going into a large tree which grew on the back of the creek. It was the strongest bee tree I ever saw. They worked into the tree in a sluice that looked as big as my arm.

We had been disappointed in our expectations. We found no rails and the place too, had a frightful appearance, which seemed to say that it was a dangerous place to dwell. We now had a consultation to see what would be best to do.

In May 1839 Commissioners were sent from the city of Houston to select a site for the Capital of the Republic, a law having been passed by their congress that it should be located at some more central place in the Republic, about 15 miles above us a low chain of mountains crossed the river. There was a family living near the foot of the mountains by the name of Barton. It was thought that the seat of the government would be located somewhere near Barton's. He lived on the west side of the river. We finally concluded to go to Bartons, thinking that if the seat was established in that vicinity that we would stand a chance to get in some kind of business. The day was clear. The sun had sunk behind the horizon when we started toward the west. We passed several herd of deer, but could not get close enough to shoot. After leaving the creek bottom we struck a prairie which continued till the sun went down.

To our left the prairie extended as far as the eye could see. To the right we could see the timber that skirted the river. Just as evening began to draw the curtain of night about it I saw a grove of timber to our right in the head of a low hollow which led to the river. It was not more than half a mile from the trail in which we were traveling. I proposed that we should go to that grove and spend the night, in that low timbered ravine we would be pretty well concealed from the Indians should there be any in the vicinity. We drove our wagon into the grove, and after eating our supper of parched corn, got into the wagon to spend the night and there spent one of the most sleepless nights that ever passed over my head. We made no fire lest the place of our concealment be found, for in that open country the sign of a fire can be seen for many miles.

Thus we lay down in great alarm. And well we might have been as the sequel to the narrative will show. The night was dark, although clear when we lay down, it was soon obscured by dark heavy clouds that seem to indicate rain. Day dawned but no rooster crowed to tell us its approach. Nothing broke that awful solitude, but the hoot of the owl and the howl of the wolf, but day light opened upon us and we saw no enemy near. Our oxen had wandered for some distance in the prairie, but we soon found them and yoked them up and got back to the trail and proceeded after which shower after shower fell on us as we traveled on. At length we emerged from the prairie and got into low scrubby post oak, and ascending a knoll we could see to the northwest of the valley of the Colorado and a low chain of mountains that crosses the river near where Austin now stands. Its blue peaks looked beautiful in the distance and called to mind the scenery of the Cumberland mountains which I had been familiar with in my boyhood days. Proceeding on, our trail began to brighten, and we knew we were drawing near Bartons. About this time two horsemen met us, they, asking us if we had seen any Indians and we told them we had not. On being told that we had come the trail they said we had made a narrow escape, as there was about 60 Indians camped on Onion Creek not far from the trail and that they were very hostile and had the day before killed a company of surveyors. They said if the Indians had seen us they would have killed us.

After descending a long rocky hill we arrived at the Bartons. There were 15 or 20 men there who had come from the other side of the river with the intention of pursuing the Indians. Here I will drop this thread of my history to give some account of the face of the country around

Bartons.

He lived at the foot of a low range of mountains that take their rise near where Fort Graham now stands and finally terminate near the head of Trinity River. The mountains was not very high but rugged, covered with large rocks, the limestone rotten. The principal growth is low scrubby cedar. A large spring of water gushed from the mountain, and after receiving the waters of another large spring, runs about 1 1/2 miles and empties into the Colorado River. In the range of mountains and about 3 miles from Bartons there was a ford in the river where the Indians frequently crossed. It was thought that the Indians would cross the river at the mouth of Onion Creek at the ford mentioned. But they got alarmed, broke up their camp and with great haste began to leave the country. By this time the news had got to Bastrop. The company that left Bartons struck their trail near the camp and after winding considerably, crossed the mountain ford. While they were thus winding, two companies of Texas Rangers started in pursuit from the other side of the river, commanded by Capts. Hays and McCulloch, both prominent men in Texas history. They struck the trail in advance of the first company, and on the evening of the second day came in sight of the Indians. The Indians thought themselves out of danger, had halted by a bee tree and were eating honey. We, the Texans, advanced, the Chief formed his men for battle, but a discharge of the Texans rifles brought him and several of his men to the ground. The balance made their escape on horseback. They each had a horse laden with ammunition which they brought from the coast, all this fell into the hands of the Texans. They found some papers on the Chief which stated that they were carrying the ammunition to the Northern Indians, preparatory to commencing an Indian war of the frontier of Texas. In this I witnessed the bravery of the Texans. When danger confronts him every man is at his post.

During this time we stayed at the house of Mr. Barton. We two, the old gentleman, his two daughters and two other gentlemen composed the company. We kept our rifles ready for use. We found that Mr. Barton had been attacked by the Indians several times, but always was able to get into his house. He always kept several guns loaded. We learned that he and his son had never failed to drive the Indians off. His occupation was bear and bee hunting. There are plenty of both in this country. About this time Col. Waller with a party of men came to Bartons with authority to select a site for the Capitol of the Republic. They selected a place on the North side of the river, about one mile from Bartons. The situation is beautiful. The river runs against a high bank, a level prairie strikes off for about a quarter of a mile to a sudden rise or low hill covered with post oak timber and again the prairie extends north. To the west the blue undulating peaks of the Colorado Mountains rise in all their majestic beauty before the beholder. Covered with bush-wood, low scrubby cedar and live oak present a scene altogether pleasing. Nothing is more beautiful to the eye of the traveler after coming from the level and uniform prairies of Texas than to come into a country diversified by hills and dales, mountains, creeks and rivers. It is to him like a rock in a dreary land. As soon as the location was made known people began to flock to the place, and in a few days several hundred people had pitched their tents and erected their shanties on the bank of the river.

We had been idle about a week when Mr. Barton proposed a speculation. The Commissioners had to build houses for the Texas Congress to occupy in the fall. They were obliged to have logs to build their houses. Barton told us that if we could go on the mountains we could find good cedar logs, for us to cut them down, get them to the river and raft them down to the town. We thought we could make something at it. Indeed we were getting willing to engage in some kind of work that would better our positions, for our fare was poor. We lived most of the

time on parched corn. But when we got to Barton's he had a steel mill on which he had to depend, there being but few water mills in Western Texas. Grinding on these mills is the hardest work that a white man ever did. I guess I will abhor them as long as I live. Besides coarse mill, we had some fish we caught out of the river and a small ration of bacon which we got from Barton. We concluded to try our fortune rafting logs. A man by the name of Johnson joined us. He was from Middle Tennessee. He and I set out one morning for the mountains with our axes and guns for no man traveled out in the country without being armed. We rambled about for several hours. The timber that looked from a distance like it would make good logs, we found on close examination would not. We at length got on top of a high bluff that overlooked the river. We found some scrubby cedar on it, and about as good looking as we had seen. Here we made a stand and concluded to cut our trees and throw them over the bluff into the river. We commenced with a good resolution. We chopped down five or six and stopped to rest and on examining our logs more particularly found that they never would be fit for any building. They were so cracked they looked like they would not lay on a fence. We came to the conclusion that if we were successful we could never sell the logs for anything. We finally agreed to abandon the speculation.

Col. Waller was sent by the Government to superintend the laying out of the building of the City of Austin. He brought some fifty or sixty hands with him and put out a proclamation that he would hire all the hands that he could engage at \$50.00 per month, payable in Texas money, of which it took three dollars to make one of current money. Uncle George, Mr. Johnson and myself concluded that we could work with them awhile. We went over and made engagements, and set out on the next morning. Accordingly by next morning we came to the camp where Austin now stands, and I reckon I never shall forget the first meal I ate at that place. There were some 50 or 60 men in camp. Men of several different languages and colors. There were Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Dutchmen, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Texan's and Americans. The cooking was carried on by 3 or 4 old Dutchmen on whose clothes, face and hands it looked like soap had never been used in a long time. They were a fair sample of the crowd. We had not been there long before breakfast was announced. The crowd made a rush for 3 or 4 pots that contained the beef. They had some coarse cornbread lying on the ground around the pots. And there were several pots of coffee. We were somewhat backward and stood alone, but soon found that if we stood there we would lose our breakfast. We determined to pitch in. With considerable effort we got to the pots, forked out some meat and commenced eating. We thus learned to wait for no ceremony at the camp, but after that when the horn sounded we were generally the first to get to the big pots.

Next day we pitched our camp three miles north of Austin. There was a grove of post oak there. We began cutting house logs. The timber was so scrubby that we could get them but 16 feet long. We were on the frontier. The Government gave us a musket apiece and some ammunitions and told us if attacked by the Indians to defend ourselves. There were also some 20 or 30 men stationed a half mile north of us under Capt. Hayes. But we put little dependence in them as they passed by our camp daily on their way to Austin and generally returned after night and most of them intoxicated. We were therefore on our guard, kept our muskets loaded and near us. We worked there about 3 weeks. Most of the hands were then taken to Austin to build the houses. Uncle George and I were ordered down to help build. There was a surveyer and 8 or 10 other men engaged in running off and marking the lots of the city. We all had to eat at the same camp. When the dinner horn blew our company beat them to the camp. We pitched in and

exerted ourselves to eat up everything that was cooked. We had just finished when the surveyer and his company arrived and behold the dinner was gone. The surveyer being the big - bug, got in a rage. He swore and fought the air, but few words from some of our crowd cooled him down and he waited very patiently till another dinner was cooked.

We had been at Austin one month. I decided to go down to Bastrop and see what Martin and Carroll were doing. I set out early the next morning and traveled on the north side of the river. Late in the evening I came to a farm and house on the bank of the river. I found out that I could not reach Bastrop that night and that there was no other house on that side of the river till I got in the vicinity of Bastrop. They told me I could ford the river here and by following a trail it would lead me to Mr. Hemphill about 2 miles from there. I forded the river, followed the trail and about sundown got to Mr. Hemphills. I got leave to stay all night, hobbled my horse and took up. I found several men about the place and the family quiet socialable. Supper was prepared in the back-wood style, and consisted of meat, venison, beef, some cornbread and honey. When bed time arrived several men and myself spread our blankets and slept in the yard. A thing that is done by most men in that country during the summer months. Next morning I found my horse. He had not gone out of sight. I soon had him saddled. After offering Mr. Hemphill pay for my fare, I set out. I soon arrived at Bastrop and found them all well except Carroll who had chills and fever. R. C. Martin had bought a grocery and had been down to Matigarda {Matagorda, Texas}, bought groceries and had just returned. Stewart McDougal, an old schoolmate, was there. He had come from Eastern Texas and was keeping grocery for Martin.

I was surprised to see the alteration in sisters, Angelina and Betsy. The climate had had a mighty effect on them. They had become pale and swarthy, occasioned by the wind and sun in that torrid climate. It is a well known fact that a person of the fairest complexion turns to a tawny color after spending a few years in Western Texas. The system is a peculiar change. As it seems to be a suitable place.

I will here drop a few remarks on the effects of a warm climate on the animal and vegetable kingdom. In those latitudes, man, the noblest work of the Almighty, is stunted. The long continuation of heat which prevails there has a tendency to relax his system, and hence we find that debility is the results. This either directly or indirectly lays the foundation of most of the diseases known to man. On this supposition it was that the ancients thought the torrid zone unfit for habitation by man, a fate that held the people till the discoveries of Columbus and the settlement of the new world by the Spanish. Although the torrid zone in some places presents a dense population, it is well known that its inhabitants are inferior in intellect to people who have been bred in more temperate climates. The natives of warm climates have been adulterated by the effects of the climate. They have degenerated and degraded till they are in an un-enlightened or barbarious state, they present a weak and degraded spectacle compared with the original stock from which they descended.

History teaches us that in most wars between Northern and Southern people, that the hardy sons of the North have been victorious. When Rome was taken it was by the Barbarians of the North. The effect of heat is no less remarkable on the animal creation. The English bull dog taken to India soon loses his ferocity. His hair falls off and he is soon deprived of all the sagacity and fierceness that distinguished him in the temperate zone. But its effects on others of the animal creation is invigorating. In those countries flourish the elephant, the largest of the quadruped tribe. The lion, too, the master beast of the forest, and many serpents and reptiles of

the largest and most venomous kinds. When we turn to the vegetable kingdom we see effects of similar kind. Most kinds of grain and vegetables that constitutes the food of man grow not at all or in a very languid state. But here nature produces a spontaneous substitute which in some degrees makes up the defeat. In those countries the forests of timber disappear or become very stunned. All of the oak family in those regions, if they grow at all, are mere saplings and unfit for mechanical use. Large arid and extended plains present themselves to view on every side. At noon the torrid zone cattle will hide themselves in the thicket. Deer and other animals will resort to the brushwood and scrubs to break off the heat of the tropical sun. The owl secrets himself in some cave or den till the sun sinks behind the western horizon. Although the horizon appears elevated and the air pure, it is literally filled with insects and the ground turns with ants and other insects, which annoy the inhabitants by day and night. The wind sweeps these countries with almost the velocity of a storm and brings poisonous vapors and fatal maladies on its wings.

I stayed at Bastrop 3 or 4 days. I now began to think about locating my land claim, for the laws of the Republic gave to every married man 640 and to every single man 320 acres for immigrating to the countries of the upper Colorado and the Gaudaloupe was kept by one Mr. Sims about 2 miles from Bastrop. He was the head surveyor of the district, and kept a map of all the country. I examined them and found plenty of vacant land, that the vacant land commenced 3 miles from Austin, and that all the country north vacant and un-appropriated country. I resolved to examine the country and if I liked it, make my location there.

The weather was clear and dry. We were much surprised to see the river all of a sudden began to rise. It came in a flood, and in a few minutes rose 10 to 12 feet high. It was occasioned, I suppose by a heavy rain at the head of the river. We were horse back and didn't go far till we came to Piney, a creek that runs into the Colorado on the south side. The water was backed up this creek from the river till we thought it dangerous to cross. We attempted to head this stream or rather the back water. We traveled some distance up the stream but its banks were so high we could not ford it. We were also afraid to venture far from the road lest we be discovered by the Indians. We went back to the ford and concluded to cross. We pushed in, and by swimming a little gained the other bank. The dog was spent. We traveled on some 5 miles and came to a house that was picketed. Here we got permission to spend the night. There were several families but I have forgotten all their names.

Next morning we proceeded on and towards evening got to Austin. We found Uncle George had stepped on a lathe and had a nail in the bottom of his foot and hurt him severely. He had been on a spree. We reprovved him sharply and he promised to do better afterwards. On the next day we set out to examine the country north of Austin. We took one horse and provisions to last several days. We traveled about 3 miles and passed the grove of post oak where we had formerly worked. We got in to the big prairie that extends to the north. We saw a large drove of antelopes coming towards us. We squatted and they run up about 150 yards of us and stopped. We fired on them and they scattered, but we found one that was crippled. Its thigh was broken and we thought we could catch it. We followed it several hours but couldn't get close enough to kill it. This animal is larger and more fleet than the deer. It is very quick in it sight and smell and it is very hard to get near them on the prairies.

We traveled on till late in the evening and came in sight of the timber of Walnut Creek. We were now very much exhausted. The sun was just sinking over the western mountains which were dimly seen in the distance. The wind which had been violently blowing all day now sank to rest. We were in a wilderness country. We had crossed several trails, some of them we thought to

be the trail of wild horses, others we imagined to be the trail of Indians. We became alarmed lest we should be discovered by them. It was impossible for us to reach the settlement unless we traveled the greater part of the night. We saw a thick grove of timber close to the bank of the creek. In this we decided to spend the night. The live oak and underbrush had grown up so thick that it made a very good place of concealment. We used the greatest precaution for fear we should be detected. We kindled up a small fire by which we prepared our supper and then put it out so that no trace of our camp could be seen.

The evening had now drawn around it the dark curtain of night and we were left to ponder on the present, the future, and the past. Never did I until this night think of leaving the country. I had gone through considerable hardships, but had kept in good heart thinking that better days would come. And had the idea been presented to me at any other time it perhaps would have made no impression on my mind. But being badly perplexed the mind was easily thrown off its guard, and I consented to things without the due consideration which they should have had. Had it not been for the night perhaps I should never have left the Republic. My condition through life might have been different. On such slender thread sometimes hangs the destiny of man. Left here to our own reflection many things passed in my mind. At length Uncle George opened the conversation. He spoke of the hardships that we had passed through, and of those that we would have to go through if we stayed in that country.

Ever since we had been there we had been in constant dread of Indians. We had lain with our rifles at our side every night. He stated the unsettled condition of the country, that the Mexicans were determined to conquer the country and that the Indians would keep up a continual warfare on the frontier, and it would be perhaps 50 years till it would be in a settled condition. The people, too, were very selfish and unfriendly. He said he thought we could never do any good there and that we had better hunt a more favored land. He said he thought Missouri was a country that would suit us, that it was a new country and one of plenty, and if we could get there perhaps we could find something to do. Carroll had been sick for some time and dissatisfied with the country and thought it would be a good idea. After considerable conversation, during which time the difficulties of the country were presented to my mind, I came to the conclusion that may be it would be best. So after spending a sleepless night, we left our camp and retraced our steps and got back to Austin in the evening. On that distressing night we came to the conclusion that we would leave the country. We decided that to make the trip by land it would take too long and that it would be best for us to go to Houston and there take water. Go to New Orleans thence up the Mississippi to the Iron Bars and then strike out in the country.

We were not in Austin long before we found several men in the same notion that we were. There was one John Sullivan, a blacksmith, who had come from New Orleans with the expectations of making a fortune at the new Capitol of Texas. He had been at great expense and brought his tools with him. He was very anxious to return. He went back as we went to New Orleans. We also soon fell in company with John C. Grayson, a Mr. Stewart and a Mr. Carter of Madison County, Louisiana. Mr. Grayson came to Texas to build a mill. Stewart was his millwright and Carter his wagoneer. He had a fine wagon and team, a Negro woman and two children, tools and etc. He had hunted all over Texas but could find no mill site and was disquested by the time he had reached Austin that he had resolved to leave Texas.

The wagon that Uncle George and I had brought up there was on the west side of the river at our old friend Bartons. Our oxen had died, I borrowed a yoke from Barton, took the

wagon to Austin, and then got a yoke from a Mr. White to take the wagon to Bastrop. On the next day we started and on the next day got to Bastrop. Our brother-in-law was much surprised to see us back so soon. We told him that we had concluded to leave the country. To this he objected. He told us that we had been to considerable expense to get there, and thought it advisable for us to stay longer. He also said that we didn't know whether we would like the country or not till we stayed longer. The advice was good but it had no effect on us. God only knows what would have been best. Had we remained in Texas our condition might have been quite different from what it is at present. We might have long since been numbered with the dead. Or maybe providence would have smiled upon us and we might have been rich like many an old Texan who went to the country at that date. It was all the future then, and was perhaps wisely concealed from us. It now stands in the past and we know not what the result would have been. One of us had long since been dead, yet I feel thankful to the Almighty that two of us are still living.

On our arrival at Bastrop we found that 400 men had assembled as volunteers under the command of General Burleson. There was also a squad of Indians of the Lapan tribe under his command. There was about 20 of them. Burleson stimulated them, giving to each of them a blanket, butcher knife and handkerchief. They seemed well pleased with the gifts. The intention of this expedition was to drive the Cherokee Indians from a large tract of country in Eastern Texas, situated on the east side of the Trinity River. These Indians were a remnant of the Cherokee Nation and came to the country at a very early date with General Houston. For after he resigned the governor's chair of Tennessee he went to northern Arkansas among a portion of the Cherokee Indians. Here he married the daughter of the Chief. They went from there to Texas when that Country was under the jurisdiction of Spain. Houston's wife died and the revolution came on which resulted in the Independence of Texas.

The Cherokee Indians occupied a good country which had long been covered by Texas. They now wished to get rid of the Indians so they could occupy that part of the country. I never could learn that the Cherokee Indians gave any cause for the treatment they received. It was a premeditated motive of the Texans to drive them from their own country.

Next day Burleson set out for the eastern country. They made a considerable display as they passed through Bastrop. Mounted on their ponies, their rifles resting on their saddles, their water gourds and lariats swung to the horns of their saddles, they marched two and two forming a long line. Burleson and the Indians in the head. In this position they marched through town. They struck towards the north east for the hills of the Brazos. In east Texas they were met by Gen. Bush and several hundred of his men. The joined forces and attacked the Indians, killed the Chief and a large number of his men.

We went through the Cherokee country as we went west. It was a beautiful country and one of the best in Texas. Since then several countries have been made out of it, Cherokee, Anderson, Rusk, Henderson, etc. some of the best in the state. Next day we announced our retreat. It was on the morning before we left Bastrop that Martin tried again to keep us from leaving but it had no effect. We were fully resolved to leave. Our company was made up and ready to start. The wagon started and it was then with sadness we bid our kin adieu, one of whom we took by the hand for the last time. I here allude to sister, Martha. She left home and went to Texas. She was only about 13 years old. Yet her mind was well matured and she had a knowledge of things surpassing most people of her age. But like all temporal things, her days were numbered. For in about a year after we left she took congestion fever and died. I was in the

state of Missouri when news of her death reached me by letter. I was panic struck, it was with difficulty that I held the letter in my hands while I vented my sorrow by a flood of tears. This occurrence bore heavily on my mind for a long time.

We set out and traveled 8 miles and camped by an old Texan. I made a gun swap with him. We left all the stuff that we had carried to Texas with us, excepting our rifles and clothing. I took my horse and saddle. Carroll left his with Martin. I had 2 or 3 dollars. That was all the money that we had. Grayson bore our expenses till we got to Houston. I then sold my horse and saddle for \$90.00, after which I settled up with Grayson. We now had money to go on.

On the second day we traveled about 20 miles and camped in sight of Rootersvelt. The weather was warm and dry and we had to use such water as we could find standing in holes in the beds of dry creeks and branches of the above description.

Just as it began to get dusk I went down to the branch in quest of a pool to bathe in, I soon found one and plunged in. I had gotten out and had just commenced to put on my shirt when I heard a voice behind me, low and gentle. I knew it must be the voice of a woman. She was young and neatly dressed. Imagine my confusion as I hurriedly put on my shirt, rammed my legs in my pants and looked around behind me. I could not imagine what she wanted but she soon relieved my anxiety by informing me that she had come after water. It was well stirred up tolerable thick and muddy.

Next morning we left the cabin, striking a prairie, traveled 3 or 4 miles and came to San Phillippe De Austin, situated on the west side of the Brazos River. This place was settled by Austin and his company of 90 men. Austin was an enterprising man. He made up a company of emigrants in the state of Missouri and moved them to Texas. Having first secured a large tract of country from the Mexican Government, known as Austin Colony. In this Colony the first settlement was made by Anglo-Saxon race and formed a nucleus for other settlements which finally led to the Independence of Texas. The United States is more indebted to Austin for this great achievement than to any other man. He has been dead many years, but many of his old comrades still survive. I passed through that **section of the country in 1852 and** saw several of them. One of whom I had some dealings with, and to whom I listened with delight, which he related to me some of the incidents connected with the early settlement of that country. He told that all of them who were living were in good circumstances and some of them rich. He was opulent, had never married, had lots of Negroes, some of them I thought looked too white, but I found him to be an honorable man.

We crossed the river at St. Phillippe {San Felipe, Texas}. Here we saw signs of the Revolution, an engagement took place here between the Texans and Mexicans. The former being on the east and the later being on the west side of the river. The tops of the cottonwood trees that skirted the banks had been shot off by cannon balls.

The Brazos bottom here is very fertile. The land is of a dark red color. The principal timber is ash, elm, some black walnut, some red oak, wild cherry, with scattering cane. In this bottom we crossed a small creek. The water looked so clear and beautiful that I concluded that I would have a good drink, but found that it was so full of copper as that I only took one swallow and it operated on me like salt. We soon found ourselves in an open prairie about 25 miles wide. We had become very thirsty. About a quarter of a mile to the right a small grove pointed us to a puddle of water. By knocking off a thick green skum we got enough to quench our thirst, but none for our team, we again set out and a little while after night reached a skirt of timber on the head of Buffalo Bayou. Here we found a small seeping spring where we got water. This day's

travel was through a low white prairie.

Next morning we made an early start and traveled about 25 miles. The country was the same as the day before excepting we were generally in sight of timber and the country was lower. In the evening we came in sight of pine timber. The tops of evergreen as they stood elevated above the other timbers presents a sight of admiration and wonder to an individual who had resided in the western part of Texas.

At night we struck camp about 3 miles from Houston. This place has been settled for about 4 years and was the seat of the government for the Republic. It was the most flourishing place in Texas. We found a spring near our encampment of the best water I had found in western Texas. We stayed at this camp 2 or 3 days and then moved into the edge of the city. I had a good horse and saddle. I tried to sell them, but soon found horses were a dull sale. I at last found a man that offered me \$90.00 for my horse and saddle. It was the best I could do so I let him have it. Grayson could not sell his team easily, but finally managed to get rid of it.

Houston is situated on the head of Buffalo Bayou, about 60 miles from Galveston. At this time there was one boat that ran from Houston to Galveston.

After staying at Houston about a week we got ready, got on the boat and started for Galveston. We left about dusk, the Bayou at Houston has a very narrow channel. The boat was obliged to run slowly for many miles. The boatman frequently stood in the fore end of the boat and with long poles kept it from running against the bluff. Night with its dark curtains soon closed around us and hide the landscape from view. But by day break we got to the mouth of the Bayou. Here it was more than a mile wide and toward the south the gulf spread out into the sea. The adjoining country was not much higher than the sea. Some scattering trees were to be seen. We had not long been on the gulf before we ran a shoal. They made several trials to get over it, but failed. The Capitan said the passengers would have to get out and most of them did. The water was about waist deep. After working an hour or so we got over the shoal and soon came in sight of Galveston. In 1839 it was a small place but considerable business was done there. Several vessels were lying at the wharf.

We were told that it would be 3 or 4 days before we could get a passage to New Orleans. The Colombia, a large steam ship was lying in sight. From its mast head the American Eagle with its stars and stripes floated in the breeze. The Texas Navy also lay in sight. It consisted of one vessel and 13 stationed there to protect the town. Late Friday afternoon about the middle of July we got on board the Columbus, and just before the sun went down, under steam and sail, we set out for New Orleans. The Gulf was rough and most of us were sea sick. We, with some others, had taken deck passage and occupied the fore end of the ship. It was a large uncovered space, strongly floored and lightly ceiled about 5 ft. above the floor. I lay down but if I slept any it was but little for the night was windy and the sea rolling high. I recollect of one time of being in a doze and was awoken by a large wave dashing over the top of the vessel into my face. I sprang to my feet and thought every minute would be my last. But the morning dawned and the sun rose in the eastern waters and I felt thankful for the light of another day.

At day break we came in sight of Cana, at the mouth of the turbid of the Mississippi joined the clear blue waters of the Gulf. The Mississippi has three mouths by which it discharges its waters into the Gulf. I think it was the middle one we entered. The country here is low not much higher than the water. Some huts were to be seen on the banks, occupied by fisherman I suppose. As we advanced up the river the banks got higher, groves of timber sometimes skirted the banks. In the glades horses, cattle, and hogs were grazing, some cabin passengers shot

frequently at the cattle but it was so far to them that they did not seem to notice it. The old logs that lay near the bank were generally crowded with alligators and turtles. As we advanced we came to sugar farms that extended from the river a great distance on each side.

At 10 o'clock we landed at New Orleans. The firing of a little cannon announced our approach. When day light came our vessel was visited by a custom official and we had to pay duty before we were allowed to land. We then unloaded our plunder on the wharf. Our money was nearly consumed. I sold my horse and saddle for \$90.00 in Texas money. I had to give \$3.00 of it to get current money. So, I got only \$30.00 for my horse. It took \$24.00 to bring us over the gulf.

We could do nothing now but find a boat going up the river on which we could work our passage. After a long search {we found} a boat that was going to Nashville, and would start in 4 or 5 days. I found the mate, told him our condition and when he learned that we were Tennesseans returning from Texas it seemed to touch him very much. He saw the Capitan about it and in a little while returned and informed us that we could work our passage as far up the river as we wished. We took our things aboard. As we did this we were closely eyed by the deck hands. We were soon ordered to carry freight on the boat. We were several days loading and unloading. The labor was hard and we were all weak Carroll developed chills, Uncle George had been on the decline for some months and we were so weak that two of us could hardly carry a sack of salt.

It was on Sunday night when we came to New Orleans and on the next Monday week in the evening we left. Just before we started I was surprised to find two of our companions on board with us. They were Grayson and Carter. Stewart had gotten impatient and left on the first boat he could find going up the river.

Grayson said he had sold his Negroes and was ready to start to Alabama. We got up steam and in the evening started up the river. The boat we were on was the "Saulton" and we found her to be a slow runner.

Uncle George started complaining shortly after we started and showed signs of fever. We held consultation and he thought bleeding him would help. Grayson bled him but it did no good. We fixed a comfortable place for him, went to the cabin and got a doctor to come down and look at him. He pronounced it yellow fever. He gave him some medicine and from that time on one of us sat by him day and night.

We got to Memphis on Sunday night and stopped there a short time to unload some freight. Here we consulted as to whether it would be best to leave the river. Uncle George was at this time very low, yet he was rational and talked sensibly about it. He said he would rather go on, and we concluded to make the trip to Iron Banks.

I took diarrhea as soon as we left New Orleans and by this time had become very weak, but still kept on as a deck hand. Carroll and I took time about setting up with Uncle George the night we left Memphis. A lamp suspended near where he lay. He continued to get worse and tossed back and forth on his bed. Late in the night my eyes got dim-disease and the wont of sleep was fast overcoming me and I was in a gentle doze, when I was aroused by a noise. Opening my eyes I saw Uncle George had gotten off his bed and with a quick step was making for a hole behind him in the wheel-house. As quick as a thought I sprang at him and caught him just before he stepped off the boat. I know not how I got him back to his bed.

The night passed and the morning was a beautiful one. But it brought no relief as Uncle

George kept getting worse and we began to doubt his recovery.

About 5 o'clock as we were passing Island No. 8 the fore end of the boat struck a snag. As soon as the fore end struck it went down and it was perhaps another minute before the other end went down. There was a gang of gamblers on the deck and as soon as the boat began to sink they ran to the yawl and cut it loose and started for the shore and most of the deck hands went with them. One of them jumped over the guards into the river. He had not more than struck when I followed him. I told Carroll to follow me which he did. I immediately made for the shore which was about 100 yards distant, but the current beat us down a quarter of a mile before I could land. On getting out I saw a large portion of a boat still out of the water. It had sunk till the water was about 3 feet above the deck. All who had not left the boat were upon the hurricane deck. Carroll, myself and the deck hands took the yawl and went back to see what had become of Uncle George. I was greatly rejoiced to find him above the water, but he was not conscious of the danger he was in and it seemed he could not live long. We got him to shore where he died in about an hour. He tried hard to speak but his words were in such a low whisper that they were unintelligible and thus he breathed his last. The End