

# Looking Back

## McNairy County Independent

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# 1904

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It was impossible to list everything that happened and all the people - but I tried. I did not add all the visitations, like 'Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Plunk,' or I would still be typing. I did try to list all gatherings, school and church events and obits.

I was asked once why a certain community's news was not listed and I stated that community did not have any news published. Included is all community news included in the paper, except those that just listed the visitation (as mentioned above.)

I hope you enjoy reading as much as I enjoyed transcribing.

## January 8, 1904

A deadly fire in Chicago Dec 30, 1903 at Iroquois Theater. Firemen had to crawl over the dead to get to the living. At least 605 died.

State Supt. of School Instruction is calling for longer school terms. No school should have an annual term of less than six months.

Republicans will meet the first Monday in March for reorganization and selection of delegates. J. G. Wilson, Chairman.

Died: A little three year old grandchild of P. A. Nethery, on his premises two miles of Selmer, last Monday while passing near the fire, was over whelmed by her burning clothes and before anyone could extinguish the fire it was so badly burned that death came as a release that night. She was the pet of the family, and her death comes in double force to her relatives.

(Name of the child not given, or place of burial.)

Arrangements have been made for two months free school in the 30<sup>th</sup> free school district. And the same to be taught as last year, in connection with the Selmer High School, which re-opens for a term of five months on Jan. 4, 1904. And in order to prevent the school from being crowded too much at any one time and also in view of the fact that it is impossible for a great many of the small children to attend during the harsh winter months and a number of children have whooping cough. Those living inside the corporation are allowed to take two months at anytime during the five month period. Those outside the corporation are allowed two months beginning Feb. 28, 1904. Signed J.W. Prather, J.T. Barnhill and B.T. Baxter, Board of Directors.

Horry Hodges, Trustee, will be at the following place next three week to collect taxes: Finger, McNairy, Kerby's, Bethel, Caffey, Acton, Pea Ridge, Tulu, Pebble Hill, Adamsville, Milledgeville, Mt. Zion, O'Neal Store, Leapwood, Purdy, Rose Creek, Otterville, Cypress, Chewalla, Guys, Ramer, Garrett's, Stantonville, Lawton, Gravel Hill.

Sand Box: J. E. Powers will soon move his saw mill from Decatur County to Selmer, and thereby meet a long felt want for a saw mill in the town. The pigs running at large in town annoying people should be impounded as the law directs. Ruth Cleveland, daughter of former President Cleveland, died at age 15. She was known worldwide as 'Baby Ruth.' (Maybe the candy bar was named after her.)

Personals: Mrs. T.A. Tedford and interesting young family have moved to Bethel Springs near her father, J.F. Dillon. Rev. J.E. Clark, the new presiding Elder, will preach at the M. E. Church Sunday night. A.H. Jopling has vacated the Curry Hotel and taken up his residence in the Jeanes building; with a weather eye on the sheriff's office. Sheriff Carroll to the hotel and Oscar Wooten to the jail.

Esq. N.W. Cude was elected Chairman of the County Court Monday. While rather a new man on the bench, he has shown himself to be a faithful and competent Justice. J.B. Jopling presided last Monday for the last time probably over the county court. In his long rule, he has proven himself a most worthy officer. His conduct of the financial affairs of the county has brought it from an indebtedness to a plane of financial prosperity, with no debts, but money in the treasury.

Mr. J.E. Mitchell and Miss Sallie Baker were married at the home of the bride last Wed. evening. On Christmas Eve, Mr. Troy Brooks and Miss Effie Prather united their destinies in holy wedlock. Rev. G.W. Carman performed the ceremony at Bethel Springs.

A.C. Lea has accepted the appointment of Chief Clerk in the Shreveport, La., Marshall's

office.

Bethel Springs Bank commenced business Sept. 1, 1903 at the close of the year had total assets of \$48,427.45. O. J. Stovall, Cashier.

Dickey Hotel in Selmer is now open to the public. Rates \$1.00 per day - hot or cold.

One dollar will pay for the 'Independent' for one year. Can you spend two cents each week to any better advantage.

### January 15, 1904

The review of the class of immigrants that have come to America during the past year is a matter of importance. The increase of all coming to our shores last year is in the excess of the previous year by 100,000.

Lawyers in Selmer: Wood & Barnhill; Wm. K. Abernathy and Terry Abernathy; J.C. Houston; T.B. Whitehurst.

Croup begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there's a chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration.

A nice house and lot for sale in Bethel Springs, 3 room cottage, garden and orchard, cheap;. Will take horses or mules in payment.

#### Marriage licenses:

Prince Harris to Eliza Malone	Charles Blakely to Delia Willis
J. E. Mitchell to Sallie Baker	J.E. Williams to Joe Maness
Oscar Plunk to Bertie Patterson	A.B. Archer to Ida Freeman
Troy Brooks to Effie Prather	H.C. Wardlow to Orilla Bowers
Josia McAlpin to Sallie McAlpin	Oscar Swaim to Myrtle Ripper
N. Boatman to Mattie Weatherly	Eugene Younger to Eula Waggoner
Napoleon Macular to Nora Locke	Willie Cobb to Lenie Harris
W.J. Canley to Lucie Smith	Manuel Dollar to Aquilla Hardin.

#### Land transfers for Dec 1903:

T.F. Sanders to J.F. Brown, 170 acres, \$860  
W.E. Stainback and wife to Miles Inman 77.5 ac, \$450  
E.W. Sheffield to E.F. Cross - acres, \$5,000.  
R.P. Barnhill to C.C. Turner, 200 acres, \$1,000  
J.A. Hurley and wife to C.M. Durbin, 40 ac, \$1,000.  
W.S. Lain and wife to W.M. Lain, one town lot, \$75  
J.S. Lain, Adm. to J.D. Cheshier, one town lot, \$75  
Sam Chambers and wife to W.T. Hurley, 44.5 acres \$132  
J.C. Naylor and wife to I.C.B. And G.T.F. Naylor, 1.5 ac \$25  
S.E. Bishop to A.P Smith 24 ac , \$240  
S.H. Leath to L.E. Farris 116.5 ac, \$200  
Frank Alexander and wife to D.K. Sewell, one acre \$75  
J.C. Hill to H.B. Dennis town lot \$175  
J.P. Gray and wife to R.N. Carothers, one town lot, \$25  
Mark Robinson and wife to R.L. Ammons, 105.5 ac \$300

M.M. and Ike Dickey to E.F. Hendrix, one town lot in Selmer \$150  
J.T. Barnhill to Mrs.W. Derryberry, one town lot, \$150.  
J.H. Ammons and wife to L.A. Lockman, one town lot \$400  
Arlie Sanders and wife to R.T. Rimmer, 75 ac \$150  
Joe Grunaway and wife to R.T. Rimmer, 40 ac. \$70  
Will Ferguson and wife to R.T. Rimmer, 41 acres \$75  
L.A. Lockman to G.J. Carman and wife, town lot \$250.

Selmer High School: highest grades on written examinations for month ending Dec. 24, 1903: Geometry, Karl Wood - 100; Book-keeping, Grover Maxedon, Aubrey Cox 99; Higher Arithmetic, E. Strawn, Grover Maxedon 100; Physiology, E. Strawn, 85; Arithmetic, Edgar Duncan, Parvin Carter 100; Ad Geography, Edmona Hailey, Elrie Coleman 74; Ele Geography, Jamie Cox 89; Grammar, Nola Baker 88; Dictionary, E. Strawn .

Primary Dept: Spelling Patie Fullwood 98, Montie Smith 92, Kathleen Wood 88; 1<sup>st</sup> reader, Tom Gooch 98; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader, Eva Gooch 94; 3<sup>rd</sup> Reader, Velma McCullar 84. Numbers, Patie Fullwood, Tom Gooch 99. Arithmetic, Vessie Carothers 98, Clyde Perkins 86, Elsie Whitehurst 84; Grammar, Earl Hendrix 90; Geography, Kathleen Wood 85; Arithmetic, Kent Wood 100; Tenn History, Lessie Reeder, 87; Algebra, Virgil Barnhill 100; 4<sup>th</sup> Reader, Kathleen Wood, 100; Philosophy, Buford Hendrix 93; Arithmetic C. Robert Marr 95; U.S. History, Claude Johnson 100; Grammar Mary Cox, Lessie Reeder, 98; Jamie Cox, Velma Castleberry, Grover Carter, George Johnson, George Prince 95; Advanced Spelling, Cora Baker, Kent Wood, 100; Physiology, Cora Baker 90.

County Officials: County Court Chairman - N.W. Cude; County Supt. - Terry Abernathy; County Court Clerk - J.A. Moore; Circuit Court Clerk - W.J. Null; Sheriff - R.M. Carroll; Trustee - Horry Hodges; Register - R.A. Carothers; Surveyor - Frank Lock; Corner and Ranger - W.H. Stone.

County Judge Cude this week has begun familiarizing himself with the duties of his office. Mrs. J.H. Jopling and Mrs. G.W. McCullar are wrestling with severe case of grip this week. Mr. and Mrs. Finley Ammons have a new boarder since Monday. He's come to stay and is a fine boy.

Trustee Hodges is making his last round collecting taxes. W.M. Ruleman who was stricken with something like paralysis is improving. By a slip off the hook our nice of the marriage of J. E. Williams did not appear last week. A union in holy wedlock was formed last Tuesday between Mr. W.J. Cantley of Prescott, Ark and Miss Lutie Smith at the reside of the bride's father, Dr. J L. Smith.

Some visitors in town last week: Daisy English, Guys; R.W. Michie of Dist 9; Mr. Cobb of McNairy; J.P. Springer and Alfred McCuller; F.E. Miller of Finger.

### **January 22, 1904**

The present term of the Circuit court has resulted in sentencing a number of prisoners to the county work house for terms of six months. Have we a work house, and if so why is it not

used for that purpose? The general complaint is the people are paying for feeding prisoners that should be working for their upkeep. Hire a man to oversee these prisoners and put them to work on public roads.

Farmer's column: now is a good time to see if your fences are in good order and cut down those new briar patches. Go around your barns and see a great accumulation of manure going to waste. Now is the time to haul it to the spots where needed.

The January term of Circuit Court with R.M. Carroll, Sheriff and W.J. Null, Clerk, opened Monday morning.

Grand Jury:

J.H. Curry, foreman	Jeff Hurley
J.T. English	J.T. Tell
G.T. Naylor	J.E. Garrett
J.C. Bently	Henry Wilson
J.C. Waggoner	J.H. Carothers
D.F. Steadman	R.B. Cox
D.J. Howard	

Travis Jury:

Julius King officer	F. J. Floyd
T. Moreland	Joe R. Huggins
Sim Lawson J.	A. Wilson
W.F. Maness	Henry Harris
John Burrow	H.B. Wade
C.B. Steadman	James Teague.

State Docket: State vs. Lee Tacker, tippling, fine \$50, 6 months in jail. Ace Luttrell, tippling 3 cases. Fines \$50, \$25, \$10. 6 months in county work house. Robert Ramer and Mart Mullins d.p.w. Mullins fined \$20 and costs and Ramer nol pros on payment of costs.

Bunk Parrish, tippling 2 cases. Fined \$50 and \$10, pardoned by the Gov. of the imprisonment.

Napoleon Freeman, tippling, 3 cases, same deposition and orders as the Parrish case.

Charley Bias, assault to commit rape, nol pros at request of prosecutor at cost.

Jim Clayton c. w. submit fine \$50 and sentenced to work house.

Jack Clayton and Leonard Clayton, a & b, submitted fine \$15 each.

George Perkins, d.p.w. submits fine and \$20 cost.

Ed Mullens, c. w. submit fine \$50 and costs.

Brown Barnes, tippling, submitted fine \$50 and 6 months in work house.

Odus Browder, giving liquor to minor, submitted \$10 and cost.

Tom Fullwood, d.p.w. Submitted \$20 fined and cost.

Charlie McKenzie, tippling, \$50 and 6 months in work house.

Ernest Grant. Tippling, fined \$50, 6 mo. in work house. Two more cases \$10 each.

Robert & Dave Ramer, \$2.50 fine each plus costs.

Ross Perkins, murder in second degree continued.

R.J. Olive, murder, on trial now.

Marriage Licenses:

C.B. Bell to Georgia Hamm  
Maness Jackson to Nola Jones.

Wm. Carter to Cynthia Eaker  
Tolbert Prather to Fannie Knight.

Sand Box.... Mark Hanna is the great living republican. It is no economy in feeding a lot of prisoners at 40¢ a day when the law provides for them to be put to work. Put these county convicts to work on the public roads. Cotton is going up every day, now 20¢ a pound. This has been a throng week for Selmer, and we have been very busy. Judge Woods is sitting down on the 30¢ whiskey peddlers with a thug which we trust will have a salutary effect.

Peters are the best ammunition for field and trap shooting. Factory loaded shells are the best.

Personals: visiting in Selmer: C.C. Lewter of the Telephone Co; Miss Eva Stone; Miss Lura Darnell of Corinth; F.E. Miller of Finger, J.L. Emmons merchant at Acton, TN, J.W.P. Kerr of Carlinville, Ill. W.P. Massey and F.E. Miller & Co of Finger; J.G. Wilson of Bethel Springs; M.A. James of Finger; W.W. Wallace teacher in Adamsville; W.H. Hamilton of Adamsville.

Rev. W.J. Williams filled his pulpit Sunday (at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.)

Odus Smith left to accept a position with Lockman & Hendrix at Bethel.

Died in Jackson last Saturday, T.R. Walker, formerly of this county. He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

W.M. Brown is suggesting his name to run for sheriff of the county. He has served this county several times and was never defeated in any election. Horry Hodges announces his candidacy of Horry Hodges for re-election as Trustee.

**January 29, 1904**

Leaders of the minority party in the senate have agreed that it is impossible to defeat the Panama Canal Treaty.

Senator Quay has introduced a bill in congress providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state.

The Hepburn pure food bill passed in the US house 201 to 68. The bill fixes standards of foods and drugs.

Shelby County has daily school attendance of 13,000. They have 189 schools in the county with 129 in Memphis.

180 or 190 men are dead at the coal mine explosion at the Harwick mine of Allegheny Coal Company in Cheswick, Pa., on Jan 25.

We are not in favor of putting the work house prisoners on the public roads but in favor of Tenn. congress to appropriate money to build good roads.

The rural route mail system was strongly opposed at first. This has been a great blessing.

Farmer's Column: Luther Fulghum sold six hens which weighed 54 pounds to Prather & Sons, netting \$4.05. They were Plymouth Rock and one weighed almost 10 pounds.

Farmers do not give attention to vegetable garden as they should. They think the wife should do the garden. Every farmer should get his garden in shape for spring planting. Irish potatoes should be soon and turnips.

The telephone and rural mail services have been the greatest boon to the farms in the last century.

At his residence at Old Reed Mill on Feb 3, John F. Reed will sell at public sale; his livestock, household goods, corn and a hundred other things.

Land transfers:

C. A. Combs and wife to Tennessee Blankenship, 22 ac \$100

W.H. Stone et al to Alfred McCullar, 10 acres \$87

A.R. Hamm to J.H. Ferguson 122 ac \$300

Mary Shelton to J.M. Hamm 62.5 ac \$430

J.T. Hill to Cris Martin, 210 ac \$450

Sidney Plunk and wife to W.B. Stegall 26 ac \$40

W.N. Moore to W.C. Moore 51 ac \$100

J. S. Ball and wife to J. C. Naylor, town lot \$25

J. H. Duke and wife to A.R. Pittman, 160 ac \$100;

J.P. Womble and wife to W.F. Clayton 58 ac \$500

R.F. Smith to Frank Deaton 1 lot \$105.

Crystal Baking Powder, full pound can 10¢.

Are you restless at night and harassed by a bad cough? Sue Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Sand Box... unheralded, the 12 above zero with a sheet of beautiful snow greeted Selmer citizens when they gazed through sleepy optics from downy pillows Tuesday morning. An empty head never has room for any new ideas. William Bros. are thinking of putting up a branch clothing house at Bethel in addition to their parent store in Rose Creek. Why are pigs running at large in town in violation of city ordinances?

Personals: Mrs. Mary Halstead and sisters who have been running the Selmer Hotel for years are moving to Corinth next week. The jury found W.J. Olive guilty of murder and sentenced him three years in the penitentiary. He took an appeal to Supreme Court and is out of jail. C.C. Stone has accepted a position on the Times-Promoters at Hernando, Miss.

We are in receipt of the initial number of 'The District News' of Rose Creek, Tenn. by Rev. W.T. Bazzell, Editor. It is a monthly religious journal in the interest of the Protestant Methodist organization.

J.H. Roten and wife both died last Sunday night within a few hours; the wife in the fore part of the night and the husband in the latter. He was stricken with pneumonia and she with some bowel trouble. They were both buried in the same grave at Sulphur Springs, Tuesday. They had recently moved from their home place a few miles southwest of Selmer to a place near Simpson's Ferry in the extreme southwest corner of the county.

Dropsy cured, quick relief. Dr. H.H. Green's & Sons, Box D. Atlanta, Ga.

## February 5, 1904

Over 500 additional policemen will be on duty in St. Louis during the exposition. 48 degrees below zero was recorded in northern Michigan on Jan. 29, 1904. Cattle were found frozen stiff in well built barns.

Minneapolis, Minn. is the largest frog market in the world. Last year more than 5 million frogs were slaughtered supplying the world with frog legs. Five years ago, no frogs were shipped out of Minnesota.

Selmer's Outlook: We do not desire to be pessimistic but the fact stares everyone in the face that more people are leaving Selmer than are coming. They leave because they cannot get a job here, and go where they can, though it be with sad regrets.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla. writes, 'my doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done. I was offered a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. You can buy this wonderful product at Pickens & Etheridge, druggists at Bethel.

Selmer Church directory: Methodist Church, J.A. Moody, pastor and J.W. Prather, Supt. Cumberland Presbyterian, W.J. Williams, pastor; J.L. Adams, Supt. Christian Church, no pastor listed, J.C. Houston, Supt.

Sand Box: A six inch snow fell last Sunday, but by Tuesday afternoon the daisies were peeping up. Mr. Lockman has purchased the Anderson place from the present owner, Mr. Duncan. Why are people wanting residences in Selmer when they can get nothing to do. We are told the Texas boll weevil cannot be destroyed and can only be overcome by rotation in crops. The case against Fraley and Marler for the shooting of Hagy has been continued. How could a pants factory fit Selmer. Corinth it seems is big enough to have four.

Personals: Joseph Wilkerson of Right, Tenn. was in Selmer. Henry Curtis reports quite a mad-dog scare in his neighborhood. The supposed mad-dog was killed after it had bitten several dogs. Mrs. G.L. Anderson's health has improved since she went to Texas. Her brother Edgar Thrasher plans to join here. No one can take the place of Jim Paschal. We trust he may be as useful in Corinth as he was here. Prof. J.B. Graham is teaching school at Bethel Springs.

Dickey Hotel is a new elegant and up-to-date is now open to the public. Mrs. J.F. Gooch, Proprietress.

J.C. 'Clint' Leonard is among our list of candidates. He is in the race subject to the Republican choice. He was in the primary two years ago and made a strong race, but was beaten by Mr. Clayton.

## February 12, 1904

Perk Brown, who lives about ten miles from Union City, Tenn., thought he was going to die of pneumonia. An old bachelor, who owns a 500 acre farm, had \$5,640 buried in his out-house. He had someone to dig it up and deposit it in the Troy Bank.

The unprecedented decline of cotton last week resulted in the bankruptcy of many men who thought they knew it all.

Williams Brothers in Rose Creek is having a close out sale on winter items: notions, dry goods, gents furnishing, clothing, shoes, hats. Groceries. Adding a Musical Instruments in Green Store in Selmer. All kinds of high grade instruments and a full line of jewelry, watches, rings, etc.

Sandbox: M.W. Sipes has sold his residence up on the hill to C.A. Massengill. The Farmers Institute will meet Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, according to W.A. Gooch, chairman. P.M. Crocker is confined in his room with the 'grip so he cannot be out in the sheriff's race but little.

Personals: some visiting Selmer: Brose Wardlow of Corinth, Odus Smith of Selmer. Dr. J.H. Curry and family, Claude Dodds from Henderson, E.A. Spencer of Jackson, J.B. Jones and family of Adamsville, A.A. Anderson of Henderson. L.S. Wright, of Chewalla, is asking for the nomination for Trustee.

Troy Brooks has been confined to his room for several days. Terry Abernathy made a business trip to Otterville, Monday. Mrs. W.D. Jopling has been quite sick.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Annie Kerby Sweat, who died yesterday after a lingering illness for several months. She will be buried Monday at Jopling Graveyard.

Mrs. Bud King, about 60 years old died Sunday of heart disease. She leaves a husband and a large family, and was said to be an excellent lady. They live on Clem Lee's farm. (This may be Julina King born Aug 21, 1857 and died Feb 7, 1904, buried Buena Vista.)

Frank Smith of Lake City, Ark. was in Selmer last week. The businesses of the town were destroyed by fire recently and the big store and fine residence of brother, Jess M. Smith was burned.

From the Columbia, Ark., Banner we see the death of Mrs. W.W. Massey. Her husband was in former days, one of our leading citizens.

For itch and ringworm try Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Headache can be cured with Dr. Miles' Antipain Pills.

## February 19, 1904

Farmer's Column: Now is the time to prune all kinds of vines and fruit trees. Close pruning and plenty of stable manure worked in the ground from 6-20 feet from the body of the tree will result in a good crop of well matured fruit.

West Tennessee is as good broom corn county as southern Illinois, where the bulk of the crop is raised. A small factory near Selmer makes as good a broom as can be had in the markets, and supplies the home merchants with the output, but cannot furnish the demands of the local trade. If enough corn were raised, there would be no necessity for sending north for this indispensable article of domestic use.

Use Electric Bitters for chronic indigestion and nervous debility. Only 50¢ at Pickens & Etheridge, Bethel Springs.

The Republicans of McNairy County are called to meet in the courthouse in Selmer on the first Monday in March for the purpose of re-organization of the county executive committee and election of delegates to the state and national convention. J.G. Warren, Chairman.

### Land transfers:

J.A.F. Wilson to H. Morris, 25 ac \$25

J.W. And C.T. Gray to Dollar & Hickman, one lot \$25m 4 lots, \$400

G.W. Sipes to G.A. Sipes, 60 acres, \$75.

W.A. Reeder to J.C. Gilbert \$125, \$325

J.M. Wardlow and heirs to O. Castleberry, 47.5 acres, \$926

Thomas and Lucy Walker to W.H. Devault 1 lot, \$100

J.N. Duncan & wife to L.A. Lockman, house and lot \$650

J.M. and M.A. Barnes to R. Finely, no acres listed, \$400.

S.M. Perkins and wife to John W. Shaw, 1232 ac, \$1250  
J.A. McKenzie to H.C. Sanders, 85 acres \$500  
E.E. Warren et al to S.E. Scott and J.N. Harris 475 ac \$500  
M.F. Wilson and wife to C.L. Wilson 144.75 ac \$500  
M.A. Shull to M.W. Sipes, house and lot \$700  
R.G. Stanley, Jr. and wife to J.A. Brassfield, 1 lot in Adamsville, \$350.

Marriage Licenses:

Jess Swaim to Myrtle Burress  
P.T. Hamilton to Minnie Alexander  
Haywood Hardin to Della Wright  
Will Haythcock to Janie Smith  
Clarence Brown to Maggie Trice  
J.H. Perry to Lucy Perry  
J.W. Mitchell to Hattie Weeks  
R.F. Matlock to Parlee Finley  
O.B. Mace to Estelle McGarity  
V.G. Gooch to Polean Holmes  
Rosco Epps to Pearl King.

W.W. Peebles, about 50 years of age, residing near Finger, died Tuesday, Feb 16, 1904, of pneumonia and complications affecting the brain. He leaves a wife and one son, about grown. His wife was the oldest daughter of Capt. E.J. Hodges and sister of Trustee Horry Hodges. He was a leading citizen of the 8<sup>th</sup> district and a prominent farmer, and leaves a large circle of friends. We join in sincere sympathy for the bereaved family in this said affliction. (Buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.)

Mrs. P.A. Nethery, after an illness of several months, died the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 1904, at her home west of Selmer. She was 48 years old and the mother of three children who are all married. She was the only sister of Esq. W.S. Stone. She was a most excellent woman, a devoted wife and affectionate mother, and a true Christian. Her loss is deeply felt in the community and her husband and children have a large number of friends who join in sincere sympathy. (No marker if buried in McNairy County.)

Sandbox - Memphis is strictly a dry Sunday town. Everyone ought to take a box in the new telephone service in town -you won't be in town if you don't. Looking up Court Ave. makes one think he is in a big city. See them telephone poles. Read about the wrought iron range and throw away you old cracked stove and tickle the wife to death by getting her one.

Personals - People in Selmer this week: Dr. J.M. Mitchell, James Henry Wardlow of the 9<sup>th</sup> district, Mrs. Emmet Carothers, from Coats, Haywood Hair - staunch citizen of the 11<sup>th</sup> district, Capt N.M.N. Kemp of Crump. Miss Mary Adams has been on the sick list. The family of W.D. Jopling are having a siege of sickness. Not only the old folks but several of the others are sick.

Lee Willis and Millard Sipes, with their respective families have moved to the Ompie Johnson farm near Stantonville. Mr. John Duncan and family have gone to Adamsville to live.

We were glad to see our old friend Dr. B.F. Darby Tuesday. He is soon going out around

the county in the veterinary work. He has doctored and cured more horses it is claimed than all the other doctors in the region.

Oscar Hagy, of Hamburg, has been in town superintending the Telephone Company, of which he is president. He gave plans for service all over the county. He has recovered from the unfortunate loss of his arm.

C.C. Steele of Stantonville was in Selmer talking fertilizer. He has been selling high grade fertilizer in the county for several years.

Mrs. Jennie Alexander died at her home in Adamsville, Sunday, Feb. 14, 1904. She was the wife of J.L. Alexander. She had been in declining health since December. She leaves a husband and one son, Charlie. She was a life-long member of the Christian Church and a devout Christian. (Article says she was buried at Adamsville but she is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Selmer, Tenn.)

Frank Wilson, age about 60 years old, died Sunday, Feb 14, 1904 at his home in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district. He had an attack of pneumonia and other complications set up. He was buried at Sulphur Springs Cemetery with Rev. J. W. Wallace officiated at the grave. He was a member of the Christian Church and was a hard working honest citizen in many ways.

To cure a cold in one day, take a Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablet.

### **February 26, 1904**

Gen. Basil Duke of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed a member of the Shiloh Park Commission to succeed the late Josiah H. Patterson of Tenn.

Louisiana is trying to keep the Texas boll weevil out of their state.

The final vote on the Panama treaty was had Tuesday and the results showed 66 for and 14 against.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the northern wing of the Presbyterian have agreed upon a merge for the two denominations.

Farmers, it is time to sow your oats and plant clover and grass in the pastures.

The Farmers Institute will meet March 19. Speakers will be W.J. Sutton, Dr. B.F. Darby, S.T. Chambers, Clem Lea, and J.E. Mitchell.

The Plymouth is the great American Chicken. It is a native of the US. Eggs are at a high price of 20¢. A man can brag about how many bales of cotton he made, when his wife with her 100 chickens has fed and clothed the family during crop time.

#### Marriage Licenses:

John Steel to Maggie Hardin

Andrew J. Maness to Pearl Swaim

John Wilkison to Martha Morris

T.C. Sanders to Lucinda Rains

James E. Deaton to Minnie Dickey

W.L. Alexander to Cora Scott

George Clark to Donie Richardson

J.R. Stone to Alpha Scott.

Sandbox - Last Sunday was such a rainy day that Rev. Williams did not fill his

appointment at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A temperance lecture will be held at the Courthouse next Thursday night.

Noah Raby, an inmate in a New Jersey almshouse for the last 50 years, age 131 years, is said to be the oldest man in the world.

Selmer High School Library: we now have a neat little library room in the college building, fitted up especially for the purpose. We now have about 50 volumes but need more. Contributions received by: H.P. Woods, 4 books; J.W. Purviance 1 book; Grover Maxedon 1 book; Olan Stiles 1 book; Karl Wood 1 book; H.J. Cox 1 set Encyclopedia Britannica; J.A. Moore 1 book; Horry Hodges Rollins, 4 volumes Ancient History; Terry Abernathy 1 book.

Personals: Those in Selmer this week: C.W. Wooten and Esq. J.R. Ramer of the 18<sup>th</sup>; Leo and George Atkins of Acton; Miss Irene Houston of Guys; Massey Phillips and family of Jackson; Miss Minnie Howard of the 11<sup>th</sup> district; Miss Susie Young of Corinth; Prof. A.K. Hamm and A.B. Hamm of Ramer; R.H. Smith of Otterville; Uncle Eph Wyatt, the old reliable of the 10<sup>th</sup>, says he is like an Irishman's rabbit 'poor but peert', Caper Kinchen one of our oldest subscribers, Miss Zelma Carter of Gravelhill.

Mrs. J.H. Bigger and Mrs. Cleo Bell are on the sick list. Edgar Thrasher who went west to Texas for the benefit of his health, is reported to be very low.

Arthur Olive has been taking the shadows of a number of our citizens in the forthcoming history of Tennessee.

Mrs. D.R. Borum, of Corinth, spent several days with her grandparents, W.D. Jopling and wife, who are very sick.

Mrs. Adelaide King and little son, Null D., late of Fowlkes, Tenn. are visiting her father W.J. Null of this city.

B.T. Baker has purchased the interest of Ed Mitchell in the livery business and will conduct it alone. Mr. Mitchell will return to the farm.

J.G. Garner was in town Wednesday and reported the death of Mrs. Rogers, who was the widow of Doc McCann, who was a well known citizen living north of Purdy.

W.M. Rule is steadily improving and he says when warm weather comes and he can get on the bank of some branch angling for minnows he will be his old self again.

Mrs. Jane Wagoner, age 70, mother of J.L. Brooks, died at her son's home yesterday, Feb. 25, 1904 and was buried at Prospect today. She was an excellent woman and a strict member of the Christian Church.

Mayor Wood and Trustee Hodges took in Ben Hur in Memphis, they wanted to be seated in the section to see the chariot races but were seated in the peacock gallery. (See Dec, 1904 page for more information about Ben Hur.)

J.W. Finley and Miss Allie Peery of Mud Creek, were married last week. Mr. Finley is a leading farmer with quite a fortune, and the bride is the youngest daughter of the late Jeff Peery. While he is her senior, yet it is quite a happy union.

Mrs. Mandy J. Matlock died at her home near Ramer last Thursday, February 18, 1904, and was buried at Sulphur Springs. She left a husband and three children. She was the daughter of Casper Kinchen and a good woman and a member for many years of the C.P. Church.

Dr. Job Bell died at his home in Henderson, Feb 25, 1904 and was buried in the family grave yard in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district this afternoon. Dr. Bell was known to almost everyone in McNairy County. He was born here and lived here so long. He was over 80 years old.

We learn that W.C. Summers, now at Bemis, has lost two of his children from measles and two others are not expected to live. Mr. Summers went last Christmas from Crooked Creek to work in the cotton mills, but the misfortune to him is great.

Jesse King, Jr., son of Dr. King, met with a fatal accident at a saw mill in Mississippi last week. By some means a log rolled on him so crushing him that he died in a few days. His father went to him and stayed with him until he died. His remains were brought home and buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery last Sunday.

Quite a romantic wedding was that of Bob Stone and Miss Alpha Scott last Sunday. They ostensibly took a little stroll in the afternoon and landed at the residence of Mr. Wooten and were joined in wedlock by Esq. J.H. Steadman in so quick a manner that no one knew such was to be.

As we go to press, W.D. Jopling is still alive but has not been conscious since Thursday morning.

Land transfers:

R.S. Houston to Joe Fulcher 90 ac \$240  
Frank Hagy to J.T. Smith 62 ac \$250  
J.A. George and wife to N.A. & F.A. Brown 20 ac \$60  
E.C. McDaniel and wife to C.F. Smith, 80 ac \$200  
John Stephenson to C.G. Richardson 60 ac \$15  
Andrew Roten to John H. Smith 125 ac \$625  
F.M. Freeman and W.M. Sanders to Mary A. Chamness 1 lot \$300  
J.H. & Bruce Mitchell to J.M. Hicks 60 ac \$110  
J.L. & W.P. Littlefield, adm. to D.D. Hardin 300 ac \$313  
Nettie White to Sarah Lea, 51 ac \$650  
J.Q. Murrell to J.M. Barnes 636 ac \$500  
J. M. Barnes to W.E. Small 636 ac \$650  
G.W. Farris, trustee to S.E. Shelton 118 ac \$200  
M.W. Sipes and wife to C.S. Massengill town lot in Selmer \$500  
H.C. Taylor to C.A. Massengill 1.5 ac \$15.

The Republicans of Blount County have adopted a novel method to name nominees for county offices without going to the trouble of having a primary election. Each district committeeman, under oath, is to canvass his district, record the names of the voters and their choice for the office. Each candidate has the privilege of sending a representative with the committeeman in his canvass. The returns are to be made to that the personal choice of each voter is known only to the canvasser. The expense, much less than a primary is to be born of the candidates.

**March 4, 1904**

A supply of whiskey taken to Colfax, Ill., to be used at a political celebration was seized by a crowd of women and emptied into the street.

Political Candidates: Will K. Abernathy for re-election of Tennessee Representative in the Democrat Party Primary. L.S. Wright, candidate for Trustee and Samuel Chambers, candidate for Trustee in the Democrat Primary. J.C. Leonard, candidate for sheriff and W.M. Brown candidate for sheriff in the Republican Primary. Horry Hodges, candidate for Trustee, in the Republican Primary.

William D. Jopling: In the death of William D. Jopling on Feb 27, 1904, there passed away a very peculiar character. No other man we ever knew had such a personality. He was simply one of a kind. Even when he a boy he was peculiar. He says that he came with his parents from Virginia, when a lad of 18, he did not know his father's name; never heard him called anything but 'Jopling.' He was of a very nervous temperament and possessed with an untiring spirit. He was a good judge of the weakness of humanity, and took advantage of the same in his long life of seeking and holding office. He was extravagant in his speech. His manner was uncultured, and he was exceedingly critical in his opinions of everyone he knew. He was never known in the absence of even his friends to make a remark about them except to criticize, comment on their weakness instead of their good qualities. This was not from any malicious or improper motive; but rather to cause a laugh from his listeners. As a vote getter he was a marvelous success. He sought and held office so long that he had a personal rather than a political following. He had as voters, men whom he had fed candy when in their mother's arms. He never forgot to personally impress upon a voter some favor he had shown a relative in former days. These obligations were like hooks of steel which hold men to the last. His was a turbulent life. Had his environments been different and his line of life work thrown in other channels he would have lived more happily and been a man of great importance in any field he might have occupied. He was benevolent to a fault. He gave away the fortune he might have accumulated. He was a Mason of long standing, and we doubt not attended during his long life more Masonic and other funerals than any other man outside of an undertaker that ever lived. No man ever lived in the county who was better known. Like ripened grain, his once stalwart form gave way to maturity and decay. He was in his 84<sup>th</sup> year, and was buried in the cemetery so long known by his name by the Masonic order in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. He leaves a wife, two sons, and one daughter: J.B. Jopling, A.H. Jopling and Mrs. J.C. Wagoner.

Herbine is a boon for suffers from anemia. 50¢ Browder Drug Store.

Program Farmers Institute: How to prepare land for cotton and how much seed to the acre. W.J. Sutton. How to insure a foal in the breeding of mares. Dr. B.F. Darby. When and how to prepare land to plant corn. S.T. Chambers. On greases for pasture and hay. Rev. Austin. What is there in Angora goats. Clem Lea. Should farmers engage in raising cattle and feeding same for markets. J.E. Mitchell.

#### Land Transfers:

M.A. Brown to G.W. Donnelson, 1 lot \$400  
T.V. Moss & Mary F. Moss to H.B. Dennie, 60 ac, \$305  
Nancy Rushing to R.L. Brown - acres \$255  
David Rushing & wife to R.L. Brown, 1 interest in - acres, \$250  
L.E. Farris & wife to R.L. Brown 1 lot \$105  
M.D. Phillips & wife to R.L. Brown, 1 lot \$200  
Wm Dodds & Co to G.E. Scott & Jet Norris 150 ac \$150

D.N. Hooker & wife to D.N. Hooker, Jr. 160 ac \$1084.50.  
Donie May to J.D. Boshart 22 ac \$155  
B.F. Evans to J.H. Williams 51.5 ac \$100  
Jno. W. Smith & wife to R.L. Williams 45.5 acres \$300  
J.R. Hurley & wife to Donie Garrison 13 acres \$125.

Letter from Illinois: We are at all times hungry for the news from our old home and friends in Tennessee. This has indeed been a long and hard winter in these parts. Your last visit brought to us the sad news of our dear old friend and neighbor Dr. Job Bell, also that of another old friend and neighbor, W.D. Jopling. The first had passed away and the other was on the verge of death and has probably passed from the decay and suffering of earth before this time. God of the aged, and the widow and of all that need Thee, extend Thy aid and comfort to the faithful life companions of the departed veterans, and to all the kindred and friends. T. Cotton.

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County Officials: N.W. Cude- County Court chairman; Terry Abernathy – Supt. of Schools; J.A. Moore - County Court clerk; R.M. Carroll - Sheriff; Horry Hodges - Trustee; R.A. Carothers - Register; Frank Lock - Surveyor; W.H. Stone - Coroner and Ranger.

Sand Box: The fellow who could not get up a spring smile last Saturday and Sunday must be cold hearted. Adams- Null- Reeder-Warren combine are patiently waiting for the 'sign' to get right for their onslaught on the finny tribe. Every simon pure democrat should to the primary tomorrow and register his choice. Next Monday will be a day of importance in the republican field, as it is probable that the race for sheriff will be settled.

The crew laying steel rail have reached here from the south, and there is now only a gap Bethel when the big job will be completed.

Personals: Those in Selmer recently: W.J. Darby of Guys, L.B. Carter of the 13<sup>th</sup>, J.R. Cupples of near Henderson; Miss Helen Robinson, the pretty little daughter of J.W. Robinson, T.R. Sanders; Uncle Pleas Robertson, age 86; B. Olive form Gravel Hill section. William Howard, of Sweetwater, Texas, with his second son was in to see us yesterday. He is remembered by old citizens of the eastern portion of county. He was postmaster at his town.

P.H. Thrasher left for Kerrville, Texas, in response to a telegram announcing the dangerous condition of his son, Edgar.

Sam Chambers has retired from the race for trustee.

Finn Wilson returned from a visit of upper counties prospecting for a home. He returned to old McNairy perfectly satisfied to buy a home and spend the rest of his days here.

Frank Estes now has the star mail route from Selmer to Stantonville.

72 dozen men's fancy hosiery on display at the Green Store along with the highest grades and newest styles in clothing, shoes, hats, neck-ware and all sorts gents furnishings.

The little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Curry is very ill at the home of Rev J.H. Curry.

Marriage Licenses:

R.B. Hamm to Jennie Lawson

J.F. Younger to Sallie Dickey

Wm. Mathis to Millie James

Logan Tucker to Nice McAlip.

William D. Jopling died at his residence February 27, 1904, aged 83 years. The immediate cause of death was kidney trouble. A cancerous growth had been wearing on him for years which affected his vitality. His remains were buried at the Jopling graveyard, two miles north(east) of Selmer. Rev. W.J. William preached the funeral services and he was buried with Masonic honors. Mrs. Jopling has been confined to her bed several weeks and will probably not recover.

He was the worthiest and oldest member of Purdy Lodge, No 132, of Free and Accepted Masons. He was one of the oldest members of Selmer chapter of Royal Arch Masons, being one of the charter members at Gravel Hill in the year 1868.

Save 25 ¢ on McGee's Chill Cure. Acts on your liver.

Headaches can be cured with Dr. Miles' Anti Pain Pills.

Albastine the durable wall coating won't fall off because it cements to and is not stuck on the wall with decaying, animal glue.

**March 11, 1904**

Mrs. Laura Wyman, wife of a Kentucky farmer, recently gave birth to quadruplets, three boys and one girl.

Letter from an old democrat: "Last Monday I bid Sallie good-day, and I strided old Ball to go to Selmer and take in the day. I had a few things I needed, and after doing my little tradin' thought after dinner I would drop by the courthouse and pay my taxes, and I heard someone say out loud that the republicans was going to have a meeting up stairs, and I thought I would slip up and see what it was. I was sorter sly, as I didn't want anyone to see me, but when I got up there, I found several of my democratic friends in the hind seats.

They did not open with prayer, but a gray headed little fellow from Bethel got up and stated what the meeting was for. I did not understand what he said, but they, after some kind of voting and speaking, set him down as chairman. I found out he was Post Master at Bethel, call Grit Wilson.

I could not tell much what went on, except that two or three run the thing.

They had sent to Memphis for that little fellow named Elgin, to make the motions, and my old friend, so well known to us all, Ike Dickey, would second the motion, and then whoop up the fellows to vote for it and it always carried. So I says to myself, they do just like our fellows do when they hold conventions; one or two run the engine and the boys say I or no, as they are directed.

It was purely Frank, Grit and Ike, with Terry and Grant for chuckers that the old wagon run up the hill.

Whitehurst read a great long letter from someone about what great men there in the party,

and how mean we fellows (Democrats) were. I set there and listened but did not believe a word about it.

Some republican who sat in front of me, turned round and said, thinking I was one of them, that it was funny how our party ever lived before Frank Elgin come from Mississippi a few years ago and took charge of it. I didn't say any thing but I think a thought that it was laughable to see the taxpayers sitting like young Jay birds taking down every worm stuck at them. But I said to myself, that is good enough for us fellows; that we certainly could beat a party run by fellows who did not pay a cent of taxes and only needed the party to push their own interest for office.

I come to the conclusion that my party was about as good 'other and would not get out of the frying pan into the hot embers, and I just got on old Ball and left for home with the idea that politics meant nothing but office and no one but officers ever had anything to say much, but my sort should just go on, think cuss words but vote how as they told us, and pay the taxes and shut up, so I will shut up" End of letter.

Cotton land is less productive than in former years and less productive. It is almost worn out. Land can be improved with better cultivation and fertilization. Soil will respond to fertilizer of nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid.

Sand box: This has been an ideal week for gardening and general preparation for farm work.

The democratic primary last Saturday resulted in the nomination of A.H. Jopling for sheriff and Jesse Pickens for trustee.

Peter Combs, a leading farmer in the 8<sup>th</sup> district, died unexpectedly last week, having been sick only a few days.

That telephone line is delayed on account of the switchboard which has not yet arrived. Where did all that whisky come from that was carried under the belts Monday. It is claimed that a pack of fox terriers can worry a bear to death and never get scratched.

Personals: F.S. Elgin and J.B. Jopling of Memphis, returned home Monday night after accomplishing what they came for. Mrs. Adelaid King left this week to join her husband in Arkansas. She was accompanied to Memphis by her father, W.J. Null. Mrs. Bessie Bigger rendered us valuable assistance this week in getting out this issue. She is an 'old time' typo and an expert setting type.

Miss Helen Hailey has opened up a fashionable millinery establishment at the old stand of Mrs. Archer. Robert Fullwood left Tuesday for Memphis where he engages in his mechanical profession. His family is expected to move soon. P.H. Thrasher has returned from Texas and reports his son Edgar in a better condition. Mrs. Anderson is getting along nicely too.

Republican delegates to state and district conventions: M.W. Ferrell, T.B. Whitehurst, J.W. Stump, Horry Hodges, W.M. Brown, J.R. Wesson, W.R. Crabtree, Esquire Plunk, Sherman Young, John McCaskill, Frank S. Elgin, Alex Surratt, Dick Weatherford, T.R. Sanders, U.S. Alexander, J.W. Purviance, Ike Dickey, W.J. Clayton, Clint Leonard, J.G. Wilson, J.W. Gray, W.H. Stone, J.S. Lane, J.C. Maxwell, Terry Abernathy, J.L. Brooks, W.W. Kerby, Bell Graham.

An executive was organized and U. S. Alexander was elected chairman and Terry Abernathy, secretary. Members are:

1<sup>st</sup> - F.A. Barnes, F.M. Clayton

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim Tull, Wm Russom

2<sup>nd</sup> - D.R. Cothron, W.M. King

4<sup>th</sup> - R.W. Taylor

5 <sup>th</sup> - Prince Parsons	6 <sup>th</sup> - W.H. Alexander, C.A. Morphis
7 <sup>th</sup> - M.W. Ferrell, A.J. Garner	8 <sup>th</sup> - J.S. Lain, W.S. Young
9 <sup>th</sup> - N.A. McAfee, Jess Dethridge	10 <sup>th</sup> - W.T. Wyatt, J.B. Pounds
11 <sup>th</sup> W.M. Davis, W.C. Butler	12 <sup>th</sup> - A. J. Hill, Herbert Smith
13 <sup>th</sup> - T. Garrett, J.N. Weatherford	14 <sup>th</sup> - DeKalb Rinks, Vestal Sweat
15 <sup>th</sup> - J.T. Scott, J.W. Gray	16 <sup>th</sup> - M.D. Davis, Frank Maness
17 <sup>th</sup> - John McCaskill, Frank Wilson	18 <sup>th</sup> - Owen Kirk
19 <sup>th</sup> - J.G. Wilson, C.C. Plunk.	

The Chancery Court occupied two days in the divorce case of Ada Gibson vs. Sam Gibson. The court decreed a divorce from bed and board for six months with \$10 a month alimony.

Land transfers:

L.J. Surratt & wife to F.F. Wilson 160 ac \$1100  
W.R. Hastings & wife to L.L. Pettigrew 166 ac \$750  
J.F. Dillon & wife to Emma B. Tedford 112.5 ac \$500  
W.W. McFalls et al to W.P. Littlefield 200 ac \$500  
Z. Chambers to Bob Wilkerson 80 ac \$200  
Job Bell & wife to T.W. McCaskill 149 ac \$420  
J.A. Brasfield & wife to J.W. Hickman 1 lot \$250  
B.L. Kemp & wife to J.E. Dollar 1 lot \$350  
E.H. Patterson & wife to R.H. Hill 73 ac \$350  
A.C. Kirk to W.F. Russell 150 ac \$200  
Newton Hall & wife to W.F. Meek 154 ac \$1140  
H.L. Sharp to N.W. Cude 124 ac \$150  
E.D. Austin & wife to J.W. Carothers 1 lot \$150  
J.P. Gray & wife to J.W. Carothers 1 lot \$75

**March 18, 1904**

The discovery of tin mines in South Carolina is said to be the greatest find in the south. Farmers' Column - It is said hogs were brought to America by DeSoto at Tampa Bay, Fla., in June 1839, 81 years before the landing of the Pilgrims. Cattle is so cheap no one wants to buy them. Now is the time to buy while cheap and sell when prices go higher.

Land transfers:

G.W. Sipes to J.W. Carothers 80 ac \$175  
H.B. Denney & wife to John L. Seay 60 ac \$387

Sand box: Peach trees are now in full bloom. Like bees around the first flowers, girls do congregate the millinery shops. The Supreme Court says the two railroad companies can't merge. Finger shows more new building than any other town in the county, even if they are not

very elaborate.

Congressman Patterson made a strong speech this week in Congress favoring the South putting out a man for President. It looks like the south has dug bait about long enough. Clem Lea will have a pair of full bred Angora Goats here Saturday. There is a complaint that parents had better look after their boys who are using their sling shots breaking windows and damaging other property. All old soldiers are now entitled to a pension whether there is anything the matter or not.

Personals: Orpheus Abernathy is in such bad health he had to give up his job on the Independent and left for Hot Springs. James H. Terry, Jr. of Henderson is now at the head of the mechanical department of the Independent.

Mrs. T.N. Bell is not improving and recovery is not very hopeful. Mrs. Maggie Thrasher left For Kerrville, Texas to nurse her husband Edgar Thrasher during his unfortunate affliction.

Robert Simpson died at the home of his father, J.A. Simpson, last Monday, maybe Mar. 14, 1904, and was buried Monday. He had been suffering with consumption for sometimes. He was about 35 years old.

Byron Hornbuckle, age 38, died at his home two miles southwest of Selmer, last Saturday, maybe March 12, 1904. He had been an invalid for several years from dyspepsia and other complications. He was buried Sunday in the Selmer Cemetery.

Robert Wagoner has gone to Memphis where he says he has a weather eye out for a wife. If he finds one he may locate there.

Mrs. L.M. Woods died at her home one mile north of Selmer, last Wednesday, maybe Mar. 16, 1904. She was ripe in years and the sands of life had run. She was a sister of the Graham people and favorably known in the county. She leaves a husband, a son and several daughters. She was long a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was buried in the Selmer Cemetery yesterday, with J.B. Maxedon officiating at the grave.

James Wilson, age 57, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Scarborough in Dyer, Tenn., of congestion last Sunday morning, March 13, 1904. He was a well known citizen of Bethel Springs where he was born and lived all his life. He left home Thursday and was taken down Friday but was not serious until about an hour before his death. He had been in feeble health for several months, but his sudden death was a shock to the whole community. He leaves surviving him an only daughter, Mrs. Scarborough. He was buried at Bethel Springs on Monday. He was the brother of Postmaster Wilson and Mrs. Sanders of Bethel.

We were pleased to meet in our office, Mr. William M. Turner of Bethel. Quite a reminiscences of old days were gone over. It cannot be said of many men 72 years old that 70 years of that time had been spent within a radius of 2.5 miles. He left Virginia with his parents in 1834 and camped in December of that year on Rose Creek where Sandy Flatt now is. He entered the mercantile establishment of his uncle Fountain Duke in 1853 and since that day has stood behind a merchants counter selling goods to customers. He is hale and vigorous as any man of middle age. The family of Turner boys were large, only three are now alive.

### **March 25, 1904**

All veterans of the Union Army who have reached the age of 62 and are unable to take

care of themselves can draw the minimum of \$6 per month and the maximum is \$12 when the veterans reaches 70.

Land transfers:

Mary H. Phillips and others to Sam T. Phillips 40 acres \$20

Warner Nolan to John M. Gladdis 25 ac \$40

Executors of W.S. Wisdom to J A. Miller 160 ac \$15

Wiley Ady and wife to J.A. Miller 100 ac \$100

M.T. William and wife to J.A. Miller 100 ac \$250

Sand Box: More whiskey is drank in Selmer than ever was when the saloons were in full blast.

W.M. Phillips was arraigned before the mayor Tuesday on the charge of selling whiskey. It caused a number of our leading citizens as witnesses to tell about their use of red liquor. The mayor fined him \$50 in one case and \$25 in another. Esq. Steadman bound him over to Circuit Court. Phillips was taking orders and delivering the case of merchandise from a business in Jackson.

A program of the Anti Saloon League Meeting for Mar 28 to be held at the Methodist Church. Music by the choir, H. Hodges, chorister. Invocation by Rev. J.B. Maxedon. An address by Terry Abernathy and a time for enrolling members.

Personals: U.S. Alexander and J.B. Graham are the applicants for the vacancy in the post office caused by the resignation of I.T. Dickey.

Dr. B.F. Darby accompanied by Mr. V.C. Shepherd of Anniston, Ala. Mr. Shepherd is visiting his mother, Mrs. Darby, for a few days.

Jack Mallory, from Miss., and Miss Rennie May Shaw were married Mar 24, 1904 by Esq. H.C. Gooch.

Ed Cole, for many years an efficient porter at the depot at Selmer took unto himself the oldest daughter of William Lock, Wednesday night.

James Pharr, col., age about 65 died at his home in Selmer last Sunday, Mar 20, 1904, after an illness of several weeks. Uncle Jim was one of the old pioneers, coming from North Carolina with his old master, A.B. Pharr in the early 1850's.

Marriage Licenses:

Latt Gann to Fannie Willis

V.G. Kiddy to Johnie Gray

Levanny Wilson to Sallie King

Ed C. Cole to Daisy Lock

Connie Smallwood to Paralle Holmes

**April 1, 1904**

The Republican party in Tennessee is composed largely of a boss and a lot of federal pie hunters.

Mr. Robert Taylor of Ramer, gave us a new plan about raising potatoes. On February 2, he planted his potatoes with two inch sprouts and forming tubers. The potatoes had been planted 52 days on Mar. 27 when Mr. Taylor got enough for Sunday dinner.

Miss Helen Hailey's Millinery at the old stand of Jopling & Anderson has established one of the most complete lines of millinery goods ever brought to Selmer. Grand opening April 7.

Sand Box: An examination of the peach trees in Selmer, shows a large percent were killed in the frost, but enough is left on a good many trees to promise a good crop. Wednesday we were the victims of a regular western sand and wind storm. About all the street fair is worth is to break the monotony of a dull spring day.

The committee having in charge the monument to be placed in position in the near future opened it up for inspection Thursday. All were well pleased with its beauty and artistic design. It is expected the County Court will make a small appropriation Monday to put down the foundation.

Thursday a goodly number of Republicans gather in the court House for the purpose of organizing a Roosevelt Club/ Members: P.H. Thrasher, J.L.W. Boatman, T.B. Whitehurst, D.R. Hurst, F.A. Barnes, Henry Curtis, T.J. Diok, W.H. Stone, J.W. Stumph, Joe Ed Williams, Clem Lea, C.C. Graham, George Miller, J.E. Morphis, R.B. Curtis, C.A. Morphis, J.W. Purviance. P.H. Thrasher was elected President and Joe Ed Williams, Sec.

The corporations heretofore existing between J.J. Adams, H.A. Warren, and J.D. Null in the fishing business has been dissolved. J.J. Adams retiring. The business will be continued under the name of Warren and Null.

Personals: Those in town recently: Dr. Hodges of McNairy, J.N. Kiser; L.T. Dickey, Mr. Oscar Hagy of Hamburg.

Dan Good the manager of the Dickey Hotel says the hotel has become the stopping place for all leading commercial men.

Many counties in Tennessee have taken steps to raise money to aid reproduction of the Hermitage at the World's Fair, the people of this county have as yet done nothing.

The Memphis Morning News had adopted a unique contest for increasing its subscription by rewarding fifteen young ladies in their reading circle. They will furnish an all expense trip for a week to the World's Fair in St Louis. Votes for the young ladies will be according to subscriptions from her area. Miss Minnie Smith is to represent Selmer.

J.C. Houston vs. P.W. North before John H. Steadman, J.P. Mr. North who lives in Mississippi is summoned to court April 23.

Citizen's Bank of Savannah is newly organized with Edgar Cherry, president and J.K. Barlow, vice president and D.A. Welsh cashier will open its doors April 1.

**April 8, 1904**

The Texas coast has been quarantined to guard against the spread of yellow fever.

The Republican primary had a large vote. J.C. Leonard was elected candidate for sheriff by 120 majority. The August race will be between Leonard as Republican nominee and A.H. Jopling, Democratic nominee.

The Democratic convention nominated Will K. Abernathy for the Legislature.

The 'Why' about the Selmer Post Office. (My note: apparently the postmaster was selected or nominated by the political party of the US President at that time.) Perhaps our readers would like to know why the contest of a post master at Selmer has become an incident of a 'ragged edge' character. Selecting a post master at Selmer since the Republican came into power under President McKinley has not been satisfactory. The first appointment, Clem Lea, after a long wrangle was made by the 'referee.' Clem resigned and A.C. Lea was appointed before anyone but Clem Lea knew he had sent in his resignation.

A.C. Lea resigned when it was arranged I.T. Dickey was to be his successor. The office was traded by him for Deputy Marshall under F.S. Elgin, U. S. Marshall. Within the last three months it has been expected that Dickey intended to resign. He was charged with naming his successor U. S. Alexander for the post. This was denied and Dickey stated he would give a three month notice. Apparently before he resigned, Mr. Alexander on the March 23, presented his petition signed at the head by I.T. Dickey, P.M. of Selmer.

Many Republicans refused to sign the petition because of the snap trick. Mr. Alexander had been advised that some would not sign if he presented his petition in one hand and Mr. Dickey's resignation in the other. Immediately a petition was out for J.B. Graham with over a hundred signatures. At once J.E. McCall and T.A. Lancaster the 'Referees' were notified not to recommend Alexander until they presented Graham's petition. Mr. McCall replied that they had endorsed Alexander's petition a couple of weeks before anyone knew there was a vacancy. It turned out a secret petition had already been circulated before the present one in Selmer by Alexander. It was a sharp trick to be credited to Dickey and Elgin. When the patrons of the town are not competent to say who shall serve them in office where they have daily business, but leave it to the referees and a US Marshall to name then, it is the time to enter a protest to the authorities.

Marriage License:

Jake Mallory to Renie Shaw

John Olive to Hattie Burns

Wm Bright to E.J. James

Henry Lewis to Maggie Holman.

Willie Walker to Belle Miller

Judge Abernathy to Maude Sweat

John Worsham to Daisy Duke

Sand Box: Farmers are busy plowing between showers. U.S. Alexander was appointed Post Master of Selmer according to the Memphis Morning News.

They have already learned the art of labor strikes already in the Republic of Panama.

The machinery will be here to put down the oil well the last of next week. The well will go down near the old Dickens Mill, one mile north of Selmer, now owned by J.W. Purviance.

Personals: Those in Selmer recently: J.M. Hamm, W.J.N. Rose, H. Clay Boatman of the

First District, J. Wesley Sea of Corinth, Major Ferrell, R.M. McCann.

W.B. Plunk brought to our office a corn cob that would make a back log for a modern fire place.

A.J. Garner brought in the election returns from the Purdy box. Andrew never misses an election and is a good judge beforehand of how they will result.

Aunt Catherine Brooks, colored, one of the few old time, 'Southern Mamies' died this morning. She was the life companion of Si Brooks.

Mrs. Sommers Moore, mother of Mrs. W.M. Brown, is very low at her home west of Selmer and not expected to live. Shelby Moore, her son in Texas, has been telegraphed to come at once.

Judge Abernathy, rather unexpectedly to most people, very quietly took unto himself, Miss Maud Sweat, Monday evening. We wish the young couple joy.

W.E. Dunaway, of Rose Creek, is running his saw mill now near the old 'Nation' section.

Mrs. T.N. Bell died this morning at 3 o'clock, April 8, 1904, after an illness of several months. She was a most estimable lady and her loss irreparable to the family will be keenly felt. She leaves a husband and two sons nearly at manhood. She was a prominent member of the M. E. Church and died in the full faith of Christian hope. She also leaves her aged mother, Mrs. T. R. Hornbuckle. Interment tomorrow at Selmer Cemetery.

#### Land transfers:

John M. Harris to A.W. Stovall 260 ac \$20;

J.P. Hurley and wife to A.H. Combs, one store house and lot in Stantonville \$466.65

R.L. Warren to H.C. Moore 140 ac \$600

E.J. Harris to J.D. Plunk - acres \$180

L & M Wolverton to J.D. Plunk 1 ac \$135

J.T. Dunaway to J.E. Dunaway 237 ac \$400

J.R. Hurley & wife to Jno. Templeton 47 ac \$150

W.W. McAlpin and others to J.H. Clark 50 ac \$100

Nancy Kendrick to Joseph Clark 80 acres \$400

G.W. Garrett to J.C. Milstead 25 ac \$90

Republican Primary vote for sheriff candidate: Brown 501 - Leonard 620.

### **April 15, 1904**

Census bureau gives estimated population of US excluding Alaska and insular possessions at 79,900,389. This is an increase of 3,905,814 since 1900.

President Joseph Smith of the Mormon Church has issued a manifesto emphasizing that all plural marriages are prohibited. Any member to enter into such a marriage, or any one that solemnizes such a marriage, will be deemed in transgression against the church and be dealt with according to their rules.

Maryland legislation passed the Gorman bill which will disfranchise a large portion of colored and illiterate white voters.

Immigrants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903 was 847, 046.

Last Friday by a burning out chimney the John V. Wright house in Purdy was reduced to ashes. This house and the C.P. Church are the last of the prominent buildings of Old Purdy. It was erected in the 1850's and was one of the handsomest wood structures in the south. Situated in a grove of large oak trees with a gashing spring in the rear with all the out buildings one can image, it was a most ideal house. It cost \$16,000 when completed and when Mr. Wright brought his new bride from Alabama there was a reception which has been the most historic event in society circles of the then most beautiful town in Tennessee. The war soon coming on, its owner ceased to occupy it and it soon fell into other hands. It was on the steps of the portico we made the first public speech of an eventful life at a social picnic on July 6, 1865, the day after our arrival at Purdy.

Farmers Column: Farmers are not busy making rails and stopping holes in old rotted down fences to keep out and old sow and pigs worth five dollars that belongs to some fellow way off in the woods.

Cotton seed for planting purposes are scarce. It is important to plant cotton evenly, to produce a good crop.

Land transfers: J.P. Epps to James Wylie 25 acres \$20  
Garett Brook & heirs to John McKenzie & Louis Hurst 114 ac \$150  
Hannah & Lucy Hurst to Fred McKenzie 114 acres \$200  
L.A. Lockman to L.A. Lockman – acres, \$65

Marriage license: Edgar Farris to Sallie Martin  
Forrest Hendrix to Flora Brown.

Sand Box: The Independent is always first; first to subscribe to telephone, first to get a box, first to have a ring from central and first to send a congratulatory message.

No town needs to have a set of salaried officers when there is nothing for them to do. All such towns would better abolish their charter and fall back to the cross roads style.

The location of the Monument in a corner of the court house lot among the wood piles, instead of in the street where the donors desired, is a fatal mistake. The date set to dedicate the monument is set for Saturday, May 28, 1904.

J.E. Powers will locate a saw mill either in Selmer or across Cypress, south of town.

Personals: Those in Selmer recently: C.G. Boatman; Esq. J.E. Dunaway, Clem Lea, Atty. Dave Stovall of Jackson, L.A. Lockman, W.P. Massey of Finger, J.L. Brooks of Oxford Creek, W. Forrest Jordan, Mr. Alex Blasengame of the Ottersville vicinity bought a new buggy Monday.

Cash or trade for chickens and eggs: J.F. Gooch & Son.

Misses Maude Gooch, Pearl Stone and Pearl Abernathy attended the closing exercise of the school at Gravel Hill.

Horry Hodges has been at his parents' home, his mother is quite sick. S.W. Gooch came home Saturday night, owing to the sickness of his youngest daughter, Cassie. County Register Carothers is on the sick list. Mr. Gary Sanders returned from Memphis Medical School with a six week reign of rheumatism which shut him off from a diploma.

Lum Alexander is the Star Route carrier to Stantonville this week. Frank Estes is

handing out the mail at the post office.

Orpheus Abernathy returned from two weeks in Hot Springs feeling much better. Dr. Hugh Carter is home from Memphis Medical School where he is a senior.

J. L. Wallace, one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district's progressive young men left to attend the Nation School of Telegraphy at Bowling Green, Ky.

We are the local agent for the 'World's Fair Locating Business.' Call on us if you contemplate going soon.

Mr. And Mrs. J.E. Power had the misfortune to lose a little girl age seven last Sunday. She has been an invalid for several years.

The funeral services of Mrs. T.N. Bell were held in the M.E. Church, with Rev. M.L. Moody holding the services. Interment was in the Selmer Cemetery with Rev. Job Bell closing the service.

Rev. W.J. Williams, at the residence of the bride, united in holy wedlock Mr. Forrest Hendrix and Miss Flora Brown last night. Mr. Hendrix is the oldest son of Mr. E.F. Hendrix, one of our leading merchants. Miss Flora Brown is the eldest daughter of W.M. Brown.

The fallen blossom never returns to the branch.

### **April 22, 1904**

Some Democrats claim to feel it in their bones that the Democrats will win this year.

W.K. Abernathy has represented the county in the General Assembly for two terms, and has been nominated unanimously for a third term. He is the only candidate for speaker of the House.

Land transfers: James Butler to J.E. Butler 100 ac \$115

P.J. Mohondro and wife to Martha Butler 124 acres \$225

A.J. Chambers and wife to Sam Chambers 50 ac \$200

Sam Chambers to J.H. Stutts 30 ac \$100

Sam Chambers to G.L. Sanders 105 ac \$1,000

J.H. Sipes to Bell King 53.75 ac \$100

T.B. Keersshires to O.C. Hagey 165 ac \$44.44

Sam Chambers to O.C. Hagy 78 acres \$180

Sam Chambers to O.C. Hagy 100 ac \$100

T.M. Lee to O.C. Hagey 35 acres \$165.50

Marriage Licenses: Marcus Perkins to Mary Littlefield

Lonnie May to Amanda Sanders

W.S. Combs to Rittie Elliott

A.J. Moore to Zelma Carter

Sand Box: What about that county fair that has been hinted at for so long? There was a city election last Saturday but only a few of the faithful ever heard of it until it was over.

The second floor of the bank building has been rented to the Telephone Company and one office rented to Dr. Parnell.

It is noble but not wise for a woman to wed a man to reform him.

The M & O on May 10, will sell round trip tickets to St Louis World's Fair for six days for \$7.75.

We sympathize with fathers and husbands of Finger; two millinery stores invaded the little town Thursday.

The telephone service is in working order all over town. The bad weather has delayed the machinery getting here for the oil well.

Personals: Those in town recently: J.D. Hunter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district, Miss Bessie Anderson of Corinth, H. Clay Boatman of Ottersville, Rev. W.J. Williams of Adamsville came Friday and remained until Monday to attend to his Church here.

Best Calico at five cents per yard at J.F. Gooch & Son.

Bunk Merrell of Ramer, passed through this place to visit friends and relatives in Adamsville.

Monroe Gooch was the happy recipient of an annual pass over the M & O Railroad for him and his entire family.

Dr. Parnell has a permanent dentist office in Selmer.

Will Combs and Miss Ritta Elliot of near Adamsville were married in Selmer at the Carrol Hotel, Rev. W.J. Williams officiating. Mr. Combs is a substantial farmer.

The lecture by Rev. J.K. Howard was very interesting and well attended. The point in his lecture was that the Semitic race never had a staple government and the one promised them through Abraham was the one established by Christ and was spiritual instead of temporal.

J.A. Moore and Miss Zelma Carter were quietly married Sunday night with Rev. J.H. Curry officiating. Mr. Moore is McNairy's popular County Clerk and his bride is the daughter of Mr. Dave Carter, a prosperous farmer of Gravel Hill.

Old fashioned log rolling: John Cox in the 12<sup>th</sup> Dist., needed help to pile the logs on a big new ground. He asked his neighbors to come and they responded in 90 men, 30 women and the usual product of children. They really went to work and piled the entire lot in one day. They began eating by squads at 11 a.m. and finished dinner at 1 p.m. Among other things, two whole hogs were consumed and chickens by the dozen and everything else a man might want to eat. This is the only real old fashioned full grown working we have heard of for many years. The boys certainly had an old fashioned reel that night with the neighborhood lassies.

McNairy County Sunday School convention to be held at Bethel Springs next month. People on the program: J.W. Prather, Rev. W.J. Williams, Rev. J.B. Maxedon, Rev. T.P. Reddick, Rev J.A. Moody, Horry Hodges, A.B. Hamm, Rev. Albert Banks, J.R. Stovall, J.W. Purviance, Miss Birdie Hurley, H.D. Maxedon, Miss Mildred Jones, Rev. J.H. Curry, Cortile Brown, John M. Mullins, Josiah Jordan, J.C. Houston, J.G. Carman, Terry Abernathy, Miss Lottie Stone. Recitations by Miss Cortile Brown, Miss Lottie Stone and Miss Birdie Hurley. Sermons were by the ministers and the laymen will give talks mostly about missions and Sunday School. (Apparently, the Sunday School Convention was non-denominational from the list of people on program.)

Paracamph relieves instantly and cures quickly colds in the head, sore throat, croup, frost bite, sore chest, swelling and inflammations.

At the request of many Democrats we publish the result of the Primary Election of March 5, 1904: (However does not give first names, the office sought, or who won. Crocker: 221; Jopling 292; Etheridge 249; Wardlow 134; Wright 423; Pickens 444.

## April 29, 1904

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, a heavy snow fell in parts of Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and throughout Kansas and North Carolina. In some places it amounted to six inches. Damage to crops is inestimable.

The mighty boll weevil is now in 96 counties of the 178 cotton producing counties of Texas and destroyed in 1903 about 739,369 bales.

After a debate extending through the entire session the house on April 19 passed the bill providing for joint statehood of Oklahoma and Indian Territory under the name of Oklahoma and Arizona and New Mexico under the name of Arizona. It is now up to the senate to decide if these territories shall be granted statehood at this session.

The contract by which the ownership of the Panama Canal passes to the United States has been signed, sealed and delivered and is complete.

Picking a pimple on her lip with a brass pin caused the death of Mrs. Edwin McCormick from blood poisoning in Missouri.

The little village of Toone, in Hardeman County, was almost wiped off the face of the earth last week as a result of a stroke of lightning. A storehouse of A.S. Anderson was struck by lightning and set on fire. The flames spread to other buildings. Very few buildings are now left.

Reflections: The cobbler of a quarter of a century ago has ceased to exist only in a very small way. Once a man never thought of wearing a shoe or boot unless his measure was taken and his shoemaker put up just what he wanted. Those were the times when corns and bunions were unknown. Now and then in the cities only, can a first class shoemaker be found who can make foot gear equal to old times. Shoes are not made almost entirely in the big factories and fit to sell and not comfortable to wear.

Once the old fashioned ginger cake was made by old women and sold in sections at five cents apiece. Now they are called ginger snaps and made by millions and cooked by the cord. They are poor substitutes for 'Ginger Cakes' of the boyhood days of the old people.

It is apparent that those industrious farmers who have planted cotton have acted unwisely. The cold rains for the past few days cannot but cause the seed to rot. When a person needs one or more blankets to keep warm during the night, cotton seed ought to be anywhere rather than in the ground. (The editor has mentioned a couple of weeks ago, the farmers were planting their cotton too soon.)

Marriage License: Greenbery Weatherly to Virgie Davis;  
R.C. Smith to Florence Kirkman.

A County Sunday School Convention to meet at Bethel Springs, May 12.

Edgar Thrasher died April 24, 1904, in Kerrville, Texas, where he went two months ago hoping to be benefited. He was 30 years old. The disease which baffles doctors and climate when too far advanced - consumption - claimed him as a victim. He was the youngest child of P. H. Thrasher. In addition to his parents and siblings, he leaves his wife, former Miss Maggie Dillon. He was laid to rest at Selmer Cemetery.

T.P. Ramer has a fine mare, age 6 years old, 16 hands high, dark bay. Kind and safe in

harness and riding for any man or child. Colt dark bay, two months old, large and handsome, nicely gilted.

Land transfer: J.V. Tedford and wife to J.G. Young 115.5 \$500.

On May 17, 1904, the Illinois monuments at Pittsburg Landing will be dedicated. The Governor of Illinois with a large delegation from that state will participate.

Card of thanks for kindness and sympathy. Signed P.N. Thrasher.

Sand Box: The unlawful use of the Little Brown Jug is a see-saw in the court. The whispering at church Wednesday night so scathingly reprov'd by the minister should be a heeded warning to the guilty ones. The snows have melted in most places and within a month we shall expect some evidence of springs.

Personals: Visiting in Selmer this week: Dan W. Lock, Smith Leonard of Oxford Creek, Major Ferrell was shaking hands with friends Friday, Miss Cecil Boatman of Otterville. Capt. J.L.W. Boatman, the saga of Moss' Creek was in town, A.C. Moore of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. Miss Zettie Hendrix of the Buena Vista vicinity, James Hendrix a progressive farm of Buena Vista, M.W. Sipes from his Owl Creek domicile, W. Forest Jordan.

Five dozen pair pants for sale at cost at N.L. Goodrum Store.

Finley Ammons moved to Bethel Springs where he has accepted a position with the liverymen of that place.

A special meeting of the Selmer Lodge No 232 F. & A.M. will meet in Selmer, May 3.

J.C. Leonard, candidate for sheriff, was shaking hands with the boys here Saturday.

J.H. Moss is the first to bring in a sample lot of early Irish Potatoes.

Misses Pearl Abernathy and Maude Gooch, two pretty young ladies paid our office a call. Call again ladies, the latch string of the office door hangs on the outside to you.

Mrs. W.E. McLeod has gone to San Francisco, California and will return by the way of the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Obadiah Coats age 81 years, died, maybe April 23, 1904, at his home three miles west of Selmer. He was a long resident of the section where he died. He was an Old Baptist. He was buried at Moore's School House Cemetery. He leaves a son and daughter as his only survivors.

A beautiful wedding occurred last Sunday at Esq. J.E. Dunaway's of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district when Mr. R.C. Smith and Miss Florence Kirkman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The groom is a prosperous young farmer. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Kirkman.

### May 6, 1904

The World's Fair at St. Louis is larger and more beautiful than any other exposition ever given.

O.H. Parnell, dentist, has his office over the bank.

Eugene V. Debbs will be selected by the socialist party as their candidate for President.

The republican party south is as much a white man's party as is the democratic party north. The work has so far progressed on sinking a test well for oil and gas near Selmer that we can assure our readers that it is not hot air. We cannot at this writing tell the day the gusher will fly towards the skies and in fact we are not sure it ever will.

Farmers Column: It was thought that the corn crop of 1903 was not only short, but of the inferior grade.

Letter from Illinois: I need not say that we read with regret of the destruction of the historic Wright mansion in old Purdy marks another step toward blotting out of the once fair southern town. T. Cotton.

W.J. Null attended Grand Master Sloan to his visit at the Rose Creek Lodge. While there the consent of that Lodge was given to move the Purdy Lodge to Bethel Springs, and the Grand Master granted the dispensation. It is understood Hester & Cobb have bought the old building at Purdy and will remove it to Bethel for a store house and a lodge room above.

Sand Box: The post office at Coats between Purdy and Adamsville has wisely been re-established. Why not one at Falcon, which over a hundred patrons have petitioned for?

A big crowd was at the Foot Washing Sacrament at Mars Hill last Sunday. Gravel Hill foot washing will be the drawing card next Saturday.

J.E. Powers has his mill now up and running with a good lot of logs in the yard. The first of July, the mail line to Savannah will start from Selmer instead of Bethel.

The Southern View picture takers have been among us taking a snap at every building and everybody.

Personals: those in town recently: R.W. King, A.B. Hamm of Ramer, L.J. Surratt of Adamsville, Dr. Ed Fortune of Ramer. A. Crow flew here from Guys, J.T. McCullar, Mr. Henry Harris, C.C. Steele of Stantonville, Dr. Henry Hodges of Finger, Mrs. Alpha Stone of Jackson.

Mrs. C. Cox of Adamsville was shopping here. Mrs. L.C. Simpson of Falcon, Esq. W.A. Grant of Oxford Creek, John S. Atkins of the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

Fred Emmons, 'our drummer boy' was in town Saturday. Misses Lula and Nola Wallace were shopping, S.M. Perkins of Adamsville was on our street, J.R. Gooch, a Gravel Hill merchant and Miss Reely Blakely of Rose Creek.

Mrs. Lutie Cantley, of Swartz, La is visiting her father, Dr. J.L. Smith. Dr. R. Ramer and W.P. Surratt of Chewalla, attended the Masonic meeting here Tuesday. H. Clay Murray, the popular County Poor House Keep has been in town. Squire W.A. Gooch was among the few attendants at the May County Court.

Hon. A.W. Stovall of Jackson was in town. Mr. And Mrs. Judge Abernathy now occupy the Cantrill residence on West Court Ave. Dr. C.C. Howell, J.A. Moore and George North represented the 9<sup>th</sup> district at the Masonic meeting. W.H. Stone has been busy this week assisting Register Carothers in recording the numerous leases on oil well lands around here.

A.C. Lea returned from Shreveport, La., to resume his duties as chief clerk in the U.S. Marshal's office.

Miss Susie Young of Corinth visited her brother Mr. Sidney Young, two miles west of Selmer. Warren Wallace is sick and out of school. Mrs. J.A. Lock visited her father, Esq. W.A. Grant on Oxford Creek.

A letter from Ed. W. Simpson ordered the Independent. He is employed at Frisco R.R. Holding a position of cashier of the freight dept.

Died: Mrs. Mary B. Shull, relict of Calvin Shull, age 65 years, died at her home in Jackson on May 1, 1904. Having been raised and spent the most of her life in Purdy she was the oldest daughter of W.S. Wisdom. She leaves a daughter Mrs. Ed Barrow, and one son, William.

Marriage license: Granville Hardin to Lonie Olive  
John Prather to Birdie Dewberry  
Alber Reid to Lizzie Rhodes.

Land transfers: W.B.T. Gooch and heirs to I.G. Gooch 63 acres \$325  
Mary A Massengill to H.H. Kirkpatrick , 77 acres \$400  
M.J. Miller to F.P. Browder, 23.5 ac \$125.

### May 13, 1904

The paid admission at the opening of the world's fair numbered 187,793.  
Eight thousand coal miners in Guernsey Ohio District are out on strike.

The last payment on the \$4,600,000 loan made by the US government to the Louisa Purchase Exposition Company, \$600,000 has been made. Beginning June 1, the exposition company will pay back to Uncle Sam 40 percent of its gross receipts, whatever they may happen to be.

The annual commencement of the Southern Tennessee Normal and Business Institute at Essary Springs will be held on May 20, 1904.

The incorporation of a company to sink a test well near Selmer has been underway for some time. The well is located 1.25 miles north of Selmer, within a hundred yards of the M & O Railroad, upon the lands of J.W. Purviance, who owns a block of stock in the company.

Sometimes these 'Old Baptist foot washing,' are not the religious rites they should be. First there is the church members who go to hear the sermon and take part in this solemn sacrament. Then we have a group that just go because of dinner on the ground. Whiskey is often carried there both to drink and to be sold. Often there is some carrying on in the bushes. Cursing and fighting are not unusual occurrences. The date of these meetings should be held at a season of the year that would only allow for the one that really go to worship.

Farmers Column: Quince is the housekeeper's fruit. Everyone should have several quince trees. The trees reproduce rapidly by putting up several shoots from the main roots. Replant the shoots and they will bear fruit in a few years. They get ripe in August and Sept. They can be whole baked. Quince cheese is made like marmalade, but cooked until the spoon will stand upright, stirring constantly. Put it into bowls and pressed under a weight until cold and firm. Covered with paraffin it will keep indefinitely and can be sliced like cake or cheese. (I had never heard of quince and looked it up on the internet. It is a fruit between an apple and pear, not to be eaten raw and the seeds are poisonous. The fruit is white but when cooked is a pretty red. Can be made into jelly.)

Lesson from the bees: Why can't proud man learn wisdom from the bee? There's a government without rebellion or sedition, without scandal in its civil service, with no grafters and no chronic labor troubles. They are thoroughly organized, every worker knows its place. You never see any walking delegates in the busy republic of bees. As soon as this class shows such signs, they are summarily disposed of by having their wings cut off and then tossed out as helpless hulks. There is no wrangling politics. The one that is fittest to rule is selected without acrimony and all subjects loyal and supportive. No idling or loafing is allowed. No labor strikes.

Bees are the only creatures on earth that work for nothing, board themselves and pay for the privilege of living. It has all it wants and enjoys life. He never borrows or goes into debt. There is no growling about hard times, underpaid jobs and heartless employers. But for the bee, half the floral kingdom would fail to open its petals. The farmer's clover would fructify. The blossoms on fruit trees would remain barren.

The telephone number is 23.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Jackson, Tenn. occurred last night.

Selmer High School Closing School Exercises held May 1904. Oral examinations 16, 17, and 18. H.J. Cox, principal.

Additions to Selmer School Library: R.M. Houston \$12 dictionary; J.W. Purviance, hand book of Tenn. Mrs. Robert Fullwood three books. J.C. Houston, History of the Spanish American War. J.D.A. Coleman - 11 vol. Science of Railways.

Marriage License: W.G. Hags to Fannie Hendrix  
Ham Armour to Lizzie Fulghum.

Sand Box: with a monument, a sack line, a telephone system and an oil well, the Independent thrown in for good measure, Selmer is not small potato.

Personals: Visiting in Selmer recently: Mr. Brice Ray, J.D. Perkins, J.L. Brooks of the 13<sup>th</sup> district, Cornelius Graham of Rose Creek, Miss Arbia Howell of Caffey, Mr. and Mrs. P. Foster from near Ramer, Jess McCullar and family of Crooked Creek, Clem Lea, owner and manager of Clover Mead farm.

Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Hendrix of Bethel Springs, P.M. Crocker, J.H. Grantham of the Ledford Chapel section passed through this way to Gravel Hill. Rev. and Mrs. J.W. Wallace were in the city to have some dental work done.

Mrs. Rebecca Emmons and Mrs. R.E. Emmons and daughter called and took in the intellectual surroundings of our sanctum. Marcus McAfee, Manger of the Stantonville Telephone Co left for Chicago. N.E. Goodrum, one of our merchants, attended the sale of the personal property of Mrs. M.A. Goodrum, deceased in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Work on the base of the 'Old Settlers Monument' is under way and dedication will occur on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. A.L. Sander and wife of Henderson have spent the week getting dental work done in Selmer.

Children day at the M.E. Church Sunday School at Bethel Springs is next Sunday.  
Pope Manufacturing Company - Bicycle - two speed gear - coaster brake.

## May 20, 1904

News of the World: John Finley Wallace, general manager of Illinois Central Railroad has been appointed chief engineer of the construction of the Panama Canal at a salary of \$25,000 per year. It is thought it will be 8 to 10 years before he can see his mother, Mrs. David A Wallace, age 72, again. She told him 'it is your duty.'

J.C. Leonard is a candidate for Sheriff.

The Sunday School Convention met in Bethel last Thursday. Pres. J.W. Prather opened

the convention. E.F. Cantrell is secretary. The beautiful music was furnished by the Bethel Springs choir. A.B. Hamm was elected president for next year and will meet in Adamsville.

Circuit Court opened Monday, Judge Woods presiding. B.J. Howard Atty. Gen'l. The following juries were empanelled:

Grand Jury: W.A. Gooch, Foreman, L.J. Crosby, W.T. McCullar, Edd Plunk, R.I. Hendrix, J.S. Lain, R.Z. Putman, A.H. Bennett, T.J. Bowers, E.C. McAnaly, Lee Whitaker, H.C. Boatman, Wm. Yarboro, Lee McAlpin, officer.

Travis Jury: S.M. Blankenship, G.W. Estes, D.M. Baker, Robert Luttrell, J.C. Brown, W. F. Clayton, Lewis Kirk, S.F. Fowlkes, W.B. Malone, J.O. Bishop, L.E. Jones, W.M. Jones.

Criminal Docket: John Richards vs. R.M. Carroll, Sheriff, et al; Motion for neglecting to do his duty as county officer.

State vs. Allen Wright. Assault with intent to commit rape. Guilty, 11 months 29 days in jail, \$150 fine.

State vs. O.H. Darnell. Illegal practice of dentistry. \$50 fine and costs.

State vs. Jess Kirk. C W - 2 cases.

State vs. Brown Bowers. Tippling.

State vs. Bob Kitchen and James Moore. Not guilty.

Rebecca Ambiance vs. Barber Buggy Co. Appeal dismissed.

State vs. Bud Roby. Tippling, guilty, fine \$50 and cost, 6 months in jail.

State vs. frank Ammons and Massey Phillips. Continued next court.

State vs. Boss Perkins. Murder. Forfeiture of bond

State vs. Sandy May. Felonious Assault. Guilty 2 years in pen

State vs. Elbert Holly. C W Nol

State vs. Ed Holmes. Malicious mischief.

Advice to candidates: The lion and the lamb shall lay down together - that's politics. Kiss the babies - that's deceit. Begin making promises early - that's sure defeat. Worry over every report you hear - that's insanity. Try to stand in with the politicians on both sides - that's suicide. Every man that says he is for you is sure to vote for you - that is a lie.

Sand Box: Arthur Olive, Monday morning with camera in hand, was seen rushing to get a snap at the oil well before the derrick was blown up by the gusher by the inhabitants of the moon....The cold recent cold night called for blankets - to cover young cotton.....Dan Gooch is managing the Dickson Hotel..... Yellow Fever has made its appearance in Mexico again.... A communication from Rose Creek was received last week with no name - try again and sign your name..... The oil well is going down slowly. Blue clay is hard to work at 120 feet..... Cotton planted before the big rain needs a spring shower to bring it up..... Schools in the county closed last week..... Memorial Services at Sandy Flat next Sunday..... the dedication of the Illinois Monument at Pittsburg this week was a grand affair.

Personals: Some people in town and came by the office last week: Mayor Ferrell, W.T. Boatman, J.P. Epps from Bethel, A.J. Foster from Ramer, Bud Crainer from Henderson, Mrs. Robert Houston of Guys. Elder R.L. Meeks of Henderson, Price Etheridge of Bethel, John J. Jopling of Memphis, Miss Flora Hamm visited Nola Baker, Dr. Henry Sanders, Miss Peal Davis from Chewalla visited Mrs. J.D. Mullins, Esq. J.S. Lain, Misses Lucy Castleberry and Cornalia Atkins of Acton, H.P. Dancer of Ramer, Miss Irene Houston is visiting Mrs. J.C. Houston, J.W.

Duke of Jackson, Finley Ammons and little daughter of Bethel, A.J. Garner from the hill country of the 7<sup>th</sup> Dist, F.M. Freeman.

The merry laugh of Clem Lee was heard on our streets this week. Mrs. Frank Lock chaperoned a group of young ladies to the oil well this week. Attending the Dedication of the Illinois Monument on Tuesday were J.W. Stump, Dept U.S. Marshall and W.J. Clayton. J.H. Steadman, H.A. Hunter, Horry Hodges, A.H. Jopling, O.S. Abernathy attended memorial services at Mt Pleasant Sunday.

Warren W. Wallace won the J.A. Moore Good Medal for oratory at the close of school here last night. He won over such eloquent speakers as Hume Whitehurst, Karl Wood and Aubrey Cox.

Esq. W.A. Gooch was selected as foreman of the grand jury. Drs. John R. and J.L. Smith left for Atlanta Ga. for a Surgeon's meeting. John R. Thrasher came up yesterday and took a trip over on the Tennessee River in the interest of his pants factory in Aberdeen, Miss.

U.S. Alexander is the Selmer postmaster and Mrs. W.H. Alexander is the assistant. Rev. W.J. Williams preached two strong sermons Sunday and left for Texas for the C P convention.

Miss Beulah Lock and her mother visited the family of D.F. Dillon near Bethel. Frank Estes, Deputy Circuit Clerk has been assisting Clerk W.H. Null this week. Misses Loraine Epps, Nell and Ruth Stovall, pretty young ladies are visiting Mr. W.F. Hendrix this week. Judge N.W. Cude has been in Dyer visiting his father. Mrs. F.M. Freeman made a call at the Independent.

Esq. J.R. Wesson, of Adamsville, was over dispensing sunshine and making music on the violin which was greatly enjoyed by the guests of the Dickey Hotel.

### **May 27, 1904**

News of the World: H.N. Ross, the first man to discover gold in the Black Hills has died in Custer, SD. An epidemic of spinal meningitis is raging in New York City with 150 deaths in a few days.

Tennessee: corn is coming up and cotton is mostly planting. George O'Gwin, of Henderson County has a newly hatched chicken with two heads and three eyes.

Mr. Anderson is putting down an oil well and says there is a good chance oil are pretty good.

Sayings from 'Ram's Horns': Home-made yokes are always heavier. A cheap religion never made a valuable character. It is easy when you have a seat to tell a man how to stand up.

Personals: A crowd of our young bloods fishing in Tuscumbia this week. Mrs. Terry Abernathy is visiting friends below Middleton, Miss. Mr. Marcus Wright arrived last night for the Early Settlers Monument.

Claude Prince is the mechanical foreman of this office and none can equal his artistic judgment.

We have a ball of cotton thread carded and spun by Mrs. Rebecca Hill seven days before her death, age 103 years, 7 months and 20 days. The following delegates to the State Democratic Convention left for Nashville: W.J. Null, W.K. Abernathy, J.H. Bigger, W.C. Moore, John

Erwin, J.S. Atkins, J.T. Barnhill, Oscar Erwin, W.A. Gooch and Will Perkins.

The Southern Tenn. Normal Business Institute at Essary Springs, (Hardeman County) had commencement May 20, with an audience of about 1,000. Miss Callie Wright graduated in the Primary Teacher's Course. (This school later became Freed Hardeman at Henderson, Tn. )

Last Sunday was the regular Memorial Day sermon and services at Sandy Flat. It was estimated no less that 1,500 were on hand. In the afternoon Rev. W.T. Bazzell preached a very appropriate sermon.

Sayings: Say little - God gave you one mouth and two ears. A man who is never wrong never hears anything.

Land Transfers: Chicago Tile Co to W.M. Meeks - ac \$400

J.E. Hamilton and wife to J.R. Duncan 1 lot \$300

C.A. Combs and wife to W.B. White 25 ac \$387.50

W.W. Robinson & wife to J.F. Moore, 73.5 acres \$100

R.W. Caffey and wife to Sarah Erwin 200 ac \$1200

Sarah Erwin to T.B. Hooker 200 ac \$200

J.C. Naylor & wife to L.H. James one acre \$30.

### **June 3, 1904**

Personals: Those attending the unveiling of the monument Saturday, May 28, 1904, from out of town were: Mrs. and Mrs. A.W.A. Stovall of Jackson, J.H. Duke, Col. Farrell of Humboldt, J.M. Harris of Humboldt, John Wilkerson of Bolivar, Col. D.M. Wisdom of Muscogee, Indian Territory. Mrs. Jennie Sanders attended and recited her poem for the event. We all regret that Hon. John V. Wright was unable to attend the unveiling, but his address will be read.

Rev. Cal W. Stump, a student at S.W.B.U. at Jackson was awarded the oratorical prize this week.

Part of June 3 was missing.

### **June 17, 1904**

It seems the effort to combine the Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is well under way at the convention in Dallas. The C P Church did not revolt against the mother church because they wanted to be a separate body, but because they could not conscientiously teach, believe, or adopt the old doctrine of fatality. But since the old church has conformed to every change that the old church remanded, which has been made recently, removes all barriers that ever existed between the two bodies. Records show the Madison Presbytery all voted in the negative. The Synod of Tennessee as a whole voted 20 for the union and 17 against. Mississippi one for and nine against. Missouri 25 for and 5 against. Texas was 36 for and 11 against.

Last Saturday the Supreme Court at Jackson affirmed the verdict against R.J. Olive which was a three year sentence to the state penitentiary. It will be remembered that he was tried twice for the killing of Mr. English near Gravelhill. Thus has ended in the death of a quiet good citizen at the hand of a neighbor's one life, and the punishment of the slayer by a term. This unfortunate tragedy was the result of ungovernable temper aroused over such a matter as to shock the whole community. The punishment is light considering the gravity of the crime.

A great necessity of a gravel road from Selmer to Pittsburg Landing becomes more apparent as each season for decoration rolls by. It would only take a stretch of about 15 miles to reach Owl Creek where the park is reached. Congressman Chandler of Mississippi tried to get an appropriation from Corinth to the Park, but failed. It is now left up to Tennessee to try to get some road. The park is a practical failure if means of transit to and from is not furnished.

An invitation of Mr. Thrasher, Capt. Stainback and ye scribe ( J.W. Purviance) visited his fishing quarters last Monday. "The wind was in the east, when the fish bite the least," but we spent a couple of hours enjoying the new park and fishery. The lake will not open until next season to the public. He will build a nice club house this fall and have everything in fine shape for lovers of the sport next season.

Some missing from this week.

### **June 24, 1904**

S.M. Bain has been appointed a special agent by the United States government in its fight against the boll weevil.

The Teacher's Institute will begin at Selmer, June 27, 1904 and continue one week. The Institute for colored teachers will be held at the same time. Every teacher in the county is expected to attend. Terry Abernathy, Co. Supt.

Some is missing from this week.

### **July 1, 1904**

A petition is circulating in the state for the establishment of at least three normal schools, one in each grand division, which would better train our teachers. If this passes Huntingdon is slated to represent West Tenn.

Sand Box: Gooch and Warren are the busiest men in town. Keeping up with four log trains the livery stable and farming. J. Adams has Irish potatoes that weigh one pound each and H.A. Warren has five pound cabbages. W.H. Reeder has onions measuring 16 in circumference. The Rural Delivery salary starts on \$720 (a year). The suggestion a few weeks ago about a grand road to Pittsburg Landing does not seem to arouse much interest.

Personals: Claude Prince was taken very sick Wed. night. Miss Lula Scott is sick with a very sore hand.

Miss Fannie and Tennie Henderson of Ottersville are attending the Teachers Institute this week. Misses Eliza, Vinie Swim and Maude Pickett attending the Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Abernathy will take in the World's Fair next week. H.P. Wood and Anderson Moore left Wed for the fair. Mrs. Mosella Hamilton and baby was visiting home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Purviance.

Residing Elder Clark preached a big quarterly meeting Sunday night.

Neill McCullar of Okalona, Ark. has been here a couple of weeks, the first time since he left Crooked Creek 15 years ago.

Children's day at the M. E. Church was of high order and a little boy by the name of Capt. H.A. Hunter, took the blue in a song he rendered.

The Annual Catalog of the Bethel Springs College is now ready. Prof. J.B. Graham teaches Mathematics and History and Prof. B.C. Dodds teaches language and science. These two leaders make a well-up-to-date facility.

Since the Tariff will be the predominant issue in the Presidential campaign of 1904, a Tariff book has been published by the American Protective Tariff League. These 97 pages can answer any question that might come up. It covers every field of industrial, commercial and business activity. Cost is 25 cents.

### **July 1, 1904**

Attorney General Cates has given his consent to test the right of the State to collect tax from lumber tax dealers.

It will soon be time for the voter to have the privilege of casting his vote for county offices. Have you paid your poll tax? Some time ago we called attention to the importance of the constables who had the delinquent list to push the collection and not to return a man who is in the county as insolvent. When an officer takes the district book of delinquents he should be held strictly to the law.

The Republican Platform, adopted in Chicago, June 22, 1854: Fifty years ago the Republican Party came into existence, dedicated among other purposes to the great task of arresting the extension of human slavery.

Story of "Battle Abbey": Battle Abbey is stored treasurers and relics of the wars of the United States, from revolutionary time down to the present. Its walls are lined with pictures depicting the various phases of the trials and tribulation its brave and stalwart sons endured for home and fireside, when, barefooted and scantily clothed, they braved the cold of winter, and the heat of summer, to accomplish independence of their county, and wrest it from the tyrannical away of a despotic monarchy.

Washington's name breathes over all the corridors devoted to the revolutionary peris, the visitor is confronted at every turn with relics and mementos of the "Father Of His County," from the days when Lieutenant Washington left the measuring links and compass of the surveyor's office, to lead a company of foot soldiers and fight for England in Canada. The nobility of his character is revealed in the letters to his mother and Mrs. Curtis, whom he afterward married. His patriotism is noted in the dispatches written after he returned to answer the call of Jefferson; and the appeal of Patrick Henry; while over all there breathes the scent of the rosemary of joy and sorrow experience that marked the end of British domination. As a soldier, statesman, friend, lover and husband, George Washington possessed all the noblest attribution gazing at the relics of him and his time, the thinker cannot help feeling the bitterness of the soul which came over him when he was told of Arnold's treachery or felt the sorrow he must have experienced when he was called upon to sustain the findings of the court marshal that ordered the execution of the ill-starred though unfortunate Andre.

Washington's hesitancy is not to be noted in the single stroke of his signature that was written all the bolder when he remembered the execution of Nathan Hale by the British but the creases of the paper were probably made by him when he struggled with himself as to whether or not he should pardon the brave soldier who was deceived, as he himself had been, by the ignoble Arnold. His fortitude though repeated defeats; his masterly letter to the Congress at Philadelphia; his consideration for his companions in arms, his first love affair with Mary Philibee, of Philibee Manor, Mount Vernon, New York; and his ardent and unselfish devotion to his wife and home had left behind them the sweet aroma of eternal remembrance. It pervades and permeates the nooks and corners of Battle Abbey.

Next to Washington the sword of Lafayette recalls that polished and courtly French nobleman, whose heart was enlisted to the unselfish extent of expending his private fortune in aiding the cause of independence, is the almost indistinct traces on the facsimile of the Declaration of Independence there is revealed the spirit of Liberty which strengthened the hearts of the liberators with courage, and endowed their arms with strength to levy the armies of England and their foreign cohorts.

The green uniform of Ethan Allen recalls memories of the Green Mountain Boys and his fearless war whoop which resounded from the heights of Ticonderoga to the limits of the earth; in the name of the great Jehovah and the continental Congress.

Passing over the period when Washington was president and the incidents preceding and following his death, the visitor turns aside to the relics and mementos of the war of 1812. Here recalled the victories of Perry, the courage of Lawrence, who when dying, counseled his officers not to give up the ship, the glory of Andrew Jackson, and the redemption of La Fitte. There is conjured in this gallery the last stand of the Peninsular veterans under Pakenham; Jackson and his brave two thousand entrenched behind the cotton bales moving down with their never ceasing fusillade the last of the Peninsular veterans. From beneath clouds of smoke La Fitte and his intrepid band of Buccaneers is seen charging the English right, in the picture of him there is a trace of the exultant smile which glowed there when Pakenham fell, and his cry still floats down the years, 'Now we're avenged, the loss of our ship is more than paid for.'

Fought 17 days after the conclusion of peace at London, the battle of New Orleans is the cap-stone of the tower of strength, the corner-stone of which Washington laid the sword at Cornwallis.

With Winfield Scott and Zachery Taylor, the visitor gets a glimpse of the war with Mexico, following the annexation of Texas, and resulting in the acquisition of New Mexico, Arizona and California. Memories of Davy Crockett, Bowie and Travis are aroused in this section and mementoes of those heroic pioneers are to be found in the Galveston Flood Building.

Leaving these corridors and walls with their treasures of the early history of the country, the visitor steps aside into the first of the chain of chambers devoted to the history of the civil war. Side by side are seen evidences of the struggle between the blue and gray - brothers - at variance for a little while, but reunited forever in the indissoluble withes of patriotism on the battlefields of the country, for the defense of the hard bought privilege of liberty. The sorrow of the five years of strife is forgotten today in the glory and splendor that resulted in the union of the North and South when Spain attempted to coerce Cuba into servile acknowledgment of her despotism. Joseph Wheeler and Fitz Hugh Lee gave evidence of the chivalry of the southland and they did not hesitate to lead the van of armies of the Union when danger threatened, their

forebears in arms General Robert E. Lee, one of the bravest, best and noblest of soldiers; Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, are revealed to the present generations and their opponent on the field of honor, General George B. McClellan, the organizer of the Army of the Potomac, and General U.S. Grant, the commander-in-chief of the Union forces, are to be found side by side.

The first of the objects of interest associated with the greatest of civil wars is the Appomattox table upon which General Lee and General Grant sat when discussing the terms of surrender. Nearby is a piece of the flag that floated over Fort Sumpter at the time of the surrender and the original dispatch written by Major Anderson, April 12, 1861, appraising Fort Sumpter. Of Jefferson Davis the visitor can read his first love letter, written in 1834 to Sarah Knox Taylor, daughter of Zachery Taylor, who later became his wife. Another paper of interest on view is the commission of Davis as an officer of the Mississippi Volunteers in the Mexican war and beside this is the original manuscript of Davis' report of the movement of his command in Mexico. Next are the original credentials of Davis to Congress in 1845. Also a letter written and addressed to the Maryland Legislature in 1861. Next is the original manuscript of Davis' report and proclamation placing Richmond under martial law in 1862, and a message written by him in 1862, when President of the Confederate States of America, all these papers are accompanied by the great seal of the Confederate States.

General Lee is remembered by his original letter accepting command of the armies of the Confederate States of America; also the original manuscript of his farewell address to his army before it disbanded. The original manuscript of a war report by Stonewall Jackson, announcing the advance of the enemy; also the same officer's acknowledgment of his appointment as Brigadier General of the Confederate forces. A letter written by J.M. Mason (?) resigning his seat in the convention. This was written just prior to his capture on the steamer Trent, bound for England; also a letter written by Shidell (?). The original order issued in the field by General R. E. Lee, announcing the death of Stonewall Jackson, reveals the inner side of that great man and the love and admiration he bore toward his great military confrere for reading between the lines, the reader cannot help noticing that when it was written Lee realized his loss, as well as that of the Confederate arms. It breathes in every line the tribute due a great soldier and commander.

Of the commanders of the Union armies the mementoes are legion. Grant, Logan, McPherson, Zook, Crawford, Signal, Hancock, Hays, McClellan, Hooker and Schofield are all represented, besides the wars in which they engaged. Relics from the hulks of the revolution, from the lakes, from the battles of the civil war, and from the recent Spanish and Philippine campaigns are all on view, and will prove interesting to all visitors to the this temporary repository of the archives and relics of the Nations.

This entire collection was loaned to Emmett W McConnell, the owner of the Battle Abbey, by Charles F. Gunther, of Chicago, and different State buildings though out the country. It has been gathered at considerable cost and it is improbable that the relics of chief interest will never be exhibited again, as they are fast mouldering away and will soon be a membrane, like the great events they represent. By Charles F. Phillips.

Transcriber's note: Battle Abbey was part of the 1904 St Louis's World Fair. It contained mostly American War artifacts, including six huge cycloramas of battles. The building cost \$62,000 and revenue was \$52,898, one of the few exhibits that lost money. Charles Gunter, who loaned most of the exhibit, was a German who made his fortune as a candy

manufacturer. He was fascinated with historical artifacts. He purchased many items from war items to shrunken heads. His most authentic item is Abraham Lincoln's deathbed. After his death the Chicago Historical Society purchased the bulk of his collection for \$150,000 which is on display at the Chicago History Museum.

Angora Goats for McNairy County, by A.D. Melvin, living now in Nashville, formerly from McNairy Co. Mr. Melvin seems to think McNairy County has too much idle land lying around and Angora Goats would be put to profitable use. The Angora came to America in 1849 when the Sultan of Turkey presented seven does and two bucks to Dr. Davis of South Carolina. Angora hair (Mohair) in the US was over a million pounds in 1899. It is said Mr. Clem Lee is willing to make a practical test of the industry at his place on Oxford Creek.

Sandbox: Selmer did not celebrate much on the glorious 4<sup>th</sup>. The Colored element had a picnic and ball game. Three Banks in McNairy shows we are not compelled to put all our money in one vault, as heretofore.

Let all join in and have a good old fashioned union Meeting in the Tabernacle beginning on the third Sunday in this month. Some are too dry and some are too wet; who are the just and who are the unjust? (Transcriber's note: Through an old friend that her mother talked about the Tabernacle, it was located on the corner of Third St. and Warren Ave., just one block from the main street. Between Main St. (Court Ave) and Pharr Ave. where Gooch Funeral Home was built in the 1930's. Across the railroad, Selmer only had four up and down streets at that time: Cypress Ave, Houston Ave, Court Ave, Warren Ave and Pharr Ave. Going the other way it was 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> at some point. So in the summer people in town could hear all the Tabernacle meeting.)

Personals: Neely Graham reported they had a 'gully washer' Sunday in his neighborhood. J.R. Wesson from Adamsville was around Monday, fat as a bear. R.H. Clifton said he would have cotton blooms by Sunday. We regret to hear of the illness of Dr. B.F. Darby. He is a little better and a hope of recovery. Esq. C.C. Plunk reports the name of Abram Hill buried at Rose Hill cemetery, as one of the Revolutionary Soldiers of the county.

Other visitors this week, Dr. J.R. Mitchell, W.I. Allen of Henderson, C.C. Lewter of the Telephone Co, S.J. McAfee of Memphis, U.S. Marshall F.S. Elgin looks like city life agrees with him. G.W. Kernodle of Gibson County. Mrs. N.C. Green of Memphis, N.R. Ward of Finger, J. B. Jopling of Memphis, J.L. Alexander from Adamsville.

Shalin Evans of Crooked Creek has some extra ordinary cotton stalks, one has 35 squares on it. Capt Stainback has gone to Bethel Springs for a few weeks to drink from the Sulphur Springs, which he says are very beneficial for his health. J.G. Wilson, Bethel Springs Post Master says the postal clerks have not yet learned that Selmer is the place to put off eastern mail.

T.V. Moss was down yesterday arranging for the Reunion of the survivors of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tenn. cavalry to be held at Laughlin Springs at Bethel Springs on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Jobe Bell of Martin has been visiting friends and relatives and preached at the Baptist church in Selmer Sunday morning.

Tues. Aug. 9, 1904, there will be a meeting at Mt. Carmel for the purpose of cleaning off and dressing the grave yard. On Wed., Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a memorial service. The public is invited to come and bring dinner.

John Swim tells the rain fall last Saturday week washed an old 500 lb iron ground hog thresher and carried it down the branch at least 150 yards.

Clem Lea received a full flood Shropshire lamb from Will Lea in Ga. It is a beauty and will head Mr. Lea's flock of high grade sheep. He has over 100 now.

The corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Bethel Springs will be last Tues., July 12, by Grand Master J.L. Sloan.

Wade Flannigan who helped put up many of the first building in Selmer, after several years service for Standard Oil Co, has returned home to Ramer due to failing health

Article of Incorporation for a new bank in Adamsville has been filed. Signed by A.H. Dickey, L.E. Farris, G.W. Sipes, S.M. Perkins, J.L. Alexander, J.L. Littlefield, J.R. Wesson and J.T. Warren. A.H. Dickey, Pres. and Lee Basinger, Cashier. (Mr. Basinger has been the bookkeeper of the bank here for several years and proved a faithful official. )

Chas. C. Witt taking orders for a new Tennessee state map, 5 x 6 ft. Cost 98 cents.

Rev. Joseph McElaine of Eaton, Tenn. will be in a series of meetings in the Tabernacle at Selmer on Sunday, July 17 under the auspices of the C P Church. A meeting of all Christian people. Rev. W.J. Williams is minister in charge.

Land Transfers; I.C.B. & G.T. Taylor & wife to J.C. Taylor, one lot \$200. B.C. Carr to J. M. Vaughn 28 ac - \$50. M.L. and James Vaughn to R.E. Shey 38 ac -\$75. A.W. and O.J. Stovall to J.R. Stovall, one lot of one acres \$250. L.H. James and wife to J..S Ball, one acre - \$220.

Marriage Licenses:

P.S. Shelton to Birdie Hurley

B.B. Bell to Mamie Hamilton

Sol Morris to Jane Canada

J.R. Pettigrew to Roxie Brisco

Gabe Jones to Lethe McDaniel

Martin Arnett to Laura Cobb

Freeman Johnston to B.L. Hughes

William Vires to Sarah Browder

Chester Finger to Alva Holman

W.A. Reed to Lizzie Rhodes

J.N. Menton to Mary Flowers

### July 15, 1904

With the Presidential Caucuses going on the summer newspaper is full of politics. The Republican caucused June 21 in Chicago and the Democrats July 6 in Missouri. Republican nominees for President were Incumbent President Theodore Roosevelt of New York and Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio. The Democratic nominees for President were Alton B. Parker, Chief Judge of New York Court of Appeals; William Randolph Hearst of New York, newspaper magnate and representative; Senator Francis Cockrell of Missouri; former Secretary of State Richard Olney of Massachusetts; former State Representative Edward Wall of Wisconsin; former Senator George Gray of Delaware; Rep. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi; former General-In-Chief Nelson A. Miles of Massachusetts.

The Vice President nominee was selected by caucus also. The Republican nominee for Vice President was Charles W Fairbanks. The Democratic nominees for Vice President were: Henry G. Davis; James R. Williams; George Turner; William Alexander Harris.

Those elected vie for the White House were Republican Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks against Democratic nominees Alton Brooks Parker and Henry Cassaway Davis.

Corner Stone Laying At Bethel Springs of the Masonic Lodge: As heretofore noticed in

the Independent, Tuesday was the day set apart for the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Hall at Bethel Springs. The building erected is to be a business house on the lower floor occupied and owned by Hester & Cobb and the Masonic Hall above. It is the removal of the old Purdy Church and Hall which was torn down and removed. The corner stone in the building at Purdy was laid June 21, 1852. Among the great number on that occasion we were able to find present on this occasion the following citizens who have survived the 52 years: Mrs. Martha McAfee, Rhody Hendrix, Jeff Hill, L.B. Carter, Mrs. Sallie Cobb, J.A. Plunk and Mrs. Edith Warren. From Mrs. Warren the exact date was given and in fact she and Mrs. McAfee could remember more of the event than any other persons.

If you have a cough Ballard Horehound syrup.

Allen Sweat was a Revolutionary Soldier who died in McNairy County the first Saturday in April 1844. He was buried in what is known as the E.A. Sweat field, two miles south of Bethel Springs. He came to McNairy County in September 1827. Respectfully W.M. Sweat.

Sandbox: The blackberry crop has been abundant. A few law suits between Geo. Chambers and Frank Bowers, Monday, brought in all their neighbors, and nothing in it at all. Active operations on the oil well began on Monday.

Personals: We were glad to see Dr. B.F. Darby and wife in town last week. Those visiting in town this week were John English of Guys; Mrs. Mary Neely and little son, Park; J.W. Blakely from Rose Creek. J.C. Houston and wife are spending the week at the World's Fair.

Died: Linnie, son of Reuben and Eulah King, about two years old, died on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1904 of cholera infantum. The parents have the sympathy of their neighbors as this was the first and only child.

A reunion of the old Federal Soldiers of West Tennessee are hereby called to meet at Parsons, Tenn. on Sept. 23-24, 1904. All Confederate Soldiers are cordially invited to meet with us on this occasion. B.E. Barlow, Pres. and J.B. Hays, Sec.

Reunion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry Survivors at Laughin Springs near Bethel Springs on the old camping ground on Aug. 24, 1904. Everybody invited. Comrades of other regiments and Ex-Confederated invited. Everybody come and bring well filled baskets and let us have a great day. T.V. Moss, D.W. Hester, W.A. Laughlin, committee.

### **July 22, 1904**

The county election comes off according to statute, the first Thursday in August.

Sand Box: No place like the Tabernacle for preaching and other public speaking. The old croakers who gave nothing for its erection now think it the whole thing. The hack line seldom comes or goes to Adamsville that they do not have one or more passengers.

Personals: W.R. Carter, who is engaged in street railway in Memphis has been home. Mrs. R.M. Carroll returned from Memphis after visiting her brothers. P.M. Crocker has now laid his crop by. J.H. Haines from Chewalla on business and took in a tabernacle meeting.

R.L. Pettigrew of Greenville, Tenn. are visiting at J.T. Warren's the father of Mrs. Pettigrew. Miss Mary Lou Stumph has been spending the week with her father, J.W. Stumph and attending the meeting. Sunday next J.M. Mullen will have a great Sunday School rally at his

school two miles south of Selmer.

The popular hostelry, known as the Dickey Hotel is changed to that of the 'Gooch Hotel.' The word Dickey has not the significance in McNairy County as in days of old. Under the management of Dan Gooch, this has become the most popular hotel in West Tenn.

J.H. Alexander exhibited a bunch of Angora wool, known as mohair, rolled and carded for him from Clem Klea's full blood goats. One can only examine the rolls and exclaim what beautiful silk.

Died: July 15, 1904, aged about 71 years, Mrs. Wallace, relict of W.W. Wallace, lately deceased. She had been an invalid for about 20 years. She was a devout Christian and died in the full enjoyment of the Christian hope. She was the sister of Samuel Netherie. The interment was Saturday at the Netherie graveyard with Rev. J.B. Maxedon holding the service. She leaves two sons and three daughters of adult years.

Beginning last Sunday in the Tabernacle the meeting started with Rev. J.A. McIlwain preaching three sermons each day. He is assisted by J.A. Moody and Rev. W.J. Williams.

Died: The death angel has visited Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Emmons and taken away their sweet baby. He was about 15 months old.

The big picnic at Cleybeate Springs (Hardeman County) will be on July 30. We will be entertained by all the candidates and others.

Selmer High School session begins September 5, 1904. The annual catalogue and announcements for the year are now out. H.J. Cox and J.D. Mullens, principals.

### **July 29, 1904**

After holding daily session for a week, the State Text Book commission has compiled a list of books to be used for the next five years.

The Model Rural School built at Missouri. From an education standpoint the model rural schoolhouse erected by the Missouri commission is attracting widespread attention Iowa, Illinois, and Montana are scheduled for an examination. It is intended to show that it is possible for the most isolated county school to contain every convenience a modern school has at the expense of less than \$1,200. The heating and ventilation system consists of a cold air pipe which, leading from under the building brings fresh air to the interior and by a jacket arrangement the stove is enclosed in a manner which admits only heated air of the purest kind. The entire equipment, including the stove and the jacket cost \$76.80. The water system of the school includes a well, a pump and compressed air arrangement for giving flow to the water force. The water is given a pressure from a two barrel tank that will throw it 30 feet in the air. The cost is \$100. An indoor toilet is thus made possible and is included in the model school

Sandbox: We still have to go to the store for coal oil when we have an abundance right under us but the hole won't stay open. Picnic near Acton next Saturday. Blackberries are about gone and roasting ears have taken their place. Postmaster Alexander has put a window in the rear of the post office. The colored barbeque and ball game last Saturday was well attended not only by the colored brethren but also by the white people.

Personals: Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Adams left for the World's Fair. Robert Fullwood Jr., now of Memphis was visiting home folks. Hanan Sanders of Carterville, Missouri came to

spend a few days in the senses of former days. Misses Pauline Stovall and Margie Moody of Bethel were visiting in Selmer. Mr. Ellis of west Hardin County has arranged for his two daughters to enter High School here. Revs. W.J. Williams and J.A. Moody left for their home after laboring all week in the tabernacle. Byrd, Stone and Flake Humphrey have accepted positions as linemen with the Western Union Telegraph.

A.H. Olive, who is temporarily with Beaty, the world renowned photographer of Corinth is spending a couple of weeks at home. William Hamilton of Memphis has a printry of his own and building up a good business. S.J. McAfee and his brother Dew are in the mercantile business in Colquitt, Texas.

On Aug. 2, Elder D. Sims, a Baptist Evangelist will begin a series of sermons in Selmer.

Died: Drew Basham died Wednesday at his home (July 1904) near Bethel Springs and was buried near Selmer Thursday. He is well known as the Blind Pensioner. Ever since the war he has advanced \$72 dollars a month and for a few years back \$100. He has drawn of \$30,000 in pensions. He died with but little more than a poor man. Seldom was he able at the end of quarter was he able to pay his debt. He was the victim of every shark of the county and always had a crowd of parasites bleeding him. He lost his eye sight in the services of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry.

Some commandants of 1904:

1. Thou shalt not go away from home to do thy trading, nor thy son nor daughter.
2. Thou shalt do whatever lieth in thy power to encourage and promote the welfare of thine own city and thine own people.
3. Thou shalt spend thine earnings at home, and they may return from whence they came and give nourishment to such as may come from thee.
4. Thou shalt patronize thy home merchants and thy home printer for yea, verily doeth not thy home printer spread over the land tidings of thy goodness and greatness that thy people shall patronize them.
5. Thou shalt not ask for credit as goods cost money, and the merchant's brain is burdened with bill. Blessed, yea, thrice blessed is the man who pays cash.
6. Thou shalt not bear false witness against the city wherein thy dwelleth but speak of it well of it to all men that thou home city and its people may be proud of thee.

Marriage licenses:

J.M. Oldham to Gertrude Droke  
Bess Fulghum to Amanda Sanders  
E.E. Basham to Lelia Wilson  
John Hamm to Dora Wilson  
James Moore to Ada Garret

J.E. Autry to Machidell Morris  
Zonie Coats to Bertie Brasfield  
Tom Vires to Sally Browder  
Garfield Thompson to Viola Lock  
Wm. Jones to Alice Izell (Bizell?)

August 5, 1904

Many territory cattle are dying from eating the loco weed.

Our telephone number is 23 and anyone having any item of news in town or elsewhere in the county will favor us by giving it to us.

County election was held August 4, 1904. For sheriff the vote was: J.C. Leonard 1657 and A.H. Jopling 1413. Leonard winning by a majority of 244. Trustee: Horry Hodge 1651 and Jessie Pickens 1439. Hodges winning with a majority of 212. T.W. Sims and J.W. Lewis had votes from districts 2, 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19. Does not give tally or state office seeking.

Earl D. Sims, retired missionary from China and now State Evangelist for the state, began at meeting in the Tabernacle Monday night. Services will continue through Sunday night. It does not say if Mr. Sims is from McNairy County.

Ideal Steam Cookers - Lead the World - reduces heating bill by 50 per cent.

Sand Box: Mr. Anderson states work will begin on the oil well as soon as the heavy pipes get here.... It must be a cheap man whose vote can be bought with a drink of Liquor.... The new Bank at Adamsville expects to open on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.... A new broom always sweeps clean.... They are kicking up in Mississippi about the name of a post office. The Department named Selmer, when the name was New South by the first settlers..... Goodbye to some of the has beens in the Republican Party in McNairy County..... Methodists run like scared wolves in McNairy County.... A number of mugwumps can now be named around Selmer.....

Land transfers:

R.J. Hawkins & wife to J.W. Wardlow, 100 ac, \$150  
W.R. Clock & wife to Bruce Barnes, 1 ac, \$100  
W.G. Carothers to Bruce Barnes, 1ac, \$40  
J.T. Warren to Bruce Barnes, 15, ac \$30  
J.W. Carothers & wife to M.E. Patton, 33.25, ac \$320  
W.B. Nopps to T.A. Rainey, 100 ac, \$400  
F.M. Freeman & wife to R.N. Freeman, 1 lot, \$30  
K.M. Meeks estate to A.W. Merideth 1 lot, \$150  
A.W. Merideth to R.H. Mills, 1 lot, \$100  
Mrs. M.E. Gallagher to S.S. Brooks, 83.25, ac \$700  
F.M. Freeman & wife to J.E. Hamilton, 1 town lot, \$100.

Personals: We are obliged to Esq. W.A. Grant for specimens of the largest peaches of the season. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hendrix are taking in the sights of the World's Fair. T.H. Sipes says he has down in 'The Nation' at his Sunday School a class of 15 grown people every Sunday. Mr. Sam Netherly, one of the county's oldest citizens was in recently. W.A. Laughlin of Bethel Springs is expecting a nice time at the Soldier's re-union.

Richard Piggott, aged 25 years, died at his father's William Piggott, near Bethel Springs of typhoid fever last Wednesday.

Visitors to the office this week: Scott Robinson, D.W. Cobb, Mark Robinson, Robinson, J.C. Hair, J.G. Wilson of Bethel Springs, B.F. Darby with a nice selection of fruit for the market. P.M. Crocker presented us the finest peach we remember ever seeing, it weight one pound and perfect. Someone has been stealing some of his peaches off the tree when he is away from home.

Selmer High School begins Sept 5, 1904. Principals H.J. Cox and J.D. Mullens.

## Friday August 12, 1904

John A. Shields of Holston, Kansas wrote 343 words on a typewriter in St. Louis. To make a record Mr. Shields was blind folded.

Time draws neigh when the first term of Selmer High School will open. It is true that almost every county has a high school and it is logical for the children of each county to patronize the school of their county. Tuition is reasonable and house rent or board is less than we know of.

In the selection of J.C. Leonard by a handsome majority for Sheriff made a good choice. He is a modest Christian gentleman without any promises but to execute all processes which come to his hands regardless of political bias.

Allen C. Lea, formerly a deputy marshal in this district, but now chief deputy in the district of West Louisiana appeared in the Shreveport Times. He arrested 30 different parties in ten day , besides serving papers in many civil actions.

The old Federal Soldiers of West Tennessee are called to meet at Parsons, Tenn. on Sept 22-23. All Confederates are cordially invited to attend.

Gooch Hotel in Selmer - rates \$1.00 a day. Mrs. J.F. Gooch, Proprietress.

When in the market for a typewriter, see Jewett before placing your order.

Sand Box: That rain Tuesday evening on the heels of the election, brought some relief to the mugwumps..... The day for picnic, 25 cent barbeque at the Finger last Saturday.... Watermelons by the dozen on the streets now for sales. .... Those no stop trains still give us the high ball to the disgust of the traveling public.

Personals: Nixon Emmons has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a furniture house in Jackson. T.M. Gooch has been elected by the City Council as town Marshall since Braden resigned. We trust that hogs and other nuisances in the town will be abated. Horry Hodges is the happiest man since Thursday we ever saw. He would have gone to a hollow log in the 8<sup>th</sup> district and died if Pickens had got more votes that he did.

Early Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the basement of the old bank building in which the Enterprise plant was located in Henderson. Smith Bros. Jewels was burned, loss \$2,000. G.W. Thomas Drugs, loss \$2,999. M.W. Robins General Store. All the burned businesses carried insurance but we do not know if the buildings were insured. Henderson having no fire protection, nothing was done to save the spread of the fire.

Elijah Thomas, who was walking home with his bride in the Rose Creek community, was assaulted by Oscar Brandaway and given a very severe beating. Brandaway's brothers, Ed and Walter, stood by with open knives preventing anyone from interfering while Oscar jumped on Thomas' face and stomped him badly. Some of the Brandaway boys also knocked Thomas's young wife down and kicked her. At last account, both were in serious condition. All are known moonshiners, so the trouble may not be over with yet.

Horry Hodges and some other men caught the local train to ride up to Henderson to see about the fire. It was agreed to return in a few minutes on the local train. The wise men of the party did not linger along the streets looking in show windows and jawing with Jim Kerby. But not so with aforesaid Horry. He saw the train had started without him and he stuck a turkey trot down the middle of the street to the railroad and discovered the train pulling for Selmer. He increased his pace to a jack rabbit speed down the road for about a half mile. The kind engineer

slowed up gradually until Horry got within a hundred yards of the caboose. His friends cheered him on. Just as the train reached the trestle over Forked Deer he reached the platform and pulled aboard. All one could see was his tongue hanging out of a hole in his face.

### August 19, 1904

Never in the history of the county do we believe the public roads were in as bad condition. Tennessee is good at passing laws they do not enforce. No law, however good, will make roads unless there is elbow oil utilized.

Thus far for 1904 the railroad wrecks have resulted in 212 deaths and 333 injuries.

Provided we have a reasonably late frost, everything indicates a good cotton crop in the county. The crop is well filled with well developed bolls. Corn is practically made and peas are doing well.

J.C. Houston says he is retiring from the newspaper business and will devote his entire time more fully to the practice of law. "I have sold my newspaper plant at Selmer, heretofore known and operated as the Weekly Post to J.W. Purviance, proprietor of the McNairy County Independent."

Sand Box: Frank Lott as teacher, Sim Hurst as pupil, and hickory switch as an attachment, will demand the attention of the next grand jury.... An old three dollar sow can destroy more corn in one night than she ever will be worth - oh, for fence law.....Last Sunday was a big children's day at Buena Vista.....The Negro meeting at Prospect is drawing some white crowds. .... A man by the name of Henry Lee committed suicide by shooting his brains out last Friday..... Professor Cox has received, for use in Selmer High School, a new Oliver typewriter, and will teach shorthand and typewriting.

Personals: A.H. Olive will be ready to make your picture next week. Mr. John Stephenson has been sick two weeks and still looks quite feeble. Rev. R.M. Walker of Henderson, will assist Rev. J.A. Moody at his protracted meeting at Bethel Springs. Rev. W.J. Williams is holding a protracted meeting in Obion County. Rev. Arch Houston will begin a revival meeting at Henson school house, in Alcorn County. Joseph Wilkerson of Right, reported first class crops on the Tennessee River. He is one of our old subscribers and never goes in debt for anything.

T.E. Devault was in Monday with others of his neighborhood as a witness in a Chancery suit about the sale for division of a small tract of land not willed in the Surratt estate. Moses Kirkpatrick, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the county is sick with an attack of grip.

We are informed by Mr. Oscar Wooten that on Tuesday a horse buggy driven by Esq. P.W. North ran away and crushed him in such a manner that it is thought his condition will result fatally. Alex Surratt reports crops in his section, owing to the continued rains during the summer, as far below their usual yield. On Snake creek the rains did much damage.

Prof. Terry Abernathy has drawn for Dan Gooch a pen picture advertisement of the Gooch Hotel which is framed and hung in the caboose of the local train. In the center is a large beautiful bird in pen colors that unique designs regardless of order. It is a credit to the artist and will be a big drawer to this popular hotel.

## August 26, 1904

Open cotton bolls were in evidence last Saturday..... Alford McCullar will run Perkins gin on Cypress creek below Falcon..... The greatest sea wall in the world has been completed at Galveston, Texas. It is 17 feet above sea level and 17,593 feet long..... City Marshal Gooch, on a capins from Hardeman County, landed Ed Powell in jail Tuesday night. He is charged with burglary..... The new sheriff J.C. Leonard will qualify the first Monday in Sept. Oklahoma and Indian Territories are calling for 8,000 cotton pickers from Chicago to the Gulf..... It looked like yesterday morning every one and his yellow dog was preparing for the Bethel Springs outing.....

Rev. J.B. Maxedon is holding an interesting and stirring protracted meeting at Pleasant Grove this week. L.A. Lockman was up Tuesday making a rental contract with Mrs. Halstead for the Central Hotel property. Register Carothers has several children sick with something like catarrhal fever. He youngest child is in serious condition.

Circuit Clerk W.J. Null left yesterday morning for Essary Springs to spend a few weeks in pursuit of health. He is quite feeble and we trust that the water of those springs will build him up.

Mrs. Mary Halstead and sisters who moved to Corinth last fall have returned to Selmer and will occupy and run the Hotel Selmer at their old stand.

If you have that tired feeling get 'Herbine' at Browder's Store.

## Sept 2, 1904

Babe Beckham was arrested last week by Deputy US Marshall W.J. Clayton for selling whiskey without a license. The capture was effected near Olive Hill, Hardin Co. Beckham was taken before US Commissioner J.W. Stump of Selmer. Beckham has quite a reputation as an evader of the law. During the coldest weather last winter he was being pursued by a Deputy Marshall, he rode to the edge of a much swollen creek in his flight and seeing his capture was sure unless he swam, he got off his mule, which he was unable to force into the water, jumped in and struck for the other side. The water was swift and washed him down stream for nearly a mile. Climbing on the bank he ran, with bullets whistling around and over him.

Cotton Picking: The great problem of cotton raising is the picking. Women and children make the best and most rapid pickers. Many strong men cannot pick as much cotton as a ten year old little girl. It does not require strength to pick cotton, but the agility of finger manipulation. Both hands must be used and each finger to do its part if a big day's pick is expected. We know of a little girl of twelve years old who can pick trice as much cotton in a day as can a strong stalwart man.

The battleship Louisiana has been launched at Newport News Navy Yard. She will be the greatest and most powerful fighting machine in the world. Her compliment of officers and men will be 800. The Connecticut is her twin sister, but will not be armed as heavily, or will she have the same caliber of guns.

Sand Box: Cotton has gone back 10% in the past few days on account of hot dry weather.... the automobile is the great world's exterminator. They catch several each day..... The melodious voice of the Negro preacher can be heard during all the first hours of the night.....

Watermelons are still plenty and cheap enough for the pocket of the nickel fellow. .... It is now fodder pulling time and thousands of acres of corn is being damaged by this antiqued custom..... Yesterday was Tennessee day at the World's Fair and a big day it was. ....Wheat is 'rising' like good flour in a baker's pan.... McNairy will have hog and hominy anyhow whether it rains or not.

Personals: Hon. W.K. Abernathy was in Governor Frazier's staff parade at the Tennessee Day at the World's Fair. Other gone to the fair from Adamsville: S.M. Perkins and wife, Dr. Newman, Josie Jones and Mildred Jones. Circuit Clerk W.J. Null returned from Essary Springs Tuesday, he did not stay long due to the uninviting surroundings. J.J. Adams who accompanied him stopped over in Pocahontas for a few days.

Revs. W.C. Wilson and Charles Reyster will begin a meeting at the Tabernacle in Selmer Friday Sept. 16. They have been holding a meeting in Adamsville for several days past. They are what are known as 'Holiness Preachers,' and have been very successful in their work. Capt. Hunter and his wife spent several days in Adamsville last week for the meeting.

Miss Hellen Hailey and sister Miss Edmona have been in St Louis for the fair and buy stock of millinery fall goods and getting tips on the latest fashion.

In a beautiful grove near a gushing spring of clear cold water, the survivors of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry met last Thursday. This was the exact spot where the regiment went to camp and was organized 42 years ago (1862). It is about a half mile south of the thriving little city of Bethel Springs, and an ideal spot for such a gathering. The committee in charge Laughlin, Moss, Hester and others had the grounds in good shape with flags and other decorations. The crowd was conservatively estimated 1,500. The following members of the old regiment present and engaged in the march:

Gen. W.J. Smith, Capt. J.L.W. Boatman, Capt. E.J. Hodges, J.F. Putman, W.A. Kerr, G.W. Tucker, H.C. Harris, J.C. Hardin, J D Sanders, I.D. Russom, W.W. Kerby, J.H. Ferguson, S.C. Plunk, W.A. Grant, J.R. Wilson, H.V. Flowers, G.W. Hester, P.H. Thrasher, J.C. Maxwell, J.W. Hester, W.E. Tedford, G.I. Maness, A.J. Garner, C. Muse, Taylor Gage, J.A. King, W I Allen, H.C. Moore, Haywood Hair, John A Wynn (Col), T.L. Roberson, W.J.N. Rose, James Knight (Col), J.A. Kirk, C. Graham, David Lipford (col), Henry Curtis, Wm. Laughlin, F.A. Barnes, V.T. Moss, F.J. Floyd, J.W. Kemp, S.W. Fish, Thomas H. Ward, Doc. R. Hurst, J.J. Swaim, W.A. Laughlin, J.C. Wray, J J & N B Williams, W.H. Stone, J.A. Fry, H.T. Robertson,

Gen. W.J. Smith was the orator of the occasion. He is about 82 years old and as lithe and vigorous as a man of 50. He was Brigadier General by the end of the war. He paid a fitting tribute to Col. Hurst and Capt. Lewis whose portraits hung in sight of the speaker's stand. Other speakers: Horry Hodges, P.H. Thrasher, J.W. Purviance, Hon. A.W. Stovall, County Clerk Moore, and a young Mr. Laughlin. The day was most pleasantly spent and late in the afternoon a baseball game between Selmer and Bethel was played with odds in favor of the Bethel team.

The Selmer High School opens next Monday, Sept. 5, for a term of nine months. The new piano with Mrs. Mullens as teacher, guarantees good work in her department. Miss Mitchell of Arlington, Tenn. will be in charge of the Primary Dept. Our business course will receive special attention we have received a new typewriter for this course. Mrs. H.R. Cox will have charge of shorthand and typing. This practical business course will cost you \$16.00. This course embraces spelling, penmanship, business letter writing, punctuation and capitals, commercial

law, commercial arithmetic bookkeeping, shorthand and typing. The school will also offer a secondary course for teachers. Very few teachers in the county hold a second certificate which could reward with \$10.00 per month.

The second annual reunion of the survivors of the 'Temple Star' will take place at Lain's Academy on the third Sunday in September. Be sure to come and bring a good dinner and your temple stars. Committee: Horry Hodges, J.W. Roberson, R.D. Etheridge, J.W. Stuart, J.W. Demmings.

A ten month old English Fox Terrier, white with black spots is lost. Last seen at Bethel Springs. Recovery will be rewarded. J.W. Purviance.

Gov. James B. Frazier, the Democratic nominee for Governor and Hon. J.M. Littleton, the Republican nominee for Governor will have a joint discussion in Selmer, Sept. 13.

### September 9, 1904

The deficit in the United States treasury stands at the end of Aug. 1904, \$23,790,536.

A million dollar fire on Front Street in Memphis started in a grocery wholesale house and several businesses. It is thought the fire was started by matches ignited by rats.

Sand Box....The general renovation of the jail under the new sheriff causes the prisoners joy unspeakable..... H.W. Stone is the first deputy under Sheriff Leonard.....Artie Prather and Troy Brooks have been serving the customers of J.W. Prather & Son this week..... Dr. Irving going through the Atkins front window on the arm of Chas. Dunaway was the diversion Monday night.

Personals: J.C. Milstead was in Monday and left an order for his new store at Otterville. L.R. Cardwell, and old McNairian now living near Dyersburg, called for a subscription. Lee Basinger has moved to Adamsville. He will be cashier at the new bank when it opens on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

J.W. Prather, E.H. Prather, T.M. Hawkins, A.L. Smith, Marvin Carter, Olan Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. McCullar and Miss Bernice Jopling have left for the World's Fair. (Transcriber's note: a lot of people from the county went to the World's Fair and was not mentioned. List includes mostly those from Selmer and Adamsville, and those known to Mr. Purviance. My grandfather, Van B. Wardlow, from Guys, went to the fair with other relatives.) W.E. Macleod called Monday and supplied his store with material for carrying on the big fall trade he controls in his section of the county.

Some people in Selmer last week or mentioned: Rev. Tom Maxedon, J.C. Gilbert, Col. Bill Sweat, Bruce Barnes, the successful saw mill man from 11<sup>th</sup> district, Wm. McCullar, Dr. Mitchell and L.H. McCollum, E.D.M Perkins.

Pleas Henry was sent for a year by the US Court for perjury and is now back home.

Cyrena Nethery Wallace died July 15, 1904. She married W.W. Wallace in 1857. She professed faith in Christ 48 years ago at Shiloh church, which has long since gone down. She leaves five children and four grand children. Submitted by Flora.

Selmer High School: Mr. A.L. Smith placed his two little daughters Minnie and Lessie, in school. Mr. J.W. Curley of Chewalla and placed his son Alvey for the season. Dalton Durbin is back with us, he is one of our old boarding pupils. Mr. Burns Williams and Osie Carroll of

Crumps have enrolled. Judge Cude placed his son in school for the season. Miss Etta Howell, daughter of Dr. Howell, of Michie, has enrolled and is boarding at Mrs. Hailey's.

A Truly Christian War: How the Converted Chief of a Madagascar Tribe Won His Belligerent Heathen Neighbors:

Now that the Far East is the theater of a war that promises to be long and bloody, it may be of interest to recall the story of a war which was carried on differently. A missionary from Madagascar is responsible for this tale.

The Kora tribe had been converted from heathenism to Christianity. Certain neighbors of the Koras, the Sakalava, were very troublesome. At last forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and it becomes necessary to teach them a lesson. There must be war, they concluded. But it was the first time the Koras had gone to war since they had become a Christian people, and the prime minister reminded them it must be carried on in a Christian manner. Therefore, beside the usual military drill the native pastors were busily at work among the soldiers instructing them that there must be no needless bloodshed, no carrying off of slaves, no stealing or other wrong things that commonly went with war. That there should be no temptations to rob innocent villagers, a fund of money was raised that the soldiers might honestly pay for whatever they should need while in the enemy's country. Prayer meetings were also held daily for the right conduct and speedy termination of the war.

The instructions were faithfully carried out, says Sophie Bronson Titterington, in Young People. The Sakalava villagers were astonished at the unusual conduct of the invaders.

"What strange enemies are these" they asked. "They will not take so much as an egg without paying for it."

At last the two armies faced each other. The commander-in-chief, who was the nephew of the prime minister, wished to see what a parley would accomplish. He arranged a meeting between himself and the chief of the offending tribe, and explained to why he wished, if possible to avoid bloodshed.

The chief quite misunderstood his motives. "You are afraid to fight," he sneered.

"At what price will you sell one yonder bullock?" answered the commander. The price was given. The commander paid the amount asked and then aimed his gun at the animal.

"You can't kill it at that distance," was the sneering remark. The shot fired and the bullock fell dead.

"Now, my friend," said the Kora commander, "a good many of my men are quite as good shot as I am. What do you think as to your chance in battle?"

"We would all be dead men," answered the chief, and his words were echoed by the soldiers that stood around him. The parley was followed by a declaration of peace, the chief stating:

"We accept your conditions, and thank you for the way in which you have treated us. Cannot some of your men stay and teach us the religion that makes enemies into friends."

Thus ended what may truly be called a most Christian Way.

Land transfers:

Mark Robinson & wife to J.M. Cockrum & J.L. Harris, lots & gin in Bethel Spr, \$3000

H.C. Gibson to J.N. Smith 72.5 ac \$230

G.N. McFalls to L.J. Surratt 25 ac \$450

C.A. Combs & wife to J.F. Sharp 25 Ac \$387.50.  
 M.E. Bishop to J.B. Jackson - acres \$150  
 T.M. Darnell to W.G. Perkins 50 ac \$550  
 Mary E. Hodges to J.M. Cude 107 ac \$500  
 M. Hannah to W.M.E. Boatman, 99 ac \$40  
 heirs of J.S. Hanna to same 99 ac \$120  
 Mrs. Margaret Wilson to Mrs. Dismukes and Mrs. Wilson – ac \$1,000.  
 C.L. Hendrix & wife to G..P Flat, one acre \$50  
 Con Perry & wife to W.J.M Stanton - ac \$115  
 W.W. Kerby & wife to T.J. Hawkins, 98 ac \$300  
 R.L. Strickland to J.M. North, 104 ac \$300  
 J.M. North to E.A. Farris 104 ac \$500  
 J.R. Reid & wife to A.A. Cole 1 lot \$250

The insolvency of the estate of G.W.M. Roberson, deceased has been given to the Clerk of the County Court. J.W. Robinson, Adm.

Committee for the Governor's Joint Discussion: On arrangements: W.H. Stone, W.M. Brown, J.H. Alexander, Nixon Emmons, R.M. Carroll, J.A. Moore, W.J. Olive. On reception: J. W. Purviance, P.H. Thrasher, J.W. Stump, T.B. Whitehurst, J.C. Leonard, Horry Hodges, J.R. Wesson, J.G. Wilson, J. Warren, F.S. Elgin, U.S. Alexander, Terry Abernathy. Democratic Reception Committee: J.C. Houston, H.P. Wood, G.W.E. Sipes, J.R. Stovall, W.B. Malone, John S. Atkins, W.B. Hamm, Dr W.R Ramer, W. M. Lockman, W.K. Abernathy.

Marriage License:	Chas. Jones to Nellie Preston
E.E. Forsythe to H.E. Lacefield	Frank Howell to A. Dillon
Willie Browder to Sallie Geter	T.J. Kirkpatrick to Kathie Weaver
Henry Coffar to Sheron Fleming	Marcus Prince to Willis Burns
Jim Monroe to Safonira Fowler	J.F. Wharton to Bonie J. Hayne
John Rhodes to Ola Carroll	M.C. Walker to Burtie Droke
Luther Shelton to Bertha McDaniel	G.W. Mullins to Georgia Kennedy
Zub Vantree to Texas Knight	A.S. Briscoe to Delia Meeks
W.I. Bolton to Maggie Howard	

### September 16, 1904

A Snake Story from Carroll County, Tenn.: Two little Dill boys and a grandson of Sebe Smothers went to the pond to water the horses ran to the house and reported the largest snake they ever say in the pond. Mr. Dill and Mr. Smothers went to the pond and two shots were fired at the reptile. One struck the snake in the head and one in the stomach making a big gaping hole. The party was amazed when baby snakes started crawling out of the stomach wound. There were 23 baby snakes and the average length was 9.5 inches. All were killed. The mother snake was a swamp moccasin and was four feet long.

Bethel School: Bethel Springs College opened Monday with a better enrollment from last

year. Onnie Davidson, a pupil of last year has returned. Will Sandlin came over from Coffee Landing to enter school. Horry Coleman and Milton Russell of Pocahontas were enrolled for the term. Willie Dillon who has been teaching at Carter's schoolhouse during the summer has enrolled again. His younger brother will also be attending. R.L. Hendrix has placed his daughter in school. Arrangements have been perfected for the accommodation of those who may desire to board and attend school.

Selmer School has nine new pupils, five of whom are boarders. Oscar Wyatt and his sister, Miss Hester, of Stantonville are on our boarding list. Allie Carothers of Coats is back for another term. Warren Wallace, one of our teachers in the county, is back for a third term. Miss Daisy Steadman is now numbered in the music class. Isaac Gillum, of Crumps and Charlie Wade of Michie have entered school. Mr. Smith of Falcon entered his little son Arthur on Monday. Christie Moreland, who is now teaching in the 18th has arranged for boarding.

The estate of John Alderidge has placed an advertized insolvency.

Sand Box: Oliver Gooch is prepared to do all kinds shoe repair. ....Hotels and feed stables had their hands full Tuesday....Visitors were profuse in their comments on the Tabernacle for public gatherings. Every town ought to have one..... Next week almost every cotton field will be assaulted by the basket brigade. .... J.E. Dunaway met with the misfortune of his barn burning with a good horse and mule last week. Cause unknown..... Most of the mail trains run at night....

Personals: Those on their way to the fair: Mrs. Maggie Adams and Miss Dedie Kendrick; Misses Alma Sanders and Vonbara Farris. Capt. J.W. Shaw, Supt. Pittsburg Cemetery spent Wednesday night at the Gooch Hotel. We call our readers attention to the change in the M & O Railroad.

Rev. J.G. Williams will preach the funeral of W.W. Wallace and wife and two children at the Nethery old graveyard on the second Sunday in October. The Masons will conduct the funeral services at the grave.

There will be an Educational Rally at New Bethel, four miles west of Selmer, Friday, Sept. 9, 1904. I desire to meet as many teachers, pupils and patrons from other school district as possible. There will be an all day program and dinner on the ground. Terry Abernathy, Supt.

People need to keep posted on the: Russian-Japanese War, the Panama Canal, The Great Party Convention, The Presidential Campaign, The St. Louis Fair.

There is no tax of any kind on Sorghum Mills. Why such report is extant we do not know. This is instruction from the County Court Clerk.

Congressional Discussion between Hon. T.W. Sims (Democratic nominee) and Hon. F.M. Davis (Republican nominee) in the following place: Gravel Hill Wed., Sept. 28; Adamsville, Thurs., Sept. 29; Selmer, Fri. Sept. 30; Chewalla, Sat., Oct. 1.

### **Friday, Sept 23, 1904**

The magnificent equestrian statue to Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest. Which is to be erected in Forrest Park, Shelby County Tenn., has been shipped from France and is now on the way across the Atlantic. Charles H Nichous, is the sculptor.

Henderson is beginning to take on new life. The W.H. Lee shoe factory of Memphis has

located in that town and turning out a fine grade of shoes. A hat and cap factory is already assured by the opening by the new year and will employ 200 people.

Bethel Springs School: The second week of Bethel Spring College found eight new students. The repairs on the building will soon be complete. The new bell is now in 'full force.' The new organ will soon be here which will be used in the general exercises each morning. Slater Robinson came in from Rose Creek and getting into line nicely. Harry Motley and Henry Hendrix have enrolled in the business dept. Mat Tedford joined our teacher's course. Willie Dillon has been solicited to teach a winter term at the same place he taught a summer term. R.A. Russell of Pocahontas will be sending his son to school here. W.I. Murphy, also of Pocahontas is making arrangements to move here for the benefit of the school.

It is advertized the estate of John Alderidge, deceased, is insolvent. W.B. Walderodge, Adm. It is advertized the estate of G.W.M. Roberson, deceased, is insolvent. J.W. Roberson, Adm.

Williams Brothers at Rose Creek has 1cc Box Bruton Snuff for 9¢ and 3 for 25¢. Detective stories only 5¢ each. We offer bargains in shoes that cannot be met anywhere. We have cut out everything shoddy, as we do not think it pays us to sell, or, you to buy shoddy shoes. All shoe prices reduced. Also own the Green Store in Selmer and prices are the same.

Within a few days an order will be effective though the country which will practically do away with the one cent stamp. Firm mailing large numbers of circulars will be allowed to pay the postage in cash according to weight, instead of affixing a stamp to each envelope.

Sand box.....This week has been throng with Circuit Court attendants.... Turnips will be a much missed vegetable this fall and winter on account of the dry weather.... R.D. Anderson put up his first bale of cotton....just who is interested in half column editorials on baseball teams is a marvel to readers... Cotton picking is the amusement for the farmer lads and lassies now for awhile....We have three banks in McNairy County....The debate which settles the existence of this government, took place at Pebble Hill last Friday night.

The State vs. Boss Perkins for killing Carman was begun Tuesday by summoning a panel for a jury.... Jo Jo said showers for Monday and fair Tuesday. It was just the other way, Monday was fair and Tuesday a regular old rainy day....

Personals: Masonic services are to be held at Shiloh Church over the grave of L.W. and W.B. Cantrell on first Sunday, next month. (Probably Shiloh in Hardin County.)

W.C. Sanders is quite feeble but for a man in his 85<sup>th</sup> year he is unusually strong mentally. His son Rev. T.F. Sanders is with him for a few days.

Rev. R.H. Pigue of Humboldt is on his way to Stantonville to engage in a protracted meeting. Clem Lea has accepted a post as Special Agent of the Southern, with headquarters in Knoxville. J.L. Emmons, the great big jovial merchant of Acton was in Monday.

Bloody Shooting at Stantonville. Last Sunday afternoon on the streets of Stantonville, John Wyatt was shot by John Gibson, the most serious wound being a ball which entered near the mouth. Knocking a front tooth from the lower jaw and passing out the neck. A shot also entered the breast and glanced around a rib, also a shot in the leg below the knee. The doctors think at this writing (Monday) that he can recover. A number of people saw the difficulty and no two hardly report it alike. But from what we gather, seems like Wyatt was drinking and cursing Gibson in the morning, but his friends got him off. In the afternoon it was renewed, and it is claimed that Wyatt with a knife in the hand threatened to cut or kill Gibson, when Gibson drew

his pistol and fired three or four times with the above results. It is said they were always good friends and that the matter of Rural Route Carrier had nothing at all with the difficulty. In short, that liquor was cause of the terrible tragedy. It is claimed that Gibson was not drinking. He doubtless expected a renewal of the morning difficulties and armed himself with a deadly weapon.

Hon. A. Stovall, Dean of McNairy County Bar presented a picture of Judge John V. Wright and desired donated to the county and hang in the Court Hall.

Marriage License:	W.H. Younger to Eliza Ray
Roby Parham to Ethel Taylor	F.A. Phillips to Edna Ramer
W.D. Parris to Bell Thigpen	B.F. Davis to Elizabeth Ray
Henry Croskey to Senie Mitchell (this should be Henry Cooksey)	
Robert Floyd to Bessie Tonsel	Lorenza Budlong to Dora Lipford
Howard Ammons to Gertie Cox	

Selmer School: We now have classes in Teacher's, Scientific and English courses. Pat Baker entered in the Scientific class. E.A. Bassham of Rose Creek, Kelly Hopkins of Caffey and R.D. Reynolds of Adamsville entered school on Monday. Miss Nannie Prince is enrolled in the music class. We have 20 boarding pupils to date.

Land Transfers:

John W. Finley and wife to S.P. Wade, 100 ac \$200  
J.S. Ball and wife to W.P. Massey 2 lots in Finger, \$40  
J.T. Ramer to J.T. Barnhill, one fourth interest in 100 ac \$100  
H.C. & G.W. and other Moore heirs to I.C. Crow, 111 ac \$600

Circuit Court: Judge L.S. Woods, with Attorney General B.J. Howard, W.J. Null Clerk, and J.C. Leonard Sheriff, opened Circuit Court Monday morning. The juries were selected as follows: Grand Jury: J.R. Shoemaker, Foreman; Joe Brooks; J.W. Burks; J.G. Peery; N.R. Ward, Joe Kerby; John Dillon; Bunk Merrell; Berd Bullman; Jim Goodman; J.N. Weatherford; O.T. Hysmith; and B.H. Smith. P.A. Neatherie, Officer.

Petit Jury: J.T. Houston, John Harris, J.T. Wardlow, J.R. Wesson, Alex Boshart, J.S. Ramer, Allen Bishop, Jack Dillon, N.F. Nickles, Amos Boshart, Mike Shelton, J.F. Grant.

### **September 30, 1904**

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept 26: The death list, as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern Railroad near New Market has reached 62. A passenger train en route from Knoxville to Bristol collided with a passenger train running in the opposite direction. The accident was caused, it is said, by the misreading of a train order.

Indian Tribes from over the northwest have been summoned to gather at North Lapwal on the Nez Perces Indian Reservation in order to celebrate with a feast and war dance in memory of their late leader, Chief Joseph. At the same time a new chief will be chosen.

Meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian, Madison Presbytery, was held at Medon, Madison County, last week. All other subjects were subordinated to the question of union, as submitted by the General Assembly for ratification or rejection by the presbyteries of the entire two churches - The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Northern Presbyterian Church. The vote of thirty against to seven for the union shows how this presbytery stands. We fail to see anything but destruction to the C P Church if the union fails. The Northern Church has come to the doctrine C P Church.

Sand Box.... Autumn lovingly embraces the hot breath sister of scorching summer... The new cottage of Forrest Hendrix on Pharr Ave is rapidly shaping itself under the leadership of J.H. Alexander foreman of the saw and hammer brigade..... The flouring mill has been puffing away all this week making biscuit stuff..... Our town was afflicted with fourteen drummers Wednesday (salesmen)....Next week we intend to spend at the World's fair and will give our readers news when we return..... Just why Clem Lee, Honorable H.R. Gibson and a little Negro girl, were the only three out of 49 in one car who escaped with their lives in the great East Tennessee railroad wreck (near Knoxville) is a striking coincidence. Clem gave us an account, all the other 46 people in that train car were killed. He is badly bruised but thinks he will not suffer permanent damage..... The trial for the shooting Oscar Hagy at Hamburg over a year ago was continued over at Savannah.

Selmer School: Emmet Browder has been placed on our boarding list. Osie Carroll has been on the puny list but is feeling better. Thomas Moreland of Chewalla has entered his son Christie. C.C. Turner is trying to rent a house in Selmer so he can enter his six children in school. Ben Lockman enrolled Monday.

J.M. Fanburg, the well known optician, has arrived in Selmer and will be here four days, Oct. 1,2, and 3 for free eye exams and can furnish you with glasses. He is staying at the Carroll Hotel.

Odus Smith of Bethel Springs and Mrs. E.A. English of Guys visited us last week. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Conference of the M E Church South will convene at Bethel Springs on Sunday and Monday. Oct. 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

J.T. Warren, Mrs. Ola Cantrel, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gooch, Misses Tennie Adams and Bulah Locke, and Mrs. W.H. Alexander took the train Tuesday for a visit to the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Clem Lea and Miss Alice Sindlinger of Illinois, were married quietly at the Carroll Hotel by Judge Cude last week. Thus happily ended the aftermath of unpleasant family relations, with divorce proceedings. (Apparently Clem wasn't too hurt in the train wreck.)

Dan Gooch, manager of the Gooch Hotel, has the best arrangement for runaway-wanting-to marry people, we know of. He meets them at the depot, steps to the County Clerk Moore's office to get the license, call in the squire and it's all over. The bridal chamber is ready, the morning train takes them home and the old folks embrace and forgive. This is no theory, but a frequent occurrence almost every week. Booneville furnished this week's contingent.

Marriage Licenses:

O.L. Sullivan to Nancy Plunk  
A. Yarboro to Mollie Partridge  
J.E. Blasingame to Cora Randal

Clem Lea to Alice Sindlinger  
Joe Baxter to Fannie Young  
R.B. Cheshier to Jennie Dillon  
Earl Graham to Mattie Humphrey

T.C. Carroll to Maggie Voyles

H.P. Walton to Daisy Peeler

An examination for applicants for County Superintendent will be held in Selmer, Tenn., Oct 3, 4, 5 and 6. Those desiring to take the examination should be present on the first day of examination. N.W. Cude, Chm.

The trial of Boss Perkins for the killing of Nat Carman occupied the time of Circuit Court last week. Late Saturday night, the jury agreed on a verdict, fixing his term in the penitentiary at six years. Because a motion for a new trial was overruled, the case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Land transfers:

C.H. Potts & wife to T.J. Sharp, 60 acres, \$100

Sam Sharp to A.J. Madlin. 60 ac \$635

A.J. Madlin & wife to C.H. Potts, 60 ac \$400

R.L. Brown to L.W. Brown, 238 ac, \$1,000.

C.V. Brown to I.W. Brown, 1 lot, \$25

J.R. McIntire & wife to I.W. Brown, 1 lot \$40.

### October 7, 1904

At Elkmoth Springs, Tenn., last week, George and Lewis Hargrove, brothers, were overcome by choke damp and died before they could be rescued from the well in which they were at work.

A movement is on foot for an establishment of a hospital in Jackson by the city, the railroads and charity. It will likely open this fall.

Williams Brothers at Rosecreek has hats on sale. Those \$1.50 are now .98 and those \$3.50 are \$2.00. They also own the Green Store in Selmer.

Congress candidate Sims is in favor of the Dorch Law, even if it did disfranchise the Democrats - that it will cut more Republicans than Democrats and he is in favor of it. The Negro though was his strong hold. That question has about run its course in the South.

Sandbox.... The mule buys and the boys could not get at the same figures last week.

Personals: W.H. Hamilton and wife of Adamsville, Miss Maude Gooch, Mrs. Maggie Stainback, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Purviance, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. McLeod, Mrs. J.S. Carter, W.C. Moore, Grover Carter, George Gooch all went to the World's Fair in St Louis last week. C.C. Lewtor, of the Telephone Co, was in last Saturday. James H. Haynes was in Monday and among other things of interest, reported a most enjoyable and profitable ending of the summer school of which was taught by J.W.T. Derryberry. A concert was the closing scene.

Bethel School: We have six new students to our already large roll. Those enrolled in our Teacher's Department were: Washington Lauglin of Rose Creek, Ethel Devault of Purdy, J.F. Mitchell of Masseyville and Frankie Pigott of Bethel. Our Literary and Debating Society met Friday for the first time with a most interesting discussion, some recitations and excellent compositions

Women for beautiful hair use 20<sup>th</sup> Century Hair tonic.

The Wabash Line, 'Banner Blue Limited' between St Louis and Chicago is the finest day

train in the world. It leaves St. Louis at 11 am and arrives in Chicago at 7pm.

### October 14, 1904

The State shows the small pox report from March - September had just 58 cases in Tenn. but there have been 2,486 cases. Of this number only 59 died. There were 1,374 white cases and 1,112 colored cases.

Marcus J. Wright has an article in the Daily New Orleans Picayenne about the Battle of Shiloh. It contains a concise history of the armies which finally met and fought the great battle. He says most writers have disserted on what would have occurred had Gen. Johnston not been killed. He shows Beauregard was opposed to having the engagement at Shiloh, and a council of war the night before favored falling back to Corinth and there make a decisive stand. It has been generally received as the true situation that at the time 2:30 pm when Johnston fell that he had driven the Federal Army almost into the river and had he lived, would have done so by sundown. The spot where he fell which is marked by an imposing monument is several miles from Pittsburg Landing, and no but little, if any, in advance of the first line. He certainly was in the rear of his army. The arrival of Union General Buell's army during the early part of the night is what changed the battle the next day, rather than the change of Confederate Generals. How this may be, George Beauregard will go down in history as a defeated general, not able to fill the place of his fallen superior.

Sand Box..... Some farmers report only half a cotton crop, while others report a pretty full crop. At 10¢ our people will have more money from their cotton crop than ever before in old McNairy..... We must again make a heel and toe against the condition of the sidewalks in Selmer... The oil well is going down at a rapid pace this week. Liable to strike something any moment - even a rock.... The Carroll Hotel closed Monday. Mr. Carroll and family have moved to the Rogers place in North Selmer.

Personals: Leaving or left for the World's Fair: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Abernathy, Mrs. J.H. Bigger, Misses Florence and Pearl; Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Barnhill, James Williams and D.C. Gooch. J.C. Houston has purchased the Frank Smith residence on Court Ave. and will occupy the same. Sol Morris always grows a good potato crop Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Clayton have a new twelve and a half pound baby boy boarder at their home on Oxford. O.D. Perkins, while feeding a pea thrasher on Wednesday at Wilse Coleman's lost one of his thumbs to the first joint by getting it into the machinery. Maj. E.H. Stumph of Ottawa, Ill. brother of our townsman, J.W. Stump is visiting his brother. They visited Pittsburg battlefield Tuesday. The Major was in the conflict. He served three years in the army.

Selmer School: We have 14 new boarders. Christie Moreland and Robert Morse of Chewalla, Miss Stella Wilkinson of Coffee Landing and Miss Minnie Moore of Stantonville, to name a few.

Concerning the undeveloped resources of McNairy County: Did you ever notice how persimmon trees will grow and multiply in old fields. You can hardly kill them out and they seem to have no diseases like other trees. People in Missouri, Indiana and Iowa have been raising persimmons for market, making good money. In Alabama they grow the Japanese persimmons called 'kaki' and is as large as two fists.

Pecans would be a good product for McNairy County. The writer's father something like thirty years ago bought some pecan nuts from Squire Stump in Purdy and planted them near a creek on his farm which is known as the Doolittle place. On a recent visit to the place, the writer saw one of these threes (the others had been cut down by mistake). The tree is said to bear a barrel of nuts at a crop. L. S. Perkins.

### October 21, 1904

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co, also known as the St. Louis World's Fair, paid the United States \$500,000, being the ninth semi-annual payment of the \$4,600,000 loan from the government, leaving \$691,850 yet due.

New amendments to be on our next ballot yet little discussion: (1) Extend the governor's term to 4 years. (2) Several state offices which are appointed by state legislature are to be elected by the people. (3) Extend some county office to four years. (4) Allow counties to be legislated on roads, fences, game and other interests individually, instead of statewide. (In a paper after the election these results were not shown.)

There is a growing intention to extend the infamous Dorch law all over the state has raised the ire of many democrats.

Sand Box..... This is one of the old fashioned autumns. Like we used to have before we had electricity and the autos..... Robt. Burks, (col) was killed at Booneville by another Negro at a festival. A dusky maiden was the cause. He was the son of Mattie Burks, who lives here..... J. L. Adams was ordained an elder at the C P Church Sunday night..... Arthur Scott barely escaped serious injury by a break in the train he was on the other day.... J.H. Curry has rented the hotel property east of the railroad and is running the same as a public hostelry..... Thursday, a large number of our people went to the street fair in Jackson....

Personals: Miss Helen Hailey has moved her millinery and dress making establishment to the bank building where she will be pleased to see her customers. Those gone to the World's Fair: J.E. Powers and daughter, Lon Perkins and wife and J.D.A. Coleman. Mrs. W.H. Alexander, the efficient Assistant Post Mistress has been confined to her room by sickness. Dr. J.C. Parrish and wife of Hot Springs, Ark. made their annual visit this week to the Dr's. old home.

On Wednesday night at the Curry Hotel, with Rev. J.H. Curry, officiating, Mr. A.G. Scott and Miss Pearle Stone were quietly married. Mr. Scott is a popular M & O brakeman and Miss Stone is one of Selmer's beautiful young ladies. They will reside in Jackson, Tenn.

Bethel School: Since our last report the following students have been added to our Teacher's Department: Mamie Brint of Middleton Daisy and Rittie Robinson and Carl Causey of Rose Creek. You should see our large penmanship class taking daily lessons.

M.W. Sipes Dead: With suicidal intent, Millard Sipes took an overdose of morphine and strychnine about a week ago at his home near Stantonville. The drug failed to accomplish the design, but a second one resulted in his death Tuesday (Oct. 18) night. He had been a peculiar person for some time and those who knew him intimately are not surprised. The deceased was raised at Adamsville and was the son of G.W. Sipes. He within the past year moved to the Johnston farm which he purchased last spring. His domestic relations were not of the most serene

character. He leaves a wife and a son about ten years old. (Buried at Adamsville Cemetery.)

Selmer School: Elbert Martin of Crumps has enrolled. Misses Stella and Gertrude Wilkinson have joined the Dept of Music. The class in shorthand and typewriting is now running at full blast with Mrs. H J Cox as teacher.

Oliver Gooch is now prepared to do all kinds of Shoe and Harness repairs. Shop at J F Gooch's Store. Bring him your work. The work he does is reasonable price and promises satisfactions.

Gooch Hotel is now open to the public, Mrs. J F Gooch, proprietress. Rates \$1.00 per day. Hot or cold.

The judges of circuit courts in Middle Tennessee are becoming aroused over actions of mobs and whitecappers is shown by the grand juries of the courts.

McNairy County is listed in the Comptroller reports as being delinquent in the 1904 taxes.

### October 28, 1904

Folks about Gleason are determined to down the succulent cabbage. Mrs. Vail, wife of the miller of the town, insists that she found eleven snakes in one poor cabbage head.

Sand Box ..... N.A. Erwin has purchased the Emmons Livery stable and Lon Perkins has opened the same for livery purposes. ... The street committee has been repairing the sidewalks in Selmer..... A new livery stable and Selmer Produce Co. are two new enterprises in town..... Either crow or crow eating will be the menu in two more weeks (refers to National Election Day.)

Personals: T.B. White has been quite ill for a couple of days. Those attending the World's Fair: Esq. W.A. Gooch and daughter Miss and son Tyler W.J. Null, Albert Gillespie, J. D. Null, Robert Stiles. Mr. and Mrs. A.L. King have returned from Arkansas, both being afflicted with malarial fever. Miss Lizzie Hill, daughter of Mrs. M.E. Phillips, is dangerously ill. C.A. Morphis is favorably named for Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W.H. Stone. The election will be Nov. 8.

Reported by A.C. Lea that W.W. Massey, known and esteemed by everybody in McNairy County and said many complimentary things about the editor of the Independent and all old Purdyites. He also surprised us that he had come to Shreveport, LA. to marry one of the most estimable young ladies in the south, Miss Marguerite E. Nola of San Antonio, Texas.

A Possum Hunt: We took old Tack out the other night to catch a possum. Meat was mighty low with us and taters were ripe and so I told Sally we would have a possum for dinner Sunday. Soon after we started up the hollar toward the Mount Zion Church, old Tack struck a possum smell and soon we had a large, fine, fat, old feller in our poke. Old Tack struck another smell and opened up at a clay root near the church house. We saw a light in the meeting house and thought there must be a singing by the young ones, but while poking with a stick in the clay root we hear a little whispery voice taking in the house. We left the old dog to watch the hole and we slipped up to the window to see what was going on, and there was five men and two boys a settin, listenin to some feller I did not know, make a speech from as pile of papers. He was talking about the tariff on the trade somebody was carrying on with some South American fellers

and a lot of things I didn't understand. I soon found out he was making a political speech as he said something about McKinley and then some slight remark about Bryan. I then knowed he was a Roosevelt lover. So I sat awhile and listened and listened because I wanted to find out what he knowed.

I thought that old Tack was getting tired waiting for his game and I went to the clay root and punched in the hole and out run a pole cat straight for the church and old Tack caught him just as he struck the door, and gee whiz who the smell was. First it stuck was the five men and 2 boys and then slapt the little feller in the stand close to his smeller and there was a howl and rush for fresh air. With blood in their eyes and curses on their lips they jumped on me for braking up the meeting. Finally the feller thought I was not too much to blame, though the little feller and I ort not to go possum hunting close to the church when political speeches were being made by him, who had come so far to lighten the heathens of the 12 district. I thought he was about right and he said he would overlook the matter if I promised to vote against Will Abernathy and vote for Dan. I agreed to, and that's how he changed a vote at a big meeting. I was afraid he would indict me for disturbing a literary meeting so I promised to say nothing about the pole cat and we all shoke hands and agreed to keep it a secret. But it was too good to keep, but I will vote for Dan I guess. Signed D.O.K. (This was the Mt. Zion Church in the Leapwood area.)

#### November 4, 1904

Republicans in McNairy are not enthusiastic because there is nothing to enthuse over. We have not heard of a single one who does know of the election and who does not intend to go vote.

They are 'standin pat,' content with all things. But understand they must vote in order to keep what they have, peace, prosperity and a good conscience. They invite their democratic friends to join them.

In voting where the Dorch law does not apply the amendments if not scratched will count as voted for. So run a pen or strong pencil through each amendment you do not want, leaving what you do want unmarked.

A colored man named Surratt in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, left a child, three or four years old, in the house when they went to the cotton field. By some cause the house took fire and child together with contents were burned.

#### Marriage Licenses:

Robert Floyd to Bessie Tonsil  
M.A. Rouse to Liddia Hill  
J.J. King to Geneva Smith  
J.M. Laughlin to Fannie Causey  
A.G. Scott to Pearl Stone  
Carlie Smith to Arbia Smith  
B.O. Weeks to Estelle Mitchell.

G.A. Walton to Daisy Peeler  
Chas. Martindale to Mary Baker  
J.B. Crumby to Florence Wilkinson  
T.C. Kiddy to Minnie Minaway  
J.W. Scott to Bertha Gilchrist  
Luther Capooth to Rosa Derryberry  
B.P. McClannahan to Julia Smith

J.E. Grover of Ottawa, Kan., says” ‘Every fall it has been my wife’s trouble to catch a severe cold, and therefore to cough all winter long. Last fall I got for her a bottle of Horehound Syrup. She used it and has been able to sleep soundly all night long. 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00. For sale at B.L. Browder, Selmer, Tn.

Livery Stable: a general Livery Business. New buggies and hacks. Good match teams and safe drivers. Our friends are invited to call and patronize by feeding and hitching. At any time we will buy or sell horses and mules. Perkins Bros. At Emmons Old Stand.

Sand Box.... After the democratic papers account for their defeat at Tuesday’s election they will settle down by saying they did not expect anything else and that it does not make any difference who is president....Cotton seems to be about at the bottom...The dry weather causing short fall pasturage will tell on the corn crib and hay stacks..... Tomorrow night several of our speakers have an appointment at Mars Hill in the 11<sup>th</sup> district.....Gently, slowly and smilingly the rain-drops sweetly pattered on roof and pane Wednesday night and Thursday.....Cotton has advance an eight. The free minstrels and the handsome doctor entertain every night when weather permits.....The Tennessee River is not navigable owing to its low stage.... The handiwork of W.H. Stone has added much to the beauty of Johnston’s barber shop.....Plenty of spring pigs in the country to make meat for the rest of us. Beef is common and possum is scarce.

Personals: Elder Arch Houston preached Sunday morning and evening to good audiences. We want your poultry, eggs, hides, tallow, beeswax, ginseng - we pay top market price. Selmer Produce Co.

Dick Weatherford was in Monday from the 13<sup>th</sup> district says a full vote would be cast and a small republican gain. J.M.D. King from the 1<sup>st</sup> district says he is on the Roosevelt band wagon. P.A. Nethery has subscribed to the Independent. Col. Baker, attended by Terry Abernathy and Horry Hodges, filled his appointment in Adamsville. Col. Baker and Abernathy were the orators. P.H. Thrasher left with us a sample of his crop of Irish potatoes. They are not a second crop, but a late crop, planted in July - a new kind from Georgia.

Bethel School: Six have enrolled since our last report. A new Cornish organ has been added to our musical department. With a new organ and piano this dept is well equipped. Miss Stovall well understands the duties of an instructor. This week closes the first term and Nov. 7, the second term will begin. Mr. Richard Murry has placed his daughter with us.

Land transfers:

Wm. Carroll and wife to J.L. Parrish, lot in Adamsville \$200

Joe Parrish to J.R. Wesson, 1 lot \$100

J.M. Eckey & wife to G.B. McKenzie 100 ac \$645

M.E. Bishop & wife to T.C. Roberson 50 ac, \$59

O.H. Houston to Mattie T. Darby, 1/6 undivided interest \$50

M.B. Houston to W.J. Darby & wife, 1.6 undivided interest.

Z.P. Chamber to S. Cooksey, 404 ac, \$1000

R.F. Smith & wife to J.C. Houston, 1 Selmer lot, \$500

R.B. Cox and wife to W.J. Call 100 ac \$450

W.A. Winningham & wife to J.F. Smith 102 ac \$600

J.M. Taylor to Cunningham and Curtis – ac \$800

O.B. Meeks to R.S. Houston 100 ac \$800 W.L. Meeks to R.S. Houston, 88 ac \$1600

T.J. Sharp to R.S. Houston, two lots in Guys \$250.

F.O. Browning to R.S. Houston 90 ac \$200  
T.J. Sharp to W.C. Meeks 88 ac \$1700  
J.C. Leonard & wife to H.C. Harris 157.5 ac \$800  
W.M. Ledbetter to E.L. Owens 60 ac \$400  
H. McRimmon to J.B. Ammons 138 ac \$1500  
B. Ammons to N.W. Cude 138 ac \$1600  
J.P. Epps et al to Hester & Cobb, 1 town lot Bethel \$400  
Wm. Sanders & wife to J.A. Stanton – ac \$200  
Mary J. Ramer to J.T. Ramer 1 tract \$250.  
Have three cows fresh in milk for sale. Come at once and get choice, cheap. J.W.

Purviance.

St. Jacob s Oil for Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

### November 11, 1904

Republican Landslide Theodore Roosevelt Receives Majority 174 Votes in the National Electoral College. Parker received 151. Tennessee's 12 votes went to Parker.

Lane College, a leading Southern Colored Institution burned in Jackson, Tenn. last week. The fire started in the boarding department. Damage to college building \$15,000. Insurance only \$7,000.

There are 16 new cases of smallpox in Montgomery County, Tenn.

Samuel Chambers Adm. Et al vs. James Carroll et al The defendants Luther McGee and wife Josie ---- Curtis and wife Hanna Curtis and Henrietta Carroll are now residents of the State of Arkansas and ordered to be County Court Dec 4, 1904.

The Battle of Shiloh and the Shiloh Nation Military Park General Marcus J Wright.  
*General Grant in his 'Memoirs' says: 'The Battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing has been, perhaps, less understood or, to state it more accurately, more persistently misunderstood than any other engagement between the Nation and Confederate troops during the entire rebellion.'*

*This is as true now as when it was written. Most of those persons who have written of Shiloh on the Union side have confined themselves to discussing the comparative achievements in that battle of General Grant's company, the Army of Tennessee, and General Don Carlos Buell's command, the Army of Ohio. Most of those who have written from a Confederate standpoint have confined themselves to the discussion of what should have been the final result should General Albert Sidney Johnson had not been killed, and should General Beauregard have pressed forward instead of ordering a retreat on the afternoon of the second day's battle. So that we have mostly of the battle of Shiloh from those who write of it is not what was actually done by the two great armies on that field the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 1862, but 'What might have been.'*

*Shiloh was the first great battle that had ever been fought on the American continent. When the American colonies entered into the war for independence in 1776, they had only an aggregate population of three million, scattered along the Atlantic coast from the Penobscot River in what is now the State of Maine to the Savannah River in Georgia. In 1812, when the second war with Great Britain was begun there were about seven million people in the United*

*States. No great armies were assembled, and no great battles, as measured by great number, were fought.*

*When the War Between the States, or Civil War, of 1861-5 began the United States had a population of over 31 million.*

*The official statement show that the Battle of Shiloh, up to the date upon which it was fought, saw the greatest array of men marched in hostile conflict that had ever been seen on the Western Hemisphere and its results were more disastrous than any known history of the continent. The bloodshed was only exceeded at Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Chickamauga.*

*The Count of Paris, in his history of the war, says of Shiloh: 'It was in fact from the date of this battle that the two armies began to know and respect each other. Taught by experience thus gained, their Generals felt that so long as such armies remained in the field, the struggle between the North and the South would not come to an end.'*

*It is not proposed in this article to undertake an exhaustive or even particular account of the events of the great battle, but rather to give briefly from the official records now published to the world such a general statement as will lead to an intelligent understanding of the battle, the causes which led to it and its results. I must not omit to say that my work has been much aided by the very accurate report of Major D.W. Reed, Historian and Secretary of the Shiloh Commission, published in 1902.*

*The report of the Confederate side was made by General G.T. Beauregard, who succeeded to the command on the death of General A.S. Johnston.*

*General Grant made no report further than what was contained in a letter written immediately after the battle to General Halleck, informing him that an engagement had been fought and announcing the results. General Grant explains the reason of his not making a report as follows:*

*'General Halleck moved his headquarters to Pittsburg Landing and assumed to command of all the troops in the field. Although next to him in rank, and nominally in command of my old district and army, I was ignored as much as I had been at the most distant point of territory within my jurisdiction and although I was in command of all the troops engaged at Shiloh, I was not permitted to see one of the reports of General Buell or his subordinates in that battle until they were published by the War Department, long after the event. For this reason I never made a full official report of the engagement.'*

*General Grant's 'Memoirs' have been consulted in writing this article as have all reports published in the official records, both Union and Confederate, and the Life of General Johnston, by his son the late Colonel William Preston Johnston, and the writings of others on both sides.*

*I give a brief resume of General Johnston's command, and what occurred previously which led to the Battle of Shiloh.*

*Preliminaries To The Battle: On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1861, General Johnston was assigned to command to that part of the Confederate States which lay west of the Alleghany Mountains, except the gulf coast General Bragg being in command of the coast of west Florida and Alabama and General Mansfield Lovell of the coast of Mississippi and Louisiana.*

*His command was very large in extent, and his powers and discretion as large as the theory of the Confederate government permitted. He lacked nothing except men, munitions of war and the means of obtaining them. The Mississippi river divided his department into distinct*

*theaters of war. West of the river, Fremont held Missouri with a force from 60,000 to 80,000 troops confronted by Price and McCulloch in the extreme southwest corner of Missouri, with 6,000 men, and by Hardee in the northeastern part of Arkansas with several thousand raw recruits, the major part of them suffering from diseases incident to camp life.*

*East of the Mississippi the northern boundary of Tennessee was held in sufferance from an enemy who for various reasons hesitated to advance. The Mississippi was open to a naval invasion unless it could be defended and held. General Grant was at Cairo, and had there and at Paducah about 20,000 men, and to oppose his invasion General Polk has seized Columbus, Ky., with about 11,000 Confederates and had placed it in a state of defense. Tennessee was divided by the Tennessee River and also by the Cumberland. Insignificant works of defense had been erected on both sides at Forts Henry and Donelson, near the boundary line, but in fact, there was no practical defense against the capture of Nashville by the Federals, which was the most important depot of supplies west of the Alleghanies. The defense of the border of Tennessee first engaged General Johnston's attention. Kentucky had assumed a position of neutrality, which was abandoned by act of its legislature in September. There were about 34,000 Federal volunteers and 6,000 Home Guards assembled in that state under General Robert Anderson, of Fort Sumter fame, and had Generals Sherman, Thomas and Nelson.*

*The Confederacy had 3,000 poorly armed and badly equipped troops at Cumberland Gap under General Zollicoffer, guarding the only line of railroad communication between Virginia and Tennessee. Eastern Tennessee was hostile to the Confederacy, and required constant guarding and vigilance. Besides Zollicoffer's force there were only about 4,000 available men to protect General Johnston's line against some 40,000 troops. His line extended from Cumberland Gap to Columbus, Ky., with Bowling Green as a salient.*

*Buckner was moving with a small force in Kentucky, the numbers of which were greatly exaggerated, and created much alarm. Bowling Green was strongly fortified and General Johnston used every means in his power to rally the Kentuckians to his standard. He brought Hardee from Arkansas with 4,000 men and appealed to the Southern Governors for arms and 50,000 troops. Governor Harris, of Tennessee, responded as best he could but the government at Richmond was unable to re-enforce him or to arm the troops he had. General Johnston realized the magnitude of the struggle, and his unprepared condition, but the people of the South only awoke when it was too late. He was never able to assemble more than 20,000 troops to meet the 100,000 on his front. (Continued next week.)*

Horry Hodges, Trustee, will be in these communities to collect tax for the next week, beginning Tuesday in this order: Milledgeville, Mt. Zion, H.O'Neal's Store, Leapwood, Adamsville, Caffey, Acton, Michie, Tulu, McLeods, Stantonville, Rose Creek, Otterville Cypress, Chewalla, Ramer, Guys, Lawton, Purdy, Finger, McNairy, Bethel Springs, Gravel Hill.

For nearly two weeks Dunn, the advertiser of Quaker Remedies, has been in our city and proven himself a gentleman. He explains how Quaker Herb Extract acts through the blood and cures all these catarrhal troubles, removes all worms from the stomach and bowels, and cleans the entire system with a healthy vigorous action consequently such symptoms as rheumatism, indigestion, headaches, nervousness, liver and kidney trouble, shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart, tired feeling, hot flashes and impure blood vanish away like the mist before the rising sun, and the sick once more enjoy the blessing of health. Next week he will be at Bethel Springs and the week following at Adamsville.

Sandbox.....Were it not for the Eastern war the world would be prosperous and happy.... it will be several years before Selmer will have a Democratic postmaster. Those in waiting please note the fact.

Personals: A.H. Olive is working in Corinth for L.A. Beaty, who is sick. Maj. M. Holden died at the Insane Asylum recently. He will be remembered as having made an unfortunate shipment of fine cattle here a few years ago, which mostly died with the Texas fever.

E.D.M. Perkins is contemplating going to the Republic of Mexico with other McNairians in January. An American colony there seems to offer great inducements.

Call at the Curry Hotel from Monday to Wednesday of next week and see Dr. Fanburg about eyeglasses and condition of your eyes.

Accidental killing: On Wednesday, two lads aged about 15 years, Pat Johnson, formerly residing near W.B. Malone's and Everett Michie went hunting near Pea Ridge, and the former accidentally shot himself, dying in a short time. We understand there is no blame attached to Michie though we only have the meager statement as over the phone.

If it's an easy shave or first class hair cut you want go to Onie Whitehurst, Barber. Shop in Selmer Hotel. Clean Towels, Sharp Razors.

S.K. Wallace of Otterville has a limited quantity of silk staple cotton seed, which he will sell at one dollar per bushel. This is a cotton with double bolls and common varieties with lint from 1.25 to 1.50 in length. Matures early. Is it worth in the market from 3 to 4 cents more than uplands.

There are plenty of good fellows at the bottom of the ladder.

Surely out of the twenty-four, we can afford to take one little hour to be happy.

### **November 18, 1904**

Why We Give Thanks by William Rosser Cobbe: The United States of America is the one and only civilized nation upon earth which makes reference to God in its constitution or its laws. While Washington and Hamilton although in no sense religious, would have assented readily to recognition in some wise of the Deity, Jefferson and other free thinkers opposed the proposition vigorously, and it was signally defeated.

Again and again in subsequent years efforts were made to set apart a day by the nation for thanksgiving, prayer and praise to God for his blessings. No less than three presidents refused outright to recommend such a day, declaring there was no authority for it in the constitution or the laws.

It was not until the civil war when there was weeping in every household for the loved one that had been slain in battle - not until after the signal success of Vicksburg and Gettysburg in September 1863 that Lincoln requested the people to commemorate these successes on a given day by heartfelt prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God of battles and peace. Mr. Lincoln was not himself a religious man, but he knew the people to be God fearing and he had faith in the people, whom he sought to serve as to govern justly and righteously.

Little Turkey: Mamma, where has papa gone? He seemed so happy because he was being fed so much and so well taken care of. Mrs. Turkey: Your papa lost his head, like many other who receive unexpected attention.

*The Battle of Shiloh and Shiloh National Military Park by General Marcus J. Wright - continued:*

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> of November the battle of Belmont was fought opposite Columbus, in Missouri, General Grant commanding the Federal Army and General Polk the Confederate Army. In January, 1862, General Johnson was confronted by General Halleck in the west, and General Buell, who had succeeded Sherman in Kentucky. With the exception of the army under General Curtis in Missouri, about 12,000 strong, the whole resources were turned against General Johnston in Kentucky. Halleck, with troops at Cairo and Paducah, under Generals Grant and C.F. Smith, threatened Columbus, and the defenses at Forts Henry and Donelson. Buell's right wing menaced Donelson and Henry, while his center was directed against Bowling Green and his left was advancing against Zollicoffer at Mill Springs on the upper Cumberland.*

*The campaign opened with the defeat of the Confederates under Crittendon and Zollicoffer on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 1862, by General Thomas at Mill Springs or Fishing Creek.*

*While the loss was not severe, it ended in a rout which left General Johnston's right flank exposed. To then reduce the force at Columbus would imperil the Mississippi river, nor could he hazard the loss of Nashville, and he, therefore, determined to make the fight at Forts Henry and Donelson, and soon. Fort Henry fell. He had determined when the movement against Fort Henry was made to fall back to the line of the Cumberland, and make the fight for Nashville at Donelson. Buell was in his front with 90,000 men, and to save Nashville he had to fall back on it with a part of the army. He retained for this purpose 14,000 men - of whom only 8,500 were effective to confront Buell's force - and concentrated at Fort Donelson 17,000 men under Generals Floyd, Pillow and Buckner to meet General Grant with a force of 26,000 troops. Then on Feb. 16, General Johnston learned of the defeat and surrender of the troops at Donelson, his first object was to save the remnant of his army, and he at once determined to abandon the line of the Cumberland and concentrate all his available troops at Corinth, Miss., and prepare for a renewed struggle.*

*On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March he had assembled an army of 23,000 at Corinth. He was reinforced by General Bragg from Pensacola with 10,000 men, and on General Johnston's arrival at Corinth his army numbered 50,000 men.*

*The fall of Forts Henry and Donelson and abandonment of Nashville raised a storm of indignation over the country, and especially in Tennessee, and a committee of Congressmen was sent to President Davis to ask General Johnston's removal. To the committee Mr. Davis said, 'If Sidney Johnston is not a General I have none.' To a friend who urged him to publish an explanation in vindication of his course, General Johnston replied: 'I cannot correspond with the people. What the people want is a battle and a victory. That is the best explanation I can make. I require to vindication I trust in the future. (Continued next week)*

In the November 8, 1904 election Roosevelt carried McNairy County for President 1825 to Parker 1218. For Tennessee Senate, Abernathy carried 1701 to Griswell 570. Precincts in 1904 were: Nethery, Camden, Kerby, Ramer, Caffey, Gravelhill, Falcon, Selmer, Purdy, Finger, Donnell Springs (later know as Michie), Pebble Hill, Stantonville, Leapwood, Mt. Zion, Garrett, Chewalla, Guys, Adamsville, Johnson, McNairy, Cypress, Bethel.

Sandbox..... Douglas the shoe man, will be hereafter be known as Governor Douglas... The South is for the Panama Canal and protection. They will see, we trust, before it is too late, that the principles of the Republican Party will make them great in spite of all they do..... This

week will find all up-to-date farmers done with their gathering. Never did an autumn furnish such weather for getting out crops.....

Personals: Rev. J.A. Moody delivered his farewell sermon Sunday night to a large crowd at the M.E. Church at Selmer. Whether he returns to the ministry or goes to other fields, he has the good wishes of the entire community. J.N. Emmons left last week for Knoxville where he has a good position in the Southern Railroad Office. 'Nick' is a young man with promise.

Dr. Dunn, the advertiser of the Quaker remedies left for Bethel Monday. He left his medicines at Browders and Atkins drug store for sale.

Died: T. Prather died at his home in Ramer Wednesday afternoon of pneumonia. He was taken with a chill Thursday before he died. Mr. Prather was an exemplary young man and has a host of friends. He leaves a wife. To her and his many friends we extend our condolence. (Note: He was actually Samuel T. Prather, died Nov 16, 1904, buried at Mt. Vernon, married Lucy Fowlkes June 3, 1900.)

Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Cotton arrived yesterday from Rienzi, Miss. He will attend Conference at Mount Vincent and spend some time among friends.

Bethel School: Second term opened Nov 7 with a fine attendance. 17 were enrolled in different departments and we are expecting others. W.J. Murphy is moving here for the purpose of sending his children to school here. The debating societies are growing. Willie Dillon will begin school on Monday.

Teacher's Institute, Cedar Hill, Nov 26: Welcome- Fielding Maness. Arithmetic - Horry Hodges and J.L. Leath. Grammar - John R. Erwin and G.H. Poole. Physiology - J.D. Mullens and E.A. Emmons. Primary methods - Miss Maggie Hodges and Miss Florence English. School government - Terry Abernathy. U S History - C. Hamm and J.T. Robison. Geography - W.K. Abernathy and H.J. Cox. Tenn. History - Horry Hodges. Recitation - Miss Tera Robison. Queries - Miss Sallie Rankin. Journal - Miss Eula O'Neal. Debate - Resolved that Tennessee should have a compulsory school law. Affirmative: Horry Hodges and J.A. Moore - Negative: W.K. Abernathy and H.G. Hodges.

Castoria - the kind you have bought for over 30 years. Castoria is a harmless substance for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither opium, morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys worms and allays feverishness. It cures diarrhea and wind colic. It relieves teeth troubles, cures constipation and flatulency. It assimilates the food, regulates the stomach and bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The children's panacea - the mother's friend.

### **November 25, 1904**

Methodist Episcopal Church South conference in Memphis assigned preachers recently. Those in our area: Adamsville circuit: W.D. Dunn Selmer circuit: W.H. Dees Bethel and Selmer: J.T. Bagby Bethel circuit: W.A. Banks Shiloh circuit A.L. Dallas.

Cotton Burned by Bad Boys: A most wanton piece of juvenile cussedness occurred yesterday afternoon when one or more boys struck a match and set fire to the cotton on the railroad platform. 15 bales were badly scorched and only by heroic effort was the flame

prevented from running over every bale on the platform. Most of it belonged to R.D. Anderson, though he had just delivered it to the road for shipment and had a bill of lading for same. It is high time that all such boys should be sent off to reform school. Just what course will be taken by the officials we do not know. This is not the first instance of burning cotton by 'little fellows' in Selmer. The damage will reach \$100. The boys are unknown.

*Not such a dry season can be remembered by anyone as the one now past. In many places the wells, streams and springs which were never dry have utterly given out. Although it has not been disastrous to crops. The accredited amount of rainfall for the past is not up to half of the customary precipitancy.*

*The Battle of Shiloh and Shiloh National Military Park, by Gen Marcus J. Wright, continued from last week:*

*His plan of campaign was to concentrate at Corinth, and interpose his whole force in front of the bend of the Tennessee River, the natural base of the Federal Army, and this effected to engage and defeat Grant before the arrival of Buell. This required immediate action, but time was required for the reorganization of the troops of Bragg and Beauregard. This occupied ten days. Hope was entertained as the arrival of General Van Dorn with reinforcements before the arrival of General Buell, who was marching from Nashville with 37,000 men to join Grant, but which did not arrive until two days later. Hearing of Buell's approach on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, General Johnston determined to at once move to the attack. General Bragg was assigned the command of a corps and also as Chief of Staff. To General Beauregard was tendered the immediate command of the army in the impending battle, which he declined. He did this because he had just come into the district which he had assigned to General Beauregard and was disinclined to deprive him of any reputation he might acquire by the victory is one should be gained. (This last sentence could be in error, but it was the way it was written in the paper – maybe it was 'Had been assigned to Johnston.')*

*This did not mean that he relinquished the supreme command of the army. General Grant's army had been transported up the Tennessee River by boats and was concentrated on the western bank at Pittsburg Landing. It arrived by divisions and General Bragg had proposed to Beauregard to attack before the arrival of whole force, but General Beauregard did not acquiesce.*

*General Grant's plan was for a continued movement of his men and General Buell's army. With Pittsburg as a base, the army was to occupy North Mississippi and Alabama, command the entire railroad system of that section and take Memphis in the rear while Hallock came down the Mississippi river.*

*General Johnston suspected the movement and prepared to defeat it. General Grant's army in the camp consisted of 58,000 men, 50,000 of whom were effective, and Buell was at hand with 37,000 more. General Mitchell with 18,000 men was moving against the railroad at Florence, Alabama, not far distant.*

*General Johnston had determined to attack on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. His general plan was to attack by columns of corps and to make the battle a decisive one, to utterly defeat Grant or to suffer defeat in the attempt, and if successful to contend for the possession of Kentucky and Tennessee. On Saturday afternoon while waiting at the disposition of the troops, council of war was held, in which Generals Johnston, Beauregard, Bragg, Polk, Breckinridge and Gilmer took a part. The Confederate army was in line of battle within two miles of Shiloh Church, and of*

*General Grant's line.*

*General Beauregard proposed that the army should be withdrawn to Corinth. He argued that the delay and noise had given the enemy notice of their approach, and that they would be found fully entrenched. General Johnston expressed surprise at the suggestion, and Generals Polk and Bragg expressed their dissent. General Johnston closed the conference with the simple remark: 'Gentlemen, we shall attack at daylight tomorrow, and turning to one of his staff officers said 'I would fight them if they were a million. They can present no greater front between the two fronts than we can, and the more men they crowd in there the worse we can make it for them.'*

*Another council was held at General Johnston's tent that evening, which elicited the same views and same determination of General Johnston. At the dawn of the day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April as the troops were being put in motion, several of the Generals again met at the campfire of General Johnston. The discussion was renewed. General Beauregard still expressing his dissent, when rapid firing had commenced and General Johnston closed the discussion by saying: "The battle has opened, gentlemen it is too late for us to change our disposition."*

*He proposed that all move to the front, and the Generals promptly rode to their commands. The front line of the Confederate army was composed of the Third Corps and Gladden's Brigade under Hardee, extending from Owl to Lick Creek, a distance of three miles. Hindman's division occupied the center, Cleburn's division occupied on the left and Gladden's on the right having an effective total of 9,024.*

*The second line was command by Bragg, with two divisions, Withers and Ruggles. Withers on the right and Ruggles on the left. This line was 10,351 strong. The third line, the reserve under Polk (the first Corps) with three brigades under Breckenridge. Polk's corps was massed in column of brigades on the Bark Road, near Mickey's and Breckinridge on the same road from Monterey toward the same point. (Continued next week.)*

For sale: 1,000 well seasoned white oak posts, six feet long for fencing. J.T. Warren.

The pills that cure Rheumatism – Dr. Williams 'Pink Pills for Pale People.'

Sand Box....Wednesday morning was as lovely as any spring day one ever enjoyed....Roosevelt is not going to give federal appointments to all the defeated democrats.... The National Cotton Convention will meet soon in Shreveport, La. The boll weevil will be the main topic.

Personals: Olive's Christmas Photos will be nice presents for 'he' or 'she.' F.S. Elgin spent Tuesday night in Selmer. He wants a Deputy for McNairy as Jack Clayton wants to quit. Joseph Wilkerson of Right, Tenn. is on his way to the World's Fair. Rev. T. Cotton by invitation filled the pulpit for Rev. W.J. Williams in the C P Church Sunday. Charles Combs of Adamsville has a dangerous illness and John Combs and wife from St. Louis are making their way to Adamsville. W.M. Phillips, A.J. Garner

Sheriff's Sale: In the cause of O.J. Stovall Vs. Whig McCann, a sale to the highest bidder at the east door of the courthouse in Selmer, Dec. 24, 1904, a certain tract of land, the undivided, the present, the remainder, and the contingent interest the defendant, Whig McCann, owns, belonging to the estate of D.W. McCann, deceased. Described as follows: bounded on the north by the Bell Land, south by McCann, east by Hollerfield and west by Kerby. 2nd tract: on the north by Caleb Cox lands, east by old Beecham land and place south by Williams, Ferguson and Hill lands, west by Jane Hill place. 3<sup>rd</sup> tract: the home place whereon said D.W. McCann resided

when he died and the place where his widow, later known as Mrs. Rogers, resided when she died.

Take Ballards Horehound Syrup for consumption. For coughs and colds, no equal. Sold at B.L. Browder's Drug Store.

A boon to mankind: Dr. Rabler's Buckeye Pile Cure. A certain cure for internal and external piles, without pain.

Died last Sunday night, Mrs. Charles Tennyson at her home north of Selmer, Nov 20, 1904. She was stricken down during Sunday and was beyond medical before her condition was considered serious. She was aged about forty years and was the daughter of L.M. Woods. She leaves a husband and four children. She was a member of the C P church and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Selmer cemetery. Rev. J.H. Curry officiating at the grave.

Died, Monday Nov. 21, 1904, Miss Lizzie Hill, aged 43. She had been afflicted with consumption for several months and her death was not unexpected. She was the daughter of Mrs. M.E. Phillips with whom she resided. She was born a mute and educated and graduated at the Knoxville school and taught there several terms. A large crowd attended her funeral Tuesday at the C P Church. Rev. W.J. Williams conducted the services and burial in the Selmer cemetery.

Died, Andrew L. King, aged 30, died Nov. 23, 1904 of malarial fever contracted in Arkansas. About four weeks ago he returned from Arkansas, where he had an attack of fever from which he never recovered. He was the oldest son of Lawson King and a most worthy young man. Teaching was his profession. He leaves a young wife and a bright little boy about one year old. The funeral was conducted and held in the M E Church, his remains were interred in the Selmer cemetery. To his aged father and mother, his beloved wife, two brothers and only sister, we extend our sympathy.

## December 2, 1904

The first day's receipts for tickets to Ben Hur at Dallas, Texas amounted to \$10,000. (Transcriber's note: after looking on the internet, the first film version of Lew Wallace's Ben Hur was made in 1907 - a silent 15 minute film. The book was written in 1880 and the play was a Broadway hit and ran for 21 consecutive years. Wallace did not want a play written because he did not want Christ portrayed on stage as an actor, so Christ was represented as a beam of light. The play was really spectacular, with a chariot race with live horses and real chariot. So apparently, it was a play at Dallas in 1904.)

Ira Cummings, living near Marshall, Ok., while carrying a gun across a field was chased by a cow and the gun getting caught on her horns, discharged and Cummins was killed.

*The Battle of Shiloh and the Shiloh National Military Park by Gen. Marcus J. Wright, continued from last week:*

*Polk was to advance on the left of the Bark Road, at an interval of eight hundred paces from Bragg's line, and Breckenridge to the right of that road was to give support whenever necessary. Polk's corps was composed of two divisions, Cheatham's on the left and Clark's on the right, being an effective force of 9,136 men in infantry and artillery. It followed Bragg's line at an interval of eight hundred yards. Breckenridge's reserve was composed of Trabue's, Bowen*

and Statham's brigades with a total of 6,439 men. The cavalry, 4,300 strong, guarded the flanks. The total effective force of all armies was about 39,630.

The Federal army present was about 49,232, or present for duty 39,830. At Crump's Landing six miles distant, General Lew Wallace had a force of 5,640 men. General Nelson's division of Buell's army arrived at Savannah on Saturday morning, and was about five miles distant while Crittenden's division had arrived on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

The first gun of battle was heard at 5 o'clock in the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and General Johnston and staff at once mounted and rode to the front.

Some skirmishes on Friday had aroused the vigilance of the Federal commanders. But, General Grant telegraphed General Hallock Saturday night: "The main force of the enemy is at Corinth' one division of Buell's column arrived yesterday. I scarcely have the faintest idea of an attack (general one) being made upon us.

General Prentiss had, however, thrown forward General Moore, with the Twenty-first Missouri Regiment on the Corinth road, who had encountered Hardee's skirmish line under Major Hardcastle, and taking it for an outpost attacked it vigorously. Thus in reality the Federals opened the fight. The struggle was brief. The Eight and Ninth Arkansas regiments came up, and Colonel Moore was wounded and his troops gave away.

#### The Battle

Briefly on the first attack by the Confederates the front line of Grant's army was driven from its position, excepting two of Sherman's brigades, whose position entrenched the first line of battle. Those brigades resisted stubbornly, but their flanks becoming exposed they were compelled to give way and take position on McClernard's right, which was held until the afternoon, when both divisions were driven back. General Grant arrived on the field at 8 am and ordered Lewis Wallace up with his division, while he set to reorganize his scattered lines. Haribut and W.H.L Wallace were now attacked, but repulsed the Confederates who, however continued the assault until 4:30 pm., when Haribut fell back, and Wallace being left to meet the assaults alone, back a half hour later.

General Lew Wallace who, as before stated was at Crump's Landing, six miles distant did not reach the field until near night. The Federal army was then crowded back to the river, leaving all of its encampments and some 3,000 prisoners in possession of the renewal of the attack by the Confederates halted after the falling back of W.H.L. Wallace, the remaining Federal artillery was hastily assembled by General Webster of General Grant's staff, posted on a ridge covering Pittsburg Landing, and a re-newal of the attack by Confederates was resisted, two federates was successfully resisted, two gunboats adding their fire, Buells's advance had reached Savannah on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. ON the 6th, Ammen's brigade, crossed just at the close of the day's battle.

Next morning all of Nelson's, Crittenden's and McCook's divisions had crossed, and with Lew Wallace's command, some 25,000 fresh troops were available. General Johnston had fallen about 2:30 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the command developed upon General Beauregard.

At daylight on Monday, General Grant attacked the whole line, but was stubbornly resisted, the battle continuing until about 4pm. The Union line of the previous day and thirty captured guns were regained.

The arrival of Buell's army with its fresh troops made the contest unequal and though stubbornly contested for while, at about two o'clock General Beauregard ordered the

*withdrawal of his army. To secure this, he placed Colonel Robt. F. Looney, Thirty Eighth Tennessee Regiment by detaching at Shiloh church, and directed him to charge the center of Union lines. In this charge Colonel Looney passed Sherman's Thirty-eighth Regiment, augmented by detachment from other regiments at Shiloh church, and directed the Union line back to Purdy road. At the same time General Beauregard sent artillery across Shiloh Branch and placed the guns in battery on the high ground beyond.*

*With these arrangements Beauregard at 4 o'clock safely crossed Shiloh Branch with his army, and placed his rear guard under General Breckenridge in line upon the ground occupied by him on Saturday night. The Confederate Army returned leisurely to Corinth while the Union army returned to the camp it had occupied before the battle.*

*No general pursuit of the Confederates was made, General Halleck having issued order forbidding it and Confederates were allowed to retire to Corinth while the Unions army occupied itself in buying the dead and caring for the wounded.*

*General Beauregard reported a loss of 1,728 killed, 8,012 wounded and 959 missing. The Union's loss was reported at 1,754 killed 8,409 wounded and some 2855 prisoners. Revised statement make the total loss in both armies killed, 3,282, wounded 16,420, missing 3,844 total 23,745. (Continued next week)*

Sand Box.... It now seems conceded by the press of the state that McNairy County will be honored with the speaker of the coming House of Representatives.....It is said that the smallpox is in nearly every colored home in Corinth and many whites.....Mrs. Halstead was unfortunate in having her only milk cow killed by the train the other night..... Everyone is glad to the new schedule drops the two trains which gave us the high-ball, and we are back to the old times before the fair.....Now that Thanksgiving is past the boys will begin to whoop up Christmas.....Football is the monstrously brutal of all the beastly games.

Mrs. W.D. Jopling Cremated In Her Room: The town was startled about 8 o'clock Monday morning by the report that Mrs. Julia Jopling was dead by burning in her room. She had been an invalid for several months, not being able to walk across her room until recently she could move unassisted from chair to bed. Mary Ann Kendall an aged old Negress, was employed to wait on her. She left the deceased sitting by the open fire place while she went to the hotel to get her breakfast. When she returned she found the room full of smoke and fire. She found Mrs. Jopling near the window, dead. She was terribly burned on the face, hands, feet and abdomen and had been dead about an hour. The room showed she struggled with the fire to save herself. Her weakened condition supposedly prevented her from making an outcry, though people were passing in the hall. It is supposed her clothes caught on fire from the fire place, and inhaling the flames, death was sudden. She was the widow of W.D. Joplin. She died November 28, 1904 and was laid to rest by her husband at Jopling (Bethesda) Cemetery beside her husband. She was a member of the C P Church in Selmer. Rev. J.B. Maxedon officiated at the grave site. She leaves one son, A.H. Jopling and was stepmother of Mrs. J.C. Waggoner and Judge J.B. Jopling.

Personals: Miss Vera Prather is assisting in the dry-goods department of her father's store during the winter rush. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crocker died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday. He was only two days old.

Selmer Chapter No 77 of R A M met in regular session and elected and installed officers for the next Masonic year. The officers are: H.C. Gooch- HP John T. Warren - King, N.W. Cude

- Scribe, Horry Hodges - Treasurer, W.J. Full - Secretary.

Dr. W.T. Bell, from Enville has arranged to move to Selmer, probably next week , to make it is permanent home. He is the only son of the late Job Bell whom all loved. He is about the last of the Purdy boys to ever come amongst us.

Rev. J.T. Bagby preached his initial sermon Sunday at the M E church. The large lot of men's and boys Extra Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, shipped to Selmer through a mistake, consisting of 72 doz. suits, has been secured by Williams Bros. and place on sale at a greatly reduced price at Williams store in Rose Creek and the Green Store at Selmer.

Those in Selmer last week: Mrs. O.J. Stovall of Bethel, Judge Jno. B. Jopling to attend his mother's funeral, Mrs. Ora Hendrix of Martin, Tenn., S.S. Brooks of Bethel, C.W. Williams of Savannah, Mrs. Rebecca Emmons.

Take King's New Life Pills to cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Found at J.E. Atkins in Bethel or R.D. Etheridge in Bethel.

Try Herbine for constipation. Found at B.L. Browders in 50¢ bottles.

The Christian Sunday School had a fine Children's Rally and Temperance lesson Sunday night.

Marriage License:

E.L. Blankenship to Alver Surratt

Newt Wright to Annie Short

G.F. Harris to Annie Smith

C.R. Bealand to Bessie Long

R.T. Gray to Pattie Carothers

C.A. Taylor to Very Moore

J.M. Patman to Fannie South.

J.C. Kirk to T.A. Boyette.

W.T. Briggs to Annie McAlpin

Jasper McCullar to Tulia Wicks

J.J. Jackson to Amanda Robinson

Sam Robertson to Eva Bracking

General Humphries to Rittie Smith

P.N. Wilson to Ivy Moore

### December 9, 1904

The state press has much to say about the next legislature making appropriations for a state fair or probably one in each grand division. We are inclined to have the opinion that each county should have a fair of its own. When the citizens of a county contest with each other they all have a fair showing. With a big state fair the exhibits are chiefly by the professional fair tourists who make a business of showing stock for speed or bloom just as a circus does, for the money there is in it. There is a social side to the county fair. People meet and become acquainted with each other and exchange ideas which are in line with their business.

125,000,000 people speak the English language today. French has long been the language of diplomacy but the English is making rapid strides as the universal tongue of diplomacy and trade.

America can raise all the cotton the world can consume.

The recent discovery to get rid of the sperm is to soak wheat or sorghum seed in strong whiskey for 24 hours and scatter around the barn. They get drunk and can be picked up in baskets and pies made of them. If a pigeon or chicken gets drunk the same way lay them on a shelf to sober up. This is a fine theory, but who would waste Christmas liquor in such a prodigate.

Land transfers:

O. Castleberry & wife to H.C. Farris, 100 ac \$700  
N.W. Cude to L. Sipes, 124 ac \$300  
A.W. Stovall to George Erwin 15 ac \$375  
J.H. Steadman & J.B. Maxedon & wife to W.J.M. Kir (?)  
H.L. Archer & wife to E.T. Cross 20 ac \$100  
G.W. Sipes to W.S. Carroll, 245 ac \$200  
W.A. Rizell to Rosson McCully 113 ac \$38  
Rosson McCully to J.C. Gooch 28.75 ac \$25  
A.J. Hill & wife to J.T. Hill 50 ac \$400  
Sam McCullar & wife to Mark Sanders 247 ac \$200  
W.T. Younger & wife to J.R. Younger 85 ac \$700  
W.H. Smith & wife to J.W. Finley 27 ac \$700  
J.T. Fulwood to J.B. Fulwood 1/3 of 135 ac 100.  
W.R. Perkins to J.B. Fulwood 1/3 of 135 ac \$50  
J.W. Howie & wife to J.B. Fulwood 1/3 of 135 ac \$150  
H.C. Poindexter to J.B. Fulwood 40 ac \$180  
W.C. Carroll to J.M. McKenzie 56 ac \$300  
J.M. McKenzie & wife to W.R. Clack 90 ac \$400  
C.N. Foster to John McAlpin 158 ac \$600  
J.W. Wyatt et al to F.M. Smith one tract \$100.  
J.F. Brown to C. Wilkins 170 ac \$1,000  
H.A. Hunter to J.H. Jones 75 ac \$25  
Wolfe and Stone to Claybourne Clemons 100 ac \$75  
G.W. Gates to Jarman Canady 40 ac, \$17  
J.P. Canady & wife to Jarman Canady 40 ac \$150  
John Wilkerson & wife to Bruce Barnes 33 ac \$125  
J.E. Dunaway & wife to Mary J. Jung 30 ac \$225  
J.W. Purviance to Allen Lumpkins 175 ac \$350  
H.D. Miller & wife to W.O. Hailey, one lot \$20  
J.B. Williams to W.H. Devault lots in Purdy \$280.

Mule for sale: call at this office, telephone no 23, if you want to buy a good large five year old mule.

*The Battle Of Shiloh and the Shiloh National Military Park by General Marcus J. Wright (continued): I have stated that the battle of Shiloh is less known or understood than any of the great battles of the war, and gave what I think are the reasons.*

*So, also, The Shiloh National Military Park is much less known than Gettysburg or Chickamauga Parks, partly on account of its inaccessibility by reason or remoteness from railroads.*

*The only public means of reaching it is by boats on the Tennessee river. The nearest railroad points are Selmer, on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, about 18 miles westward, and Corinth at the junction of the Mobile & Ohio and Southern (formerly Memphis & Charleston) railroads, some twenty miles south. A gravel road, of which 25 miles of very excellent character have been constructed within the park, extended to either Corinth or Selmer would greatly*

*facilitate travel and doubtless add many visitors to the park. The Commissioners have recommended this, naming Corinth as the point and a bill is now pending in Congress for its construction. A survey has been made by the Illinois Central railroad from Jackson, Tenn., by the way of the park to Tusculumbia (Ala.) If this is built it will help the present facilities but even with this railroad there should be a wagon road.*

*The park was established by an act of Congress approved Dec. 27, 1894, and lies wholly in Hardin County, on the West bank of the Tennessee River. The Secretary of War appointed as Commissions Col. Cornelius Cadle, of Cincinnati for the Army of Tennessee, Chairman General Don Carlos Buell, of Paradise, Kentucky, for the Army of Ohio Colonel Robert F. Looney, of Memphis, Tenn., for the Army of Mississippi Major D.W. Reed, of Chicago, Secretary and Historian and Captain James W. Irwin of Savannah, Tenn., agent for the purchase of land.*

*The Commission organized April 2, 1895, at Pittsburg Landing, and at once entered on its duties. Mr. James W. Riddell was appointed Clerk of the Commission. Mr. Atwell Thompson of Chattanooga, Tenn., a civil engineer was employed to take charge of the work. He at once began surveys and ran parallel lines across the field from north to south every two hundred feet, upon which stakes were placed two hundred feet apart. From these surveys levels were taken and a topographical chart made of all the land within the limit of the park. From official maps and reports, information received from residents, personal recollections of survivors of the battle, etc., roads, fields and camps were restored, battle lines and position of troops located and shown on the map, and marked by historic tablets on the ground.*

*General Don Carlos Buell died in November, 1897, and Major J.H. Ashcraft, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Volunteers, was appointed in his place. Colonel Robert F. Looney died Nov 19, 1899 and Colonel Josiah Patterson of Memphis, Tenn., First Alabama Cavalry, succeeded to his place.*

*Colonel Patterson's death followed later, Feb 12, 1904, and General Basil W. Duke, of Louisville, Ky. was appointed.*

*As before stated, 25 miles of excellent gravel road has been constructed, the undergrowth has been cut out, much of the original trees as remained preserved, and a fine growth of trees 42 years old, grown since the battle, adorn the park.*

*The park embraces, in round numbers, 3,675 acres of ground upon which there was actual fighting. Of this area the Government has purchased 3,335.05 acres. About 350 more acres are needed for marking correctly the positions of all the troops. With this addition the Government would own all the land upon which there was any fighting including the Union camps and General Hardee's line of battle Saturday night.*

*The monuments in the park erected by states are as follows: Illinois has erected 38 regimental monuments and one very handsome state monument Ohio 34, Indiana 23, Iowa 11 regimental and one state monument. The latter in beauty of design, excellent workmanship and solidity of construction is unexcelled. Pennsylvania has one monument to its on regiment engaged Wisconsin will soon erect a monument.*

*General Wm B. Bate, of Tennessee, who commanded the Second Regiment at Shiloh, has raised the necessary money, and will soon have erected a monument to that regiment. This, when in place, will be the first Confederate monument on the field.*

*The Commissioners have placed monuments to the general officers on both sides, and officers commanding brigades, who were killed in battle. On the Confederate side, Generals*

*Albert Sidney Johnston and A.H. Gladish were killed, and on the Union army General W.H.L. Wallace and Colonel Julius Raith and Everett Peabody.*

*They are uniform in size and shape. Though plain, they are quite imposing. They are made with concrete foundation and base 20 feet square, with pyramids of cannon balls on each of the four corners. A concrete second base in the center is surmounted by a 24-pounder Parrott gun set on end. On this is a bronze shield with the inscription. The inscription of General Johnston is as follows:*

*C. S.  
General Albert Sidney Johnston,  
Commanding the Confederate Army,  
Was Mortally Wounded  
Here at 2:30 P.M., April 6, 1862.  
Died in Ravine Fifty Yards East at 2:54 P.M.*

*The place in the ravine where he died is plainly marked, the tree under which his volunteer aid-de-camp, Governor Isham G. Harris laid him still standing there.*

*The inscriptions on other mortuary monuments are of like character.*

*The headquarters of general officers of divisions and brigades are marked by pyramids of shells with inscriptions giving names of the officers. The lines of all organizations are plainly marked so that it is easy to recognize the ground over which any body of troops passed during the battle.*

*The Confederates who fell at Shiloh are buried in large trenches, five in number, near where they fell. The Commission has placed them in fine order and adorned them with shells similar to the adornment of the monuments just mentioned.*

*I was there on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May last (Decoration Day.) The Commissioners invited me to a seat in their carriage, and we passed the resting places of Confederates and on the arrival at each burying place the Commissioners alighted and decorated them.*

*Hereafter it is expected that there will be a general decoration of the Confederate graves, as it is usual at other places.*

*The National Cemetery: This adjoins the park, and is on a bluff 120 feet high immediately on the Tennessee River. It was laid out in 1866 and contains ten and a half acres. There are buried in the cemetery the bodies of 1,239 known and 2,375 unknown Union soldiers. It is handsomely laid out, and under the superintendence of Mr. John W. Shaw is kept in admirable order.*

*There is a very good hotel near the office of the Commissioners and a general store where almost any article usually found in such places can be had.*

*Altogether the park is a most beautiful one, and the work done by the Commissioners reflects credit on their good judgment and business capacity. The End.*

*Sand Box .....If the Republicans bought the election, who did they buy and why so many.....Drinking milk in Kentucky as a substitute for water is a joke on the native beverage.....McNairy is a dumping ground for Texas ponies is not in the interest of our home grown horses and mules.... The oil well is getting along very well this week, going down slowly but surely..... It looks like the next Chairman of the County Court will be from the minority party....fire wood is scarcer in Selmer than money.... Christmas entertainment by the Sunday*

School class at the C P Church Christmas eve.

Personals: Charlie McCullar has bought a place from Henry Dennie adjoining the Jopling home place and is improving it for a home. Mr. Harrison Maxedon of Bruce, Ill., has returned to spend the winter with relatives. He is at present stopping with Mrs. Edith Warren. R..P Devault returned from Celeste, Texas, Monday with his family. He thinks McNairy County will do him for awhile and it is thought it was his wife's health why he returned.

Mrs. Alice Kernodle returned from Arkansas quite sick, and it at her sister's Mrs. E.F. Hendrix.

Died: Charles Augustus Combs, age 58 years died after a lingering illness at his home in Adamsville, Nov 29, 1904, and was buried the next day in the Adamsville Cemetery. Rev. W.J. Williams holding services at the grave. Mr. Combs was a leading citizen of the county and universally respected. He leaves a wife, and one son just in manhood and one daughter Mrs. O.C. Wilson.

Died: Mrs. Dr Henry (Annie) Sanders on Wednesday, Dec. 6. 1904, at her home near Stantonville. Her death was the result of child birth, and brings bitter sorrow to a large number of relatives and friends. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.I.M. Perkins. It will be remembered that she read a poem by her mother, Mrs. Jennie Perkins, at the unveiling of the Pioneer's Monument at Selmer last May. Our sympathy goes out to her grief stricken husband and aged parents.

Order of publication: J.T. Hamm vs. Mrs. Martha Hockaday in Chancery Court. The defendant Mrs. Martha Hockaday and Sarah E. Sims (formerly Hockaday) are residents of Mississippi and the residence of Oscar Sims, husband of Sarah Sims is unknown.

Order of Publication: Samuel Chambers, Adm. et al vs. James Carroll et al, County Court: defendants Luther McGee and wife Josie McGee, — Curtis and Hannah Curtis and Henrietta Carroll are residents of Arkansas.

For beautiful hair use 20<sup>th</sup> Century Hair Tonic. You can find it at R.L. Browder's in Selmer and R.D. Etheridge at Bethel.

### **December 16, 1904**

Tennessee and Kentucky are aroused over extraordinary town names in their states. When it comes to Tennessee, she did not forget the Good Book. She put an Ark in Meiggs County, a Noah in Coffee, a Genesis in Cumberland, a St. John and St. Luke in Jackson County, a Joshua here and a Caleb there, here an Elijah and there a Samuel. Ruth and Naomi are not forgotten and two Ebenezers - one in Knox Co and one in Humphries Co.

From mythology she obtained June, Venus, Vulcan, Bacchus, Diana, Hercules, Neptune, Olympus, and Delphi. From Shakespeare: Romeo and Othello. From the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta and Omega. From the church: Methodist, Baptist, Priest, Pope, Friar and Tabernacle. It is pure guess work where she picked up Mark Twain and Jones.

When it comes to naming her towns, she has no less chivalric, for well has she remembered the young ladies: Alice, Bessie, Blanch, Clara, Cleo, Daisy, Delia, Edith, Edna, Ethel, Eva, Grace, Helen, Henrietta, Jessie Kate, Kathleen, Lavinia, Lila, Louise, Lucille, Lucy, Mary, May, Nellie, Nina, Nora, Norma, Ora, Patty, Stella, Sylvia and Callie.

The boy's names which have not been forgotten run the gamut from Alex to Zach. Tennessee points with pride to Dollar, Greenback Gold-dust, Spondulix, and, finally, a Bank. The official christeners of Tennessee towns were so pleased with Buck Snort and Pinhook that there are two in the state. There is a Cemetery, a Coffin, and a Sexton.

All these names are merely incidentals in the list. Some of those upon which patriotic citizens of Tennessee base her claims for real prestige are: Barefoot, Botts, Leap Year, Chimney Top, Chuckaluck, Half Pone, Hanging Limb, Ipe, Morrowbone, Mouse Tail, Opossum, Parch Corn, Peanut, Rip Shin, Sweet Lips, Tom Brown, U Bet, Yum Yum, Buzzard Roast, Fits, Mashhead, Peeled Chestnut, Shoo Fly, Skull Bone, Snail-lope, Tiger Tail, and Wahoo.

(They left out some of McNairy County: Wild Goose which later changed to Leapwood and Chicken Breast which change to Lawton.)

Fun is expensive. Thirteen lives have been lost in football during the past season and deer hunting in Wisconsin closed last week with a total of sixteen hunters shot to death, mistaken for wild animals.

For a good line of Ladies Dress Goods, step in at Prince and Wallace's.

Nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a nice rug. E.F. Hendrix has just the kind at such prices as will please you.

Oh! Those pretty dolls for the Christmas trees. Yes and such a lot of fruit and goodies. Peep into Gooch's.

Humphrey's have fresh big fat oysters all through the holiday and everything else good to eat.

The Green Store in Selmer will close Saturday night, Dec 24 at 10 pm

Sand Box....The smallpox has again broken out in the family up the railroad after it was thought it would not spread from the first one..... The town supports a colored store in the house formerly occupied by H.C. Gooch..... From accounts most dry towns are voting red liquor back in after as year's experience.....More suicides and murders than we ever knew before.....One week from Sunday will be Christmas, rain or shine..... The Bethel Springs High School is going to have a dramatic entertainment on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The estate of R.T. McIntire is insolvent.

Go to Hendrix Furniture. Latest designs and up to date at down prices for holiday trade. Houston and Mitchell have cranberries and everything else to go with that Christmas turkey.

Mrs. Humphrey gets up a good hot meal of the rarest fresh meats, such as oysters, fish, sausages, pig's feet and everything you do not have at home.

Christmas will soon be here. Market your poultry, eggs, etc before the market declines. Selmer Produce Co, A.G. Lee, Mgr.

Selmer Daily Train Schedule: North Bound: 8:11 am 10:03 pm 3:00 pm. South bound: 7:16 pm 6:49 am weekdays 11:15 am.

**December 23, 1904**

Bethel Springs College begins Jan. 2.

Well another Christmas is about here and I am filbusterin around for some way to celebrate the occasion. I always have had something to liven up my spirits on the said morning, but I have been thinking whether it is becoming in an ole man to get drunk Christmas to honor the day that it is claimed our Savior was born. I used to do it every time for 50 years. But it sorta seems that I will not this time. I know young fellers think it is smart to get a jolly high once a year and that on Christmas. But when you come to think about it from a scripture standpoint will it chin up?

That preacher of mine the other day was saying something about whether it was the way to celebrate a dear friend's birthday and asked me if I would like for all my friends to get drunk on my daddy's birthday for the purpose of honoring him, and I rather thought it would be an insult. So I am going to keep straight one Christmas and see how I feel the next day. Of course the boys and ole woman will think it strange and I expect that will excuse me for doing the gentleman. And I am going to put them \$2 I always pays for licker into candy and apples for a whole lot of pore children who don't get much of that sort from their fathers. The preacher says a fellow will feel better when he does it and I am going to try once. If it don't work out the way he says I will go on a big bust next Christmas and tell him his rule will work on simple folks and goodly people but not on my sort. After I have tried the experiment I will write you about it. It is an awful thought though not to have a toddy on Christmas morning, but I will do without it once, if it kills me. Ole Sinner.

Sand Box ..... From the extra express train run to deliver the little jugs sure would infer that Christmas will be celebrated by old fashioned drunks and brawls.....Turkey are so scarce that some of us will fall back on the old hen..... First Monday in January a Chairman and County Superintendent are the important officers to be elected..... By all means elect a Chairman who is honest and qualified and would reflect credit to the county..... Bill Sweat says that Jackson whiskey is so mean it has killed all the shade trees in his yard.... We will take the usual holiday week and the Independent will not appear on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.....the Curry Hotel is again vacant, Mrs. Curry retiring... Fill your turkey Friday night and it will be just right for Sunday dinner.... The poor little rabbit was aroused from his morning lair Wednesday by a pack of hounds headed by J. R. Adams and Horry Hodges. Congress has adjourned for the usual Christmas holiday's drunk....Eggs are currently 20 cents a dozen....

Personals: Mr. John Stephenson has been confined to his room sick. Lee Basinger was in Selmer from Adamsville. Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Scott are spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Stone. Horace Lockman has returned home. J.D. Perkins was in Tuesday with a load of fine turkeys and eggs, selling the same at a fancy price to Selmer produce. Our Christmas turkey came out of the lot. The first term of Selmer High School closed yesterday. F.A. Barnes, Clem Lea of Knoxville, Hon A.W. Stovall of Jackson, Mrs. J.R. Stone of Jackson, Miss Marie Stovall, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton were in Selmer last week.

Get your Christmas suit at Bigger & Abernathy.

Women who dress their hair to look like wigs are the limit.

Land transfers:

J.R. Coln to J.L. Coln, one tract \$22.50

Mrs. Lou Marrison to G.W. Moore 1/7 interest \$750  
 R.L. Brown and I.W. Brown and wife to L.T. Tueton - acres \$100  
 J.R. Riddle & wife to E.R. Sweat, 109 acres \$1250  
 C.V. Brown & wife to L.F. Tueton 15 ac \$100  
 S.A. Brown et al to L.F. Tueton – acres \$700.  
 J.R. McIntire to M.A. James 1/8 ac \$50  
 Wesley Elam to O.F. Presley 187 ac \$750 W.C. Elam to O.F. Presley 23 ac \$275  
 J.W. Elam to O.F. Presley 25 ac \$100  
 Work Bros. & Co. to J.T. Wolverton - \$100  
 Geo. Plunk to G.W. William 41.5 ac \$58.50 Wood  
 Thomas Hires to Ike and Theron Thomas 186 ac \$1,000.  
 Ike Thomas to Theron Thomas ½ interest in land \$500  
 J.R. Adams, cashier to L.E. Farris 100.75 ac \$600  
 J.B. Hicks & wife to Frank Hall 1 lot of 5 acres \$40  
 M.J. Hockaday et al to S.T. Chambers 96 ac \$1,000  
 W.R. Womble to M.L. Deaton 128 acres \$800  
 B.O. Weeks to W.C. Cash - lots \$400  
 H.S. Sewell to J.S. Sewell - ac \$800  
 M.E. Patton to J.W. Carothers & wife 32 ac \$320  
 W.R. Talley to M.L. Robinson 400 ac \$825.

The Earnshaw Aerial Navigation Company of Jackson has raised the money and authorized F.W. Earnshaw, the inventor to construct within 90 days a model of his proposed flying machine. It will be so built that with a small additional motor you persons can be carried in the model. Mr. Earnshaw claims he had solved the problem of aerial navigation and has gained the confidence of the business men of Jackson to an extent to cause them to furnish funds for carrying out his idea.

Marriage License:	Thomas Orr to Annie Wall
D.D. Waller to Annie Carpenter	C.N. Foster to Jennie Basham
J.C. Larew to Lizzie Rimmer	Bunyan Kernodle to Ada Moore
H.V. Robinson to Bettie Leonard	F.C. Cooksey to L.J. Sipes
James Melton to Daisy Leath	Edgar Koon to Effie Green
N.A. Kirk to Mollie Howell	W. Newcomb to Belle Defoyster
R.L. James to Minie Mathis	John Moore to Jennie Horn.

No paper on December 30, 1904

