

Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Events

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January 4, 1912:

Marriage Licenses: Elberidge Webb of Grove Spring and Ada McKeel of Niangua; Robt. H. Todd of New Grove and Lolo Allen of Odin; Shellie Wells of New Grove and Virgie Wyatt of Seymour; Charles Henry Walker and Ada Fletcher both of Manes; Dennis Crane of Norwood and Minnie Gibson of Mountain Grove; Earl Anderson of Mansfield and Bertha Hensley of Macomb; Elbert W. Weaver and Myrtle Gimlin both of Hartville; Ardon A. Pierson of Hartville and Bertha A. Robinett of Rayborn; Otto Tarbutton of Mansfield and Nettie Moss of Lincoln, Neb.; William J. Thomas and Stella Smith both of Norwood; James Harley Mitchell and Lou Marlin both of Odin.---Hartville Democrat

Mrs. Allie Hutchenson Crawford, in her 23rd year, died near Lundy Dec. 14.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell died at the home of her daughter, near Huggins, Dec. 17,

Col. Lilburn H. Murray, who died in Springfield Dec. 22, left an estate listed at \$160,000.

One hundred and ninety-six Greene county couples were divorced last year, and 305 tried to be.

Greene County is to get \$6010 from the national government because her court house was used as a hospital for soldiers during the Civil war.

Among the "holiday hook-ups" (meaning marriages) mentioned by the Houston Herald are Coy Roberts to Miss Vivian Sherrell; Charles W. Roy to Miss Beulah E. Windsor; James G. Sroufe to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fox.

Some Texas county marriage licenses last week: Noah Bishop and Bertha Ford; Clifford F. Steffens and Maude S. McKinney; Paul Marte and Cora A. Andrews; Matt Easley and Sarah Brandon; C. A. Akeman and Betha Sutton; George Raper and Gatha Sillyman; Howard A. Harmeyer and Mrs. Flora Stanislaus.

Quite a fight is reported to have occurred at Venable Dec. 23, Thomas Boyles being attacked by four of the Sells brothers. Mr. Boyles is said to have more than held his own with three of the Sells who first got onto him and knocked them right and left with a club, but the fourth ran in behind him and struck him in the head, laying him out.

John Scanlon, banker and prominent citizen of Newburg, Phelps County, has mysteriously disappeared. He was out driving with his hired man who reported that Scanlon got out of the buggy and left him; later search revealed Scanlon's coat, hat and checkbook, but as yet nothing has been found of the missing banker. The hired man has been placed under arrest.

Work has begun on the big dam across White river near Forsyth. The Ozark Water & Power Company, composed of local promoters, had been capitalized by a federal company and the reservoir will be rapidly pushed to completion. It is said that before the close of the year this company will be furnishing light and power to Springfield and other towns of this section.

Word has just been received by Mr. O. H. Steger and family of the marriage of Miss Emma Steger to Rev. Edward Pilley, which took place at Huchow, China, November 22, 1911. They will continue to reside in Huchow, where Mr. Pilley is stationed under the Missouri Board of the M. E. church, South.

William Arthur Claxton, a well-known Wright county school teacher, died Dec. 12.

Mrs. L. M. Reese returned home a few days ago from Osceola, Mo., where she was called by the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Lewis, which occurred on the 15th of December.

Jake Sutton, who farms for Will Hinkle, was arrested on information of the latter, last Saturday and was taken to Hartville to have his mental condition inquired into. The county court met on Wednesday and ordered his release, as they considered him harmless. Sutton has, we are informed, been treated for insanity at the Nevada asylum.

Dr. Lane's residence was burglarized while he and Mrs. Lane were at Liberty, where they were called by the illness of the latter's parents, but he will be unable to ascertain what was taken until Mrs. Lane returns. He thinks it likely that some silverware, clothing and canned fruit were included in the booty. The intruders left evidence of having lunched while in the house.

Dr. Charles E. Douglass surprised his friends last Saturday evening by entering the ranks of the benedicts. He and Miss Martha Longworth, whose home has been in the vicinity of Manes, were married in the neat little home which the groom had quietly fitted up for the reception of his bride, and they ate their Sunday morning breakfast at the home. Rev. Thomas Thorne was the officiating minister and Mr. Ray Shollenberger and Miss Vera Douglass, sister of the groom, were the attendants. Dr. Douglass is a popular young professional man of sterling qualities. We are not acquainted with the young lady of his choice, but have confidence in his good judgment, and in behalf of our people extend to her a cordial welcome to Mountain Grove, with the hope that both may live long and prosper.

January 11, 1912:

On Sunday at noon, at the residence of Robert Fox, ten miles northeast of Mountain Grove, his daughter, Miss Elizabeth, became the wife of James G. Sroufe of this city, the editor of the Star officiating. James G. Sroufe, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sroufe of this city, is well known to nearly every citizen of or near town. Jim has grown from childhood in our midst, and his conduct has always been that of a gentleman. Not only is he a young teacher, stands well in the Masonic Lodge, having served as chaplain for several months, but he is also a licensed minister of the M. E. church. Miss Elizabeth is an excellent representative of one of the oldest and best families of Clinton township. A part of her education was acquired at our high school, hence with her modest and loveable character; it is not strange that she has many friends in our city. That Mr. and Mrs. Sroufe have, and deserve the hearty good wishes, not only of the Star, but of a host of other friends, goes without saying.---Houston Star

J. H. Tyson, an old, respected citizen of Mountain View, died Dec. 31.

A fraternal order known as the "Gobblers" is to be organized at Springfield.

Miss Otta Smoot, hello girl at Koshkonong, eloped New Year's Day and was married at Springfield to Cuthbert Pickren, a Mammoth Springs liveryman.

Mrs. Lucinda Herndon, aged 80 years and one of the oldest residents of Douglas county, died on New Year's Day. She is survived by two brothers, Alex and William Philpott, both of Webster counties.

A U.S. deputy marshal has arrested George Heath, near Lanton, for violating quarantine regulations. Heath bought cattle in Arkansas, drove them into Missouri to be weighed and then drove them back. He will be tried in May.

The unknown man who was found hanging to a tree with his throat cut near Viola, Ark., three days before Christmas, was buried without identification. The body was photographed while hanging by Mrs. Million, who resides in that neighborhood.

Anselm Jenkins of Douglas county is either awkward or unfortunate---perhaps both. While out hauling water, he fell and the sled ran over him. Sometime afterward, he fell under his wagon, receiving injuries which caused him to be so lame he could hardly climb a fence. Attempting to climb one with a hammer in his hand, he fell, the hammer striking him in the head. It is said that his wife now accompanies him when he goes out to work.

Santa Claus left a boy at D. T. Phillips' on Brushy creek Christmas night.

Coy Roberts, the Houston optician, and Miss Vivian Sherrell of Licking were married during the holidays.

Aunt Polly Evans, who died near Manes, of consumption, on the 26th, was one of the early settlers of Wright county, coming here from Tennessee.

Recent Webster county weddings were those of Silas Matney and Miss Willie Tarbutton, and Manley Scheetz and Miss Nellie Holmes, both marriages on the 31st.

Sheriffs Carnahan of Carter county and Summers of Shannon county last week brought back from Truman, Ark., Edward Bowen, charged with assaulting his stepdaughter.

Arch Carty, a former resident of Salem, died in Kansas City on the 30th, of typhoid fever, and his body was brought to his old home for burial. He was 25 years old.

Douglas county marriage licenses last week: R. A. Cates of Tigris to Martha Twitty of Granada; G. W. Reagan to Etta Lindner both of Witty; J. H. Lord to Victory Webster both of Idumea.

The body of Elbert Mayfield, killed in a Joplin mine accident, was buried at the Allen graveyard in Texas county last week. The burial of his sister, Mrs. Lon Courtney took place at the cemetery a day earlier.

Saturday night, Dec. 30, the Frisco depot at Mountain View was broken into and eight packages of whiskey stolen. The money drawer was tampered with, but not opened. This is the second time within a few months that the depot has been burglarized and "booze" stolen.

Arthur C. Kelly, aged 17 and a son of A. W. Kelly of Willow Springs, was killed by a fast passenger train at Hornersville on the _____. He was helping his father on _____ bridge and stayed too long to drive a spike, thinking the train would stop. As it did not do so, he started to run and was struck just before reaching the end of the bridge.

Granny Wagoner is said to be the oldest woman in the Ozark country, being 110 years old. She lives in a little one room log cabin about three miles south of Protem, in Taney county and just across the line in Arkansas. At this ripe old age she continues to make her own living by working in the fields, or any other work she can get to do. Granny Wagoner was born in southern Tennessee in 1801. Her parents died when she was a small child, and she was left with strangers, who soon moved to Missouri and she came with them, and from that time on she had had a life of hardships. She was married in Davis county and later moved to Bates county, where she raised a large family of nine girls. Her husband joined the Confederate army and was killed at the battle of Prairie Grove and she has remained a widow since. During the war, the soldiers burned her home and took her small amount of stock and left the family destitute. She has sixty-five grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren that she knows of, but she knows where only four of her children are, and the other may have passed over the silent river. Her youngest daughter is now an old woman. She still clings to her old clay pipe and says it is a great comfort to her when she comes in after a hard day's work.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. McNamee in "Old Town" on the 2nd.

Otto Tarbutton and Miss Nettie Moss were married at Mansfield Dec. 23. The bride was recently a resident of Nebraska.

The Hartville Republican notes the marriage of Logan Tate to Sylvia Bunn on the 22nd, and Arden Pierson and Miss Bertha Robinett on the 24th.

Daniel Stout, who has relatives east of Mansfield, was killed recently by a cave-in of dirt while he was inspecting some carpenter work in a trench at Kansas City.

Mr. Ben Springgate and Miss Cora Fox were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fox. Rev. J. G. Saylor officiated.

W. H. Leonard, an aged citizen and old soldier residing eight miles south of Mountain Grove, died Tuesday night, of cancer of the liver, at the age of 71 years and 1 day. Funeral services were held at the Mountain Grove Christian church at noon today and the burial was in the new cemetery.

Marriages reported in Hartville Republican: Dec. 24, Arden Pierson and Miss Bertha Robinett; Dec. 25, Earley Anderson and Miss Bertha Hearsley, and Charles Walker and Miss Ada Fletcher.

On last Sunday evening, Mr. Galen Hanson of Hartville and Miss Leslie Young of Mountain Grove were united in holy wedlock. The marriage was a quiet one, only a few relatives and friends being invited. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hanson, Rev. F. L. Lawless officiating.---Hartville Republican

John W. Hirsh, a farmer whose home was near Dunn, died in the Springfield hospital Tuesday morning from the effects of an abscess at the base of the brain. He was taken there for an operation, but the surgeons pronounced his case hopeless. He was 44 years old and is survived by his widow and seven children. His funeral was held at the Dunn church at 11 o'clock this morning and burial was in the Stubbs cemetery. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Mountain Grove and this order conducted the funeral.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac King, near Dunn, on the 7th.

Perry Clark, aged seventy years, died last week a few hours after his arrival at the Springfield hospital. He was a resident of the Mansfield community and was injured by his horse kicking him. He is survived by his widow and one son, Capt. Clark of Washington, D.C., who attended the funeral.

Marriage licenses issued at Houston last week: O. J. Smith and Dora Skiles; Samuel Hays and Tenne James; Joe M. Pickle and Pearl V. Wood; John W. Smith and Ida M. Collins; Otto Fletcher and Miss Lou Abbott; B. L. Rucker and Neta Housden; William C. Spencer and Miss Nancy A. Simmons; C. E. Reed and Oxell Scott; Loyd Mecomber and

Nora Clevidence; James Thomas and Miss Mary A. Carter; J. E. Stark and Lutie Anderson.

Ernest Baker and Marion Pickering, young men of Willow Springs, were placed under arrest last week by Deputy Sheriff L. A. Huston and Special Officer W. T. Griffin, of the Frisco System. They are charged with opening and robbing box cars of merchandise at Willow Springs. It is alleged that they would slip in the railroad yards at night and break the seals of the cars, then help themselves to everything they desired in the car. The young men gave bond and will have their trial at the coming term of the circuit court.---
Howell County Gazette

January 18, 1912:

J. D. Morehead, aged 82, died at Pomona on the 7th. He removed from Kentucky to Howell county in 1870.

Cyrus Duncan of Bryant died on the 5th.

Jerry Johnson died at his home south of Houston on the 3rd, aged 36 years. His widow and six children survive him.

Wesley D. Davis, a pioneer and ex-Confederate of Webster county, died Jan. 3. He came to Missouri from Tennessee in 1866.

George Thomas, David B. Thomas and Elvis Lee, young men of Mountain View, have been arrested on a charge of stealing a lot of whiskey from the depot.

Chief of Police Thomas C. Hunter of Springfield has been indicted by the grand jury, charged with exacting illegal fees of \$12.75 for bringing a wife abandoner back from Arkansas. He claims politics are in the charge.

Douglas county marriage licenses last week: R. A. Coats of Tigis to Martha Twitty of Granada; G. W. Regan of Witty to Etta Linder of Witty; J. B. Lord of Idumea to Victory Webster of Idumea; O. B. Hodges of Brown Branch to Belle Rippee of Larissa; T. F. Morris of Ava to Zanie Elma of Ava.

Court Hoppa, a Willow Springs youth arrested last week on a charge of attempting to assault a young lady, gave the constable the slip and is thought to have hiked toward California.

Marriage licenses at Houston last week: C. E. Reed of Licking and Ozel Scott of Oscar; Loyd McComber of Dykes and Nora Clevidence of Bucyrus; James L. Crawford of Bado and Jessie Hutcheson of Sykes; James W. Jones of Ella Prairie and Ora Hale of Mahan; E. W. Drennan of Licking and Alma Chambers of Yukon.

The Springfield court of appeals last week affirmed a decision allowing Lane C. Wilson of West Plains \$1500 damages against the Frisco railroad for the "inhuman manner" in which a casket containing his wife's body was treated by a baggage hustler at Springfield. Drummers' trunks were piled high on the casket box and allowed to fall on it, breaking the box and mutilating the corpse, according to plaintiff's story.

Fire was discovered in this property on North Broyles at midnight Saturday night, too late to save the building or much of the contents, and Mr. H. H. Latham places his loss at about \$3500, with \$1000 insurance on the house and \$600 on the furniture. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue in an upper room on the south side. Mr. and Mrs. Latham and their five children were sleeping on the lower floor, on account of the extreme cold, and fire was dropping through the ceiling when the children awoke and gave the alarm. Mr. Latham telephoned to central but aid was slow in arriving and practically none of the furniture was saved. The house was a ten-room frame structure which the owner estimates would cost \$2000 to \$2500 to rebuild. He and his family are now at J. W. Allen's.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brott on Route 5, last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Purdy Hackworth's baby daughter, aged fourteen months, died last Friday night from the effects of an attack of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. A. M. Livingston and the interment was in the city cemetery.

William A. Inman died Monday night at the home of his father, Capt. F. I. Inman, a mile and a half northwest of Mountain Grove. He was 43 years old and had been an invalid all his life. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the new cemetery.

William Hill, near Buffalo, was accidentally shot on the morning of the 9th by a younger brother as they were getting ready to go hunting. The entire charge of shot entered his leg below the hip and he died from the loss of blood. He married Miss Nora Stewart a few days before Christmas.

On the 3rd at Branson, Taney county, James Miles shot and instantly killed Amos S. Rush, three shots being fired into the dead man's body. Disagreement over a small debt is said to have been the cause of the killing. Miles was taken to the Springfield jail, as Taney has no jail suitable for keeping prisoners. He claims to have acted in self defence, but no weapon was found about the murdered man.

Lin Brook is talking of putting out a large crop of broom corn next summer, buying a broom tying machine and starting into the broom "biz" at Dawson. Our little town is still on the boom.

G. W. Scott has moved his corn mill from Mountain Grove to Dawson and will be ready for business soon. Dawson will be well supplied with corn mills. It will be G. W. Scott, Perry Redman and W. E. Owens, millers.

William Henry Leonard was born in Scott county, Indiana Jan. 8. 1841. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the federal army under General Robert E. Lee, serving until the breaking out of the Civil war. The Fifth cavalry was organized at this time by Gen. Grant and Capt. Mason. He served through the four years of the Civil war in this regiment, taking part in many important battles, including Antietam, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Cold Harbor. He was married to Caroline Lang of Jeffersville, Indiana, March 16, 1864, while on furlough. After the war he lived at Jeffersville until 1869 when, with his family, he moved to Troy, Kansas, where they lived for 33 years. Six years ago the family moved to Douglas county, Mo., where they have since resided. He was seventy-one years and one day old. He leaves a wife and one son, George, two sons having died in infancy and one son, Jesse, having died just two years ago. He was laid to rest in the new cemetery. He was an honored member of the G.A.R. at King's City, Mo.

Marriage Licenses: Ben F. Springgate and Cora M. Fox both of Mountain Grove; Robert Claxton and Idessie Adamson, both of Mansfield; Galen G. Hanson of Hartville and Leslie L. Young of Mountain Grove; Charles E. Douglass and Martha M. Longwell both of Mountain Grove; J. M. Ryan and Lillie Duncan both of Norwood; James Harley Mitchell and Lou Martin both of Odin; J. D. Woodward of Mountain Grove and Rena Carr of Prior, Douglas county, Mo.; Charley Hensley and Ella Tate both of Hartville; Elbert Lee Shaver and Essie Kirk both of Hartville.---Hartville Democrat

January 25, 1912:

Married at the residence of M. E. Needham in this city, last Saturday night, Lewis Fitch and Miss Lina Hicks. Justice Needham officiated.

"Uncle" Henry Dorman of Liberal, Mo. is celebrating his one hundred and thirteenth anniversary. If he is not the oldest man living, he is at least entitled to honorary mention. It wasn't a very strenuous celebration that the old man indulged in, however, for he is now in bed and has been kept there the last six months. Henry Dorman was born in Steuben county, New York, Jan. 10, 1799, according to authentic records. He spent his early days in that county and when he was twenty-four was married to Miss Lucinda Parker. He resided near Mount Washington, N. Y. for many years and a few years before the Civil War moved to Aurelius, Mich. When the war was half over, he enlisted in the Seventh Michigan Cavalry at the age of sixty-four. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg and was wounded at Yellow Tavern, Va. Dorman came to western Missouri and settled in Barton county, where he had since resided. His wife died many years ago and he had made his home with his daughter-in-law Mrs. Hattie Dorman. He has been a member of the Baptist church sixty years and in politics became a Republican with the organization of that party at Jackson, Mich. Within the last year Uncle Henry has lost his memory and he now practically has lost his mind.

Lewis Tate of Graff is to teach two months of school at the Murr school house, beginning next Monday. The six months' term taught by Mr. Smith was finished last week.

February 1, 1912:

Mrs. S. M. Perkins, aged 73, died at West Plains Jan. 16.

John Goodbrand Webster died Jan. 20 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Scherer of Willow Springs.

Dr. E. R. Buckley, former state geologist and resident of Rolla, died of pneumonia in Chicago on the 20th.

The Texas county court will receive bids next Monday for the keeping of the county's poor for a term of two years.

Mrs. Katherine A. Winger, widow of the late Capt. J. B. Winger and an old citizen of south Missouri, died last week at Webb City.

Mrs. W. J. Williams, widow of the late sheriff of Laclede county, has been appointed to serve as his successor until a special election can be held. Mr. William died recently in a Springfield hospital from the effects of a surgical operation. He was 44 years old.

Recent marriage licenses in Douglas county: Silas Dobbs of Richville and Delphia Smith of Bertha; F. O. Orr and Catherine M. Garr, both of Ava.

Pat Wilson of Lamar has been fined \$300 for bootlegging and it is reported that a prominent temperance worker of that town is guilty of the same offence.

Miss Oma Morton of Mansfield had a rib broken by Kansas City surgeons who were trying to resuscitate her from the effects of chloroform after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Cora L. Hollenshead and Harry B. Knowlton, both former West Plains residents, were married in the Southern Methodist church in Springfield, Saturday, Jan. 13, only a few days less than five weeks after they were granted a divorce by Judge Guy D. Kirby, who at the same time also granted the restoration of Mrs. Knowlton's maiden name.

Ben Bugg of Howell county was arrested and jailed at West Plains last week for bootlegging. He was out on parole with a \$600 fine and six months in jail hanging over him for former similar offences.

Douglas county marriage licenses: B. W. Singleton to Myrtle Stokes, both of Ava; E. B. Herdon of Almartha to Bessie Applegate of Panay; John Leach of Brushy Knob to Della Obilard of Idumea; Willia Miller of Foil to Eva Daves of Noble.

After March 1st, this year, public drinking cups, roller towels and combs will be abolished on all trains in Missouri. At a recent meeting the state board of health issued

orders to the above effect and have been assured by the railroads that they will be complied with.

At Cowsin of the 20th, Arthur Twitty and Glenn Noman, Douglas county boys, were rabbit hunting and in the excitement of getting a rabbit out of a hollow log, their gun was discharged, the charge going through Twitty's right leg near the body. He died five days later.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the drug store of J. Wesley Rippee at Cedar Gap on the 20th. A number of other buildings were in imminent danger of catching fire from the burning building, but the efforts of the citizens confined the fire. The loss amounts to between \$1000 and \$15000, with some insurance.

Jake Hammel, a teamster from the pineries, south of here, informed a reporter from The Journal, last Monday, that quite an exciting time was had about twenty miles southeast of here, Sunday night, when Bud Helton, a young farmer of that neighborhood, attempted to elope that night, with a girl named Melvers. From his report of the affair, it appears that the couple were over-taken by the girl's father, who crippled Helton's horse and also shot Helton in the leg; and that after the father rode on down the road thinking the girl was still ahead of him, she emerged from a thicket, nearby, leading her horse, onto which she and her lover both mounted and rode across country to a physician, who dressed Helton's wounds, which were not serious. After which the girl got home before her father returned from his exciting ride and phoned a constable, nearby, to come over and settle the disturbance. At last accounts, however, the matter had been amicably patched up by both families interested and no arrests are likely to occur. Helton's horse was not killed, as first reported, nor were his wounds in the least dangerous. The whole affair, probably, was nothing more than a "noisy scrap" between the irate father and the two obdurate youngsters, in which somebody's dog got "kicked around".

Clarence, 10 year old son of Dick Hutsell, near Huggins, was shot and probably fatally wounded last Thursday afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock, as he and his brother were returning from the Widow Coble's where there had been a wood chopping. The shot entered his back below the second rib and went into the left lung, making a wound from which it is doubtful whether he will recover. Young Hutsell was walking behind his brother when the shot was fired, and neither had any warning. Tracks in the brush leading in a certain direction have caused suspicions but no definite clue has yet been found, and the boys have had no serious trouble with anyone which would warrant the commission of such a dastardly deed. Hutsell is a nephew of Mrs. Helen R. Simpson and Mrs. W. S. Griffith and a cousin of Mrs. L. W. Gray of this city. Mr. Griffith went to Huggins Monday to assist the family in their trouble and to aid in discovering the perpetrator of the outrage.

David Fredrick, a well-known citizen of the Yukon neighborhood, died Jan. 22.

A young fellow named Milligan, who is in jail on charges of burglary and larceny was sent for a bucket of water Monday evening and took leg bail for tall timber, but Sheriff

Cantrell captured him near Simmons that night and returned him to jail.---Houston Herald

Near Stockton, just before the holidays, Mrs. Homer Nelson was called away from home and left her three children of which Ruby aged five is the oldest. The baby, just large enough to get around, crawled to the heating stove, raked out some coals and his clothing caught fire in several places. Ruby climbed up to the water bucket and got water to throw on him, putting out the flames; the clothes still smoking, she stripped them off and put them in the water. She then ran to the house of a neighbor, Mrs. Pach, crying, "Brother on fire, brother on fire. I poured water on him and pulled his clothes off. Is that right? I don't know if fire out. Mamma is gone." When Mrs. Peach arrived at the Nelson home, the naked baby was in the middle of the room shivering from cold, the room was full of smoke, the floor was wet and the baby's clothes were in the tub. No doubt the little girl saved her baby brother's life. [Compiler's note: Mrs. Nelson was Cora, the daughter of Alfred Rippee and Hannah Lee]

The old, old mistake of pouring kerosene into a stove in which a fire already smoldered caused the death, by burning, of Mrs. John Tolliver and her three children in their home near Jericho Springs, Mo., Sunday morning, when flames from the exploded oil enveloped them as they lay asleep in their beds. Mr. Tolliver, who poured the oil into the stove, is thought to be fatally injured. It was about 6 o'clock in the morning when Tolliver arose and prepared to start a fire in the room in which his wife and three children were sleeping. Scarcely had the oil touched the "live" coals beneath the top layer when a terrific explosion shook the house. The oil can which Tolliver held in his hands was blown to atoms. The stove was knocked over and particles of burning oil and coal were thrown to every part of the room. Instantly the house was ablaze. The bed clothing under which Mrs. Tolliver and her children slept burst into flames, completely enveloping them and making their escape impossible. All of Tolliver's worldly possessions, a wagon load of household goods that stood near the door, were destroyed. He had just moved into the place a few days before from Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton are rejoicing over a new girl at their house.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Coffey Carter of Hartville on the 24th.

Mr. Perry Wedlington, rising young businessman of Hartville was married Jan. 16 to Miss Dora Scott.

Miss Effie, daughter of John Wheat, died of consumption Monday night at her home near Richville, Douglas county. She was about seventeen years old.

Grandma Cannon of near Manes, in cutting a chew of tobacco last Tuesday let the knife slip and cut the radial artery in her left wrist and almost bled to death before medical aid arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stephens of Mansfield have a new boy at their house. The young man arrived on the 24th.

Andy Scott, near Loring, was seized by his old epileptic trouble last week; and his family, fearing violence, put him in the custody of the Sheriff for safe Keeping. The Hartville Democrat reports him improving.

Thomas Creason, an old soldier, was robbed and murdered near Nogo, eight miles north of Springfield, last Monday night.

John Lester, the actor who played the part of old man Matthews in "Shepherd of the Hills" at this place a few weeks ago, died at Springfield last Saturday. He was a member of the Eagles, under the auspices of which he was buried in Greenlawn cemetery Sunday.

Jeff P. Hawkins, worried, half-demented and tired of dodging officers, shot and killed himself at Cabool last Sunday morning. He reached the depot shortly after daylight, sat down between two piles of ties and wrote a letter to his young wife, and then bared his breast and sent a bullet into his heart with a little .22 rifle which belonged to his nephew and cost \$1.50. His body was found shortly thereafter. Hawkins was 23 years old the 8th of October. A few weeks ago he was working in Fisher's restaurant in Mountain Grove and just before Christmas married Mae Sales, a girl also employed there and in her early teens. He recently forged a \$27 check on A. P. Fisher and a \$6.25 check on E. O. McCarty, besides which he gave several personal checks on the First National Bank when he had no funds there. He eluded the officers for two weeks and on Saturday night tried at Willow Springs to board a train on which his wife was going to West Plains. He was recognized by an officer and gave up the attempt, going back to Cabool. He was a son of the late Theodore Hawkins, and his mother, Mrs. J. B. Maxey, lives in Douglas county. Relatives and friends speak highly of his former good character and believe that his actions of the past few weeks were caused by being mentally unbalanced. His funeral at Mt. Ararat last Monday was so largely attended that all could not get into the church building. The letter he wrote to his wife was read during the service.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Middleton, the 24th, a little baby daughter.

February 8, 1912:

The nineteen year old daughter of Smith Scott of Webster county died of spinal meningitis last week. Several people have been exposed and it is feared that an epidemic may result.

Clarence C. Knecht, a Webster county farmer, who had made preparations to leave the county, settled bills to the amount of several hundred dollars by checks and then stopped payment on them. After spending a night in jail he decided to pay cash.

Mr. Ben Franklin and Miss Mae Robinett were married at the home of Gardner Dake last Wednesday, 'Squire Dake officiating.

Fred J. Rechow, son of Judge T. G. Rechow, a well-known lawyer of Bolivar, committed suicide in the police court at Springfield by swallowing a large dose of carbolic acid. Rechow had been arrested a short time previous, forgery being the charge preferred against him.

At the request of members of his family, we print the letter which Jeff P. Hawkins wrote just before he took his life. It was also read at his funeral: Notify Mae Hawkins, Mountain Grove or Fowler Sunday morning Jan. 28, 1912---My Dear Wife, I am in such trouble that my life is no pleasure to me. I am bound to die and I do not want you to grieve after me all I want is for you to know I love you and sorrow I can't live. But through spite I have my choice of serving a sentence in the pen or dying, so I prefer death. You know a. P. Fisher and wife have done all they could against me and you and tried to keep us from marrying and then they done all they could to separate us, so through craziness I left and forged a check on him. Not because I needed the money but wanted to cause him trouble but have only caused my own death. The morning when I got off the train at Dunn that was my intention to make away with myself, but did not have the nerve to do so. But now I must. As I went back to Willow Springs last night the marshal identified me and I made my escape so I can't live any longer. God have mercy on us. Now Mae I do not want you to grieve after me but in dealing with others be very careful and don't never let no man lead you wrong, try to live right in this world. Oh what an awful thing to think of such a sweet little wife in this lonely world. I am going to ask you to forgive me of such an awful wrong as I have done. I would give this world to just bid you good bye. But I cannot so you will never see me alive. Goodbye. God bless you, try to lie to meet in a better world.---Jeff Hawkins.

Coroner Inman asks us to state that the rumor that his daughter is married is untrue.

The county court investigated the mental condition of Andy Scott and sent him to the county almshouse for treatment last week.

Uncle David Frederick, an old soldier and a citizen of Yukon, died Jan. 22.

Quite a number of our citizens are exercised about a mysterious prowler who has been seen in the northern portion of town several nights recently. By some, the prowler is described as a man wearing along overcoat and a woman's hat. The marshal and some volunteer sleuths have tried unsuccessfully to round up "Aunt Phoebe" as the mysterious stranger is called. It may be merely someone playing pranks, but it is risky business.

Frank Morgan and Miss Mabel Andrews of Mansfield were married at Hartville Jan. 27.

Last Saturday while Lawrence Goode and wife were temporarily absent from the store a man entered and took a watch from the cabinet and drove on. Goode missed the watch

as soon as he came in and by the aid of the telephone located his man going north in a buggy, but he was not taken into custody until Monday. He will have his preliminary before 'Squire Leach.

Marriage Licenses: Arthur L. Brumley and Annie G. Garner, both of Mountain Grove; Archie A. Barr, Fuson, and Lillian Pownell, Manes; William Perry Wadlington and Dora E. Scott, both of Hartville; G. C. Morris, Cedar Gap, and Effie Goss, Mansfield; Louis Fitch and Lina Hicks, both of Mountain Grove; A. P. Bradshaw and Opal Crawford, both of Duncan; F. M. Morgan, Ava, and Mabel Andrews, Mansfield; B. R. Franklin and L. M. Robinett, both of Mountain Grove; Irvin Crisp and Laura Rumfelt, both of Manes; W. F. Austin and Bessie Young, both of Manes.---Hartville Democrat

At Mansfield on Tuesday of last week, Deputy Sheriff White chained the engine of the Ava branch railroad to the track and held it there until the management of the road forked over the taxes due Wright county. The proceedings were instituted by Collector John H. Dennis and this is the second time within six months that the deputy sheriff has tied up the road to collect a judgment. This road would be a good thing for the territory it serves if it could be provided with a little capital and some modern rolling stock.

Sure enough Dawson is on the boom. Mr. Love opened a first class dry goods and grocery store on the northeast corner of the square last Saturday and is getting quite a trade. We welcome Mr. Love in our little town and wish him success.

Fairmount Church---We are informed that this structure, which will be a great convenience for the people about 6 1/2 miles southwest of the city, is nearing completion and will in a week be in shape for church and Sunday school services. The building is 28x36 feet, with projections of 6x12 in both front and rear, which are utilized respectively for vestibule and rostrum. It is in a nice locations, beside an old graveyard that was established before the Civil War. The church will be used by all denominations and is under the control of a church and cemetery association working under a state charter.

The other night a young man from another city was peacefully slumbering in a room in a Carthage hotel when he was awakened by the noise of a rat. Hastily he rang the bell and was surprised by having the bellboy run up and throw a cat into the room. Soon the young man went to sleep again. Then there came a tremendous pounding at the door. "Who is that?" he asked. "It's me," said the bellboy; "Has the cat caught that rat yet?" "No," replied the guess. "Well,", came the voice from the other side, "let's have him. There's another rat in Room 10."

An Ava paper says: As we go to press we learn that a serious cutting took place near Denlow last night. John Moody, who lives near Norwood, cut Dr. James Smallwood, with a knife. We did not learn the cause of the trouble that led to the cutting. It is thought the doctor will survive his injuries.

The Houston Herald says that the mysterious shooting of Clarence Hutsell in the western part of Texas county, an account of which was given in a recent issue and which was a complete mystery to the authorities, has been cleared by the confession of the brother who was accompanying young Hutsell, confessing that the shot which so dangerously wounded his brother came from a revolver for which he had recently traded. Some way, in carelessly handing, or using the revolver, the bullet struck the brother who was in front, and when the brothers found that the wound was serious, they agreed to not tell how it occurred for fear it would get the brother doing the shooting into trouble. After the physicians decided young Hutsell would get well, then the confession was made by the brothers, and all suspicions which may have rested on anyone else are cleared away. The wounded boy is about 18 years old.

At Denlow Saturday night in a fight between a young man by the name of Moody and Doctor Smallwood, "Doc" knocked Moody down and was pounding him when Moody got his knife into action and literally carved Smallwood into giblets. Moody started to make his getaway but was intercepted before he reached Norwood and was taken to Ava and lodged in jail by Sheriff Henry Martin. Smallwood, it is thought, will recover unless septicemia sets up.

Mr. George Frisk and Miss Mattie Stelzer were married near Norwood yesterday. A reception was given at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Matilda Frisk, on the night before the marriage.

Mr. Walter Patterson and Miss Pearl Kropp were married at noon Wednesday at the parsonage of the M. E. church, Rev. A. M. Livingston pronouncing the ceremony. The bride's home is about a mile southwest of Mountain Grove. Mr. Patterson, who formerly resided here, is a contractor and builder at Cornwallis, Ore. He and his bride will leave for their western home after visiting the groom's relatives in Johnson county.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bradfield of Mansfield on the 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pollard, former citizens here, came to Mountain Grove last Saturday to inter the body of their little son Leon, who died at Randsburg, Cal. on the night of the 4th, at the age of 3 1/2 years. They were accompanied by George W. Pollard, an uncle of the deceased and who now lives in Carthage. The interment took place in the new cemetery Sunday afternoon.

While cleaning out his warehouse last Monday, John O. Fox found an old folder of the Frisco railroad dated 1877, which showed but one stretch of track, from St. Louis to Vinita, and passing through Springfield, with a spur to Joplin. At that time it was Springfield's only road. The folder announced "some discoveries of lead and zinc" in Jasper and Newton counties and advertised 900,000 acres of land for sale in the Ozark section. Mr. Fox gave the folder to Claude Green of the Frisco force, who will send it in to headquarters as a curiosity.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rouse are the proud parents of a new boy.

Prof. C. F. Peak of Houston has a new daughter in his home.

Joseph Porter Locked, in his 73rd year, died Feb. 6 near Buffalo, Dallas county.

A demented man named George escaped from the Oregon county sheriff last week.

Mrs. Bert McAfee, daughter of Cullom Owen, died near Tyrone last week, of consumption.

William Rice Meredith, a well-known pioneer settler of Howell county, died of Bright's disease on the 2nd.

Mrs. N. W. Olmstead, an old citizen of Laclede county, died in Oklahoma last week at the age of 89 years.

F. C. Johnson will care for the poor of Texas county at a charge of \$8.40 per month for each inmate of the infirmary.

William Morris, John Morris and Fred Pearson were sent from Laclede county to the penitentiary last week. Burglary in the second degree.

Marriages in Douglas county last week: Ernest Baker and Annis O. Hicks; W. H. Evans and Maryline Camerson; S. F. Ellison and Artie Painter.

Several young men of Gainesville are in trouble in circuit court because they gave a weak-minded preacher rough treatment in initiating him into a bogus lodge.

Recent Texas county marriages: Jesse J. Jackson, Cabool and Amelia Zieka, Simmons; Hugh E. Marler and Nancy F. Price, both of Roubidoux; Luther Carman and Della Orr, both of Simmons; E. O. Whitacre and Myrtle Blankenship, both of Summersville.

Marriages in Laclede county last week: Albert Osborn and Anna Dillon; Edward Jackson and Ethel Bench; John C. Brady and Jessie D. Thornberg; R. E. Stearnes and Pearl Barger; James C. Draper and Phoebe M. Clark; George F. Smith and Lou Collison; W. I. Tittsworth and Ada Graven; Henry G. Eberius and Minnie Stevens; W. H. Chatman and Mary Anna Tait.

A Houston paper says: The latest report we have from Norvel Miller, who was shot by Willis Bray last week, is that he is improving right along with excellent chances of recovery. Bray, who is in jail, is badly injured and has had physician's attention, who report his wounds severe but not necessarily dangerous. Later reports are that there was a general fight but that Miller had just come into the house when he was shot by Bray. After the shooting, several friends of Miller's gave Bray a severe beating and very likely would have killed him had not others come to his rescue.

The Houston Herald says that the recent closing exercises of the school at Solo wound up in several fights, broken windows and panic-stricken women and children. Bad booze was at the bottom of the trouble.

Another Mountain Grove home was destroyed by fire, which might have been extinguished had waterworks been at hand, yesterday morning. It was a large two-story frame building on Water street, northeast of the Christian church and occupied by W. A. Barnes. H. A. Halcom and wife were doing light housekeeping in two second story rooms, and the room they used as kitchen was in flames when the fire was discovered at about 9 o'clock---whether due from a bad flue or oil stove is unknown. They lost considerable of their property. Mr. Barnes' household goods were removed but in a damaged condition. The crowd which gathered devoted its attention to saving furniture and preventing the spread of the fire. The building on the south occupied by L. L. Whetstine was for a time in danger, but was saved by keeping the roof wet. His furniture was carried across the street. Mr. Barnes' loss is fully \$1200 and hits him pretty hard. He had \$800 insurance, but it expired on the 12th of January.

February 22, 1912:

Mrs. Margaret Morris, mother of 12 children, 5 of whom survive, 61 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, died of pneumonia Friday, Feb. 9, 1912 at the age of 83 years and 21 days. She was born in Tennessee and had been a member of the Baptist church since 1868.---Cabool Enterprize.

A young fellow by the name of James H. Nears was arraigned before the U. S. Commissioner at Springfield last week on the charge of robbing the post office at Dixon of a quantity of stamps and a small amount of money. He not only pleaded guilty to robbing the post office but also confessed that he had robbed a hardware store and a general merchandise store at Dixon, a store and two saloons at Newburg, and a number of mail boxes in Phelps and Maries counties. He also said that he had escaped from the Boonville reform school, where he was sent for robbing a Maries county post office, and was trying to break into a store at Dixon when the night watch got him.

On last Sunday, Feb. 18, 1912, Miss Jennie Bradshaw and Mr. John Sanders were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cenith A. Bradshaw. There were many friends present. Miss Jennie is a very popular young lady and a general favorite in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Marten of Springfield came down to witness the wedding. Rev. J. L. Butcher conducted the ceremony. The young couple will spend their honeymoon in the west.

C. A. Henderson received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the death of his grandfather, J. M. Henderson, an aged resident of south-eastern Douglas county. Owing to snow-bound conditions he may not be able to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Cynthia Forsteen, aged 69, died near Fowler on the 15th.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cisna, three miles northeast of Mountain Grove on the 21st.

Mrs. Shoat, an aged lady living near Little Creek church, died Monday and was interred in the Little Creek cemetery Tuesday. Mrs. Shoat had long been a resident of that vicinity and leaves an aged husband.---Hartville Republican.

An infant son of Otto Reberry, near town, died on the 16th at the age of a few days.

J. F. Weber died Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warren Post. He was 58 years of age and had been for some time a sufferer from Bright's disease.

Mrs. Sarah O'Brien died Sunday morning at her home at Prior, of chronic pleurisy and acute pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and several children. Her body was taken to St. Paul, Kans. for burial.

W. H. Gorman's store in Hartville was broken into on the night of the 11th, and about \$50 worth of goods stolen. Deputy Sheriff Charles Sanders traced two men believed to be the burglars, to Cedar Gap and then into Springfield.

A two-month's old son of Lee Davis died on the 14th of pneumonia.

Dr. N. J. Scott has our thanks for two armfuls of luscious stove wood, presented during the near blizzard of this week.

Mr. Samuel Clyde Young and Miss Olive Hubbard were married last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the country home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Hubbard, two miles east of Mountain Grove. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Harney. They will probably make this this home in Dr. Hubbard's town house.

John S. Herron, six miles west of town, died Tuesday from the effects of a cancer.

William Rumfeldt of Clearmont, Wyo. arrived here Tuesday with the body of his wife, who died at the age of 69. It is the intention to have the burial at Manes when the roads are opened. An attempt to get through the drifts with a hearse yesterday was unsuccessful.

Five prisoners dug out of the Nevada jail a few nights ago.

Mrs. Mary D. Lovan died at Willow Springs, on the 9th, of apoplexy.

A powder mill at Carthage blew up last week and the shock was felt 25 to 30 miles away.

Mrs. W. H. Ferguson of Willow Springs died of diabetes on the 9th. She was 66 years old.

William M. Palmer, a resident of Laclede county for many years, died last week at the age of 75 years.

John Taylor, a Marshfield attorney who had been ill of tuberculosis for several months died on the 10th.

Will Williams, a former resident of Howell county, was kicked to death by a fractious horse in Arkansas last week.

West Plains officers, suspecting bootlegging, raided several houses last week, but didn't get even a smell of moonshine.

Edward Howard, 42 years old and cashier of a bank at Jackson, was killed in St. Luis last Friday by falling down an elevator shaft.

John Wren, ex-councilman at Springfield, has been arrested for spitting in a street car, and will fight the case. Take your medicine, Johnny.

Mrs. Anvil Wright of Newburg was found dead in her home last week, and an intelligent coroner's jury returned a verdict of "accidental suicide." [Compiler's note: Newburg is in Phelps County. She was Lenna Wright. Cause of death was due to self-attempted abortion by inserting ? into cavity of uterus.]

J. James Hamilton, son of a wealthy West Plains man, has confessed that for two years past he had been rifling registered mail pouches in Wichita, Kansas.

William Pringle, Jr., who deserted from the army at San Francisco last June, was captured up a tree at his father's home at Ash Grove last Friday night.

Merle Trowbridge, a well-known Howell county crook, was caught in Texas last week. He broke jail at West Plains, where he was charged with hog stealing.

At Springfield last Thursday, William Chandler, aged 19 years, fell on the fly wheel of the engine in a broom factory and died Sunday from the effects of his injuries.

James Fair, Sr., a veteran of the Civil War, died at Willow Springs last week from injuries sustained when a runaway team threw him from a buggy and dragged him about a block.

Christian Riley, an aged farmer of Barton county, last week emptied the charge of a shotgun into his stomach with fatal effect. The neighbors cannot decide whether it was suicide or an accident.

Will H. Lima of West Plains has buried two wives within three months. His first wife died Nov. 20 and four weeks later he married Miss Bettie Yarbrow, his housekeeper. She died of consumption last week.

A gray-haired soap peddler giving his name as J. A. Bowman was arrested in Springfield last Saturday on suspicion of being C. W. Caddingan who sold a Minneapolis banker a gold brick for \$25,000 a few years ago.

Marriages in Douglas county last week: Thomas H. Inman to E. May Chaney, both of Ava; Andy Hampton of Goodhope to Alta Lawrence of Roy; J. H. Craig of Witty to Nora Allen of Little Beaver; George B. Hylton of Idumea to Nettie Burgin of Basher; W. T. Oneal to Sarah Rebmann, both of Drury; Charley Pratt to Effie Jones, both of Smallett; Harvey Young to S. E. Bean, both of Ava.

Charles Miller, son of William M. Miller of Ava, received injuries on the branch road on Tuesday of last week which resulted in his death two days later. He was returning from Springfield, and got off when the motor car started at the tank near Alwanda. In attempting to get on after it started, he fell in front of the car and was crushed to the ground, although the wheels did not run over him. His injuries were internal ones.

The Journal made a mistake last week in regard to James Smith's weight. Instead of 149 pounds, it was 249. Jim don't want to be misunderstood. He is one of Wright county's largest men and he don't want to be took for anybody's little boy.

Marriage Licenses: Elisha B. Owens and Jane Wilson, both of Norwood; Travis Box and Verna Hickman, both of Rembert; John F. Sanders and Jennie Bradshaw, both of Norwood; Fred W. Atnip of Dawson and Hazel Hopkins of Rayborn; William A. J. Jones and May W. Warner, both of Norwood; Samuel C. Young and Olive Hubbard, both of Mountain Grove; Alferd W. Rumbelt and Mary Alice Worsham, both of Manes.---
Hartville Democrat

Mr. J. F. Herron, a well-known citizen of Mountain Grove, died at his home southwest of Mountain Grove, Feb. 20, 1912; at the age of nearly 45 years. He was taken away by cancer of the face. About three years ago a small cancer appeared on his lip, which gradually grew until it caused his death. He was a carpenter by trade. Last year he spent in Kansas City taking treatment of a Specialist, and he was in real hopes of recovering until a few weeks before his death. On account of the deep snow the funeral was not preached, but will be preached at the home of the deceased in March. Announcement later. He leaves a wife and three children. Interment was made in the town cemetery.

February 29, 1912:

A new wire footbridge has been put across Whetstone by the neighbors near Elder Yocum's.

Mr. George Frisk and Miss Maggie Steinert were married at Hartville on St. Valentine's Day. A reception was given the same evening at the groom's mother, Mrs. Albert Frisk's. Mr. and Mrs. Frisk have both grown to manhood and womanhood here are well and favorably known. They left Thursday evening for Woodbine, Kansas where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Nancy A. Williams, Laclede county's woman sheriff, took two prisoners to the state penitentiary last week. They were the first ever brought to the institution by a woman.

Our Mayor, W. S. Candler, and his wife were summoned to Lebanon last Friday by the death of the latter's father, Judge Fulbright.

The plumbing contract for the county almshouse was awarded to W. E. Douglass for \$310.

William Palmer, a former citizen of Wright county, died at the home of his son Tom in Laclede county recently. He was a merchant at Hartville during the war, and give the town its spring when it was laid out. He was the eldest son of Col. Palmer.

Judge T. H. Fulbright died at his home near Lebanon on Friday, Feb. 23, in his 80th year. Mr. Fulbright was the first white child born in Springfield, Mo. He resided on his farm near Lebanon 78 years. He served four years under Generals Price and Marmaduke in the Confederate army, served as judge of the county court of Laclede county and member of the state board of agriculture. Was a leading Democrat and a member of the Christian church. There are four children living: J. M. Fulbright of Lebanon; Dr. J. H. Fulbright of Springfield; Mrs. C. I. Ward of Lebanon; and Mrs. W. S. Candler of Mountain Grove. The funeral took place from his home on Sunday Feb. 25th.

A little child of Charles Russell, said to have died of meningitis, was buried at the Mt. Zion cemetery on the 18th.

The friends and relatives of Will Harris were surprised when they learned that he was married to Miss Lydia Fletcher of Mountain Grove at Springfield last Friday.---Hartville Republican

Mrs. Abigail Sunby, a native of Norway, died at West Plains last week at the age of 86 years. She had lived in Howell county 31 years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hudson of Loring are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. Indiana Gum, widow of a pioneer Howell county miller, died at West Plains on the 17th.

C. E. Wood, a travelling salesman of Schuyler county, died of pneumonia at a Lebanon hotel last week. He was selling goods for the Lines Temple of Music, Springfield.

Mrs. S. J. Hardin of Elijah and James Stryke of Thayer, after an extended courtship by mail, met at West Plains by appointment last week, "sized one another up" and were happily married. They will reside on the Stryke's farm near Thayer.

Marriages last week in Webster county: J. L. Lusk and Ellen Wheeler, both of Elkland; Gilbert Newman, Conway and Don Robinson, Marshfield; Oscar Edrington and Clara McElwain, both of Elkland; Joe Ramp and Dorothy While, both of Springfield.

Laclede marriages last week: Ben Henson and Bithy Dowty; W. T. Wrinkle and Elsie Pedigo; Charles D. Price and Lilian G. Fry; Robert Adams and Nellie Gilbreath; Clarence H. Short and Grace Going; Monrol Agee and Ethel L. Worley; John V. Vogles and Laura E. Wheeler; Francis Davis and Stella Ogle

An unknown Negro woman was found dead in the snow near Marshfield on Wednesday morning of last week. A mail carrier passed her the evening before, standing near a clump of bushes, where she had built a fire against an old log. She appeared to have fallen from a fence in an endeavor to reach an old building nearby.

Ted Hanford, one of the parties implicated in killing of Liburn Bennett near Eldridge, Laclede county, in October, 1910, during a dance, was convicted of manslaughter in the circuit court at Lebanon and fined \$100 and sentenced to three months in jail. Irving Bennet, who had a hand in the killing of his brother, is not serving a three year sentence in the penitentiary.

Rev. William Bailey, a Baptist minister in this vicinity from 1879 to 1889, dropped dead at Albany, Ore. last month. He was 80 years old.

The Ava Herald notes the marriage of Clarence Brown and Laura Clinkingbeard on the 20th and George W. Farris and Miss Eula Youngblood on the 18th.

Daniel G. Elliott, father of Houston's postmaster, died on the 20th, in the 78th year of his age. He was a veteran of the Civil War and located near Houston in 1867.

Judge H. W. Thurmond, former county judge of Texas county, died recently at Alton, Mo. He was born in Lincoln county in 1837 and moved from there to Texas county in 1887.

Marriages in Texas county last week: Charles W. Briggs and Mary F. Crane; Falus Palmer and Myrtle Neville O'Hearn; L. H. Moore and Leota Vest; Frederic M. Brokaw and Nola R. Miller; Frank McArthur and Dollie Goforth

On the 31st of last October the jewelry store of G. E. Pace, in Houston, was destroyed by fire, which also burned the Leavitt building, containing besides W. L. King's grocery store and James Corbett's jewelry store. There were strong evidences of incendiarism, and Pace was arrested and is now under bond. A few days ago Wes Randall, while fishing in Piney River in the mill pond above the electric light plant, brought up a watch.

It proved to be of the South Bend make, such as Pace carried in stock; and on further search other pieces of jewelry were secured and still others could be seen through six or seven feet of clear water on the bottom of the pond. The sheriff and marshal took charge and drained the pond, causing the town to go without lights one night. Another South Bend watch, several pins, buckles, rings, watch crystals, silver spoons and other articles were found, which from the tags and description are unquestionably the property of the Pace jewelry store. The Herald says that this proves unquestionably that the store was plundered before it was burned, and hopes to see the guilty man convicted.

March 7, 1912:

Dr. J. B. C. Dixon, an old resident of West Plains, died on the 23rd.

Clarence Hutsell, the boy recently shot by his brother, is improving and able to sit up.

The Greene county almshouse had 79 inmates to care for in February and the cost was \$392.42.

Uncle Fount Wade, a civil war veteran whose home was near Manes, died recently of grip and asthma.

"Peal" Shelby of Manes died of appendicitis at Boise, Idaho, recently and his body was brought back for burial.

Rev. J. W. Langston, a pioneer of Greene county and a Methodist minister for 55 years, died last Friday at the age of 82.

Mrs. Sarah Mahala Hutcheson was found dead in bed at the home of her son in Houston on Tuesday morning of last week. She was 78 years old.

The Carter county court last week adjudged a six year old child insane and sent it to the Farmington asylum, but the officials there refused to receive it.

Marriages in Douglas county last week: Richard Stewart and Sallie Duncklee, both of Thornfield; John W. Weaver and Edna Pugh, both of Olatha; Gus Duckworth of Toledo and Annie Cornett of Rome; Arthur Stafford of Ava and Grace James of Drury

Carl Kreffig, a river man working for the Ozark Power and Water Co. at the Forsyth dam, was drowned last Wednesday by the capsizing of a barge on which he was at work.

The widow of William S. Ragan, the fireman killed near Mountain Grove last December, received \$5000 from the railroad company last Saturday in settlement of her claim.

Stricken by a fatal illness within a fortnight of the completion of her course in the Springfield Business college, Miss Eva Huffman of Ava, Douglas county, died Tuesday morning at the Burge Deaconess hospital of an attack of pneumonia.

There was another accidental shooting in Texas county last week, this time near Plume Valley. A Mitchell boy aged 16, thinking a gun not loaded deliberately snapped it at a younger companion named Smith and tore off the top of his shoulder.

Near Polktown, Polk county, last Sunday, Hershel Fenny shot and killed John McKenzie. The men were bridge workmen and quarreled over a woman. Fenny tried to get away, but officers trailed him several miles through the snow and caught him at Conway.

Wineslouis Franska, a Polk county farmer, died in a Springfield hospital Sunday afternoon. The cause of his death was tetanus, which followed the freezing of his feet while he was out in the storm two weeks ago. He had been to the Joplin state Democratic convention and when he arrived at Karlin, Polk county, walked through the snow three miles to his home.

Francis Vanover died last Tuesday night of pneumonia and other complications. He was 56 years of age. He leaves five children and several grandchildren. Three of his daughters are: Mrs. Floyd Gilly, Mrs. Henry Devault and Mrs. John Coffman. The other two are unmarried.

Roy Claxton, 16 years old, the son of John Claxton, who lives two miles south of Hartville, lost one hand as the result of a gun exploding while at a charivari. With a party of friends he was celebrating the wedding of a young couple. Cow bells were rung, guns were fired and as much noise as possible was made to convince the newlyweds that the good wished of the party were theirs. During the demonstration, the gun that young Claxton was shooting suddenly exploded.

As the county court has ordered an overhead crossing over the Frisco at the cut east of town, a committee was appointed to see that the Frisco complies with the requirements of the court's order at an early date. Plans and specifications for an iron bridge with approaches, have been drawn by the county engineer and forwarded to the Friscos company, who will be asked to immediately get busy.---Mansfield Press

Mr. Ora Summers and Miss Ella Fry were married at the bride's home Wednesday, Feb. 28. The young couple will leave in the near future for Iowa, where they will make their home.

Edward, the fourteen-year old son of Eli Stevens, died Sunday night, March 3, of spinal meningitis. Interment was made in the Oak Forest cemetery.

Mrs. Ed Carlson died Monday of last week, leaving husband and infant baby.

Mrs. Mary C. Atkisson, widow of the late David Atkisson, who was one of the pioneer citizens of Wright county, died last Thursday at the home of her daughter in Leehunt, Kans. Her body was brought here Sunday and interred at the Simmons cemetery, nine miles north of Mountain Grove.

A. M. Morrison and Mrs. Emma Goodson, who were married in Springfield Sunday afternoon, are spending their honeymoon with Mountain Grove friends, and staying at the Palace hotel. Both were residents of Humansville but will make their home in Springfield, where the groom has been in business for several months past.

Mrs. Julia Johnson died Monday, March 4, 1912 at her home in Springfield, Mo. Her body was brought to Mountain Grove Tuesday evening and the funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the home of her mother, Mrs. Malinda Brooks. Interment was in the new cemetery. Mrs. Johnson was born at Barboursville, Ky., May 25, 1876.

Charles Moore, gambler, rough and desperate character generally, was shot and killed from ambush near Mammoth Springs last week, as he was going to his little shack near that town. He has two or three murders and other shooting scrapes to his credit or discredit, and mortally wounded Bob Kilpatrick without provocation a day or two before his assassination.

Judge Robert F. Elliott of West Plains died on the 23rd. He was born in Lincoln county in 1848.

A new religious sect known as the Pentecostians, or "Holy Rollers" is holding a big revival in West Plains opera house, and many person have joined. They claim to hold communion with the other world through an unknown tongue.

The stork left a boy at Melvin Melton's home northeast of town, last Sunday morning.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown died last Thursday at the age of but a few days.

March 14, 1912:

William Manary, aged over 90 years, died near Duncan recently.

Rev. H. D. Bonebrake, aged 75 years, died of lagrippe near Salem on the 3rd.

R. N. Johnson, formerly of Cedar Gap, died at Whitwright, Texas, Feb. 25.

Eli Haynes, aged 68 years and a veteran of the Civil War, died near Diggins on the 3rd.

James M. Davis, a Webster county pioneer, died on the 1st. He was 80 years old.

Charles Hargis, aged about 35 years, died near Marshfield last week from pneumonia resulting from a cold contracted during the recent severe weather. His mother died of pneumonia about a year ago.

James Melton, under parole for forgery, sinned again at Springfield last week and was sent to the penitentiary.

Dr. Alexander Lewis, one of the trustees of Drury college, died of spinal meningitis in Kansas City last Thursday.

Clarence Wheeler, whose 30 day term in the Laclede county jail for assault will expire March 20, will then be arrested on a charge of jail breaking.

Deaths in Laclede county last week: Orville Dykeman, aged 21; Mrs. John Gait, aged 43; Center Worley, aged 65; Eben Addison, aged 87; Mrs. Thomas Webb

Sheriff C. M. Heard of Howell county, was married March 1 to Mrs. Janet Fraker, who came from the state of Washington and had been his housekeeper for a year.

Without a doubt, the longest married couple in Missouri is Mr. and Mrs. John Westbrook, of Gower. It has been seventy-six years since Mrs. Westbrook promised to "love, cherish and obey" and there is no record of any divorce proceedings. It is accepted that Mr. Westbrook has been a dutiful husband all these many years. Mr. Westbrook is past 94 years of age and his wife one year younger.

Three Douglas county couples who secured marriage licenses last week: David Sanders and Pauline Stout; William T. Hammons and Suffronia Lakey; Jessie Powers and Ada Friend

Alfred Earl Adams and Miss Clara Dell Richardson of West Plains were married Aug. 16 and managed to keep their marriage secret until they announced it last week. They were married in Houston, having driven over to that city while attending the old settlers' reunion in Cabool.

Failing in an effort last Thursday to burn down the Dade county jail, in which he was a prisoner, James Patterson, 40 years of age, was discovered in an unconscious condition as the result of having hanged himself from a beam in his cell with a strip from a blanket of the prison bedding. Patterson recovered consciousness and declared that he would find a way to kill himself yet.

In circuit court at Houston last Friday, G. E. Pace, whose jewelry store was burned together with three other business houses last fall, was found guilty of arson and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Pace was here shortly after the Houston fire with a view of locating, but changed his plans after his arrest. His stock was insured and he is said to have smuggled some of his most valuable goods out of the building before the fire. A number of articles belonging to the stock were found two or three

weeks ago in the mill pond near Houston, thought to have been dumped there after Pace's arrest. It is alleged that after the fire, Pace claimed that at one time he had discovered some oil soaked kindling ready to fire his store; that he said nothing about it except to one businessman and was later unable to locate that businessman. It is also alleged that, in order to trap him, after the fire an order was given him for a valuable watch of a certain make, and when the watch was delivered it was found to bear the number of one which he claimed was destroyed in the fire.

An early morning fire at the Emmanuel Children's Home last Monday destroyed the school building, which was uninsured. The loss is estimated by Mrs. Ames, superintendent, at \$400, as some bedding in the upper rooms and a number of books and other school property below were destroyed. A fire had been built at the school, and Home people were at worship in the main building when the flames were discovered. The start was evidently near a flue in the upper rooms, and the fire had reached such headway that it could not be fought there. A small fire extinguisher was used to play a stream through a hole which had been burned through the school room ceiling, but ineffectually. The building was a farm structure of 14 x 24 feet with two bedrooms in the "half story" above. The other buildings are insured, but it was thought to be out of danger on account of its distance. The loss is a severe one to the institution, as already it is over-crowded and efforts are being made to secure funds to erect a cottage for the superintendent, thus giving more room in the mail building.

At different times recently, cars have been broken into in the Frisco yards in Lebanon and Frisco Detective Sullivan came to Lebanon and Tuesday night caught three parties in the act of breaking into a car. He caught a young fellow named Artie Davis and later another by the name of John Shumate was arrested by Sheriff John S. Huff and the third got away. They will have their preliminary Saturday.---Lebanon Rustic

John Frederick Weber was born of German parents in St. Louis, Mo. April 13, 1853 and died in Mountain Grove Feb. 21, 1912, aged 58 years, 10 months and 8 days. The early part of his life was spent in St. Louis where he attended the public schools and afterward learned the painter's trade. He married Miss Margaret Hatmaker in St. Louis, March 22, 1877, to which union was born five children, all are living. In 1882, he removed with his family to Marion county, Ill., on a farm near Luka where they remained until November last when they sold out in preparation to go to California for his health. Accompanied by his wife and son Fred, they stopped in Mountain Grove for a short visit with his daughters, Mrs. Warren Post and Mrs. W. S. Connelly, of Hunter, Mo., who came here to see him. His health continued to fail until the end for which he began preparation in early life. The three oldest children, George W., Etta Post and Lillian Connelley were at his bedside while the younger two, Fred and Harry, were in California. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. A. M. Livingston and W. W. Ramsay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Post. Interment in Mountain Grove cemetery.

We failed last week to note the arrival on the 3rd of a fine 9 1/2 girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pruitt.

Marriage licenses in Webster county: Wallace Bass and Maggie Moore; Floyd Smith and Ora Smith; Robert C. While and Mattye Pruet.

R. Clarence Adams, a former resident of Houston, died of diabetes at a Tate Springs, Tenn. sanitarium last week. He was 36 years old.

At Stockton, Kansas last week, Elmer Farris was acquitted of the charge of killing his brother, John at Codell, July 21, 1910. The defendant, a resident of Douglas county, proved that he was there early on the morning of the 23rd, thus establishing an alibi. Mrs. Josie Hensley was the main witness for the prosecution and claimed that both brothers were her suitors and that Elmer told her he had put John out of the way.

The Hartville Democrat notes the marriage of Henry Helfrecht and Orpha Claxton on the 3rd.

Bro. Bartlett of the Mansfield Press, at whose home the stork left a daughter last week, thus describes the new arrival: "Its face is red, its nose is short and stubby, its eyes small and blinky and its hands and feet like a little bear's, its body is round and plump like a little pig, and it has a voice like a steam calliope."

March 21, 1912:

Miss Emma Hopkins and Mr. Luther Long, both of Worsham, were married last Sunday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Griffith.

Yes, Mountain Grove is becoming metropolitan. You can't hold a good town down. We had a genuine hold-up Tuesday night, with all the usual cusswords and gun play, but with poor financial results and nobody hurt. Between 7 and 8 o'clock, while C. E. Lesh was alone in the Farmer's Store, two youths between 16 and 18 came in and walked up to the candy showcase. Mr. Lesh strolled around by wait on them, and was startled to have a revolver thrust in his face and a demand made that his hold up his hands. He thought at first that it was a joke, but when the other youth drew a gun and threatened to send him to hell with his boots on, two of Mr. Lesh's hands went up and he would have elevated more if possible, for he said the muzzles looked as big as tomato cans. The boys attempted to open the cash drawer and then made their victim do so, which he did cheerfully, as he knew there was but a penny in the drawer. William Wiggins coming across the street frightened the bandits, so they grabbed a 75 cent watch and bolted. They wore no masks. The youths are thought to be known and residents of Springfield. They were heard of yesterday at Fowler and later came almost to Mountain Grove with one of W. A. King's drivers, the supposition being that they aimed to get on a train here after dark. A horse and bridle were taken Tuesday night from the stable of Gus Gourley in Old Town, and found yesterday about six miles out on the road. The boys are supposed to have had a hand in this. It is probably a case of too much "wild west" reading.

We failed to learn last week of the death of John Ritter, a citizen of the south side, which occurred on Saturday night, the 9th. He had for some time been suffering from dropsical and heart trouble and fell from his chair and died almost instantly.

A young tramp showed his appreciation of Uncle Tom Rippee's kindness and generosity by stealing the latter's trousers and watch, Sunday night. The thief was captured at Springfield, Monday, and Roe Strong went to that city and brought him back to Mansfield Tuesday morning. The trousers and watch were recovered and the young fellow bound over to the circuit court of Justice Nichols.---Mansfield Press

Mrs. Amy Pease of Laclede county died in a Springfield hospital last week, after an operation.

The three year old daughter of Newton Barret, a well-known farmer who resides in Ozark county, died from burns received when her clothes caught fire while she was playing around an open fireplace. The child's mother, in trying to extinguish the flames, was terribly burned and it is thought that she cannot survive.

Marriage licenses in Douglas county last week: C. A. Fields and Arizona Collins; Kellie M. Keith and Izora Surguine; Ed Alcorn and Sarah Williard; Wesley Martin and Florence Smith; James E. Gentry and Edith C. Coble

Bill Hockaday, a well-known travelling salesman in this section of the state who associated himself recently with the "Holy Rollers" or Pentecostal church, has been adjudged insane in Arkansas and sent to the asylum at Walnut Ridge.

B. F. Dyer, a 70 year old citizen of Moody, who had been in feeble health for three years, ended his life by suicide a few days ago. He laid a Winchester rifle on a work bench in his woodshed, placed the muzzle against his breast and used a yardstick to fire the weapon. The bullet went through his heart.

A horrible accident happened in Perry county in which Gustave Heinbecher was killed. He and another man were cutting poles into stove wood with a circular saw, when the pile of wood fell, forcing Heinbecher over the saw which was running at high speed. The saw cut off his left shoulder, arm and a part of four ribs, which fell to the ground, releasing him. He started to rise, when he fell dead.

Mr. Louis Goodale and Miss Goldie Davis were married Sunday at the home of Br. R. L. Berry, who officiated. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis. The groom is the youngest son of G. A. Goodale.

Kelley Murphy, a respected citizen of Texas county, died at his home six miles south of Mountain Grove at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday of last week, at the age of 75 years. His burial took place the following day at the Cothren cemetery, Rev. John Smallwood conducting the funeral service. Mr. Murphy was born in Maries county, Mo., and for about 45 years had resided on a farm in this vicinity. He is survived by his widow, four

daughters and two sons. One of the latter, W. W. Murphy of Mountain Grove, has just recovered from an attack of pneumonia and was unable to attend his father's funeral.

To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given, that Nancy E. Gartin, wife of the undersigned, having abandoned me as a husband, I will not be responsible for any contracts or debts she may make. Signed, this March 19, 1912, P. G. Gartin.

March 28, 1912:

Mrs. Christian F. Henry, who died near Willow Springs last week, was in her 90th year.

Information charging assault with attempt to kill was filed against Bellfield Brown on last Monday. Mr. Brown is an old soldier of some seventy years of age. For years he has been considered a highly respected citizen, and many regret to see the case come up in our court. It appears that a couple of boys of about 16 years of age were riding past and did something which enraged Mr. Brown, who hit one boy over the head and shot at the other. The true facts will probably come out at the trial only. The boy's father, Mr. Cope, who lives near Mr. Brown, is among Wright county's best citizens.---Hartville Republican

Death is rarely a welcome visitor and the "grim reaper" is more than usually unwelcome when it removes from a community one whose loveable and cheerful disposition had endeared her to family and friends, and one who was just at the dawn of what promised to be a noble and useful womanhood. But God knows best and will comfort the stricken family and console the sorrowing friends. At early dawn last Sunday the spirit of Ola May, wife of Floyd E. Brown, was released from its frail tenement of clay and went out into the great beyond. Her death was not unexpected, as for weeks she had been battling with typhoid fever, the progress of which could not be checked by medical skill or the tender ministrations of family and friends. Her sisters were with her through her illness and aided husband, parents and friends in kindly ministrations, but to no avail. Death was the victor. Mrs. Brown was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee, and was the youngest of a family of eight children. She was born July 31, 1889, and spent her few years among our people. She was a member of the class of 1910 of the Mountain Grove high school, and August 10, 1910, was married to the husband who now mourns her loss. A short month ago a baby girl came to bless the home but was too frail for this world and was early called to Him who asks the children to come. Besides husband and parents, the deceased leaves three brothers and four sisters: Frank J. at Colorado Springs; John R. at Excelsior Springs; Robert C. in Texas; Mrs. Robert Livingstone of Mountain View; Mrs. Anna Robinette of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Clark Douglass of Springfield; and Mrs. J. Frank Neighbors of this city. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Neighbors, by Rev. J. C. Saylor. The interment was made in the new cemetery.

Eleven cars of a Frisco freight train left the track three miles east of Mountain Grove last Monday afternoon and it took the wrecking crew fourteen hours to get the track in shape for the passage of trains. Iron ore, merchandise, bananas, automobiles and New

Orleans molasses were among the variety of freight in the cars, eight of which were badly smashed, as the wreck occurred on a twenty-five foot fill, and most of the cars rolled to the bottom. The molasses was in a tank car that rolled over and over and was not spilled. A car containing three high-priced automobiles was among those which left the track but the machines were not injured. The wrecking crew was a work with the cars all day Tuesday, coming to the station here every hour or two to let trains pass. There was quite a congestion of trains in Mountain Grove during the day and night.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Melton of Clinton township, Texas county, last Friday. This is the second pair of twins in the Melton family.

Many farmers who buried their potatoes have found them frozen. Nick Widner near Hartville losing 40 bushels. The high price of seed may reduce the acreage and make the crop short this year.

A recent issue of a Hastings, Neb. paper announced the death of Mrs. George Crane, which occurred at Siloam Springs, Ark. last week. The Crane family was until quite recently residents of the Mountain Grove community. She was a member of the Methodist church of this city.

An infant child of Edith Forsyth, six miles west of Mountain Grove, was found dead in bed, evidently smothered, Thursday morning and Coroner Inman and Constable Needham went to the neighborhood, summoned a jury and held an inquest. The child was a boy, five weeks old. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that it came to its death from unknown causes.

J. E. Craig and Miss Rebecca Bell, both of Mansfield, were married in Kansas City last week.

The three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Deavers, a mile northeast of Mansfield, was so badly burned on the morning of the 16th that he died three hours later. His clothing caught fire while his mother was milking and she reached the house too late to save the little fellow's life.

John D. Atkisson, aged about thirty years, died at his home in this city at six o'clock Wednesday evening, after an illness of several weeks, of cancer of the stomach, complicated with other diseases. He was an exemplary young man and his death is a loss to the community as well as a severe blow to his aged father and mother and other members of the family. His funeral will be conducted Friday morning at the residence.

There is a great deal of proof to lead the officers to believe that Louis Johnson and Elmer Majors, Springfield youths aged between 16 and 18, were the ones engaged in last week's hold-up at the Farmer's Store. On request of local officers the Springfield police arrested young Johnson last Saturday morning, catching him in bed. Constable Needham went to the city the same day to ring the prisoner here, but at the Springfield depot Saturday night was tripped by some accomplice and the youngster gave leg bail.

Majors has not yet been apprehended. It is likely that both will be landed before many days have passed.

A report comes from Des Moines, Ia., of the mysterious disappearance on March 6 of J. W. Kreps, a carpenter, who until two years ago was a resident of Mountain Grove. At Des Moines on the morning stated, Mr. Kreps went to a building to work, but finding that nothing would be done until afternoon, left, saying he would be back. He was seen later in front of one of the banks, but since then he has not been seen or heard of. He had money on deposit which he or his wife could draw on, but as he left this it is believed that his disappearance was not premeditated. He was both a Free Mason and an Odd Fellow, and those lodges are making every effort to find him.

Died at her home three miles northeast of Alice, Monday morning, March 25, Paralee, wife of Beattie Barnes. Burial at Rock Springs, Tuesday afternoon. She leaves a husband, B. B. Barnes and three children.

The four men recently arrested on the borders of Arkansas for robbing the Pomona post office, were taken to Springfield and after a preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner, bound over in the sum of \$1000 each. Besides about 1300 pennies stolen from the post office, a complete safe-blowing kit and other burglar's tools were found in their possession.

Sheriff C. M. Heard of Howell county, who recently married the divorced wife of Fraker, a carpenter, has been sued by him for \$10,000, the latter charging that the wife's affections were alienated by Mr. Heard. The sheriff says the suit was brought to harass him, and that he will fight it out.

Although Pace was found guilty of firing his Houston store, a jury in another suit awarded him the full amount of his insurance policy, \$1500. Queer Thing--this law as she is interpreted.

Robert Sandridge, the youth who shot and killed Harry Watson, yardmaster for the Frisco at Thayer, last fall, was acquitted, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty soon after the arguments in the case were closed. Sandridge was at the time of the killing a tenant on a farm owned by Watson's mother and the trouble was which led to the shooting came up over the division of a crop of cow peas. Watson's mother was present and saw her son shot. Sandridge's plea for acquittal was self defence.

April 4, 1912:

W. H. Wheeler, aged 67, died at his home near Sherrell on the 18th.

C. C. Douglass, a Christian county citizen, died of cancer last week, aged 55 years.

Sid Collins laid two eggs which weighed nine ounces on the table of the Lamar Republican-Sentinel last week.

While duck hunting on the Cedar Gap lake last week Jim Ode and another boy upset their boat, got a dunking and lost a \$30 shotgun.

A farmer named Johnson, on Woods Fork, Christian county, dropped dead at 2 a.m. one morning last week, after arising to quiet his dogs.

Marriages in Douglas county last week: Dan Cable and Mabel Holt; Augustia A. Boon and Mary VanHouden; J. D. Burt and Lydia Hornbuckle; Fred Horner and Mint Bates; Elbert Horner and Martha Coddle; Dalbert Carnes and Nettie Heinlein

Robert A. Love died at his home in Rolla last week at the age of about 80 years. He had been a resident of Phelps county since infancy, and in the last half century was prominently identified with the affairs of the county and city. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

J. H. East of Raven's Den, Ark., was seriously injured yesterday while at work on the new railroad bridge across Whetstone west of the city. He is foreman of the bridge carpenters, and while under the bridge he was using a piece of timber for a straight edge. A passing train struck the end which projected above the bridge, throwing the lower end with considerable force against Mr. East's head. Dr. Peyton, who dressed the injury, thinks it probable that the outer table of the forehead was crushed. The injured man was taken to Springfield Wednesday night for hospital treatment.

Goldie Davis and Lewis Goodale were quietly married on Sunday, the 17th, at 4 o'clock.

Ivan Lark and Malcomn Purtle, two of our popular young men, left for the West a few days ago. Malcomn went as far as Seymour and decided there was "no Place Like Home."

Mr. Walter E. Lyons and Miss Ruth DeMotte were married last Thursday evening, March 28, 1912 at the residence of E. A. Shockey, Rev. A. M. Livingston pronouncing the ceremony at 8 o'clock. The marriage took place at the home of this friend of the family because of the fact that the bride's parents were "breaking up" housekeeping, preparatory to moving to Mountain Grove. They will make their home on the groom's farm, three miles southwest of Mountain Grove. Mr. DeMotte has rented his farm for three years to Dr. Noakes of Illinois. Mrs. DeMotte will leave soon for a visit to Indiana relatives, and on her return she and Mr. DeMotte will make their home in Mountain Grove.

A son was born to prosecuting attorney Curtis of Hartville on Monday of last week.

To all whom it may concern: The undersigned and his wife, Nancy E. Gartin, having become reconciled, I wish to withdraw all restrictions contained in the previous advertisement. Signed this 26th day of March 1912---P. Gartin

The coroner's jury which investigated the death of the Forsyth baby last week, exonerated the mother from blame.

John D. Atkinson was born Dec. 1, 1883 in Mountain Grove, Mo. Died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Atkinson, in this city, March 27, 1912. He was a young man of fine business qualifications and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was one of the leaders of the I.O.O.F. of Mountain Grove and his personal popularity was attested by the large attendance at his funeral, which was conducted by Lupton Lodge, No. 393, I.O.O.F., of Mountain Grove, of which he was a member. He was a Past Grand of the order.

On last Monday morning March 25, Paralee Freeman Barnes, wife of Beattie Barnes, gave up the struggle for life and quietly fell asleep, to awake in the arms of Jesus. The deceased was born May 28, 1883 at the place now known as Alice. She was one of eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman, who still live at that place. She was married to Beattie Barnes in 1899, and to them were give four children, three of whom survive; one daughter has preceded the moth. Besides a host of friends all over Texas county, she leaves to mourn her loss father, mother, brothers and sisters, husband and children. She was a member of the M. E. church at Dykes. For more than a year she was superintendent of Rock Springs Sunday school. Rev. Carty of Houston preached the funeral sermon. She was laid to rest in the little graveyard at Rock Springs, beside the little daughter.

Word was received here Friday that Floyd Harker, 19, of Springfield, Mo. was killed by a train. He was well known here and is the son of Will Harker. He was married last August 27th to Miss Virgie Huff of Springfield. His father left as soon as possible for Springfield. He leaves a wife, father, sister (Mrs. Mae Woods) and three brothers (Ernest, Earl and Emmet).

Miss Beulah Kinder, daughter of Mrs. Henry Barker of Vanzant, left last week for Kiowa, Okla., where she will be married to Era Elmore immediately upon arrival. Ezra is formerly of Douglas county, having moved with his parents to Oklahoma last fall.

At Washington last Sunday, Senator Robert Love Taylor of Tennessee died from the effects of an operation for gall stones. He was 61 years old, came of an office-holding family, and at one time defeated his brother for governor of Tennessee. He was called "Fiddling Bob," so known because he fiddled his way into the hearts of his audiences, carrying his violin wherever he campaigned.

April 11, 1912:

This suit, in which many Wright county people take an interest, came up at Hartville last week. Voler C. Viles, former chief clerk in the census department at Washington, D. C., and later mentioned as a Republican aspirant for congressional honors in the Fifteenth district, brought suit for divorce against his wife, making all kinds of general charges against her. The court sustained the motion of Mrs. Viles' attorneys to require plaintiff to

file an amended petition, making specific charges, and there was a motion for temporary alimony. Mrs. Viles then met in conference with her attorneys to prepare an answer and cross bill. Before this could be prepared Mr. Viles appeared in the court room and through his attorney dismissed the suit. Affidavits that Mr. Viles had failed to live up to the agreements of a contract entered into at Washington, D. C., wherein he promised to pay Mrs. Viles alimony of \$60 each month until he had paid her a total of \$900 were immediately filed in circuit court by her attorneys. Personal service was secured before Mr. Viles had departed. A motion for continuance to the September term, filed by Mr. Viles, was sustained. Viles met the woman he is attempting to divorce while stopping at the Colonial hotel less than a month after he had buried his wife at Mansfield, in Wright county. A secret ceremony performed at Fort Scott, Kans. united them, after which Viles returned to Washington, D. C. Mail addressed to Mrs. Viles, who was still employed as head waitress at the Colonial hotel, resulted in news of wedding gaining publicity. Immediately resigning her position at the local hotel, Mrs. Viles went to Denison, Texas, where she kidnaped her four year old son, Robert Paden. With the lad, she then joined her husband in Washington, D. C. They separated last October. The plaintiff was represented by F. A. Mansfield; Farnsworth and Lamar and A. M. Curtis had charge of Mrs. Viles' interests.

Judge Walter D. Hubbard, a pioneer Springfield attorney, was found dead in bed Monday morning.

William Conrad, a pioneer citizen of Greene county, fell dead in his orchard near Billings last Thursday. He was 85 years old and eleven of his children survive him.

H. L. Jackson, cashier of the Newburg state bank, offers \$1000 reward for the recovery of John W. Scanlon, dead or alive. He is the bank official who mysteriously disappeared last December.

John Doney, an aged Union soldier, committed suicide at Mountain View last week by drinking carbolic acid. He had innocently gotten into some trouble about homesteading land, and took his life rather than face the federal court.

The four tramps who recently burglarized and robbed a store and the post office at Pomona have been found guilty and sentenced to the federal penitentiary. Three of them pleaded guilty. All had formerly served terms in state prisons.

Harry Morgan of Springfield recently discovered near Hollman, Webster county, a rich vein of strontium, but kept the matter quiet until he had the mineral assayed and became sure of the nature of his find. Strontium is a more valuable metal than lead. It is used in refining sugar and manufacturing fireworks. There are only two other counties in the United States in which strontium has been found, one in New York and one in Pennsylvania.

W. L. Pratt, a prominent real estate agent and dairyman of Houston, was drowned at three o'clock last Thursday afternoon at the Anthony ford of Piney River. He had started

to Venable with one horse attached to a two-wheeled cart, and as Piney was unusually high and he knew that there was a very deep hole on the opposite side, it is supposed that he tried to avoid this and thus got into the swift current. Two men working in a field nearby heard his call for help and ran to the stream, but could not find him. The drowned horse was found about 100 yards from the cart, but the body of Mr. Pratt was not found until the following afternoon, although a large searching party was engaged in dragging the river. The deceased leaves a wife and two or three children. He was a valuable citizen and his tragic death is generally regretted

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Bellamy died last Friday at the age of two days.

At Springfield last week, two men found that homestead right on a 160-acre tract in Ozark county had been forfeited by failure to file final proof. These men filed the necessary documents and started on a race for the land, one using an automobile and the other going to Mansfield by rail, then to Ava on the pawpaw line and completing his trip on horseback. When he reached the quarter section he found that a squatter had been in possession two years and had prior right. At last accounts the man in the auto hadn't been heard from.

Near West Eminence last Wednesday, an aged Hungarian in a fit of despondency hanged himself to a door by adjusting the noose and sitting down on the floor. Members of the family who discovered him shortly afterward sent post-haste for a doctor, but left him hanging until the arrival of the physician. A little common sense might have saved him.

Two prisoners, John Carroll and August Weinrick, broke jail [at Rolla] last Wednesday night, during the big rain storm. Sheriff Wilson's attention was called to the hanging of a rope from the roof of the jail by some neighbors about daylight and on investigating he found that two prisoners had made their escape. They had picked the cell door with a piece of wire and made their way to the roof of the jail where several deliveries have taken place, and with the aid of pals for the outside who furnished 50 feet of 1 1/2 inch rope and a ladder to get over the fence, the prisoners escaped.---Rolla New Era

Born, April 7, to Aubrey Sherrell and wife, a bouncing baby boy.

The estate of John W. Scanlon, the Newberg banker and capitalist, who mysteriously disappeared on the night of December 19th, has been placed in the hands of an administrator. The estate is said to amount to more than \$50,000. Although the country where he was last seen has been searched far and wide, nothing has been learned of his whereabouts.

William J. Warner of Conway died at the age of 84.

Guy G. Farwell, who owned considerable Texas county land, died last week.

Alva Simpson, a young man of Texas county, was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum last week.

Jesse Ellison, of near Roy, who died recently, was about 21 years of age and weighed more than 400 pounds.---Ava Enterprise

James McCarty, a farmer living nine miles north of Springfield, dropped dead on the streets of that city at noon last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary J. Dixon, aged 63, and Alf McCormick of Pea Ridge, were married last week.

Oliver Slentz and Charley Amous, arrested in Springfield last week on a charge highway robbery, were later turned over to the Sheriff of Wright county and his deputy, as there is pretty strong evidence that they burglarized the Hartville store of William Gorman early in February.

A report from Hartville states that three prisoners escaped from the jail Monday night by digging through a wall in the cell in which they were confined. Two of the prisoners were Oliver Slentz and Charles Amous, charged with the Hartville burglary, and the other was Frank Cohn. Sheriff Wood sent to Mountain Grove for the Hinkle bloodhounds, and also notified the police of Springfield and officials of neighboring counties.

The damage suit of Mrs. Mary Gray of Koshkonong, for \$10,000 was settled by the Frisco railway company for \$200. Her son, aged 18, was killed on Thanksgiving day, 1910, by jumping from a freight train on which he had been helping to fire the engine. It was claimed that the engineer promised to slow down near his home and failed to do so.

Five Strafford young men were arrested last week on the charge of disturbing religious worship. All gave bond to await trial at the coming session of the Greene county criminal court.

We have just heard of the marriage of Mina Beauchamp, a former resident of the Willow Springs district. Miss Beauchamp was married March 11th to Mr. Alfred Gertsch of Smith Center, Kans. The groom is a native of Switzerland, having lived in this country about nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Gertsch have gone to housekeeping on a farm near Smith Center.

April 18, 1912:

The three prisoners who broke jail at Hartville one night last week were recaptured a day or two later near Pease Mill, Laclede county. The sheriff brought them back and on the following day they were arraigned in circuit court, pleaded guilty to burglary and larceny and were sentenced to four years in state prison. Emery Melton of Mountain Grove, who was in jail with them but refused to leave, notified the authorities as soon as

possible after they got out. Melton had violated his parole and was facing a penitentiary sentence, but was given another trial on parole and released.

Bryan C. Cordell, aged 18, died of meningitis near West Plains last week.

John Simmons, an old citizen of Texas county, died of pneumonia on the 6th.

Frank Webb, who stabbed a man in Lawrence county about a year ago and then made his escape, has been arrested at Livingston, Idaho, and the Lawrence county sheriff has gone after the prisoner.

Chris Keltner, recorder of deeds of Christian county, died at his home in Ozark Tuesday of last week after only a few days illness with spinal trouble. An effort will be made to have his widow appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

Charles Rusk, living four miles southwest of Cabool, received a message from the Navy Department at Washington last Wednesday stating that his son, Roy Rusk, chief water tender of the torpedo boat Bainbridge, had died at Shanghai, China. The young man was 23 years old and had married an American girl in China about a month ago. The deceased young man had been in the navy about three years.---Cabool Enterprise

J. F. Fulbright, one of the oldest residents of Polk county, died last week at the residence of his son, in Springfield. Mr. Fulbright was 85 years old and had spent almost his whole lifetime on a farm near Bolivar.

Recent Webster county marriages: C. I. Moore and Sadie Cantrell of Niangua; William Deckard and Bessie Green of Sampson; J. A. Woodruff and Martha Cummins of Seymour; John E. Gray and Chaunell Atteberry of Elkland

Douglas county marriage licenses: J. D. Gaw to Bertha Bryant; H. O. Beason to Perneacy Brooks; Jesse O. Cruise to Marie V. Patterson; J. F. Matney to M. F. King; C. B. Jenkins to Bertha Sanders; G. W. Sweet to Martha Rolison

Laclede county marriages last week: S. W. Langton and Louise W. Johnson; Lee Davis and Hazel Davis; W. A. Warren and Rella Newton; David J. Wall and Florence Cottington; Van Massey and Cordia Peterson; Elmoden Hoke and Elsie M. Stokes; Loyd Adkins and Audra Dotson

Marriage licenses in Texas county last week: Norvil Miller and Cora Mitchell; Martin Zehnder and Ida M. Johnson; Ora Humeston and Millie McWilliams; Charles L. Popp and Martha Keaton; Charles Odle and Ethel Cunningham; S. B. Harmon and Mrs. Dora Riley; Bard Poteete and May Sales

Harve Rector, the Laclede county man who was charged with using the mails for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, was convicted in the U. S. court at Springfield last week and was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Christian county jail, but the

sentence was suspended until the next term of court, and an investigation will be made to determine whether or not others are implicated with Rector. Rector is charged with ordering goods by mail while purporting to be conducting a store at Eldridge and then disposing of the goods for whatever he could get and pocketing the money.

A west-bound freight train on the Frisco was wrecked at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, three and a half miles east of town. A message was received here shortly afterward, and a number of our citizens, including physicians, hurried to the scene, as the message stated that a brakeman and possibly others were under the wreckage. The brakeman, Charles Fitsinger, married and residing in Springfield, was found crushed in the ditch under a set of trucks, and died before he could be liberated. He is said to have been sitting in the doorway of an empty refrigerator car and to have jumped with the crash came but was caught under the trucks immediately afterward. His body was brought to Mountain Grove and later taken to Springfield. The train consisted of fifteen or sixteen cars, all empty but one, and as no defect was found in the track it is supposed that the bouncing of a light car caused the wheels to climb a rail. The engineer stated that the speed was not over twenty-five miles an hour. The cars were piled up on and beside the track, but as many were steel, coal, or gravel cars the damage to the rolling stock was not as much as it might have been. The wrecking train gathered up section men on the way from Springfield and reached the spot shortly after nine o'clock and the track was repaired in a few hours. Several Mountain Grove boys who were riding on the coal cars received a few scratches and had the scare of their lives, but stayed on the cars until it was all over. The wreck was visited by a great many Mountain Grove people shortly after it occurred, and also on Monday.

The case of the Golden City boys who were arrested for singing sacred songs on the streets of that town was settled out of court a few days ago. The costs in the case were a little over thirty-six dollars, which goes into the treasury of that town.

The state registrar of vital statistics reports 22 deaths in Wright county during the month of February. Three were due to diphtheria and croup, four to tuberculosis of the lungs, two to other diseases of the respiratory system, and eight to other causes.

After a lingering illness, Delia Frances Neighbors Amos died at her home seven miles northeast of Mountain Grove, April 15, 1912. She was born and reared on the farm where tender hands laid her to rest beside her many loved ones gone on before. She lived all of her lifetime in Texas county, Missouri, and reared her own family within six miles of her birth place. She was born July 29, 1874. She was married to John Amos March 1, 1891. To this union were born two sons and one daughter, all of whom survive her. At the tender age of sixteen she united with the Brethren church. She leaves an aged mother, a lonely husband, three children, four brothers and three sisters.

A courtship of four or five years duration reached its culmination yesterday when Mr. Ray Johnston of Springfield was married to Miss Ethel Edwards of Mountain Grove. It was the intention at first to have the ceremony pronounced at the home of the bride's

mother, Mrs. Ellen Edwards, on Broyles street, but for some reason the young people changed their intention and went to Springfield on the early morning train, where they were married at noon. The groom is a popular young real estate man who was formerly a resident of Houston. The bride also was a resident of Texas county, and of an excellent family, her grandfather being a Virginian who after campaigning with Stonewall Jackson, homesteaded land in our neighboring county and became one of its pioneers. For some years she had been a resident of Mountain Grove, where her accomplishments and loveable disposition have won her many friends. After a trip to Denver the young couple will settle down to housekeeping in Springfield.

'Squire Needham officiated at a wedding at about 4:30 Sunday afternoon. The contracting parties were Mr. James C. Carden and Miss Minnie L. Grimes, both of Ann, and the ceremony was pronounced while they were seated in their buggy on Elm street, south of the Frisco tracks.

James A. Bryan and wife, are the proud parents of a ten pound girl born yesterday.

Dr. N. F. Terry, a well-known surgeon of Springfield, was stricken with paralysis yesterday, and Dr. Butzke received a message that he died at noon. He and Dr. Butzke were associated in several Mountain Grove surgical cases, and the Doctor and probably others of our citizens will attend his funeral tomorrow afternoon.

Goldie Lawson and Emma Dewey, Mountain Grove girls aged seven or eight years, had a narrow escape from death last Sunday afternoon at the freight train wreck. They had wandered over three miles east and were gathering wild flowers on the Frisco right of way when the train came along. The girls approached the track and threw a handful of flowers at the engineer just as the tender left the track and the cars commenced piling up. They took alarm in the nick of time and scurried to and over the fence, a coal car following and landing within ten feet of them just as they reached a place of safety. They saw the brakeman jump and afterward helped the train men to find his body.

L. D. Pool & Son have begun work on a brick and stone business building in Hartville. It will be 30 by 85 feet and two stories high.

April 25, 1912:

Malachi Thomas, an old citizen of the Plato neighborhood, died recently.

Walter Mihlfield, an 18 year old Newburg youth, was ground to pieces by an Illinois freight train last week.

Marriage licenses have been issued in Douglas county to James C. Corden and Minnie L. Grimes; Alford Ice and Ida Cornet

Near Pomona last week, John Triplett was killed by the bursting of a large wooden pulley in a saw mill, a piece of the flying timber striking him in the forehead.

Laclede county marriages last week: Amos Weddle and Lillie Barlow; Benjamin Hembree and Maude Mar; Lester Tracy and Fannie Cook; Arthur Howell and Clara Jones.

B. J. Benson, a farmer near Rolla, was killed last week by the accidental discharge of his shotgun as he was getting through a wire fence. He was gunning for a chicken hawk.

Julia and Florence Snow, 14 and 18 years old respectively, who went to Springfield in search of the "white lights" last week, were returned to their parents at Ava by the police officials.

Got married in Webster county last week: Harry Swinley and Hattie Cantrell; Orin Yarbrough and Affie Brittain; Louis Gennetti and Alice Reddy; Dave Rosebery and Addie Davis

Sira Odle, an aged and deaf resident of Cedar Gap, was knocked down by a runaway team a few days ago. Both bones of his right leg were broken and he was considerably bruised.

William Shoemaker, an old man living in Lebanon, tried to commit suicide last week by slashing himself across the abdomen with a pocket knife and cutting a gash in his throat. He is 75 years old and his wife is a cripple.

Sheriff Heard of Howell county went to Pawhuska, Okla., last week to bring back Charles and Isaac Collins, who had skipped fines. While waiting at Tulsa for a train, he took his prisoners to a moving picture show and there encountered John Hollingshead, an alleged bootlegger, and added him to his string.

While attempting to cross the Finley river at Bier's Ford, northeast of Ozark, Monday afternoon, Mrs. Sarah Wadkins and her daughter, Miss Susan Wadkins, drove into ten feet of water. The swift current of the swollen stream overturned the buggy in which they two women were seated and both were drowned. Their bodies were recovered by searchers early Tuesday morning.

James C. Cuding and Miss Vada McCraw were quietly married April 16 at the residence of Bro. R. L. Berry, who officiated. Only the immediate relatives of the groom were present. They will make their home with the groom's mother, on the old Dunner farm.

Florin Klawitter, until about two years ago a citizen of Mountain Grove, died at his home in Dawson, Mo., at 11 o'clock last Thursday night, after a lingering illness. He had been in poor health for some time past, and at a consultation of several physicians last fall his disease was diagnosed as consumption of the bowels. Funeral services were conducted at his late home in Dawson at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, by Rev. Richard Anderson, after which Lupton Lodge, No. 398, I.O.O.F. took charge and interred the body in the new cemetery of Mountain Grove with the honors and ceremonies of that

order. His age was 64 years, 5 months and 4 days, he having been born in West Prussia, Germany in September 1847. He is survived by his aged wife, two sons and two daughters: Mrs. J. E. Needham of Mountain Grove; Mrs. C. E. Daris of Inola, Okla; James F. Klawitter of Cherryvale, Kansa; and Ed Klawitter of Dawson, Mo.

D. E. Bancroft, living 3 1/2 miles east of Norwood, while felling a big black oak on his place Thursday afternoon, was caught under the falling tree and both legs were broken, the right one at the ankle and splintering the bones until they projected through the flesh; his left leg was broken twice between the knee and ankle. Mr. Bancroft and family have had more than their share of misfortune since coming here to live two years ago. They have lost three horses and eighteen cows out of as a fine a herd of Jerseys as was ever seen. Last year's drought and the loss of eighteen hogs from cholera added to their misfortunes, and it is pitiable that the mishap should come just as the family was starting into their spring work with the hopes of retrieving their fortunes.

Marriage Licenses: James C. Cutting and Vada McCraw both of Norwood; Samuel Long and Georgia Williams, both of Hartville; Irvin L. Jones of Smittle and Burvannie Williams of Lamb; William M. Nicholson and Cordelia H. Ussery, both of Mountain Grove; A. C. Radford and Ila Crisp, both of Manes.---Hartville Democrat

A pretty wedding which was marked by its elegant simplicity, occurred yesterday at St. Paul church at high noon, when Miss Ethel Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Edwards of Mountain Grove, became the bride of Mr. Ray Johnston of this city. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnston and is associated with his father in the real estate business here. The impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. McDonald, pastor of the St. Paul church, with only the immediate families of the young couple present.

Marriages in Texas county last week: Charles W. Baine and Mary E. Norris; W. H. Watts and Mary M. Stark; Manserd McKinney and Ollie Taylor; Clarence Sheen and A. Ruth Blanton; Hub C. Holt and Beulah Gregory; Elmer Blankenship and Rebecca Gann; Elmer J. Stanifer and Edna Garst

A. A. Brown, father of Miss Artie Brown of the high school faculty, died suddenly in Springfield on the 15th from the effects of an attack of meningitis.

The Brushy Knob school house has been voted closed against religious services, except funerals.

May 2, 1912:

Aunt Caroline Vollmar, born in Germany in 1830, died near Raymondville on the 18th.

Bill Grinsham, a resident of Ozark county, committed suicide last week by shooting himself with a shotgun. Ill health and misfortune are supposed to have been the cause.

Douglas county marriages last week: Bert Stewart to Estella Chandler; Lewis A. Potter to Carrie Sloan; Ferd Daves to Nola Workman; James H. Shockley to Ettie E. Gilley

Two small Texas county youngsters, Thorp and Margrove by name, failed to return from school one evening recently and an all-night search was made for them. They were found the following morning in a barn loft, having been scared by an animal which they thought was a bear. Although barefoot, hatless and coatless, they spent the night in the stable.

"Little" Jim Crewse from Webb City died with consumption at Sam Hutsell's and was buried in the Crewse graveyard April 19. He left a wife and three children.

Sheriff Woods brought in Arno Alford and Thomas Cantrell, twelve miles west of Hartville, Tuesday. The boys, sixteen and seventeen years of age, are charged with breaking into the store of W. D. Cantrell at New Grove. In the store is located the New Grove post office, and entrance into the building was made by breaking a window in that part of the store for the purpose of getting some candy but found none and contented themselves by taking some cigars and pocket knives. They say "We wouldn't have done it if we hadn't been drunk."---Hartville Democrat

Oliver Slentz, Charley Amos and Frank Core, recently sentenced to terms in the penitentiary, are still in the custody of Sheriff Woods for the reason that small pox has broken out in the state penitentiary and orders have been sent all counties to hold prisoners until the disease is under check.---Hartville Democrat

J. H. Keet of Springfield has been sued for \$15,000 by George F. Wood, who avers that his seven year old son has been practically helpless since struck by Keet's auto three years ago.

A Manes correspondent of the Hartville Republican says that the bridge at that place has been a great convenience, as the Gasconade river has been unfordable about nine-tenths of the time during the past two months.

Mrs. W. W. Grimes, who was called to Springfield last week by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mr. J. W. Stickney, is still there. Mrs. Stickney died two days after Mrs. Grimes reached her bedside.

Ira Barnes and Vada Raney were married at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday. They came to their home Friday. The boys made a visit that night with shotguns, cow bells and anything to make a noise.

May 9, 1912:

The appeal of Walter Diple and Goldie Smith, convicted in the circuit court of Webster county a year ago and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary for the alleged murder of Stanley Ketchel, the prize fighter at the Dickerson ranch in Union township,

was argued before the supreme court one day last week. It will probably be several weeks before a decision in the case will be handed down by the court.---Marshfield Chronicle

Charles Fox, a prominent young farmer of Howell county, last week climbed a tree to rescue a nest of motherless young crows for his little daughter and in a fall which followed, his neck was broken. He was conscious but paralyzed from the neck down, and died two days later.

S. F. Stone's barber shop was touched Wednesday night for \$15 or \$16 in cash and enough fine pipes to bring the total up to \$50. As Uncle Jimmy Campbell, who has been acting as porter and bootblack and sleeping in the shop for several months past, also is missing, the natural inference is that he is with the money and the pipes. The money drawer was pried out with a hatchet, then taken into the bathroom and emptied, and the back door was found open. The plunderer in his haste overlooked about \$18 hidden under some towels.

Artemus J. Earle of Joplin died of rheumatism Sunday night. He was known as the "marrying justice", having united 2000 couples during the six years he served as a Joplin Justice of the peace.

Sheriff Woods and Deputy Ed Coday took Oliver Slentz, Charles Amos and Frank Core to state penitentiary last week.

Thomas Dunsmore, an old citizen of Dawson, died there on the 7th, in the 75th year of his age, of paralysis. The funeral and burial will take place today.

Ottis, the 13 year old son of J. H. Barker of Vanzant, taken to a Springfield hospital and operated upon for appendicitis last week, died there at 8:30 Sunday night, as the disease had progressed far enough to cause peritonitis. His father was with him and his brothers, Arthur, Will and Earn, were summoned by phone, but arrived after his death. The body was brought to Mountain Grove at noon Monday and the funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at the Douglas county home. Burial in Vanzant Cemetery.

William Jasper Allen died last Saturday afternoon at the home of his son, Charles, 8 miles north of Mountain Grove, and was buried at Oak Grove church the following afternoon. Although he had suffered from paralysis for about thirty years, dropsy was the immediate cause of his death. He was born in Indiana in 1850, and had been a resident of Wright county since the second year of his age. He was married in 1873 to Michel Priscilla Barrett and they were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom with the mother survive. For several years prior to his death, he made his home with his son, Andrew Allen of Mountain Grove.

Born, to the wife of Elisha Craig, Sunday, May 5, a fine girl.

William Lawson, charged with bootlegging, recently broke jail at Marshfield.

Alvin Inman, brother-in-law of the county clerk of Douglas county, was killed by lightning in Arkansas last week.

John Ferdinand Welser, a native of Switzerland and who had resided in Lebanon since 1876, died in a Springfield hospital last week.

At Newburg last week Walter Lane shot and killed Lou Colvin. The fight was caused by Lane stepping on Colvin's foot when he went into a saloon for a bottle of beer.

Etheridge brothers at Jerome were playing catch Sunday when a 5 year old brother ran in between the players and was instantly killed by the ball striking him in the neck.

John A. Thompson, aged 94 years, died Friday at Marshfield. Deceased platted the public square there and plowed the ground in the making of that place.

Jesse Hartley, who lives near Marshfield, celebrated his 100th birthday last December.

May 16, 1912:

Rev. Francis M. Cooper and Miss Alice Hunt were married Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mallett, of Norwood, Mo. They left the following day for Mumbord, Mo., their future home. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Hunt. The knot was tied by Rev. Reuben Cooper, a pastor of the M. E. Church South.

Mr. Claud Johnston and Miss Myrtle Simmons were married near Simmons last week.

J. E. Kuhn, a former resident of Lebanon, was killed last week near Fort Smith, Ark., by being thrown from a freight car which left the track.

Uncle Robert Grammon, 72 years old, was found dead on his twenty-acre farm eight miles west of Ava last week. It is thought that he died of over exertion while fighting a fire which was destroying his fence. He had no known relative.

Mrs. Mary A. Rogers died last week at the home of her son, A. M. Rogers, near Ava. She was perhaps the oldest citizen in Douglas county, being born in Amond county, Kentucky, January 16th, 1810, making her one hundred and two years and three and a half months of age. She came to Missouri and Douglas county in the year 1848.

William Van Wormer, a 40 year old citizen of Rolla, died on the 4th from the effects of a bite by a cottonmouth snake. Van Wormer was with friends fishing at Elliott's Lake, 5 miles east of Rolla, and when at 8 p.m. he and a companion went to look after the hooks, Van Wormer was bitten. Five minutes afterward he fainted and lost consciousness. A doctor was summoned from Rolla and remained with him until Saturday morning when he was brought to his home in Rolla.

Lester Murrell, a fourteen year old Springfield boy arrested by the police last Monday, confessed to a score or more of burglaries which have puzzled the officials of that city for six months past. He implicates "Skyburg" Allen and Alvey Tennell, youths of 17 and 16, and says that in one building he entered last winter, he encountered another burglar who drove him out.

Gravestones for the following old soldiers have been shipped to Ava: John H. Robins, Charles Louis, Andrew Plumb, Mose F. Wood, John H. Lord and Samuel Spiers; Captains Moses L. Alsup, Thomas Alsup, Jackson B. Alsup and William N. Alsup.

B. H. Hunter, assistant superintendent of the Ozark division of the Frisco, died in St. Bernard's hospital at Jonesboro, Ark., Sunday morning after three hours illness, of congestive chills.

We were sorry to hear of the death of J. T. Barnes of Fairview, who died last week. Mr. Barnes was the father of Mrs. Henry Peachee of Willow Springs district.

The body of Mrs. Fannie Sayers was found in a cistern at her home two miles east of Thayer last Saturday morning. At first it was thought to be a case of suicide, but a later belief is that it was robbery and murder.

George McCrite, four miles southeast of town, died last Saturday night, and was buried in the Prairie Hollow cemetery Monday morning. Rev. Robert Brown officiating at the services.---Mansfield Press

Hartville talks of establishing a city speed limit for automobiles.

Press Burris, formerly a citizen of Wright county, was blown several hundred feet in one of the Oklahoma cyclones. His household furniture was completely destroyed.---Hartville Democrat

Daniel J. Reasoner, one of Wright county's civil war veterans, died near Hartville on the 4th, at the age of 80 years. By his will he leaves his 120 acre farm to his grandson, who had cared for him for several years. Six of his children survive him, only one, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, living in Wright county.

Miss Amelia Evans of Kansas City died of typhoid fever at Excelsior Springs, Mo. on Sunday of last week. She was a sister of Director Paul Evans of the Missouri Fruit Experiment Station, who was summoned to her bedside but on account of delayed trains did not reach there until after her death. The funeral and burial were at Kansas City on Tuesday.

J. R. Canada of the Brushy Knob district informs us that a recent item in this paper to the effect that the schoolhouse was voted closed for everything except school purposes is a mistake, and that our correspondent probably was not at the school meeting. He

says that the school house may be used for any sort of proper meeting, except during school hours.

Thomas Dunsmore, for more than forty years a resident of this township, died at his home here, last Tuesday night, after an illness covering nearly twenty years. His wife and Miss Effie Shelley, a foster daughter, survive him. He was buried near Dawson City on Wednesday afternoon. Dunsmore school was named for him.

An eleven months baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley on the Chapman place south of Hartville, died Thursday from mushroom poison. In getting the mushrooms ready for cooking, some of them dropped upon the floor and the little child crawling around had gotten hold of some and eaten it.---Hartville Democrat

May 23, 1912:

Alex Smith and Hattie May Summers, both of West Plains, were given marriage license in Howell county last week.

One marriage license was issued in Texas county last week and that to Oen E. Alley, Coulstone and Charity Sharp, Maples.

James Egeline, of Francis in Pulaski county, and Miss Edna Kuster were married at the bride's home, 4 miles southeast of Mountain Grove, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, by Rev. A. M. Livingston

E. W. Culver, Sr., a former resident of West Plains was run down and killed by an automobile at Los Angeles, Calif., recently. Mr. Culver was a native of Clay county, Mo., and came to West Plains about fifteen years ago.

Norma, wife of R. A. Lathrom, died at her home in Simmons, Texas county, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Marr of this city a sister of Mr. Lathrom has been there since Tuesday evening. Frank Marr and Webb Lathrom together with Springfield relatives who had been summoned, left Wednesday night to attend the funeral. An infant child born Tuesday night, which only lived a few hours, will be buried with the mother at Rock Branch cemetery at 12 o'clock, noon, today (Thursday).

Word was received here last week of the marriage of John Tilman and Miss Mary Adkins at Shoshone, Idaho, May 11. John was formerly a Fairmount boy while his bride's home was at Gooding, Idaho. They will make their new home on a ranch near Gooding as soon as the house is completed.

May 30, 1912:

Greene county's old claim for \$6500 for use of her court house during the war was killed in the U. S. senate.

Columbus Keys of the "Fatwoods" country has gotten into trouble in Dent county by "raising" a one dollar bill to a ten.

Donald Brown, aged 21, was nabbed by the Willow Springs marshal last week and sent back to Concordia, Kans, where he broke jail.

Elmer Murray, aged 19, was drowned in White river last Thursday, while swimming. He was with a camping party, sixteen miles southeast of Cassville.

William J. Davis, a civil war veteran, aged 70 years, was married last week at St. James to Miss Rebekah Brower, who is in her fourteenth year.

P. A. Bennett, editor of the Buffalo Reflex and Miss Bertha Tinsley, a prominent teacher in Dallas county, were married at the home of the bride Thursday, May 16.

After two juries had failed to agree, a third one at Marshfield last week convicted Lester Eslick of murder in the fourth degree. He killed Add Teague by a knife thrust at a Northview Christmas row in 1910.

John A. Ellis, who had been a resident of Howell county for forty years, died Thursday at the home of his daughter in West Plains. Mr. Ellis was over 92 years of age and was buried with Masonic honors.

Dabney C. Wade, a pioneer citizen of Springfield, died Saturday at the age of 82 years. He had lived there since boyhood and was with a party who drove a large herd of cattle to California in the gold rush of 1849.

At his home in Alton, Oregon county, J. P. Woodside died Tuesday of last week. He was a pioneer resident of Oregon county and was 68 years of age. He was a confederate veteran and a Mason. Hal Woodside of West Plains is a son.

Samuel G. Marshal, a conductor on the Frisco who had been employed on the run between Springfield and Memphis for over 30 years, died Tuesday of last week in Springfield.

At Monett on Monday a Frisco fireman, Frank Riley by name, was struck by a truck and knocked under a train, the wheels severing his head from his body. At Cassville on the same day, an Arkansas berry picker, J. B. Sanders, was run over by a train and killed.'

At the Rolla school of mines last week, Charles Day and Marion Tucker fell thirty-five feet when a scaffold broke, and an piece of timber tore a hole in Day's side, for the effects of which he died. They were building a concrete ceiling over the stage in Parker hall.

In Howell county last week marriage licenses were issue to: Aubrey B. Smith and Elsie F. Hodge, both of Willow Springs; Alex Smith and Hattie May Summers, both of West Plains; Luther W. Wright of Mountain View and Cora May McCullough of Texas county.

Bob Bowker, a Barton county farmer and brother of well-known Nevada lawyer, was fishing in a small stream when he fell forward in the water. He was subject to epilepsy and one of his spells came on. His companions dragged him out of the stream but he was dead.

James T. Barnes was born in St. Francis County, Missouri, Jan. 1, 1849. Died at his home five miles northwest of Mountain Grove on May 11, 1912. Age 63 years, 4 months and 11 days. He came to Wright County at an early age with his parents, and was married to Malinda Agnew on Oct. 17, 1872. To this union were born twelve children. He leaves a wife, seven children, two brothers, two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at the Fairview cemetery on May 12, by Rev. Dave Long.

J. H. Prophet's new auto ran away with him at Hartville last week, grazed a chicken pent and tore down a post a part of a fence. The machine was not injured, except for a battered lamp, broken windshield and a loss of two oil cups.

At Hartville last week, the recorder granted a marriage license to John A. Long, aged 70, and Miss Arminda Carder, aged 16.

C. L. Hartman, whose home was five miles south of Mountain Grove, on the "T" road, died suddenly last Tuesday morning. He broke his leg near the hip several weeks ago and was thought to be about recovered, having sat up the day before his death. He was 69 years old, and is survived by his wife and some children.

David Fansler, an aged citizen of Mountain Grove, was stricken with paralysis at 6 o'clock Monday evening at the home of his son-in-law, George A. Evans, and the left side of his body is entirely paralyzed. As he is in his 82nd years, physicians give little hope of his recovery. He is a veteran of the civil war, having served under Stonewall Jackson in the Confederate army.

Marriage Licenses: George C. Murrell of Hartville and Jennie L. Vannoy of Norwood; J. A. Long and Arminda Carder, both of Manes; Samuel E. Newton and Mary J. White, both of Mansfield; Eli Stephens and Julia A. Hall, both of Mansfield; Lawrence C. Gregory of Heppner and Daisy J. Snyder of Norwood; William J. Bohannan of Hartville and Melissa Hurt of Norwood; Fred H. Mott and Dortha Cantrell, both of Manes; Roy Long of Hartville and Sylvia Holdcroft of Loring; R. F. Walters of Mansfield and Jessie Shumate, of New Grove; George H. Ayers and Cleo Smith, both of Mansfield; A. M. Mayberry and Lulu Moore, both of Norwood; Leonard L. Inman of St. George and May Caudle of Competition; Otto H. Ober and Ada E. Brown, both of Mountain Grove; David A. Ore and Martha J. Hall, both of Mansfield.---Hartville Democrat

June 6, 1912:

Mrs. F. Burris, a former resident of Douglas county, died in Wyoming last week.

Everett Smith, a 14 year old Dent county boy, was drowned last week while swimming.

John Young Fulbright, for more than 70 years a resident of Greene county, died on Wednesday of last week and was buried by the Masonic brethren.

Near While Church, Howell county, last week, W. C. Hays was thrown from a wagon and killed when the team of mules became frightened at an auto.

John Hunt of Seymour was recently killed at Bixby, Okla., when lightning struck a barn in which he and two other men had taken refuge. All were rendered unconscious, several horses and mules were killed and the barn was burned.

Frank Brunk of Columbus, Ohio, a baker out of work, got in a car of ties at Springfield and was killed in a railroad wreck. Experienced "hoboes" always avoid lumber and tie cars, as the shifting of the loads renders them extra hazardous.

Leaving a note stating "Not guilty of the crime that I am accused" but not explaining anything of the nature of the wrong accusation, James MacDonald, address unknown, committed suicide last week by leaping into Wilson creek from the railroad bridge near Terrible, just across the Greene county line in Christian count about 20 miles south of Springfield. He was a tailor.

Judge S. P. Couch presiding judge of the Oregon county court, died at his home in Alton on the 23rd. This is the second county official to die in Oregon county within a week. Capt. J. Posey Woodside, county treasurer, having died a few days earlier.

Dr. B. E. Guinn, formerly of Hazelton, died at the Southern Hotel in this city, Tuesday, of acute indigestion. Dr. Guinn had been convicted of selling whiskey and was serving a jail sentence when he took sick. Upon being advised as to his dangerous condition by Dr. Blankenship, Sheriff Cantrell had him taken to the hotel where he succumbed Wednesday morning.---Houston Star

Last Friday night while returning from church, some boys near Norwood raced their horses. The horse on which Hugh, a 15 year old son of "Little" Rod Raney was riding lurched over a horse which had stumbled, and fell upon the Raney boy, breaking the latter's neck and killing him instantly. Another boy named Gibbs riding on the Raney horse was thrown to the other side and was so dazed by the fall that he ran into the woods and was not found until the following day. Dr. Ryan was called and went immediately, but of no avail, as young Raney was dead before he reached the house, a short distance away. The remains were buried Saturday afternoon in the Raney graveyard. The youth's home was three miles north of Norwood. He was an only son, his brother having died two or three years ago of consumption, and his untimely end is a severe blow to the family. His tragic death should be a warning to boys of the danger of many reckless practices in which they thoughtlessly engage.

Miss Martha Henderson, 80 years old and a great-granddaughter of Daniel Boone, died at Fulton, Mo., last Saturday. Her mother was a daughter of Jesse Boone, second son of Daniel Boone.

We learn that John Sanders, an aged citizen of Wright county, died suddenly at his home, five miles this side of Hartville, last Tuesday evening. He was about 56 years old.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Frisbee, northeast of town, last week.

Mr. George C. Murrell and Miss Jennie Vannoy were married May 23, at the home of the bride's mother, in Norwood, Rev. D. G. Ellis pronouncing the ceremony. After a western bridal tour they will settle down in Hartville, where the groom is a prosperous young attorney.

Ben Todd, son of Rev. Thomas Todd of New Grove, died last week from the effects of an abscess which followed an attack of typhoid fever.

Thomas Sluder and Miss Lula Tillman were married Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Grant Raney, Rev. Scott officiating. Both are residents of Douglas county.

The Douglas Hardware Co. sold a Ford automobile to Dr. Farmer of Hartville last week. Tom Farmer came over to get a few pointers as chauffeur and drove the machine to Hartville Friday afternoon, with George W. Newton as a passenger.

County court was called in special session Saturday to pass upon the sanity of Abner Welch. After hearing the testimony, he was sent to the State Hospital No. 3 at Nevada. Mr. Welch is a retired engineer and has been attending the water tank at Cedar Gap for years. He is a member of the Masonic and Old Fellows fraternities.---Hartville Democrat

Mrs. Nannie Raney, mother of Opal and Earl Raney and widow of the late James P. Raney, was adjudged insane by the county court last Tuesday and ordered taken to the state hospital at Nevada. Her home is in the southeastern part of Mountain Grove. Her mind has been unbalanced for about two years, and as her actions had lately become violent, it was deemed best to send her to the institution for proper treatment, which we hope will result in the restoration of her sanity.

James A. Crewse of Graff died May 21, of paralysis, after being almost helpless for two years or more. The Odd Fellows, of which he was a member, conducted his funeral.

David Fansler, aged citizen of Mountain Grove, passed peacefully away at 7:25 last Saturday evening, at the age of 81 years, 1 month and 3 days. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis earlier in the week. Funeral services were held at his late home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. I. P. Langley, after which Masons and Odd Fellows took charge and the burial at the new cemetery was according to the rites

of both orders. The deceased was a member of Texas Lodge of Free Masons at Houston and the Huggins lodge of Odd Fellows. Several members of these lodges came to assist in the services, in which they were joined by their Mountain Grove brethren. David Fansler was born in Tennessee, April 28th, 1831. When a young man he removed to Virginia, and there on the 16th of September, 1852, he was married to Hannah J. Jones. She and four of their eight children survive him, as follows: Mrs. Jennie Evans and Mrs. Ellen Edwards of Mountain Grove, Mrs. Hattie Wilson of Huggins and Hayden Fansler of Upton. Mr. Fansler was a member of the Missionary Baptist church from early manhood. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having been in the service under Stonewall Jackson. In 1869 he came with his family to Missouri and began a pioneer's life in Texas county, living in a tent until his house could be erected. He lived in Roubidoux country from that time until three years ago when he became a resident of Mountain Grove.

June 13, 1912:

While working a three-horse team to a harrow a few days ago John Long in an unguarded moment let them get away from him and the result was a broken harrow, mutilated harness, a crippled horse and an excited bachelor.---Hartville Republican

Robert Hoggard, an old resident of Ozark county, died of heart failure, last week.

Mrs. Ellen A. Brannock, born in Webster county in 1846, died at Marshfield on the 3rd.

Texas county, the largest in the state, has 63 cities, towns and villages; Douglas has 55 and Wright 27.

Marion T. Roach of Newburg, fell dead from heart failure while on his way to his pasture on the 3rd. He was 58 years old.

Constable White rounded up a lot of hoodlums who followed their usual custom of getting drunk and scrapping and raising Billy Thunder at the Cedar Gap annual singing.

At Marshfield last week, Miss Elizabeth Fyan was married to Mr. Jonas Smith Touchstone of Sherman, Texas. Both are descendants of pioneer Webster county families.

Walter A. Bixby, general manager of the Springfield gas and electric company, died at noon Tuesday, after a long illness of cirrhosis of the liver. He was 52 years old.

Bill Lawson, a young bootlegger who recently took French leave from the Marshfield jail, was caught at the home of his mother and is again where the dogs can't bite him.

Mattie Fisher, pretty 17 years old daughter of J. J. Fisher, a grocer of Walnut Grove, Greene county, was found dead in a field near home Tuesday morning, her body half

cremated. It is thought that she committed suicide by pouring a can of coal oil on her clothing and then igniting it.

Oliver B. Davis is building a public natatorium on his place in Ava, with a pool 40 by 110 feet, one to seven feet deep with a white sand bottom. Dressing rooms, shower baths; sun bath rooms and bathing suits will be provided.

Seized with a cramp while in bathing at Galena, Mo., Tuesday afternoon, Joseph Bryan, the 15 year old son of J. H. Bryan, of Kansas City, state secretary of the Christian church Sunday school of Missouri, drowned before aid could be given him.

Joseph Campbell, one of the oldest and probably wealthiest citizens of Rolla, died on the 1st, in his 83rd year. His estate, estimated at \$300,000, is left to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company in trust for his three sons and three daughters, the trusteeships for his sons terminating when they are 40 years old, but those of the daughters are for life.

A one-span steel bridge, which had been stored near the creamery for a few months, was taken out to Whetstone creek, five miles west of town, last Friday morning and placed in position across the stream. As the bridge was about as long as two ordinary cars, it was not loaded, but swung between derricks on two flat cars and taken out in that manner. When the wooden bridge was taken out, it was easy to lower its steel successor into place. Some hitch made the job a longer one than had been anticipated, and the east bound train was delayed three hours, the passengers killing time by tramping over the hills in search of wild strawberries and "rustling" for lunches at neighboring farm houses.

The Hartville Democrat reports the following recent marriage licenses: Marion C. Longwell and Martha B. Fincher, both of Manes; Tom Sluder and Laura Lula Tillman, both of Mountain Grove; Martin Ward and Ada Dulaney, both of Mountain Grove.

A Hartville strawberry, grown by George W. Brewster, measured 3 3/4 inches one way and 4 inches t'other.

Bill Joiner was fined \$1000 and given a one year jail sentence for wife abandonment at Marshfield last week by a jury in a justice's court.

Mr. Martin Wade and Miss Ada Laney were married Wednesday night at the home of Mr. Martin, on the South side, 'Squire M. E. Needham tying the knot.

Mrs. Mary Hopkins, a sister of Sam and Jacob Hilsabeck of this place, died at her home on Gasconade river, last Friday morning, of paralysis. The remains were laid to rest Saturday evening beside her husband and other relatives in the Friendship cemetery. The funeral services consisted of songs, prayer and a brief talk by Bro. Austin.

Once more the messenger of death has visited our little town [Friendship items] and on Friday evening of last week took from our midst Uncle Isaac Redman, who had been in feeble health for some time, but was not thought to be dangerously ill until two days before his death. There being only two of the children present when it was discovered that he was rapidly growing weaker, telegrams were sent to the other children---T. L. Redman of Kansas City; Jesse Redman of Vlan, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Retta Hopkins of Sanger, California; but only one of them reached home to see him alive, that was Jesse, who arrived about ten minutes before his death. The funeral has been delayed waiting for the arrival of his daughter Mrs. Retta Hopkins, who came in this morning. The other children all being present, the funeral service will be held at 2:30 this evening at Friendship, after which the burial will take place in Friendship cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie Brown Allen passed from this life at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening of last week after an illness of four weeks. She leaves two small boys---Ernest 11 and Emmet 8---besides a mother, six brothers and a sister. Messages were sent to the four brothers who were away but couldn't come. A grandmother and an aunt, of Illinois, were at her bedside at the time of her death. Minnie was born in Illinois, January 31, 1875. With her parents she came to Missouri, where she had since lived. Her father and two brothers passed on before last spring. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. P. Langley Thursday at the residence of her mother, Mrs. F. M. Brown. Interment was made at the new cemetery.

June 20, 1912:

Claude, fifteen year old son of C. H. Shannon, three miles west of Mountain Grove, had a narrow escape from death on Wednesday afternoon of last week. A fractious horse which he was riding became frightened at a bucket which he was carrying and threw him. The boy's foot got entangled in the halter strap and he was dragged about fifty yards. He received a severe scalp wound and was otherwise injured about the head, besides having the entire left side of his body badly scratched and bruised. He remained unconscious for ten hours after the accident. Drs. Hubbard and Butzke gave the young man surgical attention.

To the public: My wife, Sarah P. Royal, has left my bed and home. I will not be responsible for any of her contracts.---Levi Royal

The Hartville Democrat says that Ed Hickman had his left hand badly injured by getting it caught in the machinery of a well drill.

Mr. Wesley W. "Bud" Reed of Mountain Grove and Miss Ruth Rubert of Springfield were married by 'Squire M. E. Needham at the groom's home in this city Saturday night.

About 12 o'clock last night, Isaac and Fed Helfin, who were in jail awaiting trial for burglary and larceny, sawed off the lower end of two bars over one of their windows and made good their escape. An examination disclosed that one of the bars had apparently been cut off for some time. Both bars were evidently severed with a saw, and when

bent inward, it was an easy matter for them to crawl through the opening and push off the screen. Sheriff Cantrell as soon as he discovered their get-away offered a reward of \$50 for their delivery at Houston.---Star

June 27, 1912:

Sunday afternoon at the picnic luncheon on Whetstone as Miss Doris Knoerle was walking across the foot-log, she suddenly lost her balance and fell into deep water. Mr. E. G. Neighbors plunged in after her and brought her safely to the shore and proved himself a hero worthy of the Carnegie medal.

Isaac W. Redman was born in Hardy county, Virginia, Oct. 23, 1826. He was married to Cynthia Keener in the state of Pennsylvania Oct. 14, 1868. Six children were born to this union, four surviving, three boys and one girl. He moved to Wright county, Mo., in April 1895. He united with the Christian Church in 1896. Died June 27, 1912 at Dawson, Mo., aged 85 years, 7 months and 14 days. Funeral services were conducted at the Friendship church by Elder E. W. Yocum, assisted by Rev. W. S. Griffith and Rev. Wes Love.

Springfield is raking the county for old cannon to be used in decorating the grounds around the new court house.

The little five months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brumlee three miles southwest of Grove Spring fell off a bed Wednesday night and was killed by the stun.---Hartville Democrat.

At Mansfield on the 16th, Mr. Edgar A. Sisk and Miss Agnes Rogers were married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Rogers. The groom is assistant agent for the Frisco at that place.

Russell Rogers, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, and Miss Alta Kellough were united in marriage, by Rev. Bacon, at Springfield, at 1 o'clock last Sunday morning. Miss Kellough, who had been working at St. Louis the past year, met Russell at Springfield and immediately upon her arrival at that city, consented to have the ceremony performed, after which they took the first train to Mountain Grove where the groom is engaged as operator for the Frisco. The bride is well known in Mansfield and has many friends and relatives here who wish her all the happiness attainable in married life.----
Mansfield Press

Bill Young of Ava is behind the bars for bootlegging whiskey.

Calvin O. Woodland, aged 69 and a native of New York, died last week on Piney creek, Texas county.

Miss Oattie Hyde, daughter of Perry Hyde of Union Township, was married to Charles M. James, deputy recorder of Webster county, at the home of the bride, May 29.

David Mayes, public administrator of Greene county, died on the streets of Springfield Monday night while on the way to the train. Hemorrhage of the brain is thought to have been the cause.

Two motor car loads of young men were arrested near Liberal last week for singing "Nearer My God to Thee." The Sheriff asserts that they were disturbing the peace, and the young men insist it was devotional exercise. They might make that stick, were it not for the motor cars.---West Plains Gazette

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