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**FORT SMITH ELEVATOR**

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Arkansas' economy expanded during the late 1800's. Railroad construction brought workers into the state and farming and industry prospered. Bauxite was discovered near Little Rock in 1887 and mines opened.

It was a time of family picnics, of young men courting their ladies in buggies and annual fairs.

The year of 1888 was leap year and also election year.

Grover Cleveland, Democratic, was president of the United States (1885-1889) and Simon P. Hughes, Democratic, was Governor of Arkansas (1885-1889).

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**October 21, 1887**

Right of way has been granted for building a streetcar line in Helena.

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At its present pace Little Rock will be a city of 100,000 inhabitants within the next five years. (L.R. Gazette)

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Utah is clamoring for admission to the Union. She has a population of 200,000, and promises to give up polygamy, but her professions of reform are too fresh. Congress will do well to hesitate several years before admitting her to full sisterhood among the states.

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The eighth annual fair of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory opened last Tuesday and is now in progress... The spacious horticulture hall is full, the exhibits coming from Washington, Johnson, Madison, Sebastian, Franklin, Pope and Crawford Counties. There are over 130 varieties of apples alone and the fruit is as fine as could be asked for in any country... Fort Smith Canning Company and Fort Smith Evaporating have splendid displays of their industries...

The stock exhibit excels by far any kind ever seen in this state... upwards of 75 race horses, and more than that number of fine stock horses, mules and jacks as well as sheep, cattle and swine...

Machinery hall is full of reapers and mowers, plows and other manufacturing implements, besides buggies, wagons, carriages, etc. Sengel & Schulte and C.J.F. Hoffman have wagons and buggies; the South Bend, Ind., plow company and the McCormick manufacturing company are exhibiting their machinery.

In the main building the exhibits are varied and interesting and all available space is taken up... Art department presided over by Mrs. G.W. Schultes assisted by Miss Maudie Johnson and Miss Annie DuVal.

The textile department is in the same wing presided over by Mrs. J.M. Sparks, assisted by Mrs. T.H. Barnes, Mrs. D.B. Sparks and Mrs. Jennie Dillard... among other exhibits are several bolts of handsome goods and some blankets from the woolen mills at Springfield, Washington County.

The miscellaneous of "Commissary" department is in charge of Mrs. C.M. Cooke, assisted by Mrs. M.A. Bomford, Mrs. Stephen Wheeler and Miss Lena ----berg.

The mineral exhibit is one of the most important displays on the ground, consists of the largest and finest collection of specimens ever before shown here... our iron ore, coal, building stone, sand stone, etc. is greatly admired by visitors, and great surprise is expressed when informed that it all exists in inexhaustible quantities.

Grubbs Brothers have a handsome display of drugs and toilet articles... just opposite is the Chamberlain Medicine Co.'s exhibit. This company is just introducing its remedies here through Mr. John Schaap, druggist... display of field crops and vegetables... Mr. L. Cullen, who runs Mr. M. McEachin's vegetable farm near town, has the finest collection of vegetables we ever saw...

The childrens department, adjoining the department on school work, is handsomely arranged... and their fancy needlework and other items would do credit to grown people.

(Other displays by Holmes Dry Goods Co., The Old Domson tobacco work of Richmond, Va. represented by Fellner Bros. & Gans, Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, Domestic and Singer sewing machines, R.C. Bollinger with a grand display of piano, organs and other musical instruments.)

H.E. Grasse, the saddler, has some handsome harness on exhibition which he proposes to raffle off on Saturday night.

Chinese Art is profusely displayed in the Chinese Department.

*Price of Admission*

Adults, single admission, good for all day, 50 cents  
Children under 12 years, 25 cents  
Children under 6 years, free





# Inquiries

Inquiries will be published free of charge in *The Journal* as space allows, with preference given to inquiries from members of the Fort Smith Historical Society. They should include the following:

1. Your full name and address.
2. Full name of ancestor about whom you desire information.
3. Definite time period (birth, marriage or death date, or a date appearing in a certain record at a definite time period).
4. Specific place of residence at a certain time period.
5. State relationship (names of parents, names of children, names of brothers and sisters, or in-laws).

Make your material easy to read: type if possible, or write clearly; double space your lines; do not abbreviate any words; put all surnames in capital letters; capitalize only the first letter of given names and places; write dates as follows (Day, Month, Year. Example, 25 January 1978). Proofread your inquiry carefully for accuracy of dates, names, places and spelling before mailing.

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## ORPHAN TRAIN

THE ORPHAN TRAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AMERICA (OTHSA) has been established as a clearing house and resource center for information concerning the "placing out program" or "orphan train program", which was begun in 1854 by Charles Loring Brace and the New York Children's Aid Society, and ended in 1929 with child welfare reform laws.

During this "Orphan Train" movement, over 150,000 orphaned, abandoned and neglected babies and small children were relocated out of institutions to homes in rural America by railway cars. This included northwest Arkansas.

Groups ranging in size from 15 to 125 were taken from the railroad cars to stages and platforms for public viewing in hopes of being chosen by a new family that would give them a good home. Many times a child was put on several platforms before someone finally chose him/her.

The OTHSA and its members are seeking information on the Orphan Train riders or their descendants, the railroads carrying them, train company personnel, orphanages and families receiving the children, institutions and charities participating and the overseers of this unique experience in America's history.

Your information is being sought for the archives.

Direct all correspondence and Society membership requests to OTHSA, Route 4, Box 565, Springdale, Arkansas 72764. A free copy of the OTHSA newsletter will be sent if a SASE is enclosed.

Mary Ellen Johnson, Director  
Orphan Train Heritage Society of America

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## LEARD-STANDIFER

Seeking death notice of Jane E. (Rainey) Leard, born 24 Dec 1796 Georgia, died 26 Sept 1882 Ft. Smith, Ark., buried Leard Cemetery in Ft. Smith. Married c. 1816 So. Carolina or Georgia to Alexander L. Leard, born 1792 Abbeville, So. Carolina, died 1851 Neshoba Co., Miss. She was mother of John Rainey Leard, born 19 Apr 1822 Wilkes Co., Ga., died 10 March 1902, Ft. Smith, Ark., buried Leard Cemetery. She was mother of Eliza (Leard) Standifer, whose husband was Jesse Standifer. Need proof Jane Leard was wife of Alexander Leard and mother of John Rainey Leard. Wallace Leard, 8753 Del Vista Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63126.

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## MILLER

Looking for family of our grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Miller, called Frank, believed to have been born near Dayton, AR ca 1890. Parents may have been Joseph and Nancy Miller. Had brothers named Sherman and Doug Miller, possibly others. Margaret A. Seitz, P.O. Box 839, Elephant Butte, NM 87935.

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## WILES/WILDS/WYLES

Need information on John Wiles and wife Lavinna who were in Sebastian County ca 1860. Children: twins, Wm. M.B. and Elizabeth, b. 1847; Sarah, b. 1851; Marion (son), b. 1853; Mary Ann, b. 1855; and Amanda, b. 1857. John Wiles was a private, Co. R, 13th Arkansas Infantry. Bess Carter, Rt. 1, box 76, Pollack, LA 71467.

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## CIVIL WAR ORPHANAGE

Seeking information regarding Civil War orphanage in Fort Smith (1865) run by a Rev. Springer. Would like to contact descendants of residents of this home. David Strickland, 1022 Terrace Trail, Carrollton, TX 75006.

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## WILBURN

Looking for information on Gunnery Shelton Wilburn, born 1851, died 1918. Said to have been a U.S. Marshal ca 1880-1890 under Judge Parker. Barbara Holmes, Rt. 4, Box 151 B., Chandler, OK 74834.



*Family Tickets*

For family consisting of father, mother and their children under 12 years, single admission, good for all day, \$1.00.

Any other adult person may be substituted for either of the parents.

Carriage, buggy, wagon or horse, single admission, 25 cents.

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Mr. Ed Haglin returned on Monday from a trip to San Antonio, Texas.

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Gid Morgan is here representing Tahlequah at the Fair. Gid is little, but loud and lively.

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Dr. E.B. Frayser, an old-time citizen of Fort Smith, but now of Vanita, has been in the city this week.

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Dr. W.H. Blanton of Prairie Grove is attending the fair and has on exhibition some fine cattle.

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Fred Dillon, formerly of this city but now of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is here this week visiting friends and attending the fair.

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Mrs. Conden and sister, Miss Emma Beckel, formerly of this place, but for some years residents of Kansas, are visiting friends here.

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Mr. Thomas S. Coleman has shown us a sample of glass sand, which he says is first-class and will make good glass. We placed some on exhibit at the fair.

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Mrs. M.D. Wisdom and children arrived on Saturday last from Muskogee and will reside here in the future. The Colonel remains in the office of the Indian Agent at Muskogee.

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*Fort Smith Manufactures*

Books	Boilers	Carriages
Cigars	Brooms	Machinery
Candy	Wagons	Mattresses
Brick	Charcoal	Iron fronts

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UNITED STATES COURT PROCEEDINGS

At the close of our last report ex-Deputy Bass Reeves was on trial for murder. His case went to the jury Saturday, and they remained out until Sunday evening, when they returned a verdict of not-guilty.

... As we go to press Emanuel Patterson is on trial for the murder of Deputy U.S. Marshal Willard Ayers in August, 1880.

Dick Martin, charged with larceny, was brought in by Deputy Marshal J.H. Cooper.

Prisoners were brought in by Deputy Marshals B. Conley and Tyner Hughes.

Hunter Poorbear, a full blood Cherokee Indian, who was convicted a few weeks ago on a charge of receiving illegal pension fees, was on Friday last released on bond and allowed to go home, Col. F.C. Boudinot furnishing the bond. The bond requires Poorbear to appear here on the 10th of December to receive sentence provided he is not pardoned before that time, which he likely will be as Judge Parker and District Attorney Sandels both recommend it. Poorbear cannot speak English, and the facts in his case plainly show that he was totally ignorant of the law governing the collection of pensions. He is also a man of excellent character. He has been sick much of the time since his incarceration, hence the leniency of Judge Parker in allowing him the bond.

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ANOTHER CARLOAD OF CONVICTS SHIPPED TO LITTLE ROCK

The following convicts, convicted during the past month, were transported to the Little Rock penitentiary on Tuesday last in charge of deputy marshal Jim Pettigrew:

Frank Crutchfield... Delo Ramby... Simon Secondyne... John Carter... Fay Ashley... Jay Wade... Scott Andrain... William King, Ambrose Burlington and Jake Price... Henderson Riley... Elisha Barrett... Sam Omson and William Burke... Luther Chew, Douglas Perryman, Babe Hawkins, Douglas Morrell, Dick Jefferson, Hardy Colbert, Perry Hysell, George Gatewood, Albert Walker, Tony Geiffing and Jack Cooper.

This makes fifty-one sent to Little Rock during the present term of court.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Governor Thompson McKinney of the Choctaw Nation, accompanied by other national officers and some 25 members of the Council of that nation, arrived here yesterday morning on a special train to attend the fair in a body. They were met at the depot by the Mayor and a delegation of citizens who escorted them to the Main Hotel, and later in the day they were taken to the fair grounds in a body. The cadre delegation numbered forty-eight. The *Elevator* extends them a hearty welcome.

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October 28, 1887

TAX COLLECTIONS

The law in regard to the collection of taxes has been changed. The taxes of 1887 will be due between January first and April tenth, 1888. The total amount of taxes levied in the city limits will be \$1.00 per \$100, and in the county it will be \$1.00 per \$100 without the school tax. With the additional school tax it will be just what each man's school district voted, that is, if your school district voted a five mill tax your taxes will be \$1.50 per \$100, and if



you voted a 2½ mill tax, they will be \$1.25 per \$100. If your district voted no school tax it will be \$1.00 per \$100.

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**\$20 REWARD**

Strayed from me last May or June one yoke of oxen. One red with horns a little drooped, 7 or 8 years old; the other is a roan, blind in one eye and 5 or 6 years old. The horns of both are stagish and both branded JM. Will pay \$20 to anybody who will deliver the oxen to me at Webbers Falls, I.T., or I will pay a liberal reward for information leading to their whereabouts. When last heard from they were going in the direction of Fort Smith.

H.J. Vann  
Webbers Falls, I.T.

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**November 18, 1887**  
**Fort Smith, Ark.**

It was in 1817 that Maj. H. Long, of the United States Army, selected the neck of land at the confluence of the Arkansas and Poteau rivers as the site for a fortress, naming the same in honor of his superior officer, Gen. Thos. A. Smith. The land on which the fort was built was at that time part of the territory of Missouri, but subsequently included in the territory of the Choctaw Nation. In 1838 the government bought of John Rogers, the first white settler in this region, for a new reservation, 300 acres of land east of the river and built thereon a new fort. In the same year Rogers laid out the original plat of the city of Fort Smith on ground immediately north of the reservation. A village grew up there, which in 1842 was incorporated as a city.

Fort Smith was always a favorite station with military officers and many of those who commanded here subsequently rose to distinction. Gen. Zach. S. Taylor had his headquarters here in 1845, before the Mexican War. The government abandoned the post in 1871. The place being so isolated from the civilized world by rugged mountains and impenetrable forests, the little town of Fort Smith might have sunk to insignificance but for the United States Court for Western Arkansas located here. This Court has jurisdiction in all cases arising in the Indian Territory between citizens of the United States and in cases between citizens and Indians. The court is in session almost all year round and nearly \$200,000 are annually disbursed by it in salaries, fees, etc.

The Arkansas River was up to 1876 the only practicable means of communication with the outer world. In that year the Little Rock and Fort Smith railway was completed to Van Buren, a village five miles distant on the opposite bank of the Arkansas River. From that period Fort Smith took a new lease on life. In 1884 the Frisco railway built its line to this place and completed the extension to Paris, Tex. last year. The building of each line imported a vital impetus to the city's growth...

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**December 2, 1887**

**A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY**  
**TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN ARE**  
**KILLED AND TWO MEN WOUNDED**

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**THE RESULT OF TWO DEPUTY**  
**MARSHALS ENDEAVORING TO**  
**ARREST A DESPERATE HORSE THIEF**

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**A FAITHFUL OFFICER MURDERED**  
**WHILE IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTY.**

We are called upon this week to chronicle another deadly encounter in the Indian country between United States officers and lawless characters, in which Deputy Marshal Frank Dalton, a fearless and trusty officer, was brutally murdered while two other lives were lost and two men wounded, one of the killed being a woman. The facts in the case as near as we have been able to gather them are about as follows:

Deputy Marshal Frank Dalton came in last Friday with six prisoners, the fruits of a protracted trip to the territory, and turned them over to the U.S. Jailer.

His outfit struck camp on the opposite side of the river in the Cherokee Nation to remain until the officer got ready to start out on another trip. Dalton had a writ for one Dave Smith charging him with horsestealing, and Deputy Cole had a writ for the same party for introducing whisky in the Indian country. Learning that Smith was at a camp about four miles from here in the river bottom, the two officers left Dalton's camp early Sunday morning for the purpose of arresting him. They rode leisurely over to where they expected to find him, and arriving near the camp dismounted and approached the tent on foot. Dalton walked around on one side of the tent and Cole on the other. As Dalton came round toward the door of the tent Smith came out and met him, armed with a pistol. Cole heard Dalton say, "Don't shoot, we want no trouble here" or words to that effect, but the utterance had scarcely left his lips when Smith fired on him inflicting a mortal wound, the brave young officer falling almost at the crack of the pistol. About the same time Smith fired, Cole came around and seeing his companion fall, shot Smith in the back, and he too fell mortally wounded. Two other men, Lee Dixon and Will Towerly, rushed out and Cole backed off, when he stumbled over a tent rope and fell, Dixon shooting at him as he fell and wounding him in the left side. He regained his feet, however, and as he retreated past Dalton asked him if he was badly hurt, but received no answer. He was fired on from the tent as he retreated and returned the fire by taking refuge behind a tree into which his assailants put several bullets, and from this shelter engaged in a single handed fight with the occupants of the tent until they ceased firing on him, when he got away on foot and reached here about 11 o'clock to report the matter at the marshal's office,



when a posse of men immediately set out for the scene, where they found Smith and Mrs. Leander Dixon dead, and the husband of Mrs. Dixon badly wounded. Will Towerly had escaped, and several determined men at once set out in pursuit of him, while the wounded man, Dixon, was brought here and placed in the prison hospital. His wound is an ugly one, the ball having entered near the collarbone of the left shoulder and ranged down into the back. He says he received the shot while stooping over his wife, who had just received her death wound. Dixon denies that he did any shooting, but Cole says he is the man that shot him as he tripped over the tent rope.

Dalton was still alive when Cole retreated from the camp, and then the most brutal act of the dreadful tragedy was performed. Young Towerly came out of the tent and approaching the prostrate and helpless officer, shot him in the head with a Winchester, while Dalton was begging him not to do so as he was already killed.

Dalton was a fearless and efficient officer, and an honest, upright young man, highly esteemed by all who knew him for his many good qualities of head and heart. He was but twenty-eight years of age and unmarried, his home being with his mother at Chelsea, Cherokee Nation. His remains were brought to this city, and after being embalmed at the undertaking establishment of Birnie Bros., were placed in a coffin and sent home by rail Sunday night in charge of his brother and Mr. Bud Heady, posse of the murdered officer.

Smith, the dead outlaw, was about the last remaining remnant of the Felix Griffin gang of thieves who made their headquarters in the vicinity of Webbers Falls. Lee Dixon, the wounded man, is a brother-in-law of Smith, the latter's wife being Dixon's sister. Dixon and some of the other men about the camp were at work cutting wood and clearing land. Towerly is a young man about nineteen or twenty years of age, and was boarding at Dixon's camp.

Deputy Cole has had several close calls since he has been on this force, being compelled about a year ago to kill a drunken bully on the ferry boat just across the river from here, the fellow firing on him for no cause whatever. Only a few days ago he and his posse came in contact with "Big Chewee," a Cherokee desperado, and his posse was badly wounded. However, he has escaped injury up to Sunday last and the wound he is now carrying is not dangerous, a fact we are pleased to note.

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**December 16, 1887**

**NATURAL GAS STRUCK AT GREENWOOD**

Last Saturday some excitement was occasioned in the city by the report that parties engaged in sinking a drill for coal near Greenwood, in Sebastian County, had struck natural gas. Investigation of the matter this week proves the fact beyond doubt.

The vein was struck at a depth of 108 feet. When first discovered it was lit and burned for about five minutes. Since that flame the flow has been spyzmodic...

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**January 13, 1888**

Thomas J. Murray, aged 28 years, died Tuesday morning last at the residence of his sister, Mrs. John Woods in this city, of pneumonia. His remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery on Thursday evening. Deceased was a son of Mr. James Murray, of this city and has resided here for several years, having formerly lived at Arkansas City, this State, of which place he was at one time chief of police. He was unmarried. Peace to his ashes.

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**January 20, 1888**

**GET READY**

You should get ready for your plow season and buy plow and plow goods while the prices are down. Our stock of plows of all kinds, traces, hames, cultivators, collars, riding plows, and Champion reapers and mowers are all in and we are prepared to show you better goods for less money than you have ever bought for before. All we ask is to give us a call and we will prove this to you.

Sengle & Schulte  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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**January 27, 1888**

**DIED**

James W. Rutherford, one of Sebastian County's best and most exemplary citizens, died at his home in Sulphur township, nine miles from the city, last Monday at 9 A.M. from an ulcer in the throat from which he has long suffered. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and 5 children to mourn his untimely end. His remains were interred at Steep Hill cemetery on Wednesday. Jim Rutherford was most widely known and highly esteemed whose loss will be keenly felt by the community where he has lived for many years. His first wife was sister of Mr. J.J. McAlester of McAlester, C.N., who arrived here on Tuesday evening to attend the funeral — she died several years ago leaving the children. About 2 years ago Mr. Rutherford married Mrs. Lizzie Ward — sister of Mr. Wm. McCarther, who survives him. We extend to the family and relatives of the deceased our utmost sympathy.

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**KILLED BY MARSHALS**

On Friday night last Deputy United States Marshal Tyson and posse of three men raided a house occupied by one Rhodes, one mile and a half from Beainer Choctaw Nation for the purpose of arresting Jim Bridge, Rhodes and another man whose name we have been unable to learn on writs charging them, with robbery. The parties, it is understood,



resisted arrest and fired on the Marshals, who returned the fire killing Bridage. Rhodes and the unknown man escaped. Rhodes is the same party who a few years ago was arrested on a charge of murdering a man down on the river at this place but came clear. He will be remembered by many of our citizens as the little heavy set fisherman who lived down on the river and usually peddled fish around town barefooted, with his trousers rolled up. After his acquittal on the murder charge he left here, and this is the first we have heard of him since.



**THE ANHEUSER-BUSCH BUILDING**

The plans and specifications for the Anheuser-Busch buiding adjoining J.M. Sparks three story block, are now here and work on the magnificent structure will soon begin. The main building will be three stories fronting 37½ feet on Garrison Avenue. Back of it fronting on a 12½ foot private alley will be a one story brick office, next to this comes the soda water and bottling rooms two stories with rooms on the second floor for the employees of the agency, and on the extreme end of their 300 foot lot, fronting on Rogers Avenue, will be erected the stables necessary to accommodate the stocks used by the company, there being ample yard rooms reserved. The buildings will all be handsome structures highly finished inside and out. The total cost of the grounds and building is estimated at \$90,000.



**ANOTHER FACTORY**

Mr. Fred Triesch has started a cigar factory upstairs in the building occupied by Atkinson & Triesch's tin shop, and is now ready to receive orders. Fred is an industrious young man and we wish him success.



**February 3, 1888**

**ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ROBBERY**

Last Friday night Isham Hobbs, a colored man who works for Mr. J.H. Gill, was induced by Lewis Reeves, another negro, to accompany him down below Ballman & Co.'s furniture factory on pretense of cutting pine stakes for some purpose. Reeves had seen Hobbs have a \$10 bill, and his object, as the sequel shows, was to rob him of it and murder him if necessary to accomplish his purpose. When near Ballman's factory Reeves struck his victim on the head with the back of the ax he carried and shot him in the face. The bullet routed over the right ear and lodged in the back of the head. The miscreant then took the coveted \$10 and took out for parts unknown. Then Hobbs was carried to his boarding house and received medical attention. At this writing he is getting along very well and will likely recover. He had \$15 in an envelope, which Mr. Gill had paid him that evening, but as Reeves did not know it his victim is that much ahead.



**February 10, 1888**

**ANOTHER FORT SMITH ENTERPRISE**

Last week the Fort Smith & Choctaw Bridge Co. of this city filed articles of incorporation in the office of Secretary of State of Little Rock. The incorporation of this company are Mrs. Mary Bower, Messrs. B.J. Kayser, W.B. Castwell, Ben T. DuVal, Solin Mathews and W.R. Cravens. Col. B.T. DuVal is president of the company and John Mathews secretary and treasurer. The intention of the company is to build an iron wagon bridge across Poteau River about a mile above the city. Application has been made to congress for a charter for the bridge, and there is but little doubt it will be granted. The bridge will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and if no obstacles are thrown in the way of the project or the enterprise they will commence work on it at once and speed to an early completion.



People who have older disused clothing that they are in no need of can apply the same to good advantage by donating it to Mr. McEachin, poor commissioner, for the use of unfortunates whom the winter weather has found ill supplied with raiment. Leave it at Mr. McEachin's office in the Eberle block.



**REMOVAL NOTICE**

Sam Baer has changed his quarters and the Yellow Front Saloon can now be found opposite the American National Bank, where Mr. Baer has fitted up to receive his friends in the most elegant manner. His stock of whiskies, wines, brandies and cigars cannot be surpassed in any market and he is prepared to serve customers by the jug, quart, pint or drink. Remember the place No. 926 Garrison Avenue, opposite American National Bank.



**February 17, 1888**

**FAILURE**

Last Monday the clothing firm of Blakemore and Co., of this city, made an assignment to Mr. Lawson Thresh, in behalf of its creditors. The liabilities are said to be about \$8000 with assets sufficient to cover all the firm owes. The short crop last season, coupled with slow business this winter and short collections, is given as the reason for the failure. We trust the firm may make some arrangement with its creditors by which they may reopen its doors.



**February 24, 1888**

**STREET PAVEMENT**

**AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF  
CITIZENS AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TUESDAY NIGHT CONSIDER THE SUBJECT**

Tuesday evening the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce were packed by representative citizens of Fort Smith who met in response to a call for the



purpose of taking into consideration the matter of paving Garrison Avenue. Col. Wm. Cravens presided over the meeting and Martin Theurer officiated as secretary. The subject received a most thorough discussion. Col. D.M. Ross, a gentleman who has had much experience in matters of this kind, stated that Garrison Avenue can be paved with native stone its entire length for \$25,000. The same work in Joplin would cost \$40,000. The depth of the material would be fourteen inches deep. The general feeling prevailed in favor of our native rock. The scheme of paving with brick also received much attention, and to arrive at some definite conclusion in regard to the qualities of paving material a committee was appointed to investigate the different kinds proposed and report as to their efficacy. The committee consists of Wm. Breen, W.N. Ayers, W.J. Johnson, H.E. Kelly, Frank Parks, C.E. Bocquis and G.T. Sparks.

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Judge R.B. Rutherford will be a candidate for circuit clerk at the next primary election. He has many friends throughout the county and will make a good officer if elected.

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March 2, 1888

RULES FOR LEAP YEAR PARTIES

1. Ladies will call for the gentlemen promptly at eight o'clock. Those who keep their escorts waiting and are consequently late to the party will be treated for the remainder of the evening as wall flowers.
2. The gents will be expected to behave in the most lady-like manner.
3. Gentlemen are to bring to the ball a fan, a corsage bouquet and smelling salts.
4. The gentleman's whose bouquet is not crushed in the first dance will be witness to the fact he has been held with propriety.
5. No gentleman shall cross the floor without a lady attendant.
6. If a gentleman goes for a glass of water without a lady attendant the floor manager will at once declare him out of order and compel him to be seated.
7. Gents are expected to be languid and drop their handkerchiefs as often as possible, make frequent calls for water, and at supper give the ladies no time for eating.
8. The ladies who have been snubbed at dances heretofore will claim the greatest number of dances and those who have been active society belles will let the gentlemen severely alone.

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Overcoats which have been selling for \$3.50 are now \$1.75, Boys suits for \$1.25, worth \$2.50, Men's suits for \$2.75, worth \$5.00, Men's pants for 75 cts., worth double. Reduction in all our departments before taking inventory on or before January 1, 1888.

Boston Clothing Store  
Silberberg & Baer Bros. Props.

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March 9, 1888

THE SEWER BUSINESS

Much comment has been occasioned during the past week on account of the discovery of the fact that all the arrangements entered into by the city for the construction of the sewer system were of no avail. The reason of this condition of affairs is that the petitions for the construction of sewer did not represent a majority of the property of the city, or if it did, that a number of the signatures representing property were signed in partnership form and also that other signatures were those of persons who represented estates, such as guardians, administrators, etc. Attention was called in these matters some time ago and to quiet all doubts were laid before Clendening and Reed of this city, who give an opinion in accordance with the above facts.

It is a matter of great regret that this hitch should occur just at the commencement of the contemplated work. Its only result, however, will be to delay operation until all the preliminaries of the business are gone through again.

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REWARD FOR PISTOL

One 45 calibre Colt pistol, pearl handle, gold plated and finely engraved. A reward of \$5 will be paid for the delivery of the pistol at the *Elevator* office or to T.O. Overstreet, Short Mountain, I.T.

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Eva Snider, a girl of easy verture, on Wednesday evening last swore out a warrant for the arrest of Belle Mitchell, a girl of like character, charging her with assault with intent to kill, claiming that Belle tried to carve her up with a knife while under the influence of liquor.

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LOST HIS GRIP

Paul Johnson, a foreigner, who had for some time past been living at Tahlequah, arrived here late Saturday evening, and put up at Mrs. Mary Miller's, leaving his valise behind the bar. Monday morning when he called for it, it could not be found. He claims that it contained \$280 in greenbacks, an open faced silver watch, double action bull-dog pistol, and a nice broadcloth coat and vest. Mrs. Miller was under the impression that he carried the grip to his room on Saturday night, but he claims he did not. In either case someone who was aware Mr. Johnson had the money must have stolen it, and the police are endeavoring to get a clue to the thief. If Mr. Johnson had told the landlady the value of the grip and its contents, as he should have done, the money would have been deposited in the safe, where it belonged. We hope the money and property will be recovered.

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**March 23, 1888**

Mr. Thomas Markham is all smiles this week owing to the arrival of a plump little visitor in the shape of a girl, who is likely to claim her share of his bank account and the right of protection for sometime to come.

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**March 30, 1888**

**THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES**

Pursuant to the call of the executive committee of the democratic party of Fort Smith, the democrats met at the different precincts Tuesday night for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Aldermanic offices to be voted for next Tuesday.

The Fourth Ward democrats turned out in full force. They remained in session but a short time and adjourned after nominating Col. B.T. DuVal.

The attendance in the Third ward, though light, consisted of representative citizens. Mr. P.J.M. MacGrevy received the nomination.

Owing to the light attendance in the Second ward, the meeting was adjourned until last evening.

The proceedings in the First ward were a perfect farce. There was but slight attendance, and nobody seeming anxious to assume the honors of a nomination the few present resolved themselves into a "citizens" meeting and selected J.K. Barnes, an utter republican, as nominee. This being a total subversion of the purposes for which the meeting was called, its proceedings will be ignored.

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**U.S. COURT NOTES**

**Miscellaneous Notes**

Jeff Helderbrand, one of the men sentenced to be hung on the 27th of next month, is confined to his bed with consumption, and is not able to leave his cell. He has been in jail for two years, three months and sixteen days to date.

The case of Sarah Blakely and her son Robert E. Blakely against the Frisco Railroad is now at trial. The plaintiffs sued for \$5000 damages for the loss of husband and father, who was killed by the cars at LaFlore, C.N. a few months since.

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**April 6, 1888**

**IN HIS NEW BUILDING**

J.M. Sparks has removed his drug store to his new three story building opposite the *Elevator* office, where he will be prepared to carry a much larger stock of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, fancy goods, toilet articles, etc. than ever before, thus increasing both his wholesale and retail facilities. He proposes to fill his entire building from the first to the third story with fresh, pure goods. Country merchants should not fail to call on him for prices.

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**THE SEWER CONTRACT**

The sewer commissioners last week awarded the contract for building the sewer to W.A. Doyle, of Kalamazoo, Mich. for \$155,240. Mr. Doyle has gone east to file his bond, which he will do without difficulty. Mr. Doyle was the second lowest bidder when the contract was let sometime ago.

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The plans for the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge to be built across the Arkansas River at this place have been forwarded to the war department for approval. The bridge will contain 13 spans, eight of which will be 165 feet in length, one 136 feet and two 256 feet. The two draw spans will be 185 each. The cost of the structure will be about \$500,000 and it will be about 50 feet above high water mark.

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Miss Alice McNabb, daughter of Rev. Mr. McNabb, died at the residence of her father near Enterprise on the 29th.

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**April 13, 1888**

Col. Fishback is in the race for governor, purely and simply. We make this observation for the benefit of those disinterested — followers of Fletcher and Hughes who suggest that his ability entitles him to a higher honor.

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Mrs. Thos. Rogers, mother of Mr. Thos. Rogers of this city, died at her home at Randolph, Sebastian County, on the 11th inst., after a long illness.

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**COURT NEWS**

Henry Tyler was jailed Friday for bigamy by Deputy Tyson. He was released, however, on exaltation before the commissioner.

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**HE MUST HANG**

In the case of Owens, D. Hill, who murdered his wife, the President declines to interfere and Owens must hang on the 27th of this month.

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**April 20, 1888**

Within the past six years J.L. Martin has killed 300 turkeys, 75 deer, 27 wolves, 3 bears, 1 panther; found 16 bee trees and cleared 40 acres of land within fifteen miles of Huntsville.

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Natural gas was discovered on Saturday last at Fayetteville in a well being bored on the college grounds, at a depth of 275 feet. This discovery caused real estate to go up a notch or two.

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**COURT NEWS**

Owens, D. Hill, one of the men to be executed on the 27th, was hospitalized on Saturday last, and appears to be in excellent spirits for a man in his condition.

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**April 27, 1888**

**MAD STONE**

Mrs. F.M. Ward of this city recently showed us two mad stones which have been in her possession for some time with which she recently treated two cases. She used one mad stone for 15 years and during that time wore it out in applying it in the cases that were brought to her for treatment. She is a well-known mad stone physician and has effected many cures.

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**May 4, 1888**

**PICNIC by the A.O.U.W.**

Border City Lodge No. 21 will give a picnic at the Scheutzen Park Wednesday, May 9, 1888. There will be a dance at night. Everything will be done to make the picnic a success. Eloquent Orators will address the audience and no pains or expense will be spared to secure first class accommodations, and the public will be treated to the grandest ball of the season. The committees will be announced hereinafter: P.E. Hileman, Morrie Levi, James Neece, committee.

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**FORT SMITH TO PRESS CONVENTION**

At a special meeting of the City Council Monday afternoon the following resolution was laid before the Council and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The State Press Association of the State of Arkansas is soon to meet at Texarkana, and before its adjournment will fix the time and place of meeting of said association for the year 1889.

Therefore it is resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, that a cordial invitation be extended said association on the part of this city to hold its annual meeting for the year 1889 at Fort Smith.

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**May 11, 1888**

The bill for the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River at Fort Smith is before the committee on Commerce and Congressman Rogers is endeavoring to push it through at an early day. The bill provides for the construction of a bridge to be used by railroads, wagons and foot passengers at a reasonable rate of toll. The grant to the company building the bridge will become void unless begun in one year and completed in three.

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**VARIETY THEATRE**

Mr. F.T. Cochrane, formerly of Sioux City, Iowa, has located in Fort Smith, and has rented a large room in the rear of Frank Barling's Saloon which he is busy converting into a play house or room for variety theatre. The theatre will be arranged to seat about 100 people and will contain 14 boxes. Mr. Cochrane promises that his theatre shall be conducted in first-class style, and he will spare neither pains nor expense in securing for it the best talent in that line. The performances will be strictly legitimate, and nothing of an immoral character will be permitted in connection with them. Saturday

afternoon will be devoted to matinees for ladies and children and on these occasions the saloon in front will be closed. The establishment will doubtless receive good patronage.

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Last Sunday while Joe Shockley, a young man 20 years of age, was walking along the banks of the Poteau about 2 miles above the city he slipped on 1 loose stone overhanging the verge of the cliff and fell a distance of 60 feet, sustaining injuries from which he died in about an hour. Shockley is spoken of as having been an industrious young fellow of good habits and strict integrity.

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**May 18, 1888**

**MARRIAGES**

**Stevenson-Bard**

Mr. Isaac Stevenson and Miss Ida Bard, daughter of the late Sam Bard, were married on Sunday evening last at the residence of Col. W.M. Cravens, Rev. Mr. Spindler, of the Christian Church, officiating. We congratulate our friend Ike in being so fortunate as to secure for a life partner so amiable and accomplished young lady as Miss Ida, and trust that misfortunes may be few and far between along their pathway through life. The young couple have scores of friends who with the *Elevator* wish them a long, bright, and prosperous future.

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**May 25, 1888**

**NEW BEER AGENCY**

The Fred Helm Brewing Company of Kansas City, Mo. have established a permanent agency here, and appointed W.A. Cross as their agent. They have a large ice house and cooler on 9th street extension, filled up at considerable expense. The beer is pronounced first class by those who indulge in the use of it, and Mr. Cross says he is building up a good trade.

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**FRISCO LINE — CITY TICKET OFFICE**

520 GARRISON AVE., in Dr. Morton's drug store. For rates and all information relative to tickets and rates, address: Chas. Hall, J.R. Dunn, Ticket Agents.

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**June 1, 1888**

Clarksville was visited by a cyclone last Monday which blew down many fences and trees and unroofed the canning factory. At Patterson's Bluff four houses were felled and two children seriously injured.

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**June 8, 1888**

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

As we go to press the National democratic convention is in session at St. Louis. President Cleveland was renominated to acclamation Tuesday. So far the nomination for vice president has not been made, but the indications are that the choice will fall on Thurman of Ohio.



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January 3, 1890

FATAL AFFRAY

Walter Witcher, son of Mr. W.J. Witcher, of Witcherville, this county, was killed on Christmas evening by John Gilstrap. The latter is a young man who has been reared near Witcherville. Both were young men of good repute and both had been friends until within a short time of this fatal encounter

The wound which killed young Witcher was made with a knife. The fracas took place about dark, and a number were concerned in it. The differences that led to the tragedy seem to have been of very recent origin.

At present all we know of that matter is what has come to us at random and by means of a letter from Col. Witcher, the father of Walter, which is published in another column.

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NEW CHURCH BUILDING

We understand that a movement is on foot among the Catholics of this city to erect a magnificent church building at the head of the avenue on the site of the present church of St. Mary. Bishop Fitzgerald and Rev L. Smythe have been for some time conferring on this matter, and it will not be long before first steps are taken.

In addition to this work the establishment here of a branch of Christian Brothers College is also contemplated.

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RECEIVED ON NEW YEARS DAY

New Year's receptions were not very general this year. Among those who kept "open house" were Miss Bertha Fishback, assisted by her visiting lady friends, the Jolly Club, at the residence of Mr. George Tilles and the Ladies Auxillary of the Y.M.C.A. Quite a number of others received informally, and Miss Kate Little had a "New Year's happy crowd" in her parlors in the evening.

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The cornice on the Hightower Wegman building is up and presents a splendid appearance. This building when completed will be the showiest structure on Garrison Avenue. (Now houses "Mandy's". Wegman name on the building — look up.)

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January 10, 1890

UNITED STATES JAIL NOTES

Monadon James, one of the condemned Indians, was baptized by a Choctaw minister on Monday last.

Many of the prisoners are complaining of bad colds or influenza, the symptoms being something like La Grippe.

J.C. Berryhill, who has been in prison for several months is quite sick; acute bronchitis being his complaint.

Oscar Coulter was on Sunday last turned over to officers from Logan County, who took him to Paris to answer for the killing of Charley Massy. His confinement in jail here has affected his general health and he is said to be a little off in his mind.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Henry Golding, at the St. Charles Hotel, came near losing his life Tuesday evening by the accidental discharge of a pistol which a friend was handling, not knowing that it was loaded. The ball entered Golding's head and inflicted a dangerous wound. It is not thought, however, that fatal results will follow.

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K.T. BALL

The *Elevator* is in receipt of invitations to a grand ball to be given under the auspices of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3, K.T., at Masonic Hall on the evening of January 23rd. It will doubtless be the affair of the season.

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January 17, 1890

THE HORSE SHOE SALOON

Ryan & Morris, Prop's.

Fine Whiskies, Wines, Brandies, and Cigars, ETC  
No. 710 Garrison Avenue

Fort Smith Arkansas

— Open Day and Night —

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During the month of December, 1889, the following number of engines and cars crossed the Frisco bridge at Van Buren: Engines, 687; passenger coaches, 976; loaded freight cars, 3,606; empty freight cars, 1,443. — V.B. Aurgus

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SIX HUNG

HARRIS AUSTIN, JOHN BILLY, THOMAS WILLIS, JEFFERSON JONES, SAM GOIN, AND JIMMON BURRIS GET THE TRAP SPRUNG UNDER THEM WHILE MATTISON JAMES RECEIVES A COMMUTATION TO FIFTEEN YEARS AND CHARLEY BULLARD AND GEORGE TOBLER ARE GRANTED A RESPITE TO THE 30TH OF JANUARY.

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GOT A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE

A party from the Territory informs us that a few days ago a deputy marshal named Dugger, of the Paris district, boarded a train at Denton for the Territory, and after getting over the line began the operation of going through the "grips" of the





passengers in search of whisky. He had a supply in his own grip and Indian Policeman Henry Sixkiller being on the train his attention was called to the fact.

Sixkiller took the grip of the officer, broke the whisky, and stopped further searching of the passengers baggage by arresting the deputy, who got off the train at Caddo, a wiser and perhaps a more law abiding man.

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**FIXTURES OF A FIRST CLASS  
BOARDING HOUSE FOR SALE**

Fixtures complete for sale at a bargain, long established business, first class boarders, prompt pay, 15 rooms in all, 11 bed rooms, furniture modern style and nearly new, location central, house two story brick, with all the modern improvements, including two water closets, two bath tubs with hot and cold water on both floors. Reason for selling, ill health of the undersigned.

James Wickersham, Prop., 1010 Mulberry St.  
Note — (Now North "B" Street)

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**C. TILLES & CO.**

Have Moved to No. 806 Garrison Avenue  
The Old Stand of the Speere Hardware Co.  
Call and See Our Immense Stock and Low Prices

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**January 21, 1890**

Mrs. Eloise Bushyhead, wife of ex-Chief Bushyhead, of the Cherokee Nation, is in the City visiting her relatives, the family of Judge and Mrs. E.B. Rutherford.

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**A GOVERNMENT PENITENTIARY**

The fact that a bill has been introduced into Congress appropriating \$800,000 to build two government penitentiaries east of the Rocky Mountains has aroused the interest of our citizens in a matter which has been before them at different times and which the *Elevator* has expressed itself on more than one occasion.

Monday night at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a motion prevailed to memorialize Congress to locate one of the two penitentiaries at this point, and a committee consisting of R.E. Kelly and J.G. Eberle was appointed to prepare the memorial.

We shall have more to say on this subject hereafter.

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**January 31, 1890**

**NUMBER SEVENTY**

Execution of George Tobler for Murder of Irwin Richardson. Charley Bullard Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

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**AGAIN IN THE TOILS**

The "Rev." George A. Marvin whose name has appeared in print on several occasions during the past year in connection not creditable to himself or to the cloth he wears, is again in durance vile. A short time ago the county court passed an order upon him from which he took an appeal. After the appeal he skipped. Officer Cox was placed on his track and last Friday he was brought to this place and lodged in jail. The way of the transgressor is certainly hard.

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**February 7, 1890**

**AN ELOPEMENT**

The elopement and marriage of two of the young people of this city Sunday was the cause of no little comment for the time being. The eloping parties were Mr. Jerry McKenna, the son of Capt. Ed McKenna, one of our leading citizens, and Miss Minnie L. Lotz, the daughter of Rev. R.L. Lotz, pastor of the Christian Church.

The parents objected to the intimacy of the young people on account of their extreme youth, so, taking advantage of an hour when most people were at church they procured a hack and started in the direction of Pacola where a minister was found who made them happy. They were attended, we learn, by a couple of friends whose names we did not learn.

After the ceremony the couple returned to the city. The parents on both sides were at first indignant at the proceeding, but after reasoning the matter over in their own minds concluded that the best plan was to acquiesce, which they did.

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**DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL**

St. John's Hospital makes acknowledgment of the following donations during the past month:

Mrs. Burke, two boxes of crackers; Mrs. Edmondson, oranges; Mrs. Maidlow, roast beef; anonymous, four loaves of bread; Branch of Women's Auxiliary of New Orleans, per Mrs. L.P. Reese, No. 309 Josephine Street, New Orleans, one package containing mens underclothing and other useful articles; Hotel Main, quantity of meat platters, soup plates, cups; Mrs. Thos. Johnson, half gallon of milk daily; Masonic Hall, coffee, sugar, and chicken left over.

Respectfully,  
F. Wilson

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**February 14, 1890**

**THE FIREMANS BALL**

There has been great preparation for the ball tonight, and a large crowd will be present. If you have not bought your ticket, buy it now. You will never have a better time in which to enjoy yourself and aside from your enjoyment, you have a chance to show the fire boys that you appreciate them and the labors they undergo in their defense of your property against the fire fiend.

A large line of costumes have been received for use on the occasion, many of which have been secured by the merry makers and the scene of the grand march will be an entrancing one. So turn out and enjoy it.

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**ANOTHER OLD TIMER JOINS THE MAJORITY**

Last Friday evening the 7th inst. Mr. Willard Ayers died in this city at the residence of his son Cornelius Ayers, at the age of 76.

Mr. Ayers was born at St. Johnsbery, Vermont, and came to Fort Smith in 40. A stone cutter by trade, he worked on the building of the old fort. In the year of 46 he married Catherine Forrester, of Crawford County, who died in 1879. He worked as an apprentice boy on the Bunker Hill Monument. He was a volunteer in the Mexican War, enlisting in Ft. Smith in Capt. Feich's Company in 1847 serving through that war and carrying the regimental flag. In



1861 he went to Washington and served twelve years as a guard in the treasury department. For three years he lived in the Soldiers Home in that city. He was buried in the National Cemetery Sunday evening with the honors of Free Masonry.

This is St. Valentines Day — the occasion on which love stricken mortals express through the medium of Uncle Sam's mails that which they have not the courage to speak. It is also the time when individuals with a grudge get in their work by means of highly colored caricatures.

**INSANE**

Mr. Martin Sietzel, a resident of Spring Hill, Sebastian County, last week became insane and was brought to this City for treatment. At present he is confined in the county jail, where he will be kept until he recovers or better quarters can be secured for him. His affliction is said to be the result of domestic troubles.

**NEW POST OFFICE**

A post office has been established at Spring Hill, Sebastian County. It will be called Barling, from the proximity to the old Barling place. Jacob Maledon is postmaster.

**FOR SALE**

\$2000 will buy a very desirable 5 room house on Lexington avenue. Lot 80 x 140.

\$1200 will buy one lot and four room house on same avenue.

\$1000 will buy a nice cottage on Byrne Street.

For further particulars see Carnall Bros.

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**February 21, 1890**

In the Senate, Saturday, Senator Jones introduced a bill, authorizing the Fort Smith, McAlister, and Western Railway to build a railroad through Indian Country.

**"THE DARK CONTINENT"**

Rev. Graham C. Campbell will deliver the first of a course of lectures elsewhere noticed; on next Tuesday evening of the Christian Church. Rev. Campbell spent five years in Africa as a missionary, and has many relics he will explain to the audience. Admission 25 cents. The young ladies of the church are offering tickets for sale, both course and single.

**LOST**

Sunday night, while on way to church, a pair of gold-frame spectacles in a red plush case. A suitable reward will be given. Leave at this office.

**PARLOR RESTAURANT**

W.H. Burke, proprietor

Corner 6th Street and Garrison Avenue in rear of Freer's Saloon, side entrance on 6th Street extension. Oysters, Fish, Game, Etc. Most popular restaurant in the City. Meals at all hours.

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**February 28, 1890**

A large panther was seen near Clarksville one day last week.

The women crusaders who recently raided a saloon, demolished its fixtures and spilled its liquors at Trenton, Mo. were arrested last week and fined \$5. each.

John Jacob Astor one of the millionaires of the great Astor family died in New York on the 22nd.

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**March 7, 1890**

**RUNAWAY BOY**

William Shire, a sixteen year old boy, ran away from his home at Muldrow on the 23rd of last month, and his father will pay a liberal reward for information as to his whereabouts. He left on a sorrel mare, three years old, branded half Circle E on left shoulder, muley saddle. Address all communications to E. Shire, Muldrow, I.T.

Cards are out for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Clendening. The 17th of the present month is set as the date of the pleasurable event.

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**March 14, 1890**

**NOTICE!**

We have only a few thousand feet of 90 cent lumber left, but we have an overstock of windows that we are offering at the alarming low prices of 60 cents, 75 cents, and \$1.00 each, and doors in proportion. We also have the only strictly Pure Lead and Oil Ready Mixed Paint on the market. Our stock of lumber, ceiling, flooring and siding is all first class and thoroughly seasoned.

Come see us when in need of any kind of building material, we can save you money, Remember the place — 216 South Sixth Street near the new Court House.

CAZORT BROS.

**WORKINGMEN'S MASS MEETING**

The carpenter's union of this city have made arrangements for a workingmen's union meeting to be held this evening at the Circuit Court rooms at half past seven o'clock. A.H. Boles, E.E. Bryant, and J.L. Hendrick will address the meeting. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

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**March 21, 1890**

**THE VACHE GRAS BRIDGE**

The Vache Gras bridge for which the county made an appropriation several months ago, is at last completed and ready for use. This is good news for those people who live in the eastern part of the county and most of whom have more or less business in Fort Smith all the year through. Vache Gras is an ugly stream at all times and at certain seasons of the year is unpassable.

**MARRIED**

At the Catholic church on Monday afternoon by Rev. I. Smith, Capt. J.B. Minehart, of Sculleyville, Choctaw Nation, and Mrs. M. Hook of this city.

The ceremony was witnessed by a few select friends and relatives of the bride. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melchior Euper, where a sumptuous dinner was served to a large number of guests, after which Mr. and Mrs. Minehart entered a



carriage in waiting and were conveyed to their new home fourteen miles from this city, the best wishes of many friends going with them.

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Our Irish friends celebrated St. Patrick's Day in good shape. Every native of the "Ould Sod" wore upon his breast either a green ribbon or a spray of shamrock, and many business houses were tastefully decorated with evergreens or draped with green fabric. In the evening Rev. Patrick O'Reilly of Little Rock delivered an eloquent lecture in Catholic Hall. This was followed by a hop which lasted until late hours.

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There is a mud hole at the intersection of Byrnes Street and Grand Avenue that is worth a little attention from the board of public affairs.

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Mr. August Harder and Messrs. Kuper and Son are preparing to build a brick business on 6th Street. It will be two stories high, with iron front.

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"In my extensive practice among women" writes an eminent physician, who has made the study of female disease a specialty, "never have I found a female tonic and regulator so happily as is Dr. Dromgoole's English Female Bitters."

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The contract for putting the county court house sewerage was awarded Wednesday to the Fort Smith Plumbing and Water Works Co. The contract price is \$580.

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**March 28, 1890**

It is said that the plant of the Van Buren Times will shortly be moved to Muldrow.

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The citizens of Camden are jubilant over the fact that their city is now illuminated with electric lights.

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A reunion of the Eleventh and Seventeenth Consolidated Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A., will be held at Benton July 30 and 31st.

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Conway captured Hendrix College. Her bid was \$55,000. The contest was decided Saturday morning. Conway, Searcy, and Arkadelphia made the strongest fight.

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The little town of Austin, about 26 miles from Little Rock on the Little Rock Railroad, was burned Monday afternoon. The fire destroyed a store belonging to the Austin Luther Company together with \$8,000 worth of shingles, and Mr. Austin's residence. Loss about \$15,000. No insurance.

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The final location of the Kansas City, Nevada and Fort Smith Railroad will be completed between Monett and Nevada today. The instruments of Engineer Otis arrived here yesterday and it is expected that he will supervise the construction of the road from Monett to Nevada.

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The candidacy of R.R. Morrow, of Sebastian, for State Treasurer, is attracting much attention. The

man who would tackle Little Billy must necessarily be possessed of nerve, and Mr. Morrow's reception by the people shows they appreciate that fact, as well as his prospects for winning.

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**April 4, 1890**

Col's. John G. Fletcher, R.A. Little and J.W. Rouse, Location Committee of the Ex-confederate House Association, are inspecting sites for the proposed home. They will probably decide upon a plot of ground on the Heights West of Little Rock.

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John Hayes, of Van Buren, 12 years old, died last week from the effects of a nail run into his foot a couple of weeks ago.

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A bill has been introduced in Congress for the erection of a Public Building at Van Buren.

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**THE INDIAN TERRITORY**

Hegshooter, a somewhat noted Indian Doctor, died last week at his home near Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

C.A. Shane was arrested near Tishomingo, Cherokee Nation, last Monday on a charge of outraging two of his own daughters.

A Deputy Marshal is authority for the statement that the corpse of a man, apparently 22 or 23 years of age, was found hanging from a projection of a bluff on Red River near Bloomfield Academy this week. His hands were tied behind him and he doubtlessly suffered death at the hands of robbers or a mob. No clue to the PERPETRATORS.

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Deputy Marshal Pemberton will arrive this evening with Charles Shepherd, William Williams, and Lee Bounds, charged with assault. These three men got on a whiz last Sunday and painted the town of Webber's Falls, shooting into residences and business houses promiscuously.

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John F. Ratiaree, who had a leg broken by a wreck on the Frisco Railroad last summer, has brought suit for \$20,000.

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Ed Bowman came in from Talahina on Monday night. He has been out looking for the parties who robbed Judge Taylor, but reports no trace of them discovered.

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**April 11, 1890**

Mr. Martin of Conway, gave \$12,500 to secure the location of Hendrix College. This is about one eighth of his entire wealth.

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There are six million acres of land in this state which can be purchased at a very low figure. It is land forfeited for taxes, and embraces swamp, seminary, and Little Rock lands.

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Monday night the Gin House of Senator J.P. Clark, of Phillips County, was burned at the Pillow Mound Place. One of the occupants who had taken refuge from the flood upset a lamp which started the conflagration. Loss about \$2500. No insurance.



Sam Hackett, an employee of the Iron Mountain Railroad, was dangerously shot Monday night by P.G. Gallagher, night watchman for the same company. The shooting seems to have been entirely without cause.

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In addition to its calamities by water, Arkansas City was visited by a severe wind storm on the night of the 2nd. Several buildings were blown from their foundations. The terrors of a storm in a town covered by water to a depth of from 8 to 10 feet can readily be imagined.

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Now that all the joints in the Oklahoma country have been closed, every drug store carrying a stock of \$1,000 can obtain a druggists permit to sell liquor for medical purposes. We suppose that there will be lots of sickness there now.

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Capt. Crouch, the Oklahoma Boomer, was shot on his claim last Friday while building a fence, by J.O. Adams. Couch was contestant for a valuable claim on which Adams claims to have the filing. Couch's left leg, below the knee, was hit by a bullet which passed on through the leg. He will probably be crippled for life.

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No ex-Confederate soldier can vote in congress unless his disabilities are removed by legislative act, and this can only be done by a two thirds vote. In this connection we have only to remark that any ex-Confederate soldier who will live in such a state deserves disfranchisement.

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**April 18, 1890**

This morning W.H.H. Clayton of Fort Smith, Ark. arrived in the city. Col. Clayton called upon Col. J.O. Churchill, and spent some time at his office. He states that the probabilities are that the Republicans in the next Congress will have three or four members of Congress from Arkansas.

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Sam Dawsen, son of a rich citizen of St. Paul, Minn. was robbed of \$1600 at the union depot at Little Rock last Saturday.

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Robert Phillips, a brakeman on the Cotton Belt Railroad, died at Pine Bluff on the 10th from the effects of an injury received while coupling cars.

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**April 25, 1890**

The Purcell Register says that one day last week a man living about five miles from Lexington, Oklahoma, dug up and killed 43 snakes. Twenty-three were rattlesnakes and the remainder black snakes.

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Harrodsburg, Ky, was almost entirely destroyed by fire Sunday night. Loss, \$150,000.

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The World's Fair bill, amended so as to provide for a naval review in the harbor of New York, has passed the Senate.

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**STATE NEWS**

The Sentinel estimates the population of Hot Springs at 14,300.

John Daly, of St. Louis, defeated Al Burke, of Pittsburg, in a battle at Hot Springs last Saturday. The fight was witnessed by 400 people.

On the night of the 11th the Roller Mills, owned by Williams & Feeback, at Francis, Boone County, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$10,000.

Lia Bryant, a colored strumpet, broke into the store of Southmayd, Miller & Co., at Van Buren one night last week, and robbed it of a large amount of goods. She has been arrested.

Ben Sneed, a convict, was shot and killed at Palarm last Friday, while trying to escape from the prison camp. Geo. Oxford, another convict, was killed on the previous day at Bryant's Switch while attempting to escape.

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**May 2, 1890**

Our esteemed contemporary, the Arkansas Democrat, expresses a belief that John M. Clayton's assassin is still in Conway County. We do not believe as much. We believe he has taken himself to other points. Farther, we have always believed that the assassin of John M. Clayton was moved to the commission of this horrible deed by a morbid desire for revenge for some injury inflicted upon himself or some immediate relative during the days of reconstruction deviltry.

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**STATE NEWS**

Batesville has shipped nearly 16,000 bales of cotton this season.

J. Heron, a brakeman on the Iron Mountain Railroad, was killed at Mariana on the 24th while in the performance of his duties.

A cyclone swept over a portion of Ouachita County on the 23rd. Considerable damage was done to property, but no lives were lost.

A \$10,000 damage suit has been brought against the Little Rock and Memphis Railroad Company by William Morrison, whose leg was broken by his being crowded from a platform while passing into the dining car.

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Fritz Lander, of Salt Lake City, last Friday sold his wife to Henry Strauss for \$100. Lander says that the money more than compensates him for the loss of his wife.

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The heavy rains of last Friday night washed away Charley LeFlore's toll bridge at Limestone Gap, Choctaw Nation.

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It looks as if Hon. Bill Torry has inherited Hon. Bill Worthen's rabbit foot. The Fort Smith papers are so badly hoodooed that they are actually boasting about what a fine congressman Hon. Bill will make.

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Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the north-bound Frisco passenger killed a man just beyond the city limits in the direction of Van Buren. He was not discovered until it was too late to stop the train. Examination of the body proved his name to be John Gray. He was a miner, and lived in Huntington.

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Deputy U.S. Marshal B. Connelly and S. White have received from the Wells Fargo Express Company the reward of one thousand dollars offered for the outlaw John Barber, who was killed by them near Tahlequah in December last.

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Mr. E.W. Harper and Miss Josie Thomas, of Hackett were married Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Damon. The Elevator extends wishes for good luck.

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J.I. McCollum, an engineer, was badly burned at Jenny Lind Saturday. He had been cleaning his flue and was just on the point of leaving when the flames from the furnace burst out, burning him frightfully about the face and hands. It is feared his eyesight will be destroyed.

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**May 9, 1890**

The Sanitary News says that the universal habit among women of biting off the thread with which they are sewing is prolific of sore throat and blood poisoning. Every woman should have a butcher knife lying handy on her lap when she sews.

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A train on the Bald Knob Branch of the Iron Mountain Road was derailed near Bethel on the 1st by running into a bull. All the cars but the sleeper were thrown from the track, and the engine was totally demolished. The engineer and fireman were both badly hurt.

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An ordinance was introduced by Alderman Huffman, repealing the ordinance requiring a flagman at the crossing of Garrison Avenue and the Little Rock Railroad was passed.

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**May 16, 1890**

Last Wednesday the Senate confirmed the nomination of W.H.H. Clayton as United States Attorney.

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In the Paris court last week U.S. Northup was acquitted on two charges of stealing horses from Kiowa and Comanche Indians, and yet has a third against him. George Blair was sent up for four years for burglary, and Charlie Morris three years for an assault to murder.

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Hot Springs has raised the \$50,000 expected of her for the Little Rock, Hot Springs and Dardanelle Railroad.

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Arrangements are being made for the reunion of the Eleventh and Seventeenth Consolidation and First Arkansas Regiments, C.S.A., at Benton on the 30th and 31st of July.

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A blue bird's nest in the cab of a railway locomotive is a curiosity seldom seen. Engineer Moody of the Dardanelle & Russellville railroad points with pride to a rarity of this nature. The nest building was done while the engine stood on the side track near the factory between trips. The mother-bird has become quite gentle and doubtless will succeed in raising in this unique place quite an interesting family.

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At Richmond, Virginia, on the 7th, the trucks containing the Lee statue were moved to the place of unveiling with men, women and children tugging at the ropes. The line of March was literally packed with people from starting point to finish, while the waving of flags was continuous. There were 500 grown ladies and girls whose fair hands held the rope. Little tots were carried out into the streets in their mother's arms and their small hands tied upon the ropes. All the trucks were handsomely decorated with pictures of Gen. R.E. Lee and flags of the southern states, while here and there Confederate battle flags floated in the breeze.

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Mrs. Barney, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, lectured to the prisoners in jail here on Sunday afternoon, making a most impressive talk. She was accompanied to the jail by Mrs. W.M. Cravens and Mrs. Bennett.

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W.L. Reeves, whose large experience in the shoe business is well known in this section, is now in charge of the shoe department of the Holmes Dry Goods Co. establishment. Mr. Holmes is certainly fortunate in acquiring his services.

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**May 23, 1890**

The citizens of Stuttgart, Arkansas, have subscribed \$50,000 to insure the location of the Stuttgart, Arkansas and Texas Railway shops at that place.

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It is announced in London that Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, will shortly be married to Miss Dorothy Tennant, an artist and author of some note.

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Mr. John Ayars of this city, was elected president of the Y.M.C.A. in session at Little Rock last week. A good selection.

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Joan Davis, a resident of this city for the past three years, met his death near Tuskahoma, I.T., Tuesday morning by falling through a bridge. He was a brakeman on this Frisco, and was making his first through trip. The engine, upon which he was standing, stopped on a bridge, and Davis stepped from the pilot to change a switch. In stepping he fell through, cutting his chin and bruising the left side of his face. It is thought the blow stunned him, and that he drowned after falling into the stream.

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**May 30, 1890**  
**STATE NEWS**

The Monitor reports a slight shock of earthquake at Coal Hill on the night of the 19th.

Gov. Eagle will be one of the speakers at the decoration of two Federal graves at Fayetteville.

The Patton Place containing fifty-six acres, near Little Rock, has been selected by the committee chosen to locate the home for disabled ex-Confederates, the price paid was \$3,000.

J.S. McDonald, a brakeman on the Iron Mountain Railroad, was run over by a train near Newport, last Monday. When taken from under the wheels he begged to be killed, so great was his agony.

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The Iowa Indians have formerly accepted the offer of the government, made through the Cherokee Commission, to sell their lands to the United States for \$1.25 an acre.

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We learn that Col. Fishback, now at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is rapidly improving under the influence of the thermal waters, and bids fair to regain his health. His hearing, however yet remains impaired.

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Mr. Wm. Stromberg, the veteran nurseryman, last week sent to the Elevator office two boxes of his magnificent strawberries. Mr. Stromberg has this season marketed an immense amount of this delicious fruit, being, we believe, the first to bring it into the city.

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**June 6, 1890**  
**STATE NEWS**

A directory just completed by the press company shows the population of Little Rock to 46,235.

The engineering corps of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company has for the past week been in Van Buren surveying and locating the belt road, which is to connect the Little Rock road with the Frisco.

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**GENERAL NEWS**

George Marks, a census taker of New York City, went into a liquor store to take the census of the inmates and was met with a volley of rotten eggs. He left in a hurry.

It is said the London Contract Company controls 77 breweries in this country, which represent a capital of \$88,190,000.

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**YOUR WIFE**

Can't get along this summer without one of those "New Process" gasoline stoves for sale only at Atkinson & Triesch. The advantages of this stove over all patterns are numerous. Go and see them.

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The German Bank of this city was incorporated Wednesday. Capital stock, \$250,000. The officers are Gus A. Gill, president; H.T. Jackman, vice-president; Charles W. Copeland, cashier; John H. Gill, J.B. Forrester, H.T. Jackman, A.T. Booth and Gus A. Gill were elected directors.

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**DECORATION DAY**

There were more people in attendance at the ceremonies on Memorial Day than usual. The day

was bright and clear, and the rain that had fell the previous evening had laid the dust.

The ceremonies took place under the auspices of Thos. Williams Post, G.A.R. At 9:35 the procession marched to the cemetery, led by a military band. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Ledford. Local music was rendered by a select choir which was under charge of Prof W.D.C. Botefuhr. The oration was delivered by Judge I.C. Parker. This was an able exposition of the principles embodied in the Union cause, the ablest, we believe ever delivered in this city on a like occasion. While the speaker, by his words and actions, showed his faith in the sacredness of the cause of the stars and stripes, he said nothing to taunt or wound the feelings of those who differed with him in all matters pertaining to the great struggle between the states. His moderation and fairness was the subject of comment by many of those who had worn the gray. His oration presented a vivid contrast to the harangue of a year ago which outraged our people.

The ex-Confederates took no organized part in the ceremonies of the day, but a number of ladies and gentlemen joined hands at the cemetery and decorated the monuments of Generals McIntosh and Stein tastefully and beautifully.

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**June 13, 1890**

Under the present tariff the rate of taxation is 47 percent. Under the McKinley abomination, if it passes, it will be 57 percent.

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L.D. McDonald returned on Saturday last from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While there he secured the agency of the celebrated FEBLITZ beer. He has fitted up a splendid vault in the Delorvin building on second street, and proposes to sell as much beer to the trade as anybody.

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**CIRCUIT COURT**

In the circuit court, J.M. Hill was elected special judge owing to the disqualification of Judge Humphrey in certain cases. Much of the time this week has been put in hearing motions.

Wednesday the case of D.J. Young vs. J.F. Suratt, J.W. Quinley inter-pleader, was decided by jury deciding for the plaintiff.

Last Saturday Mose Jones & Louis Bolin pleaded guilty to charges of larceny. Each received a sentence of 1 year in the penitentiary. Jones is Taylor and Powell's till tapper.

The case of State vs. Wm. Jackson, murder, was called yesterday. As we go to press, the attorneys for the defendant are arguing a motion for a change of venue. R.B. McDonough is prosecuting the case. S.H. Cady and Jo Johnson represent the defendant.

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**PICNIC & BARBECUE**

Messrs. Zerboni and Barber are making arrangements to give a grand picnic and barbecue at the Schutzen Park on Monday, June 23. Everything will be done in the best of style. The following gentlemen have consented to deliver addresses: J.F. Weaver, E.F. Bryant, Jno. F. Williams, J.B. McDonough, W.F. Blythe, T.P. Winchester, J.L. Hendrick; other speakers will be granted a proper division of time.



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FORT SMITH ELEVATOR

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*Obviously six months of news cannot all be included in space available here, so the excerpts have been limited to include some of the more interesting articles about Fort Smith people and events, interspersed only occasionally with an item from state, Indian nation, national or international news. Serious researchers of this time period should refer directly to the microfilm from which these excerpts were taken.*

*During this 1890 era Benjamin Harrison, a Republican, was president of the United States and J.P. Eagle, a Democrat, was Governor of Arkansas.*

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June 27, 1890

Mr. Patrick O'Shea and Miss Bettie Doyle were married at the Catholic church on Tuesday morning - last by Rev. L. Smythe. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Thomas Doyle, where a reception was held during the day. We have known Miss Bettie from her infancy, and extend congratulations to our friend Pat for securing for a life companion so true and worthy a young lady. On the other hand we congratulate Miss Bettie on her good luck in securing for a protector so good & true a man as Pat O'Shea, who is one of Fort Smith's most enterprising and upright business men. The *Elevator* wishes Pat and his bride long life replete with happiness and prosperity.

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July 11, 1890

## DEATH OF E.D. GREGORY

Rev. E.D. Gregory, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city died near San Antonio, Texas, on the night of the 3rd. His remains were brought to this city and interred Sunday afternoon in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Gregory came to the city almost two years ago in response to a call to the Pastorate of the First

Presbyterian church. Something less than a year ago he was married to Miss Emily B. Farrow, of this city. Shortly afterward a disease of pulmonary nature making its appearance in his system, he went to Southern Texas, where he remained until the time of his death, vainly endeavoring to regain his health.

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## FAMILY SKELETON

One should be very tender in one's handling of the skeletons in other people's closets. Whenever you enter a house no matter how handsome, or how cheerful it is, be assured that the closet and the skeleton are there. Do not only be content to not drag the skeleton out, but steer clear of it, go around it. If you hear its bones clanking, shut your ears; if some thoughtless or cruel hand tears the door open, shut your eyes. To the people in that house that skeleton is a living sorrow, a daily horror, and seldom it is their fault that it is there. However young you may be, however good you may be, however pure may be the atmosphere of your house, there is a little secret closet in it; and you don't like to think that any one save God knows what is in it. When you are in other people's houses, remember the closet and its grim occupant in your own house.

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July 18, 1890

## DEATH OF MRS. MARY A. DOYLE

Mrs. Mary A. Doyle, an old citizen of Fort Smith, died on the 10th and was buried in the Catholic cemetery on the 11th, Rev. Lawrence Smythe conducting the obsequies. Mrs. Doyle was the sister of Messrs. E.C. and Joe Lanigan and leaves two daughters and two sons. Peace to her ashes.

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## MARRIED

In this city on Thursday evening July 10, by Rev. A.J. Massey, Mr. A.J. Thrash, of the Boston Store, this city, and Mrs. Leila Brodie, of Van Buren. The *Elevator* extends congratulations, and hopes there is much happiness and prosperity in store for Mr. and Mrs. Thrash.

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August 1, 1890

Our population has increased just four hundred percent since 1880. The population of the State will show about 60 percent in the same time. We say this is a fair showing compared with Kansas, which it is estimated has fallen off 200,000 since 1885, and some of her young cities have 33 1/3 percent less population than they had five years ago.

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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY





#### A FORMER FORT SMITH LAWYER DEAD

Col. William Glass, at one time a prominent lawyer of this city, died at New Orleans on the 21st ult. Col. Glass was at one time the law partner of Gen. W.L. Cabell and married Miss Sue Rector. Although a brilliant man, endowed with extraordinary abilities, he allowed strong drink to get the better of him, and left here about 1873 never to return.

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August 8, 1890

#### THE POTEAU BOTTOM BARBECUE AND PICNIC

One of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season was the grand barbecue and picnic given by the people residing in Poteau bottom, at Watts' ferry on the Arkansas river a short distance from this city. There were twelve or fifteen hundred people present and everybody is loud in praise of the management and general conduct of the affair. "Tock" Hood, W.B. Cantwell and E.C. Robertson were among the prime movers in getting up the affair, and exerted themselves throughout the day in making everyone feel at home. The beef, pork and mutton was barbecued to perfection, and there was more than sufficient for all present. Music, dancing and all manner of amusements were provided, and everything passed off in the most pleasant manner. Many attended from this city, and all say they had a big time.

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August 15, 1890

#### ANTON NEIS, ANOTHER OF FORT SMITH'S OLD PIONEER CITIZENS, PASSES AWAY

By an unfortunate oversight we failed last week to mention the death of Anton Neis, one of our oldest citizens, who passed away on the 2d of the present month, after a lingering illness. Mr. Neis was born in Bavaria, near Alsace, France, in 1818 making him 72 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Fort Smith in 1844, when the place was a mere village and frontier military post, and this has been his home since that time. In 1845 he married Miss Catherine Goetz\*, and together, by their industry, they built up quite a little fortune and reared a family of five children. Mrs. Neis died in 1876, and four of the five children survive their father — \*\*Mrs. B.L.E. Bonneville, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Anton and Albert Neis. (\*Goodspeed, Biographical Index, shows maiden name as Catherine Sengel.) (\*\*Widow of Gen. Bonneville, Bonneville House on No. 7th her home.)

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#### AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Mrs. Winsett, wife of Paul Winsett, a hack driver in the employ of Wm. Schulte, last Friday attempted to kill herself by taking rough-on-rats. Shortly after she had taken the dose her condition was discovered and medical aid was summoned, which saved her life. Mrs. Winsett and her husband had quarrelled, and she took a dose of rough-on-rats under the belief that it would cause her husband to be more considerate in his behavior.

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#### PRIVILEGES FOR LABOR DAY

The bids for ground privileges for the great Labor Day celebration, to be held at Scheutzen Park, August 28, will be received at the K of L hall, Thursday night Aug. 21. The amount of purchase money or gilt-edge security must accompany each bid. The privileges will be lunch stand, cigar and tobacco stand, peanut, tamale and Weinerwurst stands, knife racks, shooting gallery and swings.

J.G. Wilkinson, Chairman Com.

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#### ST. SCHOLASTICA'S ACADEMY, SHOAL CREEK, ARK. CONDUCTED BY THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS

This Institute is located in a very healthy and desirable part of Arkansas in Logan County, near Spadra. The course of instruction embraces every useful and ornamental branch of female education, especially music. Every attention is paid to forming the moral and manners of the pupils. Difference of religion is no obstacle to admission, provided the pupil conforms to the regulations of the institution. Tuition, Boarding, washing, and bedding, per semester of 5 months, \$75.

For further information apply to Mother Superior.

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August 20, 1890

The first bale of cotton was received at Pine Bluff on the 16th from New Edinburg, Cleveland county, it sold for 17½ cents.

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#### NOT CANDIDATES

Mr. F.M. McLendon, the gentleman whose name was placed on the prohibition ticket for sheriff sends us word that he knew nothing about it, and that he is not a candidate. Mr. McClendon is a Democrat, expects to vote a straight Democratic ticket and hopes all his friends will do the same thing.

We also understand that Rev. Alexander knew nothing of his nomination, and is not a candidate. His son is our authority for this statement.

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Mr. & Mrs. James M. Sparks have returned from a visit to Northern watering places.

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Sheriff John F. Williams has been in the city several days putting in his best licks for the Democratic Party.

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August 22, 1890

#### "ARE YOU FIXED?"

#### ROBERT BARLING SHOTS FARREL DAILY FOR INSULTING HIS WIFE

On Friday last quite a sensation was created on South Sixth street by the shooting of Farrel Daily, Jr., by Robert Barling, Jr. It appears that on the day previous young Daily had visited the home of Mr. Barling on some pretext or other, and Barling not being at home, Daily, who was intoxicated, grossly insulted Mrs. Barling. The wife related the conduct of Daily to her husband when he came home that night, and on Friday, he fixed himself and kept a



lookout for his man. About 10:30 a.m., young Daily came along on a pony and the two men met in the street opposite the Annex saloon. Barling asked Daily about the matter, and stepping back said, "Are you fixed Farrel?" and the next instant fired, the ball entering the right breast between the fourth and fifth ribs, going through the upper lobe of the lung and passing out under the shoulder blade. Daily attempted to dismount from his pony, but fell, and everyone who saw the shot supposed he was killed. He was picked up and taken to the Annex saloon, the blood gushing from the wound in a stream. Medical aid was at once summoned, and the wound temporarily dressed to stop the bleeding, after which the wounded man walked to a carriage and was conveyed to his home.

Barling at once surrendered and gave bond in the sum of \$1000. He was to have been examined Monday before Esquire Greer, but waived examination and gave bond for his appearance at the next term of circuit court in the sum of \$1000.

Public sentiment seems to be on the side of Barling.

Daily is recovering from his wound and will likely be out in a couple of weeks.

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LABOR DAY  
GRAND BALLOON ASCENSION AND  
THRILLING PARACHUTE JUMP

The united labor organizations of this city and Western Arkansas have entered into contract with Prof. W.H. LeRoy, the dauntless king of the air, to give one of his thrilling balloon ascensions and parachute descents at the German Park on Labor Day, 28th of this month, the feat to be performed between 10 am and 7 pm. Large numbers of people will be here from all parts of the country and all railroads running in here will give special rates to visitors. The local organizations are doing everything for the proper entertainment of the crowd, and it will be one of the greatest days for general enjoyment the country has ever had. LeRoy's balloon ascension and perilous jump is in itself worth more than the loss of time and expense incurred in getting here.

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August 25, 1890

DEATH OF DR. JAMES E. JOHNSON

On Sunday night, August 3, Sebastian County sustained the loss of one of her best and most worthy citizens, in the death of Dr. James E. Johnson, in his home at Greenwood. He was 43 years of age and leaves a wife and several children. He was born in Monroe County, Mississippi, in 1847. In 1884 he moved from Polk County, Arkansas to Sebastian County, residing for a time in Central, from which point he removed to Lavaca, where he practiced medicine until January 1889, and then moved to Greenwood. While residing in Polk County, he was elected to the Legislature and served with distinction. He was a soldier in the Confederate army during the latter part of the war... He was a mason in good standing and was buried with Masonic honors.

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September 5, 1890

Thursday morning, the 28th, James Sinnot was killed on the Frisco near Cummings Bros. mill, this city... Sinnot said, before his death, that he was from Ruthorford, Texas, and that he had come to this section in search of work... He requested that notice of his death be given J.O. Manning of Crafton, Texas. He was 22 years old.

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Mr. John Wren left Monday for Sedalia, Mo., to visit his mother who he has not seen for more than thirty years.

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WANTED

A good, strong boy, 13 to 15 years old, who wants to learn butchering business can find employment at H. Wendland's, corner of Pine and 11th streets.

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September 12, 1890

A YOUTHFUL BRIDE

Mr. William Reed and Miss Lillie Ellington were married near Enterprise, this county, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., by Rev. N.B. McNabb. There is nothing unusual in this announcement, for people marry and are given in marriage every day; but the age of the bride is what made the neighbors gossip. She is 12 years old, though her age was given as 14 when the license was applied for. The bridegroom Mr. Reed is 30 years old, but has been married once before. We understand Mrs. Reed had been attending school until within a short time before the wedding. The marriage took place with the knowledge and full consent of her parents.

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Mr. Geo. Tilles has returned from a trip to Mexico.

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On last Friday morning, September 5, Mrs. Annie Davies, wife of Mr. C.W. Davies, departed this life at her residence on Towson... The deceased leaves a husband, two beautiful little children and a brother, Mr. Joseph Coane.

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Jake, the 3 year old son of Mr. Geo. T. Sparks, who was so ill a few days ago, has almost entirely recovered.

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September 19, 1890

DEATH OF MRS. FRANTZ

Mrs. Elizabeth Frantz, wife of Mr. Emile Frantz, died in this city in the presence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bruder, on Friday, the 26th ult... was in 25th year of her life... leaves two children, one 31 months old, the other 9 months old...

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BUILDING ROCK FOR SALE

We have for sale the old court house foundation on sixth street. There is in this foundation a very fine lot of dressed and rough stone ready to put into a new building. If you wish to buy a choice lot of rock already quarried and dressed call on

Carnall Bros., Real Estate Dealers

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MARRIED

Bollinger-O'Brien — at Pierce City, Mo. on Wednesday morning last, Mr. Will Bollinger, of this city, to Miss Stacy O'Brien of Pierce City.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. & Mrs. Bollinger left for St. Louis on a wedding trip, and will return here in a few days.

Will is one of Fort Smith's most popular young business men, while his bride is a young lady of true worth and intelligence.

Both are to be congratulated on their new relationship and the Elevator wishes them a long life of happiness and prosperity.



Gass-Groesbeck — at St. John's Church, in this city, on Wednesday evening, September 17, by Rev. George F. Degen. Mr. James B. Gass, of this city, and Miss Jennie A. Groesbeck, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

After the ceremony a few invited guests assembled at the residence of Col. S.B. Wattles, where a reception was held, and congratulations were offered. Mr. Gass is our city engineer, and the bride has for some time been the guest of Miss Wattles. May success attend them through life.



VIRGINIA HOUSE

Mrs. High can now be found nicely fixed up on 4th street No. 113, near Avenue, and wants all her old patrons to look her up when in the city.



September 20, 1890

Mr. Will Luce left Saturday for Harvard College, at which place he has been a student for some time.



A DELICATE OPERATION

Last Sunday morning there was performed in St. John's Hospital, one of the most delicate operations known in surgery. Four years ago Edith Villyard, of Russellville, wounded her right eye with the rib of an umbrella. In time orbital aneurism was produced, greatly to the distress of the patient. She was brought to Dr. G.W. Smith, of this city, by Dr. Prewitt of Russellville, for an operation, and last Sunday morning Drs. Bailey, Smith, Prewitt and Stephens operated by cutting down and tying the common carotid artery. This is the first operation of the kind ever performed in this state. The patient, 13 years old, stands every chance of recovery.



Among the inmates of the crap dive raided Friday night by officer Cox was Ed McDaniel, late Republican candidate for Justice of the peace.



October 3, 1890

Wheat, postmaster of the House of Representatives, is in a bad way on account of corruptions practiced in his office since it came under his charge. This, however, is nothing out of the way in Mr. Wheat's party. Bribery, corruption and boodleism are what it was built upon and upon what it exists today.



SERIOUS RUNAWAY

On Tuesday evening last a dray team belonging to Meady Cabell, colored, and driven by a negro boy, ran away on Second street and came in collision with a mule attached to a street car. The wagon tongue struck the mule in the breast tearing a frightful hole in the animal, which fell in its tracks and died almost instantly. The boy, son of Frank Green, was thrown from the wagon when the collision took place and appeared to be pretty badly hurt, but was able to get home on a dray and received proper attention. The team was caught after running for some distance and neither the horses or wagon were injured.



WANTED

IMMEDIATELY 500 GOOD COTTON PICKERS BY THE FARMERS OF WEBBERS FALLS BOTTOM, CHEROKEE NATION.



October 10, 1890

The stage running between Eureka Springs and Harrison was held up and robbed by masked men on the night of the 29th ult. The amount of money secured is not known.



COTTON PICKERS WANTED

Cotton pickers, both men and women, are wanted on the plantation of Capt. W.S. Hood, near this city. Cabins furnished. Pay the usual price. Five or six hundred acres to pick.

W.S. Hood, Fort Smith



October 17, 1890

MARRIED

Mr. Frank Dunlap and Miss Bertie Fleming were married Wednesday night at the Central Methodist church in this city. Rev. W.J. Massey performed the ceremony...



STATE NEWS

There is talk of building a free bridge across the Arkansas River at Little Rock.



Clara Bradley, a Van Buren girl of "Sporting" proclivities, suicided last week on the Morphine route. She had a quarrel with her lover.



GENERAL NEWS

The house in which Abraham Lincoln was born will be removed to the World's Fair in Chicago.



The people of Dallas, Texas are rejoicing over the find of a heavy stream of artesian water in the court house square in that city. Its flow is estimated at 2,000,000 gallons per day.



The population of Arkansas, according to official figures, 1,325,385. This shows an increase, since 1880 of 40 percent.





LOCAL NEWS

The storm Sunday night blew down the smoke stack of the Fort Smith Furniture Company.



The attendance at the fair from the Indian country is larger than ever before. The hotels are crowded.



The members of St. John's Parish of this city have under consideration the erection of a handsome stone church building costing \$25,000.



October 24, 1890

At Van Buren, on the 15th, Constable Moore accidentally discharged his gun and the charge tore off his left hand.



The Magnolia and Meriden Railroad was incorporated last week. Capital Stock, \$250,000. Length of road, 25 miles.



The State of Arkansas was last week awarded the premium for the best collection of apples on exhibition at the American Institute, New York.



Judge B.J. Brown last week sold his plantation, which lies just below Van Buren, for \$25,000. It was purchased by Col. Geo. Ferguson, of Fayetteville.



Bradley County cotton has taken the first premium at the World's Exposition, at the Louisiana State Fair, at the South Arkansas Fair, at the Fordyce Fair, and probably others.



LOCAL NEWS

Capt. Blakely and Mr. D.H. Cheney left Wednesday for Louisville, Ky. to receive the new steamer just being completed there for the up-river trade. Capt. Blakely will return with the boat in two or three weeks.



Old Uncle Johnny Wright is up again after a serious attack of fever. The old gentleman is now over 98 years old and is getting somewhat feeble.



Miss Lula Krone, of this city, was married on Tuesday last at Paris, Texas to Mr. Ben C. Duffy, formerly of Little Rock. They will make their home in Texas.



Joseph H. Merrell was enrolled as a member of the Bar on Friday last.



Deputy U.S. Marshal Wm. T. Hardin, Cameron, I.T. pursued two whisky peddlers to a point near Bengal, Choctaw Nation where he was mortally wounded and died Monday night.



JOHN A. O'LEARY

Died at the home of his brother, Tom O'Leary, in this city, Wednesday night, John A. O'Leary, aged 22. He was born in Pennsylvania...



October 24, 1890

BOUDINOT MEMORIAL

On Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, members of the bar and friends of the late Elias C. Boudinot met in the United States court room for the purpose of passing suitable resolutions to the memory of the departed Indian statesman and lawyer who had died on 27th September at his home in this city.

Col. Ben T. DuVal, a life-long friend of Boudinot, delivered a lengthy and fitting eulogy on the life and character of his friend, relating many incidents in his early career. Col. DuVal was followed by the various members of the bar in turn, each of whom paid handsome tribute to their late brother. The following resolutions were adopted...



Quorum court met Saturday, Judge Blythe presiding. The following justices were present: Edmondson, Stillman, Vance, Grier, Conley, Wiegand, Surat, Satterfield, Humphrey.

A committee to investigate accounts reported they found the report of each officer correct and that all money had been paid to the proper authorities... no school tax recommended for this year... a city tax of five mills on the dollar be levied upon the assessed valuation of all real and personal property, within the city of Fort Smith for the year. A motion to carry a 2 1/2 mills county tax was carried unanimously.



MADAME BLANCHE

The world's greatest mind-reader, is now in our midst and is located in the LeGrand Hotel. Madame Blanch is one of the best clairvoyants that ever visited our city. She can read your life from the cradle to the grave...



November 7, 1890

STATE NEWS

James R. Jones, an old citizen of Van Buren, and one of the first to volunteer in defense of the South in 1861, died last week.



The Medical Department of the A.I.U. (Arkansas Industrial University) began its annual session at Little Rock on the 5th with an attendance of 30 students.



Bud McCoy, leader of the notorious McCoy Gang, was killed in Logan County, W. VA. last Friday evening by members of the Hatfield Gang. Eighteen bullet holes were found in his body. McCoy is known to have killed 18 men in his lifetime.



November 14, 1890

STATE NEWS

The Capital Stock of the Citizen's Bank of Van Buren has been increased from \$75,000 to \$900,000.



The entire business portion of Hartman, Johnson County, including the depot and 100 bales of cotton, was burned on the night of the 5th.





President Harrison has issued a proclamation setting apart Thursday, November 27th, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

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The candidacy of Col. DuVal for the Supreme Court leaves no one in the race for the majority but Mr. C.M. Cooke, who now has a very clear track before him. The mayor to be elected in April.

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Col. Thos B. Price, son of the late Confederate General Price, was shot and killed on board a train near Sedalia, Mo., on the 5th by Judge John Higgins.

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Stanley, the African explorer, has arrived at New York, accompanied by his wife.

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Geo. W. Peck, editor of "Pecks Sun" of Milwaukee, and author of the once noted "Bad Boy" stories, has been elected governor of Wisconsin.

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Fort Smith again has occasion to mourn the death of one of her eminent citizens. Last Wednesday morning, Judge M.H. Sandels, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this state, breathed his last after a lingering illness. His age was 39 years and three months.

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J.W. Hart was arrested Monday for attempting to get away with a horse and saddle belonging to W.F. Quinley of Hackett.

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Judge Humphrey and Mr. C.E. Wagner have formed a partnership and have rooms in the Hallwell Building.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Carnall left Monday for Hot Springs, where they will probably remain some time.

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From Mr. A.M. Muse we learn that the school of Lavaca will move into its new building Monday.

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Col. W.L. Morris, of this city, will sever his connection with the *Times* on the 24th inst. to take charge of the Greenwood school. The people of Greenwood will find in Prof. Morris all that goes to make up a first class teacher and gentleman.

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#### A CONFLICT

The clash between Mayor Baker and Police Judge Murphy as to the former's right to remit fines is now before Judge Parker's court and will be acted upon the 13th of next month. Mrs. Marquarnt, the party over whom the difficulty arose, is at home in this city now, and has, we learn, since the trouble began, given birth to a daughter.

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#### "DOCK" FALCONER IS DEAD

... George Comages Falconer, son of W.A. and M.E. Falconer, was born July 16, 1848, on the very premises where he passed away on November 1, 1890... a victim to that relentless foe to humanity, consumption... He deliberately arranged his earthly affairs for the welfare of his wife and four little girls...

About 1874 he married Miss Lucy Beavers, sister of M.M. Beavers of Waldron, and V.V. Beavers of Franklin county, who survives him, with four children...

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#### EDMUND McCURTAIN

Edmund McCurtain died suddenly on Tuesday morning last... in Skullyville, Choctaw Nation... McCurtain was among the most prominent men in Choctaw county and a leader among his people... His death is greatly deplored in this city where he had many friends...

He served two consecutive terms as Governor, succeeding his late brother, Jackson McCurtain. He has several times been a delegate to Washington, and during his eventful life has held nearly every office of importance in the gift of his Nation, being a member of the council at the time of his death... He is of a noted family, whose names can be seen through the pages of Choctaw history for a generation or more...

The one brother left is Green McCurtain, present treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, and to him and the family of Edmund, the *Elevator* extends the hand of sympathy.

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#### DEATH OF MISS MARY B. NEILL

Miss Mary B. Neill died at her home on North 13th last Monday evening... Her mother and sister, the latter Mrs. S.P. Day, reside in this city... Her age was 37 years... interred in City Cemetery.

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#### MARRIED

Mr. P.A. Ball and Miss Josie Gariloh were married on Thursday evening last at the Baptist church by Rev. Kincaid...

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November 28, 1890

#### STATE NEWS

The Batesville Electric Light Company was organized last week. Capital Stock \$100,000.

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The City Council of Arkadelphia has closed a contract with a company to put in water works, electric light plant and street railway.

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The street railway lines of Pine Bluff have been consolidated, the Citizen's Line selling out to Wiley Jones, the colored capitalist, and a stock company. Wiley Jones is general manager of the consolidated line. Its Capital stock is \$250,000.

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A man named Kelley last week visited Atkins accompanied by a woman claiming to be his wife, and shortly after their arrival they behaved in such a manner that the people of the town gave them a coat of tar and feathers and ordered them to leave.

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The Indians of South Dakota still have a threatening attitude. The old chief, Sitting Bull, is at the bottom of most of the threatening trouble. His case should have been settled years ago with a few feet of rope or a few ounces of lead.

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Mr. J.R. Tolbert, editor of the *Coal Hill Banner*, was in the city Saturday.

Col. J.S. Dunham, editor of the *Van Buren Press*, was in the city yesterday.

Col. Ben T. DuVal is in Little Rock consulting his friends on his chance of securing the Supreme Judgeship.

Mr. William Hendrix, who left home last September with his wife, intending to locate permanently at Corpus Christi, Texas, returned on Saturday last, bag and baggage, and will probably go into business here. He says Corpus Christi is a good place, but Fort Smith is better.

Rev. B.H. Pierson, of Witcherville, Sebastian County, will probably become a candidate for chaplain of the senate. If an irreproachable character, coupled with first class ability and a long and honorable life of usefulness avail anything, he will surely be elected. He has the best wishes of the *Elevator* for success.

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**December 5, 1890**

The undertakers of the state met in convention at Little Rock last week and organized the Arkansas Undertakers Association, adopting a constitution, by-laws, etc. Chas. A. Birnie, of Fort Smith, was chosen president.

A wreck occurred on the Iron Mountain Railroad at Oliphant Junction, on the morning of the 26th. Fifteen cars were derailed, and a few of them burned. The loss is about \$50,000.

Bill Pitts, a deputy marshal of the Paris District was killed on Blue River, in the Choctaw Nation, on the night of the 30th by three Indian whisky peddlers. Pitts was attempting to arrest the men, and while parleying with them they took his gun from him and shot him.

Dave Andre, convicted at Tahlequah last month of the murder of John Poorbear, and sentenced to be hanged on the 10th of December, was pardoned last week by chief Mayes. The pardon was issued on the recommendations of citizens on the ground that he did not have a fair trial.

Col. Fishback has been in Fayetteville this week attending the opening exercises of the Arkansas Industrial University (Ed: Now the University of Arkansas).

Col. B.T. DuVal went to Fayetteville Monday to attend the opening exercises of the University, in which he took part, delivering an address.

Col. M. Stoddard, formerly of this city is resident secretary of the American Safety Co., in St. Louis.

Col. W.T. Bourne, an old resident of this city died Monday at the residence of Mr. J.H. Hamilton, on Fifth and Oak Streets. Col. Bourne was born in England, but spent the greater part of his life in the South. During the war he served in the Confederacy, and achieved a reputation as one of the bravest of the brave.

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**December 12, 1890**

**TIN WEDDING WITH A  
SURPRISING ACCOMPANIMENT**

The tin wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Weldon was celebrated at their residence in this city Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. There was a large number of friends in attendance, all of whom joined in expressing congratulations and extending wishes for future happiness.

But the tin wedding celebration carried with it one feature that had not been laid down on the regular programme. Just at 8:30 o'clock Rev. A.J. Kincaid, pastor of the First Baptist church, stepped into the parlor and took his stand in the center of the room. At almost the same moment the doors of a side room were thrown open and Mr. James W. Meek and Miss Gertie Brown stepped before him as candidates for the matrimonial state. In a short and impressive ceremony Mr. Kincaid pronounced the couple man and wife. This was a complete surprise to all but a few present. After the ceremony the couple were the recipients of warmest congratulations.

The spread that accompanied the entertainment was elaborate. Words cannot do it justice.

Mr. Meek is well known in this city as one of our most successful young business men. The bride is a sister of Mrs. O.D. Weldon and a young lady of more than ordinary beauty and accomplishments.

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**December 19, 1890**

**FORT SMITH PRESSED BRICK COMPANY**

Missouri Capital and Fort Smith Clay Unite

For some months past, enterprising and far reaching capitalists and experienced brick men of St. Louis have been experimenting with Fort Smith clays for the purpose of the manufacture on a large scale here of first class pressed brick and tiling if the clays met the proper requirements. All that could be desired has been the result of the investigations, and now it is our pleasure to chronicle the fact of the incorporation in St. Louis last week of the Fort Smith Pressed Brick and Tile Co., with its domicile in St. Louis and under the superb manner of G.N. Timmerman as president... The company has bought of Whaton Carnall 67 acres of ground, of Oak Park Land Company 30 acres, and of J.P. Tilly 10 acres...

May the year 1891 bring to our city many repetitions of the day which planted here the Fort Smith Pressed Brick and Tile Company.



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March 6, 1891 - June 5, 1891

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January 1, 1891

No newspapers available January 1, 1891 through March 5, 1891.

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March 6, 1891

LEGISLATURE

In the Senate, Mr. Clement introduced Senate bill No. 229 to prohibit sale of intoxicants within five miles of Chicotah Academy in Yell county. Read twice and referred to the committee on temperance.

Senate bill No. 229 to regulate the licensing of tipping saloons and whiskey houses was read twice and referred to the committee on temperance.

In the House, Mr. Weaver introduced House bill No. 207, to authorize and empower the school board of the school district of Fort Smith to buy, own, lease, control, and sell real estate in said city of Fort Smith.

In the House several bills were introduced to regulate the sale of intoxicants in certain localities and within certain distances, varying from three to ten miles of school houses and educational colleges.

House bill No. 273 is to prevent the sale of intoxicants where the sale has been prohibited by law or in any other manner. This is sort of "gilding refined gold" legislation that existing laws should render obsolete.

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GREAT SALE

of white goods and other  
spring goods commencing  
Monday, March 2nd  
at the  
Boston Store!

Direct from the mills to our House 2000 yards of White Nainsooks in short lengths, 5¢ per yard, positively worth 10¢.

1000 yards of white goods, plaids at 8½¢, positively worth 15¢.

25 pieces curtain scrim at 4½¢, good value at 10¢.

25 pieces of Fancy Dress Biege for dresses only 4½¢, positively worth 10¢.

1075 yards of soft finish Nainsook, extra wide at 10¢ never sold by us for less than 20¢.

TREMENDOUS BARGAINS

Table Linens, Towels and Carpets for less money than they can be bought in New York.

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March 13, 1891

THE INDIAN TERRITORY

Tom Aden was killed at a dance in the Chickasaw Nation about the 29th of February 1889, and at the time there appears to have been no notice taken of it. About a week ago Lem and Gus Shipman and John Gardener were arrested and taken to Paris, charged with the killing and the evidence appears to be very strong against them.

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DEATHS IN THE CITY

A VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION

Miss Nanale Vaughn, aged 25 years, died of Consumption at the residence of her father in this city, on Wednesday evening, March 4th and was buried the day following.

Miss Nanale was born in Washington, Hempstead county, and from there came to this city with her parents nine years ago. She leaves a father, brother and one sister, Mrs. Bear of St. Louis, all of whom were with her in her last hours. The hand of affliction has been laid heavily upon this family the past year or two. First, Mrs. Julia Marshall, sister of Mrs. Vaughn passed away, then Miss Pinkie, sister of Miss Nanale was called and was soon followed by the mother who died only a few months ago. Miss Nanale fully realized her approaching death and patiently awaited its coming. Peace to her ashes.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Matthew Maddox, one of the promising young men of this county, has gone to Arizona to try his fortune.

Miss Maggie Bloomberg, who teaches school at Waldron, visited her parents last Friday and Saturday.

Dr. W.W. Bailey was called to New York last week by the serious illness of his brother, Dr. Joe Bailey.

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March 20, 1891

The question of raising the state taxes is being talked of in legislature. We are not in favor of any such measure, and suggest that some other means be devised for paying the expenses of the state. Let the taxes alone.

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The people of Van Buren are agitating the question of putting in water works and extending the corporate limits of the town.

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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY





The Fort Smith Library Board announced 97-year-old Leah Cohn Arendt of Oklahoma City, who died October 19, willed all but \$100,000 of her estate (estimated to be well over \$3 million) to the downtown library.

Chris Corbin Sr., Fort Smith school superintendent between 1945 and 1971, died in Dallas after a long illness.

Fire at the OK Foods plant at 3900 Reeder Lane caused between \$500,000 and \$750,000 damage, injuring two employees.

#### NOVEMBER

Ray Baker was elected Fort Smith mayor over his opponent, Buddy Coleman, by vote of 13,486-7,180. (The present board of directors are: Bernice Kizer, Nan Bartlett, Carter Hunt, Steve Lease, Rick Griffin, Ben Shipley and Ray Stewart. Ed.)

After the state-wide elections, Governor Bill Clinton and Mrs. Clinton danced down Garrison Avenue in the rain to keep his campaign promise to dance down Garrison Avenue if he carried Sebastian County.

City officials offered free testing of water from homeowners for possible lead content caused by lead pipes used in older home construction.

Fort Smith and Van Buren jointly became the volunteer capital of Arkansas through more than 40,000 to 50,000 individual acts of volunteerism that were recognized by the Governor's Office of Volunteerism at the Arkansas Municipal League Convention in West Memphis.

The Fort Smith School Board voted to close all high school campuses, meaning students would not be permitted to drive or walk off school grounds during off-periods and lunch hours.

While some Fort Smith area businesses reported feeling the pinch of a national recession, others said business was better than ever, prompting the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce to begin distributing badges that read: "Business is Good — Spread the Word."

Fort Smith became the first city in Arkansas to convert to the 911 emergency telephone system on schedule and within budget.

A survey of Arkansas public schools revealed that Fort Smith teachers have the highest average salary in the state — \$25,940.

#### DECEMBER

Crowds of area families turned out for the annual Fort Smith Christmas Parade down Garrison Avenue. And a capacity crowd attended the annual Christmas concert of the Fort Smith Symphony.

Winter arrived with 30 mph winds and temperatures in the lower 30s.

To comply with new state regulations that require mainstreaming of learning-disabled children, Fort Smith public schools said that the Rogers Center School would be closed, although some parents opposed the move.

Although the Arkansas Wildlife Federation lost its fight to block construction of Phase 1 of the Lee Creek water reservoir for Fort Smith, it said the war is not over, and it will continue to oppose development of Phase II and a longterm water supply for the region.

State Senator Travis Miles of Fort Smith said he would introduce legislation in 1991 to force more state support of Westark Community College, particularly in the area of new construction.

Fort Smithians remembered Pearl Harbor, the beginning of World War II, and the current threat of war in the Middle East with a Wall of Honor at Central Mall. The wall contained the names of all area men and women in military service in the Persian Gulf crisis.

Fort Smith police cracked down on shoplifters in area stores.

International performer, Fort Smith native and Northside High School graduate Walter Gregory Ahart, speaking of his hometown: "A lot of people profess Christian values, but I find in Fort Smith, Arkansas, people actually practicing them."

Winter storms hit the area on December 21 and continued through Christmas. Many streets were impassable because of snow and sleet.

Although city streets remained covered with ice, hearts were warm as thousands of *Southwest Times Record's* readers again signed the annual Christmas card, contributing more than \$18,000 to feed and shelter the homeless, provide tools to volunteers who teach adults to read and write, help Habitat for Humanity build a new home and provide day care for the elderly.

The last weekend of 1990 ended with a thick layer of ice, sleet and snow on Fort Smith streets and area roads. Forecasters said the stuff would not melt before the New Year's parties and warned motorists to stay home if at all possible.

But Sebastian and Crawford counties welcomed 1991 without a single auto fatality on New Year's Eve.

And not surprisingly, the *Southwest Times Record* named the mobilization of Arkansas National Guard and Army Reserve units for possible combat in the Middle East the top area news event of 1990.



### BRIDGE CELEBRATION

The mass-meeting at the court room Monday night, called for the purpose of determining whether or not Fort Smith should celebrate the completion of the big steel bridge across the Arkansas, was well attended and the same enterprising spirit which always characterizes our people when matters of vital importance are at stake was manifested.

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### DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The Opera House was well filled on Friday evening just to witness the declamatory contest between pupils of the high school of this city, and the audience was well entertained. The first prize for boys was won by William Clayton, son of John M. Clayton and the second price by Edward Hunt, Jr. The first prize for girls was carried home by Miss Lizzie Barnes, daughter of Col. Thomas H. Barnes, while Miss Verda Parke, daughter of Mrs. Parke, took the second prize. The prizes were appropriately presented by Hon. John H. Rogers.

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### COUNTY NEWS

Mrs. S. Barbee of Hackett City died last week after a lingering illness.

Jensea is improving considerably. There are several buildings now in construction there.

The Greenwood Grand Jury has indicted all the saloon men of Huntington for selling liquor to minors.

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April 3, 1891

### STATE NEWS

It is claimed that only three deaths occurred in the town of Clarksville during the two years ending Dec. 31st, last.

The Fayetteville Democrat reports many horses dying of the blind staggers in that section, and mention the fact that Bob Stone lost a \$600 nag last week.

One night last week a book agent at Warren, Bradley county, was set upon by unknown parties who egged him out of town. Some of the hen fruit used was too old to smell pleasantly.

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### THE BRIDGE

Will be open for Business about the 10th of this month.

At 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon last the draw span of the big railroad and wagon bridge over the Arkansas River at this place was swung into position, the event was witnessed by a large number of our citizens. A large number of hands are now at work on both sides of the river, grading the approaches, and the bridge will be finished so as to accommodate railroad business by the 10th of the present month, but it will not be ready for wagon traffic before the 1st of May, and perhaps a little later. Wagons and horses will cross on the same floor used by the railroad, and will have to "look out

for the cars," but pedestrians can cross at any time on a foot bridge constructed against the lower side of the main bridge.

This is one of the longest bridges in the United States, the bridge proper measuring 3,379 feet from approach to approach. Three million, eight hundred thousand pounds of iron and steel have been used in its construction, which has occupied one year, the Union Bridge Company of St. Louis, being the builders.

The opening of this bridge is a big thing, indeed for Fort Smith, and that this fact is duly appreciated by the citizens will be demonstrated about the 1st of May by a Grand celebration now being gotten up in honor of it.

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### CITY ELECTION

Before another issue of the *Elevator* the city election will have occurred, the result of which will no doubt be the election of the entire democratic ticket, headed by C.M. Cooke for mayor. The election will take place on Tuesday next, but up to the present writing there has been but little enthusiasm manifested, notwithstanding there is an opposition ticket in the field. However, we predict the election of C.M. Cooke for mayor, Chas. H. Eberle for Police Judge, and T.C. Davis for Treasurer, by a large majority, as they are all good men, were duly nominated by their party and there is no necessity for any Democrat to vote against them, but few, if any, who will.

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April 10, 1891

### ALBERT PIKE

Gen. Albert Pike, well known all over America, and especially in Arkansas and the Indian Territory, died in Washington City on Tuesday night last week. Gen. Pike was 81 years of age and distinguished as the greatest Mason in the United States, his official title at the time of his death being Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, this being the mother council of the world. Pike was a man of extraordinary ability, a grand lawyer whose accomplishments were most versatile, and a writer of great force. He has many friends among the older settlers in this section, where he was quite a character in years gone by.

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S.B. Adams died Monday at his home in the suburbs and was buried Tuesday. He was 63 years of age.

Julia Barnard, aged 27 years, died Sunday at her home in Cherokee Nation, opposite this city, of dropsy.

Charles Miller, a stranger in these parts, died Tuesday of penumonia at his boarding house on the river, and was buried Tuesday night at the poor farm. He was 21 years of age.



Mr. Tony Meyer and Miss Barbara Welfenberger were married Tuesday evening by Rev. L. Smythe of the Catholic church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

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April 17, 1891

WATCHMAKERS and JEWELERS  
710 GARRISON AVE, FORT SMITH, ARK.  
KLEIN & FINK

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#### DEATH OF WILEY COX

Wiley Cox died last Monday afternoon from the effects of a shot received at the hands of James McNally on the 10th of last October. No man has ever made a braver struggle for life than he did after receiving a wound which ordinarily would have been death to most men. From the time he received McNally's shot until he died it was a struggle between himself and the grim monster. He recovered sufficient strength to enable him to get on his feet and move about among his friends and on his accustomed walk but about a week ago, while in the court house, he became ill and had to be assisted home. Medical aid was summoned but the fact developed that blood poisoning had set in, he continued to grow worse until he expired.

Wiley Cox was about 41 years of age. He was born in Clarksville, Johnson county. He came to Sebastian county about 16 years ago. Shortly afterward he removed to Fort Smith, since which time he has been in public service in one capacity or another. He was an excellent officer, a first class detective and though a man of some wealth, possessed to an enviable degree the traits of generosity and courage — traits that in themselves cover a multitude of sins.

His funeral took place Tuesday at 3 o'clock p.m. Rev. A.J. Kincaid, of the First Baptist church conducting the obsequiem.

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May 1, 1981

Dick Liddell, once a member of notorious Jesse James gang has been arrested in Richmond, Mo., on a charge of murder committed 10 years ago.

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#### MUSICAL CONVENTION

The eighth session of the Sebastian County Musical Convention will be held at Union Grove, 5 miles south of Greenwood, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in May at 9 o'clock a.m. and closing Sunday. There will be a free concert on Saturday night and a grand time is anticipated. All the music teachers in Scott county have been invited to attend.

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#### SAD SUICIDE

Mrs. Amelia Harmen Hangs Herself with Binding Wire. Because Her Husband First Robbed and then Deserted Her.

One of the saddest suicides it has ever been our lot to chronicle occurred in this city last Monday, when Mrs. Amelia Harmen, sister of Adolph and Moris

Schultze, took her own life in a stable loft on her own premises.

Five or six years ago Henry Harmen came to this city from Nebraska. He wooed and won Amelia who was the mother of one child and who by her own industry had built her a comfortable home.

About two years ago Harmen induced his wife to mortgage her home for \$600, and this money he soon squandered in some way, no one knows how. About three weeks ago he secured another loan on the property for \$400 and immediately set about to rob his wife and family and everybody else from whom he could obtain credit. As soon as he had secured all that he could he packed his trunk and skipped out, no one knows where. His conduct and the possibility of the poor wife losing her home so prayed upon her mind that her reason seems to have been destroyed. On Monday she left her four children in the house, the two youngest being twins about seven months old and going to the barn, got up in the loft where she was found by neighbors an hour or so later, stone dead, hanging by the neck to a wire taken from a bale of hay which was made fast to a rafter. It was apparent that she had first tried to kill herself by cutting her wrists with a butcher knife, and had made two attempts to hang herself with wires before she succeeded. Her clothing was full of blood and blood stains appeared at different places in the loft. Kind neighbors gathered in and after the coroners inquest took charge of the remains and the children.

She was prepared for burial and on Tuesday was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

The children have been provided for but are scattered being taken by different families.

Harmen, the villainous brute, who first robbed his wife and then murdered her, as it were, should be hunted down and punished for his wickedness. Hanging is too good for him.

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#### THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

On last Monday, April 27, Mr. and Mrs. Melchair Euper celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Fifty years ago in the city of Vienna, Austria, Mr. M. Euper was married to Miss Eva Herold. Ten years later they removed to this city where they have since resided, sharing alike the joys and sorrows that go to make up life. Here their children grew up and three of them are still here, while three, Edward, Frank & Theodore, have passed away, all of them dying away from home. The other three, Mrs. Henry Minchart, William L. and Henry Euper were present on this anniversary, which will be a memorable event in the pages of their life's history. Mr. Euper is 74 years of age while Mrs. Euper is 69. We have known them intimately for thirty years and advance the hope that they may live to see their diamond wedding.

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**May 8, 1891**

Gargoyle: It was in the summer when Eve was created.

Mrs. Gargoyle: How do you know?

Gargoyle: I infer it from the fact that it was before the fall.

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Arkansas has a school enrollment of 223,071 and the total expenditure per capita is \$4.57.

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The mystery of the disappearance of Miss Lena Owens from Des Arc last week has been explained. It now turns out that she was not abducted, as first supposed, by villains bent on securing her property, but by a lover who was bent upon marrying her, and who succeeded in his design.

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**THE BRIDGE CELEBRATION**

To be the Grandest Event Fort Smith ever had.

Many Eminent Speakers to be present.

The Bridge Celebration committee are hard at work getting things ready for the 27th and much enthused over the prospects for their efforts being crowned with success. Among the many orators to be present are Hon. Clifton R. Breckenridge of the second district, Hon. W.L. Terry of the 4th, Gov. James P. Eagle, J.J. Ingalls of Kansas and many others.

The trades procession will be the grandest thing of the kind ever witnessed in Fort Smith.

Invitations are being sent out in every direction and are an excellent advertisement of Fort Smith and her advantages in themselves.

Reduced rates have been secured over all railroads — half fare, or one fare for the round trip.

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**May 15, 1891**

Fort Smith is at present revelling in the luxury of beautiful flowers to an almost unlimited extent. No city of the same size anywhere can boast of a greater quantity or surpass us in quality. Nearly every door yard shows the care and attention bestowed and the result is at once beautiful and gratifying.

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**REAL ESTATE FOR CATTLE**

Any person having cattle to trade for Fort Smith property improved, should call on or communicate with John Harrington at once.

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**May 22, 1891**

**A FORT SMITH MAN MAKES A BIG DEAL**

We clip the following from the Arkansas Democrat of the 16th.

Mr. M.J. Clay of Little Rock, is one of the heirs of the Robert Edwards estate in New York.

Robert Edwards was his great uncle. The estate which is valued at \$205,000,000, will have to be divided among scores of relatives. Mr. Clay has sold

his interest in the estate to Harry E. Kelley, of Fort Smith, for \$100,000. Mr. Kelley will take steps at once to establish his claim and secure his portion of the estate. This is a big deal, and if successful will place Mr. Clay in excellent circumstances.

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**WANTED**

A good healthy boy fifteen or sixteen years of age to learn the trade of a carriage maker. Apply at the carriage factory of Armbruster & Krueel, Junction of Catholic Avenue and Mulberry street.

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Deputy Marshall Paden Talbot isn't nearly so dead as reported several days ago. He was able to bring in two distillers of "Mountain Dew" Monday from Newton county. McPherson and Schinner are the guilty parties. They were captured in the mountains of Newton county. They had stolen a still from the Millsap gang of moonshiners after their capture, and gone into business as amateurs.

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Your Mother's Maiden Name can be given by spiritual influence through the interpretation of Mrs. M.A. Tabor, the renowned spiritual Medium, Room 5, Southern Hotel, Fort Smith.

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**PAVING OF SIXTH STREET**

All indications are favorable to the early paving of Sixth street and when this is done that thoroughfare will be a source of pleasure to our citizens. The Paving Commission has labored and is still laboring under the great disadvantage occasioned by the fact that there are several valuable pieces of property on this street not subject to taxation. Among them being the Belle Grove school property, St. John's church and the Masonic Temple. The school board is investigating the legality of making an appropriation to help the work along, and it is probable now that such action will be taken.

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**May 29, 1891**

**GRAND PICNIC**

There will be a grand picnic given by the colored citizens of the Choctaw Nation on June 18th, 1891, six miles south of Fort Smith at Coleman Crossing on the Frisco Road. Everybody is invited. All kinds of refreshments will be on the ground.

Committee: W.H. Hays, W.M. James, M. Donnii, W.F. Williams.

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**June 5, 1891**

Our city council is receiving considerable gratuitous advertising over the state for its generous action in appropriating \$650 for the purpose of uniforming our fire department. Their action is being held up as an example worthy of emulation by the city fathers of other towns in the state, notably Little Rock and Pine Bluff.



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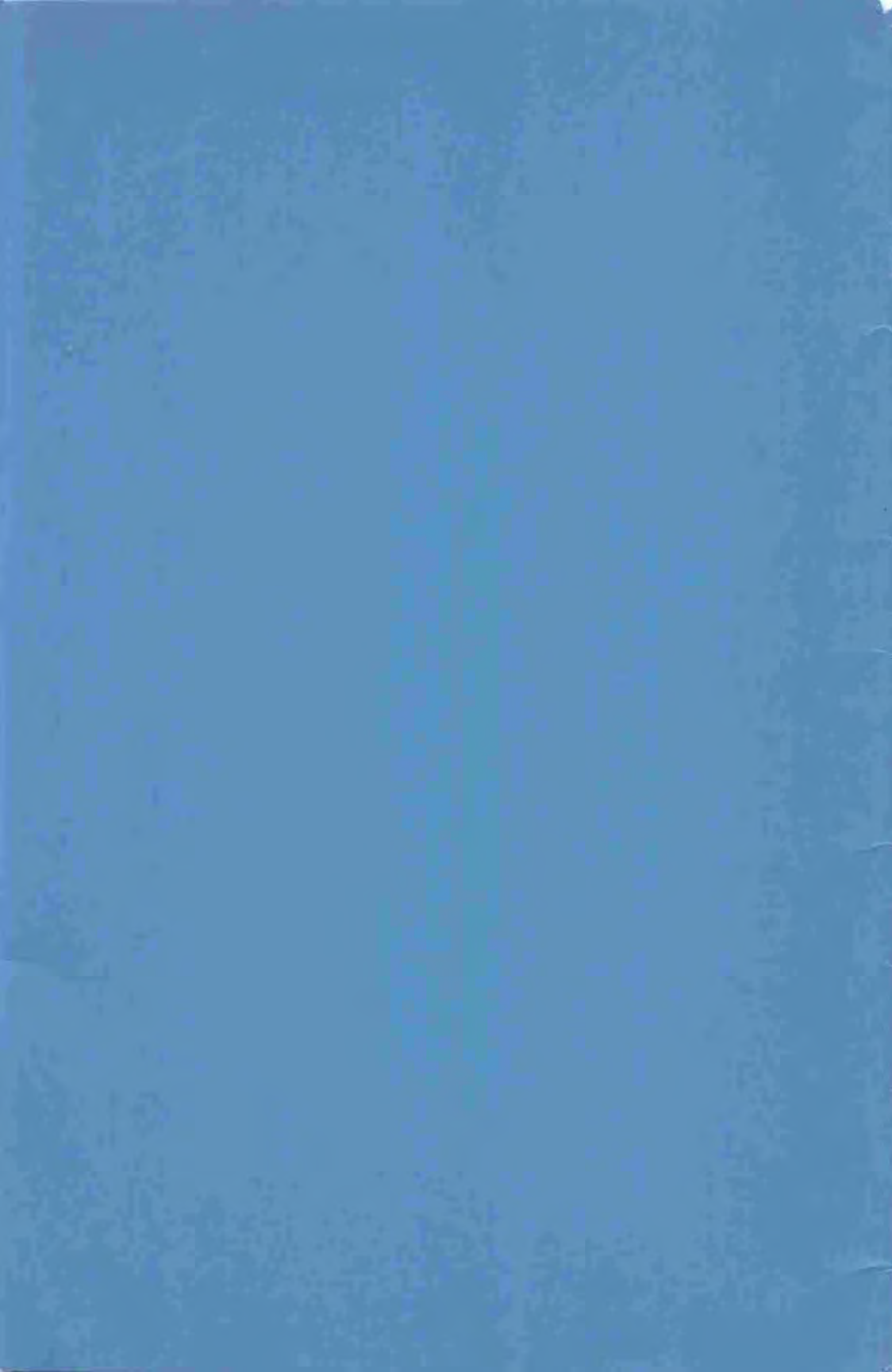
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**FORT SMITH ELEVATOR**  
June 12, 1891 - December 25, 1891

Extracted from microfilm at the Fort Smith Public Library by Mary Lou Jacobsen.

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June 12, 1891

George Sengel, Martine Theurer and James Dodson each won a gold medal in the National Tournament of Sharpshooters at St. Louis Wednesday. It is impossible to keep a Fort Smith man down.

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The festive burglar was abroad in the land Tuesday night. The residence of Sam Redding on Eleventh street was visited and Sam was "touched" for a gold watch. At Mr. Henning's a silver watch was secured.

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Mr. Ed McNally and Miss Margaret Dwyer were married on Wednesday morning last at the Catholic church by Rev. I. Smythe. Both the bride and groom are life long residents of Fort Smith and have many friends here who wish them much joy and happiness in their new relations.

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June 19, 1891

FORT SMITH COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

And School

PHOENETIC SHORT - HAND

Students can enroll now — For Catalogue write  
Geo. M. Neale, Fort Smith, Ark.

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Eggs for hatching. From pure bred brown Leghorn fowls. 50 cents for 13. H.R. Wier, 713 Pine Street

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The modern Beauty and the Beast. He calls her beauty before they marry, and she calls him beast after.

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The LeGrande Hotel burned last Thursday night about 11:30, parties passing the LeGrande Hotel discovered fire issuing from the linen room on the first floor. An alarm was turned in but owing to the delay in notifying the fire department, the flames had gotten a good headway before the laddies arrived. Chief Little instructed the firemen to direct their attention to saving the adjoining buildings as he saw it was useless to try and save the hotel. The building burned rapidly and in an hour the inside was completely wrecked and the walls began to topple over. The store building owned by Mrs. Emma

Johnson and occupied by Federstein and Ayers with a stock of general merchandise was badly damaged by falling walls. The stock of goods was saved in a damaged condition. The LeGrande was built at a cost of \$22,000 and was owned by Messrs. Samuel A. McCloud and W.J. Johnson. There was an insurance of \$10,000 on the building and \$1250 on the furniture which was owned by Louie Berdell. This was the worst fire Fort Smith has had in a number of years. We have not learned what will be done about rebuilding the hotel.

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The excursion of the steamer John Mathews to Wilson's Rock last Sunday was a delightful affair and thoroughly enjoyed by those who went. The excursion boat left the wharf at the foot of Garrison Avenue at 10 returning about 6:30. The excursion will be continued throughout the summer.

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## DYING OF RABIES AFTER SEVEN YEARS

Seven years ago, Henry Oliver of Excelsior, this county, now about 21 years of age, was bitten by a mad dog. A few days ago, hydrophobia developed, and reports say he is now in deplorable condition. His reason has left him, he barks and whines like a dog, and at times raves like a mad man. His recovery is dispaired of. The unfortunate young man was recently married.

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June 26, 1891

Gov. Hogg of Texas had three bright children, two girls and one boy whose names are, respectively, Ima Hogg, Ura Hogg, and Moore Hogg. Those names were bestowed by the Governor himself.

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## FOR RENT

Four room house on DuVal Street near Towson Avenue, \$8. per month.

No. 708 Eleventh Street, five or six rooms, \$10. a month.

No. 310 Garrison Avenue, \$30. per month.

No. 310 Fitzgerald Street, nine rooms, one of the best finished houses in the city.

Rooms over 9 and 11 North Ninth Street, very convenient.

Two houses on Lexington Avenue at \$7. and \$10. a month.

Call on Carnall Bros.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY





THE BALLEW FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA printed its 10th anniversary issue of the *Ballew Family Journal* in the Spring of 1991. For membership application write to The Ballew Family Association of America, 2711 Leslie Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345.

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We have received from Marguerite Gilstrap a copy of her book "Our Gilstrap Grandparents". It is the history of the family of Frances Abigail (Fanny) Voes

and Jessie Gilstrap, who were married July 5, 1877. Born in Washington County, Arkansas, they were descended from colonists who came to America in the middle of the 18th century, fought in the Revolution, and whose grandchildren began moving west early in the 1800's.

A few copies are still available at \$5.00 each. Order from Marguerite Gilstrap, 1311 Delaware Ave., Apt. 848, Washington DC 20024.

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## Inquiries

Can anyone help me? Need to locate relatives of D'MAYO MARKS, Fort Smith photographer circa 1898. Would also like to contact anyone who has photographs made by him. Amelia Martin, Fort Smith Historical Society, c/o Fort Smith Public Library, 61 South 8th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or call 501-783-1237.

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Need marriage license or bond for a COMFORT CURNUTT and RANSOM PATTY about 1854. Lana S. Ary, 3670 East Woodlark St., Lancaster, CA 93535. Phone 805-945-4782.

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Need information on FRANK and BELL LEWIS who lived in Diamond Township, Sebastian County near the town of Huntington when the June 8, 1900 census was taken. They were married ca 1882. Bell's sister Lula married Frank's brother Thomas. Peggy Lewis Kennedy, 4564 Monahans, El Paso, TX 79924. Phone (home) 915-757-1570, (office) 800-627-0918.

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I am trying to locate some form of death records or cemetery records for my ancestors: FANNIE M. REECE REED, d. January 17, 1919 at Ozark, AR; JOHN T. REED, d. after 1932 at Ozark, AR and ALCY E. (ELIZABETH) BAUCOM TRIPP, d. June 6, 1956 at Ozark, AR. Barbara Reed Thompson, 1243 Gavin Drive, Marysville, CA 95901.

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Please accept the enclosed check as payment for my membership in your historical society. I have enclosed some family group sheets.

I am studying the following surnames in the Fort Smith area: BAKER, FARRIS, OVERTURF, RICHISON/RICHARDSON, SHERFIELD/SHEFFIELD, WILKINS, and would like to correspond with descendents of the following who lived in Crawford and Sebastian Counties, AR: John WILKINS (1838) and Mary RICHISON (1846), George W. RICHISON/RICHARDSON (1822) and Sarah BAR/BARROW (1828), Elisha BAKER (1850) and Elizabeth "Lizzie Beth" (1861) [her later married names were ORNDORFF/ORNDOFF and FARRIS]. Susan M. (Oliver) Lugar, 7333 East 63rd Place So., Tulsa, OK 74133-1110. Phone 918-254-6372.

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I am looking for MILLINER relatives who are now or have previously lived in the Fort Smith area. Cecil L. Milliner, 3815 Gundry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807.

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E.L. MECHEM, P.O. Box 97, Rm. 11403, 500 Gold SW, Albuquerque, NM 87103, writes sending a biography of his father, Edwin Mechem, who was a deputy U.S. Marshal in the Poteau area after Judge Parker had left the bench, and copies of some letters written by Edwin Mechem and C.F. Byrns. We will share this information with you in a future issue of *The Journal*.

We appreciate Mr. Mechem's thoughtfulness in sending this to us, and encourage other readers to send us family histories and copies of photographs, letters or other documents which deal with Fort Smith history.

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Looking for any information pertaining to the SHARP family from 1857 to the 1880's. Our SHARP family entered Arkansas from Mississippi in 1857, first to Independence county and secondly to the Perry/Conway county areas, John and Altha A. Sharp and thirteen children. One was W.J. Sharp (William Jack), my paternal great grandfather, who had six children, five in Arkansas and one in Mississippi. Silas, b. in Mississippi, is my direct family line. His second son was named Martin and figures prominently into the Little Rock and Fort Smith area history. J.C. Hanks, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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Thank you for your response to my letter. I am enclosing \$10.00 for membership dues in the Society. I hope this includes the cost of a copy of your most recent issue of *The Journal* (April 1991)... I am researching the surnames of SPENCER and LEMASTER in the Sebastian, Crawford and Logan County area.

I am especially looking for a newspaper article or court records for a homicide trial of William Thomas Spencer held in the summer of 1933 or 1934. The trial was held in Greenwood in the Sebastian County Courthouse for an incident at Moore's Rock (2 miles north of Lavaca). Michael Spencer, 1305 East Denny Way #310, Seattle, WA 98122. Phone 206-328-2342.



TO BE HUNG TUESDAY

Boudinet Crumpton will be hung on Tuesday next for the murder of Sam Morgan Nov. 3, 1889, near Muskogee, Creek Nation. The condemned appears to realize his approaching end and converses freely on the dreadful ordeal through which he must pass. He maintains his innocence, and says his life has been sworn away by designing men. Says he is ready to go and doesn't care how quickly it is over. He is but 22 years old, and a splendid specimen of physical manhood.

(A graphic description of the hanging can be read in the July 3rd 1889 issue of the *Elevator*— it was too long to extract.)

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The Frisco Railroad Company has filed a \$60,000,000 mortgage in the office of the circuit clerk in the Fort Smith District, which would indicate that some valuable improvements on the line are likely to be made in the near future.

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THE BRIDGE CASE

Since the decision by Judge Parker in the bridge case, the matter has been the theme of conversation in all quarters. It is a heavy blow to the interest of Fort Smith, and while no one questions the legality of the decision, there is much dissatisfaction expressed. It does seem unjust to a general public that a ferry charter must stand in the way of progress and civilization, and yet such is the case. The public on both sides of the river can view a magnificent wagon and foot bridge, but if anyone desires to cross the Arkansas, they must wait their turn on the ferry boat, and put their teams through the sand bars and up the steep banks. All laws giving charters should be wiped out. As the case now stands the bridge cannot be used probably until congress meets, when the charter can be amended so lands can be condemned for approaches.

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July 3, 1891

THE DEVLIN SHOE STORE

Manufacturers and Dealers

BOOTS, SHOES, LEATHER AND FINDINGS

\$3.00

JAMES MEANS' SHOES!

The Best in America for the Money  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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The Indian Journal of the 25th says the Dalton gang is reported as being in the Verdi Gris bottoms about seven miles below the Frisco bridge. An old man and his boys who claim to know them well say they have seen them there several times of late and that their horses are completely worn out.

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July 10, 1891

Work on Hendrix College at Conway has been delayed some on account of brick not being furnished promptly.

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ATTENTION HOUSEKEEPERS

There is an abundance of fruit and sugar is cheap. Why not put up sufficient quantity for two years? There may be a failure in fruits next year. You can get glass jars, extra rubbers and tops and tin cans at John Vaughan's.

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About the busiest place in Fort Smith at this present time is out at the Canning and Food Package factory. About 200 hands are at work and every department is going with a rush. Corn is being canned now, and an enormous lot of it will be put up. A visit to the factory will be time well spent. It is one of the institutions of which Fort Smith is justly proud.

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Mrs. C.S. Smart and family, Mrs. Dr. Moulton and family and Miss Mattie Crockett are spending the heated term at Manitou Springs.

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President Harrison is quite a walker, and is very fond of such exercise. Just now, however, he's probably more interested in knowing whether he will be called on to run.

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It is earnestly desired by the Chamber of Commerce of this city that there shall be a good delegation go to the World's Fair Convention at Little Rock, August 6. The importance of having Arkansas properly represented at Chicago can hardly be estimated and it is hoped that a representative body will go from this city.

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July 24, 1891

THE FIREMANS' TOURNAMENT

A Great Time Expected -

Preparations Almost Completed

The date for holding the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Firemen's Association comes on apace, and almost before we are aware of it, the 4th of August will have arrived and with it the grand Tournament which will eclipse anything of the kind ever held in the state. Realizing these facts the committee on arrangements have been unusually active the past week and now assure that everything is in readiness for the event. All the principal cities of the state will be represented by their fire departments and a royal good time is promised to all who come. In addition to races, competition for prizes, parades, eight or ten bands, and innumerable other attractions, arrangements are being made to give one of the most expensive and attractive display of fire works ever seen in the state. The pieces are being made to order and the gentleman who has charge of this portion of the entertainment promises something out of the usual order of things in this line. Come to Fort Smith August 4, 5, and 6 and you will never regret it.

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**CONTRACT LET**

Monday afternoon the bids for building the Trinity M.E. Church were opened and the contracts for the different portions of the work let as follows: for the foundation, Sam Berry \$848. for the cut stone, Jacob Sethold \$875. for the super structure Fred Schanter and E.G. Slavin \$6,800. The above figures do not include the heating or furniture. Indiana stone and Fort Smith vitrafiad brick will be used. The building is to be completed by the first of December and will be dedicated by Bishop John P. Newton. The total cost when completed will be \$10,750. This will be one of the handsomest church buildings in the city.

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**July 31, 1891**

George W. Maledon was united in marriage to Miss Nellie W. Cook in Fairview addition last Saturday night by Rev. Vance.

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**August 7, 1891**

**CHEROKEE ELECTION**

Mays re-elected beyond question.

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The rainfall in this city last week averaged 7½ inches. All this water fell within a space of five days and the older inhabitants can hardly recall the time when a greater amount of rain fell within the same space of time.

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The Chamber of Commerce rooms present quite an artistic appearance, since the walls have been so profusely decorated with pictures of our public buildings and places of interest. Short Bros. recently presented the Chamber with most excellent views of Belle Grove school house, the two court houses, the opera house and Baer Memorial Temple, the bridge and an interior view of the cotton compress, a picture of Garrison Avenue, etc. The pictures have been neatly framed and now adorn the walls of the room. Mr. B.Z. Greenaway also presented the Chamber of Commerce with a very handsome view of South Sixth street, including both of the court houses, which he had framed. These pictures with the handsome group of pictures presented by Edwin Gould add much to the attractiveness of the room.

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**August 21, 1891**

The old fashioned way of putting a cabbage leaf in the top of one's hat on a hot day was a good one, and should be revived. It costs nothing and is a great protection against sunstroke.

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**"GUS, THE NEWS BOY" IN IT**

Gus McCullough, the news boy, is in jail for forgery and his case looks very serious. Gus forged the name of Lee Sandels to a bond given to the Kansas City Star and allowed a debt of \$145 to accrue to it. As soon as the matter came to light, Gus was arrested and landed in jail where he will likely

remain until the sitting of the next Grand Jury. Gus is a light mulatto, who was born and raised here, his father being a brother of Gen. Ben McCullough and his mother a handsome mulatto girl, once owned by the lamented Uncle Jerre Kannady. Gus is an energetic young fellow, and by his industry had attained a very good reputation, which he has ruined by a simple stroke of his pen.

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Short Bros. of this city agrees to present the farmer bringing in the first bale of cotton to this market with one dozen fine \$5 cabinet photographs of himself, his family or his best girl. Don't forget this offer.

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**August 28, 1891**

**HARLAN THE TAILOR  
FORT SMITH, ARK**

Our Fall and Winter Suitings, Trouserings and Over-Coatings are now ready for your inspection. Our styles are the noblest made. Call and take a look.

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**WANTED** — A good servant girl by a small family. Must understand housework and some cooking. Good wages paid. Apply to S. Fellner.

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**September 4, 1891**

The two story residence of Harry L. Monroe has been moved from over near the Catholic Cemetery to his lot on the corner of Fifteenth and Sycamore.

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James Stilts was found wandering around loose in the house of Mr. Rogers, on Tenth Street, Saturday night and was taken in charge. He is a regular cowboy and does not look much like a burglar. He was under the "influence" to some extent and was fined \$25.

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The German Bank has leased the Breen building, corner South Sixth Street and Garrison Avenue, and will move into it about October 1st or as soon as the work of setting it up can be completed.

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Tom Hocott is at home again after spending two months at the Law School at A.I.U. at Fayetteville, Ark., where he took a very successful examination, and is now prepared to transact any and all kinds of business entrusted to his care. He can be found at Jo Johnson's office where he will make his headquarters for the present.

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**September 11, 1891**

**WANTED** — Position as music teacher in school; or a class of 15 or more pupils in Arkansas or Territory. Long experience, best methods. Address "TEACHER", 517 Fitzgerald Street, Fort Smith.

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### BIG SHOW COMING

Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Rail Road Shows. Three Ring Circus and Elevated Stages, Museum, Menagerie, Roman Hippodrome and Roman Gala Day Sports and Spectaculars is billed to appear in Fort Smith, September 30. Owing to arrangements made by the American Showman's Pooled League this will be the only large Rail Road show that will visit Fort Smith this year. Be in town early and see the magnificent free street parade. Don't forget the date, Sept. 30.

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**September 18, 1891**

The city is macadamizing the Hotel Main alley with rocks broken by city prisoners and Commissioner Beck is making a splendid job of it.

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The cornerstone of the Trinity M.E. Church was laid on Tuesday last under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity. The ceremonies were both interesting and impressive. Judge I.C. Parker was the orator of the occasion and delivered a beautiful and instructive address to the assembled multitude.

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**October 2, 1891**

### DEATH OF DR. J.H.T. MAIN

Dr. John Hanson Thomas Main, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Fort Smith, died Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock after a short illness occasioned by nervous prostration. His death took place at the old family residence where he had lived for two score years. He was in his 78th year. Dr. Main was born in Frederick County, Maryland, Nov. 13, 1812. He came to Fort Smith 54 years ago and resided here continually ever since. May 5, 1848, he was united in marriage with Isabella, daughter of Joseph Armorer, in this city. Of this union one child was born, Lillie, the wife of Dr. W.W. Bailey. Dr. Main was a prominent Mason and had held several exalted positions in that order. Funeral services will take place today at 2 o'clock with Masonic honors. We shall give more extended notice of Dr. Main's life in our next week's issue.

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### A LIBRARY IS PROSPECT

The Fortnightly Club had a meeting at Mrs. Lyman's Tuesday and it was resolved to ask for a charter for the Fortnightly Public Library. A committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing the necessary papers and looking after the work. Stock at \$5 per share is to be subscribed. Judge Parker, Capt. Echols, Judge Rogers and others have promised their assistance and there is no doubt but that Fort Smith in a short time will have a good public library, something that has been needed for a long time.

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**(HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY, FROM THE FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY)**

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Gen. Powell Clayton of Eureka Springs, was in the city Sunday, the guest of his brother, W.H.H. Clayton.

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**October 16, 1891**

The Crawford County quorum court appropriated \$6000 to build a jail at Van Buren.

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If you have money to deposit in a bank, no matter how small or large an amount, nor in what way you wish to deposit it, or banking business of any kind to transact, first visit the German Bank, at 508 Garrison Avenue. We will pay 4 percent interest on deposits left with us six months or longer.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The tailors of Fort Smith have adopted the J.T.U. of A. label to be used on all work after October 12, 1891. The color of this label is white and will be found in the inside pocket of the coats, on the back straps of vest and the waist band of the trousers. THIS LABEL IS A GUARANTEE OF FIRST CLASS WORK made by Union labor and not swindlers. All purchasers of custom clothing desiring full value for their money should patronize only such tailors as use this label.

Any counterfeiting of the label will be prosecuted according to law.

(Signed) Journeymen Tailors Union of America

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**October 23, 1891**

### THE U.S. COURT AND GEO. MALEDON

The United States court opened in Fort Smith last week with many cases on the docket. This court has the most extensive jurisdiction of any in the United States. More prisoners are tried and convicted here of serious offenses than at any other court in this country and more people are hanged here than at any other place in the Union. Here also resides the most noted executioner in America, George Maledon, who has hanged more people than any other man now in the business and never did a "bad job". Maledon seems to take pride in his profession. Launching a man into eternity appears to have no more effect on his nervous system than castor oil on a graven image.

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**November 13, 1891**

Don't forget the Business Men's Jubilee at the Opera House Tonight.

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### AN ASSIGNMENT

Last Friday at noon, the large music and stationary house of Bradley, Black and Co. closed its doors, and an assignment was made to Gus A. Gill, President of the German Bank. The assets are amply sufficient to meet the liabilities and creditors of the firm will doubtless be paid in full. The failure is regretted by all and general sympathy is expressed for the individual members of the firm.

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### November 20, 1891

A quiet wedding took place on Twelfth Street last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. M.N. Ayers, the consenting parties being Mr. H.H. Hoover and Miss Carrie Ayers, both of this city. Rev. J.A. Kincaid performed the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet affair only a few intimate friends being present. Mr. & Mrs. Hoover have gone to housekeeping in their newly furnished house at \_\_\_\_\_ (number illegible) Twelfth Street.

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### December 11, 1891

Dr. G.W. Smith left Wednesday for New York. Some time ago the Doctor was stricken with facial paralysis. He has in great measure recovered but hopes, by a visit to some of the leading physicians in New York, to obtain a complete restoration. He will be absent about thirty days when he will return to resume his large practice. He goes by Lexington, Ky., where he will pay a visit to his daughter who is attending school there. The *Elevator* joins Dr. Smith's many friends in the wish that he may return sound and well.

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### December 18, 1891

(The December, 1891 issue carries brief histories of some of the businesses and biographical sketches of business leaders from Fort Smith and surrounding area communities, including pictures of some of the leaders. The information is too long to extract for the *Journal*, but we are printing here the names of Fort Smith and Van Buren businesses and leaders which are included. Readers interested in the information published on leaders from Hackett City, Greenwood, Mansfield, Huntington and Indian Territory, check the *Fort Smith Elevator* microfilm for this date at the Fort Smith Public Library.)

J.D. Van Winkle & Co., Merchant  
P. Devlin & Sons Manufacturers and Dealers of fine footwear  
Wright & Robinson, Abstractors  
J.H. Smythe, Jeweler  
W.J. Echols & Co., Grocers and Cotton Factors  
J.N. & C.R. Cummings, exporters of hardwood lumber and log  
W.H. Cole, Wholesale and Retail Drugs  
R.C. Bollinger, Piano & Musical Instrument Store  
S. (F.?) Shouse, Place Drug Store  
J. (W.?) Williams, President; W.J. Echols, Vice President; A.G. Williams, Sec & Treas; Williams-Echols Dry Goods Co.  
Gannaway Bros., Druggists  
L.C. Hinds, Variety Store  
Caldwell & Weems, Central Drug Store  
P.R. Davis & Son, Wholesale Grocers  
R.M. Fry, Esq.  
John B. Nedry, J.P.  
Reynolds, Foster & Co., Wholesale Grocers and Cotton Factors  
George Tilles, Mutual Life Ins. Co., New York  
James E. Clark, Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York

Prof. W.D. Botefuhr, Conservatory of Music  
Klein & Fink, Jewelers  
Chas. M. Cooke, Mayor  
T. Hadden Humphreys, City of Fort Smith  
Tobias Kelly & Son, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Fresh Meat  
Drake Hardwood Lumber Co., Mr. L.E. Whybark, manager  
Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has done so much to advertise Fort Smith and Western Arkansas, was organized a little more than four years ago.)  
Tony Marre, Holiday Goods, Candy and Fruits  
Samuel Edmondson, J.P.  
Hon. James B. Gann/Gass(?), City Engineer  
Tom O'Leary, Saloon and Restaurant  
George W. Johnson, Jeweler  
John Worner, Merchant (Van Buren)  
J.G. Miller and C.W. Jones, Lumber Mill and factory (V.B.)  
J.W. Roach, J.P. (V.B.)  
W.A. Briscoe, Groceries & Confectionary (V.B.)  
J.T. Key, Van Buren Wagon Shop  
J.T. Clark, Photographer (V.B.)  
Crawford County Bank, Robert S. Hynes, D.W. Moore and Jesse Turner (V.B.)  
John Kerwin (formerly of Fort Smith) Manufactures and Deals in saddlery and harness (V.B.)  
F.G. Kerr, Pharmacy (V.B.)  
Palace Drug Store, A.V. Hays (V.B.)  
Citizens Bank, B.J. Brown, L.H. Southmayd, W.H.H. Shibley, F.G. Kerr, George R. Wood, William Bowlin, J.D. Ha(illegible), F.E. Cooper, and R.J. Miller (V.B.)  
H.C. Pernot, Merchant and Picture Framer (V.B.)  
J.G. Miller, Manufacturer and Dealer in Building Materials  
D.J. Young, Manufacturer of bricks and owner of Fort Smith Steam Bottling Works, president of Fort Smith Mining and Smelting Co., and connected with a number of other businesses  
Ayers & Company, Hardware dealers  
Lunsford Bros., Blacksmiths  
J.H. Baker, Insurance  
Hon. Jacob Yoes, United States Marshal, Western District of Arkansas  
Samuel Peters, Feed and Wagon Store  
Taylor & Powell, liquor dealers, succeeded J.R. & W.J. Satterfield  
Ed A. Thomas and M.F. Smith, Plumbing Co.  
A.M. Smith & Co., Wall Paper, artists supplies, window shades, etc.  
John Haupt & John Sharron, liquor, beer and wine  
John Kennedy, J.P. and Chief of Police, Fort Smith  
J.M. Kelleam, M.D. (biography and photograph)  
B.Z. Gannaway & Son, John M. Gannaway, Photographers  
Frank Bollinger, Commission and Wholesale business in fruits and produce  
B.B. Burney, Tailor  
Dr. Harrison, Physician  
Dr. Miller, Physician  
John C. Smith, Grocer



Armbruster & Kruehl, manufacturer of carriages,  
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Cons S. Wilson  
Arkansas Telephone Co.  
Dr. Harrison, President and Treasurer  
W.S. Harrison, Vice-president  
K.B. Harrison, Secretary  
Instrument invented by Dr. Harrison and  
manufactured in Fort Smith  
Hon. John Carnall  
Messrs. Pendergrast and McShane, The Arcade  
J.S. Meek, Fort Smith Cotton Warehouse manager;  
Ketcham Iron Company, W.N. Ayres, President;  
J.C. Stalcup, Secretary, Treasurer and  
Superintendent  
C.R. Jones, Liquor  
Gibson & Wood, Grocers  
W.S. Waddle, City Bakery  
Lewis Walton, Loan Bank  
W.C. Ballinger, Mercantile  
J.C. Atkinson, Hardware  
Fleming and Weaver, Life Insurance  
A.J. Ingle, Manufactures wagons and wagon parts,  
blacksmith, etc.  
James Hoey, Lumber Yard, building supplies  
J.R. Gant, M.D.  
R.H. Adair, Secretary Chamber of Commerce  
C.F. Speaker, Carpenter and furniture repairing  
F.M. Masters, Fort Smith Electric and Electro-  
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J.H. Jones, Grain, hay and feed  
Hon. Wm. M. Fishback  
W.B. Hendrix & Co., Groceries  
R.J. Abbott, flour, feed, seeds, grain, etc.  
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J. Lee Grace & Co., Drug Store  
Isaac C. Parker, Federal Judge  
Edgar E. Bryant, Circuit Judge  
Col. Ben T. DuVal  
Jo Johnson, Attorney  
Humphry & Warner, Attorneys  
Hon. Wm. H.H. Clayton, District Attorney, Western  
District of Arkansas  
Hon. James R. Forester, Lawyer  
Hon. James Brizzolara

T.P. Winchester, Attorney  
J. Warren Reed, Esq., Attorney  
Col. Thomas E. Ward, Attorney  
Hon. H.T. Kerr, Attorney  
Alfred H. Boles, Attorney  
George A. Grace, Attorney  
Hon. L.B. Cady, Attorney  
Hon. Thos. M. Barnes, Attorney  
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L.E. Payne, Druggist  
B.A. Uptmere, Cigar Manufacturer  
J.K. Jones, Liquors, cigars, etc.  
Will Wirsing, Guns and Ammunition  
H.G. Boesser, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry  
John H. Barber, Liquor, tobacco, etc.

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**December 25, 1891**

CONTEST CLOSED

Mrs. C.P. Wilson and Miss Fannie Wheeler are the winners. The *Elevator* Contest for the most popular married and young lady closed on Wednesday night at 10 o'clock and the votes were counted by Messrs. Geo. Sengel, W.J. Johnston, and Mr. Rogers. The successful candidates were Mrs. C.P. Wilson and Miss Fannie Wheeler. Winners received monetary awards, but the microfilm of the newspaper was blurred at this point and illegible.



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January 8, 1892

STATE NEWS

Twenty-two saloon licenses have been taken out in Hot Springs for the year 1892.

A movement is on foot to organize a State baseball league. Little Rock, Fort Smith, Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, Hope, Van Buren and other towns are expected to enter.

The business men of Clarksville have signed a petition agreeing not to sell cigarettes anymore. Papers in and out of State are requested to mention this fact.

The cost of taking the eleventh census was \$3,600,385.00.

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Garrison Avenue, Wednesday was a howling desert, a stormy, dirty Sahara, shunned by all who had no business thereon. A great many citizens have more sand in their craw now than they formerly had. The gentleman who operates the street sprinkler was in demand, and Mayor Cooke had three or four members of the police force looking for him. It was dusty, and no mistake.

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A good respectable well-to-do lady who has no children wants a girl 9 to 12 years old to raise. A good home guaranteed. Call at 505 Garrison Avenue, Ft. Smith, Ark.

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Sheriff Williams and his deputy, Mr. M.S. Rutherford, will start their tour of the county Monday, and will pay strict attention to business until tax collecting time comes to a close.

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T.G. Overstreet of Cowlington I.T. made the *Elevator* a pleasant call Tuesday, and renewed his subscription for another year.

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A party of hunters composed of T.M. Dodge, John Speaker, J.H. Durham, Gus Cramaer, Eli Mitchell, and John Geiger left for Winding Stair Mountain in the Territory, Monday. They went by train as far as Albion, and from there by wagon conveyance. They were loaded for "Bar", but will annihilate any smaller game which may happen to get in their way.

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YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK

By calling on John Barber who keeps a restaurant in connection with his saloon near Texas Corner. He quotes the following prices on whiskies:

Golden Grain,	per gal	\$3.00
Fine Bourbon,	per gal	2.00
Best Corn,	per gal	2.00
Alcohol,	per gal	3.00

He keeps a full line of wines and liquors of all kinds.

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January 15, 1892

THE KREBBS HORROR!

Two Hundred Miners Meet an Awful Fate

Mr. J.B. Turner and Col. Clayton of this city, came in from McAlester last Friday and reported a fearful mine disaster had happened at Krebs, in which scores of men had lost their lives. Mr. Turner who was in McAlester at the time, together with hundreds of others went to Krebs and visited the scene of the explosion. In conversation with a representative of the *Elevator* he stated that he hoped never again, as long as he lived, to witness such a heart rending sight.

(The full report of the disaster is too lengthy to extract.)

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We are selling five pounds of good coffee, twenty-one pounds of brown sugar and eighteen pounds of granulated sugar for one dollar.

Hightower Bros.

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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY





**January 29, 1892**

W.J. Echols, President      C.S. Smart, Cashier  
MERCHANTS BANK,  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Capital                      \$100,000  
Surplus                      100,000  
Undivided Profit              80,000

Largest Bank in Western Arkansas

This bank does not pay interest on Deposits of any kind, we do not claim to do your business cheaper or better than any first class institution, yet we do promise prompt and careful attention to all business entrusted to our care. Our record will bear out this assertion.

**DIRECTORS**

W.J. Echols              J.B. Williams              H.J. Brown  
W.M. Cravens          Eugene Henderson          P.E. Davis



**THE BRIDGE CASE REVERSAL**

Jay Gould Draws Second Blood  
in his Fight with the Ferry Company  
Announcement of the Decision  
Received with Joy in this City

The best news Fort Smith has heard for many days was the telegram announcing that the St. Louis Court of Appeals had reversed Judge Parker's decision in the case of the Arkansas Valley R.R. Co. vs Payne et al. The public interest involved made the case of more than ordinary importance. Not only were the citizens of Fort Smith deeply concerned but the inhabitants of the Cherokee Nation were deeply interested. This was one time when the whole people almost to a unit, sided with the railroad company.

The opening of the bridge to wagons and foot passengers means a great deal to Fort Smith and the country lying across the river. It means thousands of dollars more in trade to our merchants, and will bring a new era in the history of our retail business. We have been unable to secure a copy of the decision in full.



**February 5, 1892**

Gen. Mgr. George C. Smith and Supt. H.E. Ricker of the Missouri Pacific were in the city the first part of the week. Mr. Smith said that as soon as the approaches could be built the bridge would be thrown open for traffic of all kinds. He thought that within thirty days the bridge would be in use.



There are seventeen candidates making the rounds with Sheriff Williams this week, and by the time the taxpayer gets through paying his taxes, shakes hands all around and tells each candidate how his wife, his mother-in-law, his cousin and his aunts are getting along, the poor fellow has barely enough strength left to get back home to his family, his arm is so sore he can't milk the cows for a week, and he kindly turns the job over to his wife. It's a great thing to be a candidate, but hard on the taxpayer.



**February 12, 1892**

Mr. Rbt. L. Scruggs and Miss Mollie McCauley were married Wednesday afternoon. Rev. R.J. Stevenson performing the ceremony. Their numerous friends extend hearty congratulations.



**WANTED**

A lady manager in every town and county in Arkansas. Enclose stamp and address. J.T.H. Lock Box 123, Rogers, Ark.



**MRS. ELIZABETH KERENS**

This estimable lady who has been a resident of Fort Smith since 1866, died at her home on Wednesday morning after an illness of some days. Deceased was born in Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 15, 1818, and was married Dec. 12, 1839. She was the mother of ten children, five who survive her, James Kerens of Washington County; R.C. Kerens of St. Louis; Mrs. Sam McCloud, Mrs. Lauderback and Mrs. John Dunn of this city.

Her funeral took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and all of her surviving children were present. Messrs. James and R.C. Kerens having arrived yesterday morning. Her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. L. Smythe conducting the ceremony.



**MARRIED**

Mr. Richard Cravens and Miss Maggie May were united in marriage at the residence of C.E. Speer on Sixteenth Street, Tuesday night, Rev. E.T. Edmonds performing the ceremony. An informal reception was held after the ceremony was performed. The bride and groom will make their home at Mrs. Walker's on Fifteenth Street. The newly wedded couple are among Fort Smith's most popular society people and have a host of friends who wish them unalloyed happiness.





Everyone knows that it is only through regularity of the bowels that perfect health can be enjoyed and there is no way in which this result can be secured more readily as through the use of Bile Beans.

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**February 19, 1892**

HON. JOHN CARNALL

Born in Virginia in 1818

Died in this city February 16, 1892

(The very long biographical obituary was too long to extract.)

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The woman who wears diamonds lavishly always seems vulgar to the woman who hasn't any diamonds to wear.

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**February 26, 1892**

A Stock Company has been organized to control the boot and shoe trade. Here at last is a corporation which will have a sole.

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**March 4, 1892**

STATE NEWS

In the case of Thomas against Kinkead, the State Supreme Court at Little Rock holds that an officer having in custody a prisoner charged with misdemeanor cannot kill the prisoner if he attempts to escape, unless the prisoner in so doing assaults the officer.

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The City Council of Van Buren has accepted the proposition of the Southern Improvement Company of Dallas, Texas, to put in a system of water works in that city. The water will be brought from Lee's Creek, and ample provision is made for protection from fire. The works are to be completed by December 1, 1892.

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Cons Wilson, arrayed in an old suit, a dirty shirt and a slouch hat, came in out of the brush Saturday, where he had been looking after the "dear people" in his race for sheriff.

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**March 18, 1892**

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN

W.W. Woodruff, one of Sebastian County's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home near Lavaca on Thursday of last week from paralysis of the brain brought on by an attack of the grip. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his departure. Funeral services were held Saturday.

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DR. J.M. KELLEAM  
Physician and Surgeon  
Fort Smith, Ark.

Gives special attention to Surgery and all Chronic Diseases of Women and Children, Skin and Blood diseases, Diseases of the Heart, Lungs and all Nervous Diseases, Syphilis, Stricture, Etc. Piles and all Diseases of the Rectum. Piles treated by injection. Office hours from 8 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Office over Caldwell and Weems Drug Store.

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**March 25, 1892**

THE MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY

Recently the Rogers *Democrat* offered a scholarship in the Fort Smith Conservatory of Music to the most popular young lady and the contest was closed Monday. The prize being carried off by Miss Gertie Winder, daughter of Mr. Winder, of this city, the young lady having a majority of 2000 votes. She gets a double course, piano and violin.

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**April 1, 1892**

A CARD

John H. Holland, one of the candidates for County Judge, desires us to say through the columns of the *Elevator* that he does not in any way approve of the methods of campaign adopted by "windfall" in the Blythe circular. He is opposed to attacking his opponent's personal character by means of anonymously signed circulars. He had nothing to do with the famous Blythe circulars, neither had any of his friends. He thinks he can beat Judge Blythe, and will do it honestly and fairly or not at all.

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**April 8, 1892**

Asa Hardin reports the arrival of a twelve pound boy at his residence, and is, therefore, about the happiest man in town.

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I. Isaacson is closing out his stock of clothing and gents furnishing goods at greatly reduced prices, and now is the time to fit yourself out at low prices.

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The protracted meetings which have been in progress at the Christian Church for the past three weeks have resulted in much good to the church. Quite a number of additions are expected.



A marriage license has been granted to Thomas Martindale and Sarah Faulkner living near Enterprise, this county. Mr. Martindale has reached his four score years, being 80 years of age, while his wife is only 20.



**April 22, 1892**

Democrats, do your duty by going to the polls and casting your vote for the men of your choice.



A "rattling good fellow" is often one who shakes dice.



**April 29, 1892**

The government lot sale at Hot Springs, Ark. closed last week. It had been in progress just 8 days, during which time 171 of the 334 lots offered were sold for \$74,720. This sum will be expended on improvements.



**MARRIED**

Mr. Zeno W. Davis and Miss Kate Little, daughter of J.J. Little, were married last evening at the Presbyterian Church. The wedding was largely attended, the young couple being among the most popular in Fort Smith society circles. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, and the happy couple received the hearty congratulations of numerous friends. The wedding presents were both numerous and costly, though at this time we are unable to give a list of them.



**May 13, 1892**

**WOMENS COLUMBIAN CLUB**

The ladies of Fort Smith held a meeting on Friday last and organized the Women's Columbian Club of Fort Smith. Mrs. John H. Rogers was elected president.



**May 20, 1892**

**FLOODS EVERYWHERE**

This past week the entire Mississippi Valley has been visited by such a flood as has not been experienced since 1844, the year in which occurred the greatest flood the country ever knew.



**THE FLOOD OF 1892**

**THE ARKANSAS RIVER HIGHER THAN EVER SINCE TRANSPOSED THE FAMOUS RISE OF 1844**

Great loss of crops, fencing, and stock

(The lengthy article describes flooding. The river was 30.7 feet above low water mark and the Poteau at its mouth 3 miles wide, which was wider than known before. In the following week's edition more flood information was given.



**May 27, 1892**

**CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL**

The Children's Carnival to be given by the St. Anne's Guild under the management of Prof. John H. Mahlar next Monday and Tuesday nights is to be the event of the season. While it is on the same order of the Kerman given last year, still it is entirely different and this year it is to be given entirely by children. Eighty-five children take part in it, and they are always a delight to any eye. Admission to this novel entertainment is only fifty cents and all over the house. No reserved seats. Everyone should turn out to see it and they will be fully repaid. Do not forget the time, next Monday and Tuesday night, the 30th and 31st. Come one, come all and give us a rousing house, and we warrant you will be highly pleased and glad you were there.



Republican National Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., June 7, 1892. The Frisco line will sell excursion tickets to Minneapolis, June 1st to 5th inclusive at half rates \$20.45 for the round trip. For further information and tickets call at city or depot office of Frisco Lines.

Chas Hall, Agent      Milton Boyd, City Agent





### LOOK OUT

For newly furnished boarding house, 111 North Eighth Street, one block from Avenue. Rooms well furnished and table equal to the market. Transient customers solicited.

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### SCHOOL ELECTION

The election last Saturday in this city for school directors attracted little attention. Judge I.C. Parker, Hon. John H. Rogers and Hon. J.H. McDonough were elected without opposition. A 5 mill school tax was voted by 244 majority. We now have a most excellent school board.

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**June 3, 1892**

The Fort Smith Ice factory has absorbed the Van Buren factory or literally froze it out, and now the Fort Smith company is furnishing both cities, prices for frozen water being a little higher than when both companies were operating separately. Fort Smith assumed control of the Van Buren factory Monday.

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### THAT FOOT RACE

On Thursday of last week a large number of our people went to Van Buren to witness the foot race or sprinting match (the latter expression may be the most correct) between Grant Travis of the Fort Smith Maroons, and the "Unknown", from no one knows where, or at least didn't know at that time. It seems to have been a good season to catch suckers, however, the "Unknown" caught lots of 'em from Fort Smith. The boys from the Border City were betting their last nickle (or at least some of them were) on Travis and they got left, not because Travis did not make an elegant race, but because the other fellow was a leetle bit the swiftest. The distance was one hundred yards, and the purse was \$600. The time made was 9¼ seconds and the "Unknown" beat our man by less than a foot. Two or three thousand dollars changed hands on the game. Travis did his best but was out matched.

After the race was over the "Unknown" gave his name as Steve Ferrell, one of the champion runners of the world — a world beater 'tis said — and he told Travis it was the hardest contest he had ever had, and that he had never been beaten notwithstanding he had been matched both in England and America.

Fort Smith boys expected they had caught a tartar and so did Travis, but they all stood by

their home favorite and gave up their little "wads" without a kick, the most of which the "Unknown" carried away.

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**June 10, 1892**

Tiller and McHenry will start to Chicago Saturday with a carload of chickens — the first ever shipped from this part of the state to Eastern markets. If these gentlemen find their enterprise is a success they will continue the business. This is an enterprise which should attract the attention of our farmers, as there is a good profit in raising poultry.

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**June 17, 1892**

The Santa Fe express robbers are thought to be scouting in the Territory, and deputy marshals and Indian Police have been notified to be on the lookout for them.

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Col. W.H.H. Clayton and wife attended the commencement exercises at Convent of the Visitation in St. Louis this week. Miss Anne, their daughter, was a member of the graduating class.

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The great and glorious Fourth of July will be appropriately celebrated in Fort Smith. The celebration will be in the shape of a grand picnic at Sebastian Park given under the auspices of the Delser Hook and Ladder Company. The boys expect to have their new Hayes Aerial truck by the time the Fourth rolls around. The manufacturer of this truck guarantees to place a man on top of a three story building in a minute and a half after the truck comes to a stand still.

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**June 24, 1892**

### U.S. COURT NOTES

Quiet still pervades Judge Parker's court room. The only case tried the past week is that of the noted "circus case" in which the proprietors of the outfit which stranded at Huntington last fall sue E.D. Bedwell and the Bank of Huntington for possession of property and damages. At this time of going to press it was still on trial.

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July 1, 1892

STATE NEWS

The "Recorder", a new evening paper recently started in Little Rock, has succumbed to the inevitable and climbed the golden stair.

The machinery of the old Pine Bluff compress is being moved to Van Buren, where the presses will be erected and operated by the company recently organized there.

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CORNER STONE LAYING

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the house of worship which is being erected at the corner of 11th and Ash streets for our Jewish friends, took place Thursday evening of last week at 5 o'clock. Although the sun's rays were exceedingly "hot" round and about the building, nevertheless it was pleasant and cool where the exercises took place because of the kindness of Mr. George Sengel who very kindly brought a tent for the occasion.

The Masonic Lodge of our city performed the ceremony of laying the stone with their ancient and beautiful rites.

Judge Clayton made some very appropriate remarks and at the close of which Mrs. Mat Strauss rendered a very fine solo, and had it not been a religious ceremony would certainly have received loud applause. Rabbi A. Trangolt delivered a powerful address and after a hymn by the choir, also performed the benediction that closed the preliminary proceeding of erecting the much needed Synagogue. The Equitable Guards under the command of Captain Grant furnished the guard of honor.

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U.S. COURT NOTES

The adjourned May term of Judge Parker's Court commences today July 1. There are about fifteen murder cases set for trial and the Grand Jury will be confronted with over 200 criminal cases which have to be disposed of.

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July 8, 1892

THE FORLORN HOPE

Last Saturday was Republican day at Greenwood, and quite a number of the faithful went out to superintend the naming of a ticket. No one blames them for wanting to have a little fun before the election, for the Lord knows they will have to have it then or not at all. The Democrats take their (the fun) before and after the election and then in addition have the further pleasure of holding the office and drawing the salary. Electing a Republican ticket in Arkansas is a good deal like electing a Democratic ticket in Kansas — it can't be did.

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July 15, 1892

NABBED

Henry King, a dudish looking young fellow, was lodged in the County jail Tuesday afternoon. The cause of his arrest was an attempt to cash a forged sight draft at several of the City banks. King tried to get his forged draft cashed at the First National, Merchants and German Banks but without success. Cashier Copeland at the German National Bank had King placed under arrest and when Chief Wheeler took his man into custody, King tore up the draft. It was a badly botched up affair. King has been teaching music at Eufaula, IT, where it is said he succeeded in obtaining \$40. by the forged draft racket.

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Mr. Will Stevenson and Miss Nannie Blackwell were married Tuesday night at the residence of the officiating clergyman Rev. R.T. Edmonds. The groom is one of the well-known Stevenson Bros., being the youngest of the three. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Ike Stevenson and has many friends in Fort Smith. The *Elevator* congratulates the happy couple and wishes them life of unalloyed happiness.

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Hiram-Lydia College, Altus, situated on the highest point of the L R & F S railroad, has no malaria or pneumonia. During the fifteen years of its history, there has never been a severe case of sickness, much less a death among its students, and has carried a roll of 100 to 250 students, representing nearly every county in Arkansas and several states and territories besides. We challenge any college to say as much.

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 SAGESER ..... MO, NJ, CA  
 McCREARY ..... MO, MI, PA, KY  
 COUCHMAN ..... TX, IN, NC  
 DORN ..... TX, AL

My address WAS 3232 S. Clifton #424, Wichita, KS. I am NOW LIVING AT 4480 S. Meridian, #235, Wichita, KS 67217 Donna J. Woods.

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REAVIS: I really enjoyed the April issue of *The Journal* because of the article about the Fort Smith and Western RR.

There was a long relationship between the "Western" and my father. While he did not work "for" the road, he worked "on" it from 1905-1906 until its demise in 1939. He was a railway postal clerk in the mail car, initially to Guthrie and later to Oklahoma City.

Actually, he alternated his "runs" between the FS&W and the Midland Valley to Pawhuska — there's another subject in the future by Mr. Winters — the MV. Glynn Reavis, 234 East Normal, Fersno, CA 93704.

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CLEVELAND: I am compiling a multi-volume CLEVELAND genealogical encyclopedia focused on the Southern line advanced by Alexander and Milly Presley CLEVELAND. I have used Edmund Janes CLEVELAND'S 1899 genealogy as the basic core of my research, but for my own project I want to add biographies, family histories, feature material, photographs, and — of course — updated genealogical data. Vikki Lyn Cleveland, 328 Vincent, Salem, IL 62881.

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Dear Amelia:

I appreciate the recent article concerning the Darby Ladies... Thanks for the work you are doing on the *Journal* and *Society*, as I know it is a great deal of work. Emory S. Dockery, Jr.

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Dear Mrs. Martin:

I have neglected to tell you that your writings have brought me a lot of pleasure... and many times have amazed me. The big Physicians Book was the first time I heard of you.

Dr. W.R. Brooksher removed my appendix in 1914 at Sparks. I operated WGAR for the *Southwest American* and fixed radio sets starting in 1922. Doctors were among the first to order radios. When they arrived I hooked them up and took care of them... kept them working. Doctors wanted me to visit them at night and show them how to get the wanted stations. They were too busy to spend the hours that the ordinary listener could spare. One of the most enthusiastic radio fans was Dr. Saint Cloud Cooper. I spent many hours as late as 10 or 11 radioing with Dr. Cooper... Jimmie Barry.

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Dear Amelia:

I read *Fort Smith Depression Era*, your lead article in Vol. 15, No. 2, Sept. 1991, issue. Especially I like the "human interest" you put into the story. You get better and better as an author!

The more I studied your fine article, the more I kept remembering that period in Fort Smith. It brought back fond memories... that 10 year period, when I worked my way thru Junior College and Law School at our State University at Fayetteville, being District Agent for the Curtis Pub. Co. ... we sold *Saturday Evening Posts* at five cents a copy... "the biggest nickel's worth in the world" (225 pages per issue). During the eight years I had the agency I employed 5000 boys selling magazines in this area... including U.S. Sen. Bumpers, Bob Brooksher (later Mayor), etc. ... The Depression really made an impression all right!

Finally I got to remembering certain items of history of Fort Smith during this era that you might like to know about. I am sending along a few, in case you are interested... (Enclosed).

You sure picked a good topic. Hope you will pick another 10 year period like that later on. Best Regards, Franklin Wilder.

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#### BOOK NOTE

Deeds and Mortgages 1861-1866, Book A. Sebastian County, Arkansas. 75 pages, indexed, soft bound. \$10.00 postpaid. Order from Sue McCain, 4506 North 46th Circle, Fort Smith, AR 72904. Transcribed from original deeds and mortgages by Mrs. James E. Snow and printed by the Fort Smith Chapter NSDAR, the book contains 678 entries.



**July 22, 1892**

**WORK OF THE DALTONS**

Another Daring Robbery of the  
M K & T Railroad in the Indian Territory  
Forty Thousand Dollars said to have been  
secured, one man killed and several wounded.  
(Full report too long to extract.)

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**July 29, 1892**

The blacksmiths, horseshoers and wagon  
makers have formed a union at Hot Springs  
under the American Federation of Labor with  
22 charter members.

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The Democrats will win this year: Cleveland  
will be the next President and Benjamin  
Harrison will have to walk the plank in March  
next. This is a good time for backsliders to get  
on top of the bandwagon.

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**TERRITORY BEER**

It looks as though the beer question, which  
has hexed law-abiding citizens of the Territory  
for some time would be settled for all time to  
come. Col. J.B. Forrester last Friday telegraphed  
Senator Berry at Washington asking him if the  
amendment making it a violation to sell beer in  
the territory had passed the Senate. Senator  
Berry replied that the bill as amended by the  
House had passed. We have not seen a copy of  
the bill, but it is safe to say that its provisions are  
such that the man who sells in the Territory in  
the future will have rough sailing ahead of him,  
especially if he comes before Judge Parker for  
trial.

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A pair of kid gloves have been left at this  
office. Owner can have same by calling for  
them.

(No more papers available for  
review until following date.)

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**August 12, 1892**

**THE DALTON SCARE**

The Report That An Attempt Was to be Made to  
Rob the Frisco, Causes a Whirlwind of Excitement.

A report that the passenger trains on the  
Frisco were in danger of being robbed by the  
Dalton Gang, was the means of considerable  
excitement on the streets Monday morning. An  
*Elevator* man was on the north bound train  
Saturday night, and scattered through the train  
were sixteen deputy marshals but nothing  
unusual transpired.

But the climax was reached Sunday night.  
The watchman at Winslow tunnel imagined he  
smelt Daltons in the air, and when the south  
bound train came along, this lynx eyed individual  
called a halt and the train was detained several

hours. The next morning a posse was sent up  
from this city. Horses were shipped up also, but  
a critical search of the country in the vicinity of  
Winslow failed to unearth the Daltons. Two  
innocent hunters had caused all the excitement  
and a big sensation was spoiled.

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The entertainment at the residence of Col.  
Ward on north Sixth Street one evening last  
week for the benefit of St. John's Hospital was a  
decided success every way. Misses Nona and  
Dallie Tilly, Marguerite Saunders, Melinee  
Clayton, Bessie Ward and Bessie Rogers  
deserve the honor for the successful result of  
entertainment. Sixteen Dollars have been turned  
over to the Hospital Board.

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**August 19, 1892**

**BUCKLENS' ARNICA SALVE**

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises,  
Sores, Ulcers, Salt Pheum, Feyer-Sores, Tetter,  
Chapped Hands, Chilbains, Corns and all Skin  
Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay  
required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or  
money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

For Sale by W.H. Cole  
Druggists, Fort Smith, Ark.

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Morton Rutherford and Ed Thomas have  
returned from Eureka Springs; where they  
drank mineral water and got fat. They enjoyed  
their vacation hugely.

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Do not be misled by commission men who  
want to ship your peaches, but bring them to  
the Fort Smith Canning Company as they buy  
them out right and pay the cash.

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At the council meeting Monday night a  
petition from the property holders on First  
Street protesting against the granting of an  
additional side track to the Frisco railway was  
presented and referred to the committee on  
streets and alleys.

Johnson and Mathews were given permission  
to erect an oven for barbecuing meats on the  
corner of Eleventh and Garrison Avenue.

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Rev. W.P. Throgmorton, the new pastor of the  
First Baptist Church, arrived in the city the latter  
part of the week from his old home in Louisiana,  
Mo. and preached his initial sermon Sunday  
morning. Dr. Throgmorton is a big man — big  
bodied, big hearted and big brained. He was  
accounted one of the best preachers in Missouri,  
and comes to Fort Smith with most flattering  
recommendations. Mrs. Throgmorton will arrive  
about the first of September.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
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Fort Smith is probably the only city of its size anywhere that does not have the benefit of night service by a telegraph company. It is impossible to either send or receive a message after nine o'clock at night. Surely a city which has the commercial prominence enjoyed by Fort Smith is entitled to better treatment in this regard.

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**August 26, 1892**

Last week a couple came in on the night train, went to one of the hotels, registered as man and wife and accepted the same room. The next morning the gentleman went out and returned with a preacher and a wedding ceremony was performed. As they molested no one and evidently meant no harm, let us draw the mantle of charity over them and take it was some runaway couple who had to economize and doing the best they could under the circumstances.

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Wanted at once ten salesmen. On Salary. Apply to Sam Younger, 815 Gar. Ave. Fort Smith, Ark.

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Mrs. Christina Hess died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Freer, Monday after a protracted illness. Mrs. Hess was born in Prussia in the year 1820. She had been a resident of this city for forty years. She was an established woman greatly loved by those who knew her best. Three daughters, Mrs. Frank Freer, Misses Alvina and Anna Hess mourn her loss. Funeral services were held from the German Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. P.F. German officiating.

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The Ketcham Iron Co. has secured the contract for erecting an iron fence on the north side of Oak Cemetery. The fence will be 667 feet long and will cost \$1267.30. There were three outside bidders, but our home company's pole knocked the persimmons.

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**September 9, 1892**

**YOUR ATTENTION**

Is Called to our Magnificent Stock of  
Mens, Boys and Childrens Clothing

We carry the largest stock in the city and sell our Tailor Made Clothing Cheaper than those try to be clothiers. Our line of —

Hats, Shirts and Neck-Wear

Is the largest in the State. We are the Greatest Clothing House in the City, and we know the want of people. Your patronage is solicited.

The Great Western Clothing House  
523 Garrison Ave. Cor. Sixth Street  
Fort Smith, Ark.

P.S. Mail orders are promptly attended to.

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Forty-two boys and girls went out to "Hard-scrabble" Tuesday and spent the day with the Sengel's. The occasion was the birthday of Master George Sengel, and the little folks enjoyed the day as only boys and girls can. They roamed over the hills and through the valleys, visited the watermelon patch and apple orchard, fell into the fish pond, and ate two good square meals and came home shouting and laughing.

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Burglars are abroad in the land. Monday night some sneak thief effected an entrance into Col. Clayton's house on Sixth street and carried off two diamond rings and some gold medals belonging to Miss Anne Clayton. The medals are prized very highly by Miss Clayton, having been awarded her at school. The burglar evidently got frightened and left, none of the other rooms in the house having been ransacked.

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The graduates of the Fort Smith High School are now placed upon the accredited list of the Arkansas Industrial University. This is the result of an examination of the workings of our High School made by a committee of the University sent here for that purpose. The graduates of our High School are now placed upon the accredited list of the Universities of Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas, a distinction enjoyed by no other High School in the State.

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Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon the healthy condition of the vital organs. If the liver is inactive you have a Bilious look. If your stomach is disordered you have a Dyspeptic look and if your kidneys are affected you have a Pinched look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alternative and Tonic acts directly on those vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blotches, Boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at W.H. Cole's drug store. 50¢ per bottle.

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**September 9, 1892**  
J E R U S A L E M !  
Grand Old Sebastian County  
Democratic Majority Increased

Glory to God!  
The G.O.P. and the Pee Pee's Swamped  
Beneath a Shower of Ballots.

No Man Lost  
Mallet Got "Paralleled" and Peel was "Peeled".

Fusion Knocked Silly  
A Cyclone Struck the State Monday,  
but "Cyclone" Davis didn't do it.

Fishbacks Plurality 30,000  
The County Ticket in Sebastian County Elected  
by majorities ranging from 1200 to 1600.

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Mr. J.B. Crowe, an expert laundryman of Little Rock, has recently purchased the machinery of the Snowflake Laundry and will locate in Fort Smith permanently. The name has been changed to the Eureka Steam Laundry. Mr. Crowe is a very pleasant gentleman, and deserves to succeed. Mr. Arthur D. Johnson, of this city, has accepted a position with the Eureka, where he can be found when not up rustling up work.

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**September 15, 1892**  
PRIVILEGES FOR SALE

The privileges of the camp ground of the U.C.V. for September 28, 29, and 30, as hereinafter enumerated will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the Main Hotel, on Friday, September 16 at 2 o'clock p.m.

Cigars and Tobacco  
Ice Cream, Cake, Lemonade, etc.  
Lunch and Coffee  
Fruits, Peanuts and Popcorn

The purchaser will be required to pay cash in advance.

Ben T. DuVal  
Chairman of Committee  
ATTEST: R.M. Fry, Secretary.

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**September 23, 1892**  
AN ERROR CORRECTED

Eds. Elevator: We of Hanson are very much disappointed at not receiving a notice of contributing two beeves to the ex-Confederate reunion in Ft. Smith. We find that W.J. Watts not only failed to report Hanson's contribution, but has failed to speak of Muldrow also, which place furnished three beeves, and which contributed the five beeves which he has reported in his own name.

Now, there are several veterans in the vicinity of Hanson, and as a matter of course we want credit to which we are entitled. Please publish this and correct the report already made.

Hanson.

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**FELL FROM A TRESTLE**

Last Sunday afternoon William Biau fell from the Frisco trestle near the National Cemetery, sustaining injuries from which he may die. The height of the trestle is about 25 feet. Biau for the past year or two has been partially demented and about a year ago fell from the same trestle from which he met his accident Sunday afternoon. He is in St. John's Hospital.

*Later:* Mr. Biau died Wednesday from the effects of the fall.

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**September 30, 1892**  
BIG GRAPE VINE

The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce will give a premium of \$5.00 for the largest section of grape vine that is brought to the rooms by Dec. 1, 1892. The section must be 3 feet long and more than thirty-three inches in circumference.

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**October 7, 1892**

KEPT ON GOING

John Schuey, charged with adultery, gave his captor Will Taylor (Col.) the slip Saturday in an exceedingly neat manner. Taylor was on his way to court at this place from Muskogee. Somewhere between Hanson and Muldrow Schuey asked to go to the water closet. Permission was granted but instead of stopping at the proper place, he kept on, and darting out of the doors jumped from the train and took to the woods. The train was going at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and before it could be stopped the fugitive was out of sight.

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**WEDDING DAY**

Mr. Jerre Cravens and Miss Emma Sue Tippit were married Wednesday at noon at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. McN. McKay officiating. Fort Smith does not contain two more estimable young people than they and the *Elevator* wishes them well in their new relations.

The Wedding of Mr. J.H. Kruel and Miss Anna Boas took place Wednesday evening at half past eight o'clock in the Lutheran Church. Rev. P.F. Germann, Pastor, celebrating the solemn rites. The *Elevator* is pleased to congratulate this popular and deserving young couple, and extends to them best wishes for future happiness.

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October 14, 1892

The Chamber of Commerce is making arrangements for the building of a panel to be composed of native wood to be exhibited at the World's Fair at Chicago. There are 129 varieties of wood in this State and the intention is to have a specimen of each in the panel. Secretary Bob Adair is preparing the list of woods, and this is proving no small task.

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"HOUSE WARMING"

Last Friday night Burt Page and John C. Gardner gathered up quite a number of their friends in wagons half filled with hay and took them out to their poultry farm where they had a grand house warming. They had just completed their house and took advantage of a bright full moon and good opportunity for a gay time.

The yard was well lighted with Chinese lanterns, a string band was on hand, and the jolly crowd "tripped the light fantastic" til the early morning hours drove them back to the city. A lunch was taken along by the ladies in the party. The whole affair was voted a huge success, especially the hay ride, which promises to become as popular here as in the more eastern and northern states.

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October 21, 1892

THE COLUMBIAN CELEBRATION

The Celebration of Columbus Day will be held in the Grand Opera House today instead of at the park as was first contemplated. The exercises will begin at 2 o'clock, sharp, and all organizations which expect to take part in the parade are requested to report to John H. Maledon, grand marshal.

The celebration will be held under the auspices of the Catholic Knights of Honor, who have shown commendable zeal in making the affair a success. The orators of the day are Abbott Ignatius Conrad of the Monastery of Subiaco, Spielersville, Logan County and Judge E.E. Bryant of this city.

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Judge Blythe has authorized the announcement that he will open court on the 24 inst. for the purpose of hearing complaints of those who feel aggrieved concerning the assessment of their personal property. There are many in the city who will do well to give this matter their personal attention.

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(There are no newspapers on film after this date for the year 1892.)

# Fort Smith Historical Society Members

JULY 1, 1992

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

(Board meeting October 10, 1984: Surviving spouse of Life Member continues to receive Journals. In future: all Life Memberships to be for both.)

Ackley, Shauna  
Alexander, J.C., Jr., M/M  
Allen, Sam B.  
Baker, Alice Mayberry  
Baker, Monica  
Barber, E.E., Jr., Mrs.  
Barber, Easy, M/M  
Barber, Marci  
Barker, Mary  
Barron, William P., Mrs.  
Barry, Howard M.  
Bledsoe, L. Wayne  
Bowers, Don S., M/M  
Bracht, C. Victor  
Brocchus, Charles G., Mr.  
Brown, James A., Dr.  
Burch, T.L.  
Burns, Doayne E., Mrs.  
Carson, Jerry  
Caruthers, Elmo, Jr., Mr.  
Cary, Victor L., BGen.  
City National Bank  
Clouse, Vester W.  
Condren, Stewart M.  
Corley, Carl D.

Cotton, Ray W.  
Cravens, Elizabeth E.  
Cravens, Fadjo, Jr.  
Daniel, D. Gene, Mrs.  
Davis, R.L.  
Deer, Carole J.  
Delt, Mary  
DeWitt, Delores R.  
Dunlap, David D.  
First National Bank  
Floyd, Wallace C.  
Fulgham, David, M/M  
Gambrel, Francis O'Kelly  
Gardner, John F., Jr., M/M  
Gardner, Ronald, Jr.  
Geurin, James R., M/M  
Girard, Charles  
Graf, J.E., M/M  
Grant, H.L., M/M  
Griffin, Richard B.  
Hadley, Peggy A.  
Harris, David L.  
Hauert, Carl W.  
Hawkins, Franklin, M/M  
Heflin, George, M/M  
Hill, Robert B.  
Hinton, Betty J., Dr.  
Irwin, Peter J., Dr. and Mrs.  
Isaacks, Stanley, Mrs.

Jacobsen, Mary L.  
Johnson, K.W., M/M  
Johnson, Robert E.  
Johnston, Ben B., M/M  
Joyce, Taylor A., M/M  
Kelley, Gordon, Miss  
Kelly, James B.  
Kistler, Betty L.  
Klopfenstein, Keith, Dr.  
Koenig, A.S., Mrs.  
Koenig, A. Samuel, Dr.  
Lee, Robin, DDS  
Lewis, Jesse R., Jr.  
Lloyd, Joe T., Jr.  
Looper, Floy  
Martin, Art B., Jr., M/M  
Martin, Art B., Dr. and Mrs.  
Martin, Nathan  
Martin, Tommy  
Matthews, Ruth I., Mrs.  
McCullough, Warren, M/M  
McDonough, J. Martin, Jr.  
McMinimy, D.J., Mrs.  
Merchants National Bank  
Miller, Phil and Amy  
Moore, Edna, Mrs.  
Morrow, Payne  
Northside High School  
Parker, Steve, Dr. and Mrs.

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# 1893 Newspapers

FORT SMITH ELEVATOR

October 27, 1893 - November 17, 1893

Abstracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen. The newspapers for the first nine months of 1893 were not available for review. The first paper available was October 27, 1893.

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## IT'S ALL TALK

Much of the bargain advertising of the time is pure sham. You'll save far more money in a year by dealing with a reliable house that studies your needs than by investing in catch-penny markdowns. By the way, we've been doing some remarkable shrewd buying this season, all the goods show it. Drop in and examine them.

Respectfully,  
J.T. LITTLE & CO.

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Five hundred bales of cotton were bought by our merchants and cotton buyers last Wednesday. This to some extent shows the importance of Fort Smith as a cotton market.

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## HENRY STARR FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF DEPUTY FLOYD WILSON THE STARR TRIAL

The trial of Henry Starr for the murder of Floyd Wilson, which was in progress as we went to press last week, resulted in a verdict of guilty. Judge Parker concluded his instructions to the jury the previous evening. The courtroom was packed during the delivery of the charge. Among the spectators was Mrs. Floyd Wilson, the widow of the murdered deputy, and her two little fatherless children. She sat just back of Starr. Once he turned around and looked at her. Noting his glance, Mrs. Wilson became excited and shaking her fist at him exclaimed, "Don't you look at me!" He hastily turned his head.

The judge excused the jury from considering the case that evening so it was not until the next morning that they began their deliberations. Friday evening about half past three o'clock word was sent to the courtroom that they had arrived at a verdict. Starr was brought from the jail and soon the jury filed in, and the verdict of guilty was announced. As the dread words were spoken a flush passed over Starr's face. Beyond this he showed no sign of emotion. His mother burst into tears. His sister was not present.

It was afterward learned that three ballots were taken before the jury arrived at a verdict. Upon the first ballot, the vote stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Upon the second, eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. Upon the third, the vote was unanimous for conviction.

Starr's attorneys will appeal his case to the Supreme Court, if they do not secure a new trial, and save his neck in that way.

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## LOST

A small black Irish setter, with a few white hairs on his chest, tail slightly nicked. A liberal reward will be given for his return to S.W. Torreyson, 216 N. Sixth St., Ft. Smith.

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## AYERS & CO. HARDWARE

LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING ... without comfort at home. The Home Comforter for wintry weather is a glowing fire. This requires a good HEATING STOVE. Where can you get them? Lots of them are shown at 513 Garrison Avenue. Some are gone already — Lots more to go. Call early and get your choice. If you want ANYTHING in the HARDWARE line, that is the place to go.

Sportsmen will find the finest Loaded Shells at the same place.

513 Garrison

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Miss Dulsey Garland, daughter of Attorney General A.H. Garland, committed suicide at Washington last Friday. She opened the gas jets and then shot herself in the heart with a pistol. It is supposed she was temporarily deranged at the time. Her remains were buried at Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, last Tuesday.

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## A NEW RAILWAY COMPANY

The Choctaw and Chickasaw Railroad Company filed Articles of Incorporation last week with the Secretary of State. The capital stock is \$100,000. The headquarters of the company are to be in Ft. Smith. The road is run from a point in the eastern line of the Choctaw Nation upon the western line of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, at or near the



junction of the Poteau and Arkansas rivers, running thence in a northerly direction in and through the county of Sebastian to a point one mile from the point of beginning at or near Vine Street, almost a mile in length. The corporators are E.W. Wright, Ft. Smith, Allen Wright, Atoka, I.T., James Brizzolara, Wm. H.H. Clayton, R.E. Rabon of Ft. Smith, Newton Childs, Kansas City, and G.P. Rider, Ft. Smith.

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**November 3, 1893**

**MARRIED**

Mr. Edgar Stevenson and Miss Daisy Wheeler were married in this city Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W.W. Wheeler. Rev. Anderson performed the ceremony.

The ceremony was strictly private, only the families of the high-contracting parties and a few of their immediate friends being present.

The *Elevator* extends best wishes to the young couple. They are well known in Fort Smith and are deservedly popular, and they have a host of friends who join us in hoping that their career in life may be prosperous and happy.

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Mr. G.M. Hopkins, who lives on the Greenwood Road, eight miles from the city, brought to the *Elevator* office, Wednesday, a sweet potato weighing 6-1/2 pounds. It is of the Brazilian Yam variety, and yielded 200 bushels to the acre.

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**DEATH OF MR. JOE COANE**

Mr. Joe Coane died at his residence in this city last Friday evening...

Mr. Coane was born in Ireland. He came to America in 1872, living for a time in New Jersey. In 1874 he came to Fort Smith where he resided until his death. For several years past he has been in ill health, and nothing availed to check the ravage of the disease which carried him off.

He was a good hearted, clever man and had many friends.

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**November 10, 1893**

L.M. Dunn reports a new arrival at his home. It is of the male persuasion.

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**THE RESERVE LOTS**

The city council will hold a meeting next Monday night to consider the sale of the remaining reserve lots. There is a disposition on the part of some of the people to rush lots out (illegible) and the reasons they give is that their sale will work up a sort of boom which will in some way or other benefit the city. Now we

suggest to the gentlemen who hold such views and we submit that the government did not give these lots in the city for any such purpose. The donation was made with an eye single to the interest of the public schools of Fort Smith. It was a gift to the school children of the present generation and of generations yet unborn. If the gift is misapplied, squandered or frittered away there will be a day of reckoning for the stewards who may be unfaithful in its management.

We suggest to the city council they make haste slowly in this matter. The lots are doing very well. They are not costing anything nor are the masses of the people complaining that they stand in the way of development of the city.

The plan that the sale of these lots would benefit the city is preposterous. The only benefits would be derived by those who could afford to buy them at the ruinous figure they would bring and hold them until the time got better.

HOLD THE RESERVE LOTS, we say, until they will bring something like a decent price.

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At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, Mr. Harry E. Kelly was appointed to confer with the recently appointed Indian Commissioners with a view to inducing them to establish their headquarters in this city while conducting their negotiations.

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Deputy Sheriff Fry returned Saturday from a trip down the Little Rock Road in search of Ernest, the young man who killed Reuben Bromley and his son near Mill Town on the 27th. He says Ernest was traced as far as Knoxville, and is confident that he will be captured.

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**MUSKOGEE JAIL BURNED**

The Federal jail and stockade at Muskogee burned Monday night. It is evident it was set on fire by the prisoners. No other damage was done. None of the prisoners escaped.

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**November 17, 1893**

**THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

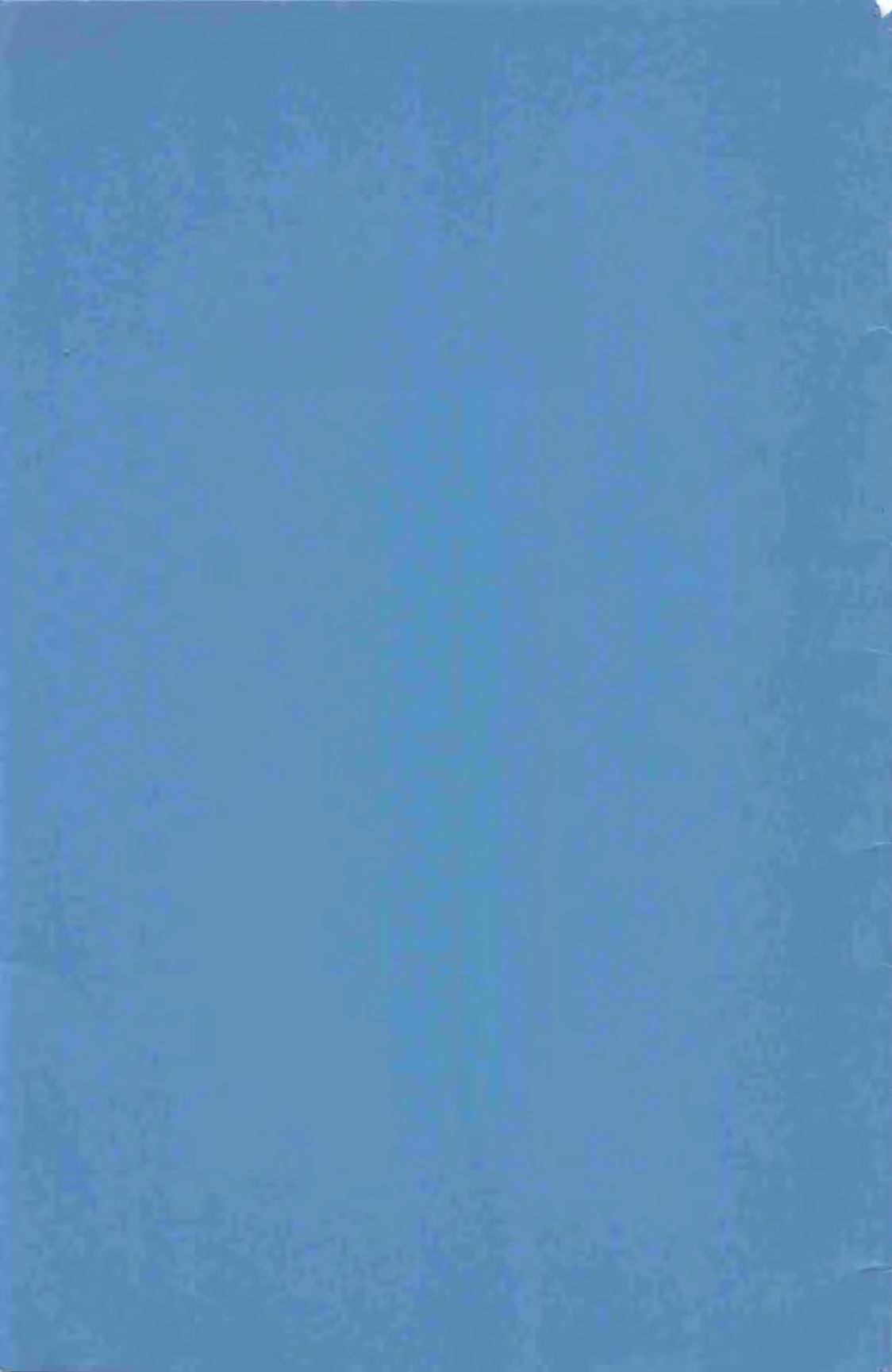
Gov. Fishback has issued the following proclamation:

In acknowledgement of the goodness of God, in obedience to a time honored custom and in duty to a Christian people, I hereby request the people of Arkansas to set aside the 30th of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise.

Given under my hand as the chief executive, and attested by the seal of the State of Arkansas, at Little Rock, this 11th day of November, 1893.

M. Fishback, Governor







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# 1893 - 1894 Newspapers

## FORT SMITH ELEVATOR

December 1, 1893 - February 9, 1894

Abstracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen from microfilm at the Fort Smith Public Library.

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December 1, 1893

A cranky woman who calls herself Princess Anne, niece of Queen Victoria, tried to make President Cleveland a visit last week. She didn't get to see him. The president is just a little shy of cranks at the present time.

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### CITY BAKERY

Wholesale and retail  
Fresh Breads, Pies, Cakes, Cookies  
All orders promptly filled  
912 Garrison Ave  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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### WHY

You should use Bruton's Snuff  
It is the Standard Brand  
It is the Popular Brand  
It is without rankness  
It is free from dirt and grit  
It is made of the best tobacco  
It has full natural tobacco flavor  
It preserves the teeth and gums

Don't let the merchant push cheap snuff on you because he makes more profit on it. Ask for Bruton's Scotch Snuff, and take no other.

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### BURIETTA

Those of our people who heard Robt. J. Burietta at the Grand Opera House last Saturday night were delighted at the clean cut, almost pure humor which fell from the lips of America's greatest living humorist. Every word uttered by the cultured speaker tended to lift his hearers to a greater plane of right living. And the wealth of dry humor which pervaded it kept the audience in best of spirits, and every one present regretted to hear the last word spoken. Should Burietta visit Fort Smith again he will have a packed house to hear him.

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December 15, 1893

### THE FORTNIGHTLY LIBRARY

The Fortnightly Public Library Association held its annual election at the circuit court room on the evening of the 7th. The reports of the

officers showed the affairs of the association to be in good condition. The election of officers for the coming year are listed as follows: Mrs. J. Stone, president; Mr. J.M. Finny, vice president; Mrs. Geo. H. Lyman, secretary; Miss Maidie Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas H. Boles, Librarian. After the election the members of the association were treated to a lecture by Judge E.E. Bryant. The subect was, "Women in the Nineteenth Century". The lecture was delivered in Judge Bryant's usual happy style and was enthusiastically received.

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The first legal hanging in Oklahoma will take place on January 8, when John Doanott (could be Doanett), murderer of Sherman Long, will be suspended by the neck until dead. There is a romance connected with the murder, of course. The men were rivals for the hand of Clementine Driogs, an Osage Indian Maiden. They met last January at the girl's home, and Long was taken off by the extremely dramatic means of poison, administered by his rival in a drink of whiskey.

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The Calderera Fruit Co. is the only house in Fort Smith that handles fruit only. You can always save money by ordering direct from them.

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December 12, 1893

### SAD ACCIDENT

We regret to chronicle the sad death of Miss Antoinette Edenhern of St. Louis which occurred last Saturday evening. She was riding a horse alongside an electric car when the animal became frightened and jumped in front of the car. She was thrown off and instantly killed. Col. Edenhern, her father, is well known in this city and has many friends here who will sympathize with him in his great misfortune.

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Mr. T.H. (name illegible) has filed a motion in the Federal Court to disbar J. Warren Reed from practice alleging unprofessional conduct. Mr. Reed denies that his conduct in the case specified has been in the least unprofessional.

59 ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Albert Schnitzer and T.B. Hammond both report arrivals of diminutive specimens of the masculine gender at their homes.

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A pint flask holds a peck of trouble.

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**January 26, 1894**

#### INDIAN CITIZENSHIP CLAIMS

All persons desiring to establish their right to Indian Citizenship in the Indian Territory should at once call to see or address

Joseph P. Hynes, Atty. at Law  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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#### A BAD GANG BROKE UP

Monday night Deputy Marshal W.C. Smith, Heck Beuher, and their posse broke into the Rogers gang not far from Vinita and captured three of them, killing one and wounding another. Turner, Alias Kiowa, was the name of the man killed. He was shot and died instantly. John Brown, another of the crowd, was shot in the back and lies in the hospital of the C.S. Jail in desperate condition. A man by the name of Turner, who sails under the appellation of Dynamite Jack, was captured, also Bob Rogers from whom the gang took its name. These are supposed to be the parties who robbed the K & A V train at Seminole on the 24th of December. The capture took place at the home of Bob Rogers' father.

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Ferrol, Clayton, and Louis, young daughters of Mr. George Tilles, came near being smothered Monday at Little Rock, by a folding bed. They were playing on the bed when it suddenly closed. One of the children got out and rescued the younger of the three, but the other was only saved by the efforts of Mrs. Tilles, who hearing the screams of the little ones, came to their rescue.

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The *Fort Smith Republican* has changed hands, Mr. Frank H. Hand, late of Harley, Wisconsin, having purchased it and assumed publication. Mr. Hand will find a cordial welcome in his new home. To Capt. R.A. Caldwell, the retiring editor, we extend wishes for good luck in whatever line he may choose to embark.

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**February 9, 1894**

#### DEATH OF MRS. E. HARRISON

The intelligence of the death of Mrs. E.M. Harrison, which reached this city Tuesday, was a great shock to the relatives and many friends of that lady. She had left Fort Smith only a short

time ago to take up her residence with her husband in Chicago and none of her friends had any indication that she was so ill. Her remains were interred at Lebanon, Mo., to which place Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller and the two younger children of Dr. Harrison went upon hearing of their mother's death. The *Elevator* extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

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The fireman's ball at the Casino Monday night was largely attended, as it should have been, and those who were there are loud in their praises of their enjoyment and pleasure. The walls of the building were handsomely decorated. The doors and windows were festooned with evergreens and the walls covered with streamers and flags. The music was superb and the supper incomparable, and what more could be wished.

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#### HENRY STARR'S MONEY

Last Wednesday Judge Parker settled the question of what should be done with the money Henry Starr had with him when he was captured. Several persons had brought suit for this money, among them Mrs. Floyd Wilson, the attorneys of the Bentonville Bank, and Joe Johnson. The latter suit Mr. Johnson brought to recover the fee promised by the bank when he attached the money in their behalf. The amount of money was \$1940. It was apportioned as follows: Marshall Crump \$5.00, cost of suit paid by bank \$105.; costs of court by Geo. Wheeler, \$30.; rider for stenographic work \$15.; Joe Johnson attorney's fees \$200.; Chief of Police Colorado Springs \$850. The remainder is divided between the bank and Starr's attorneys, the former getting about \$350.

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The students of the high school rendered "A Box of Monkeys" for a large and appreciative audience at the Grand Opera House last Friday night.

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Mr. J.B. Inman of New York has been in the city several days looking over the proposed routes of the Van Buren and Fort Smith Electric Railway line. Mr. Inman has the contract to do the construction work of both the road and bridge and begin preparations as soon as the charter asked for the bridge is granted by Congress. The money needed for the enterprise has been received and only the consent of Congress is needed to put it to use. Mr. M.N. Beatty, the projector of this enterprise, will remain here for a while and then go to Washington to urge action in the matter.



# 1894 Newspapers

**FORT SMITH ELEVATOR**  
March 9, 1894 to May 11, 1894

Extracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen from micro-film at the Fort Smith Public Library.

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**March 9, 1894**

A large number of play-goers from Van Buren came over to attend Beau Brummell.

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Last Friday night Mrs. Henry C. Smith died ... Mrs. Smith was a sister of the late John Colbert, and her death was to some extent hastened by the shock occasioned by his death. Her remains were interred at the White Cemetery in Central City.

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Mr. William King and Miss S.W. Burg, of the Choctaw Nation, were married in this city Monday at the store of Isacson. The ceremony was performed by Esq. Satterfield.

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Mr. Henry C. Voldorking died at his home in this city last Saturday ... He was 44 years old, and had lived in Fort Smith about twelve years. He leaves a wife and several children.

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**U.S. Court Proceedings**  
**A Busy Week — A Large Number of**  
**Convictions — The Johnson**  
**Murder Trial Ends In a**  
**Verdict of Guilty**  
**(Article too long to print here)**

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**March 23, 1894**

Arkansas Industrial University  
For Both Sexes  
Winter Vacation

All sessions began March 8 and end December 8, 1894. One of the leading universities of the Southwest. Graduates fill high positions in various states. Literary, Scientific, Engineering, Mechanical, Agricultural, and Normal Departments in the three colleges at Fayetteville. Law and Medical Departments at Little Rock. Normal and Mechanical Departments for colored students at Pine Bluff. Twenty Three courses of study. Equipped with modern apparatus and appliances. Large attendance. Matriculation fee \$5. Tuition free to Arkansas young men and young women. Students from

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#### JULY 1994

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The Tulsa office will provide coverage for all of northeastern Oklahoma and six counties in Arkansas, including Sebastian and Crawford counties. The Little Rock office will cover Franklin, Logan, Johnson, Scott and Polk counties in Northwest Arkansas.

Storm warnings will now be sent from the Tulsa weather service office to the Fort Smith Police Department's communication center, which will be responsible for sounding the alarm.

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The City of Fort Smith entered into a contract with Dr. Christopher Carlton, entomologist at the University of Arkansas, to monitor the beetle for the next four years at a cost of \$28,500.

This, of course, is looked upon by city officials and citizens as an unnecessary and outrageous expense to the local taxpayers. What next? (Copy of contract with Dr. Carlton courtesy of Assistant City Administrator, Bruno Rumbelow.)

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28th — Delta Queen Steamboat made inaugural trip to Fort Smith — beginning regular schedule on the Arkansas River.

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### **EXPRESS ROBBER CAPTURED**

Wednesday morning Charles Ketcham, alias Charles Hardin, was arrested at Alma on a charge of having robbed the Wells Fargo Express Company of \$35,000, on the road between Louisville and Cincinnati about a year and a half ago. Nineteen thousand dollars of the money was found in his possession. Ketcham's parents live in Fort Smith, having moved here from Van Buren a short time ago. They are very respectable people and are greatly cast down at the act of their wayward son. Ketcham has been taken to St. Louis.

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### **A NEW GAS DEAL**

The money has been deposited in the First National Bank of this city to square the deal made by Mr. W. H. Beatty with the Fort Smith Gas Company before he left Fort Smith for New York. This will cause a reorganization of the entire affairs of the company, and will doubtless result in great good.

Fort Smith is certainly booming!

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Robert Kahn, nine years old, was badly bitten Tuesday by a dog. He was taken to the home of Mrs. Ward, in the eastern part of the city where a mad dog stone was applied to his wounds. The stone, we understand, adhered several times.

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Last Sunday afternoon Miss Agnes Caldwell of this city and Mr. Emmett Gallaner, of Stanton, Washington County, were married at the residence of the groom's parents. Dr. Coombs officiating. The bride is the daughter of Col. R. A. Caldwell of this city and the groom is a prosperous young farmer in Washington County. *The Elevator* extends congratulations and best wishes.

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Tuesday night Mr. John Sharon had one of his legs broken in a scuffle with Mr. Bob Wyatt in the latters saloon. From what we can learn of the matter the quarrel arose over a "nick in the slot machine". Mr. Sharon's leg was broken by being caught in a small railing which runs across the lower part of the bar. It was badly injured, several of the bones being snapped off just below the knee.

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**April 6, 1894**

### **PARDON BY THE PRESIDENT**

William Crozier, confined in the U.S. jail at this place for cattle stealing, has been pardoned

by the President. His pardon was secured through the efforts of Col. Wm. M. Cravens.

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Ed Reed, a son of the notorious Belle Starr, has been arrested on the charge of introducing whiskey into the territory. Reed has only recently been paroled from the penitentiary, where he was serving a term for horse stealing.

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### **A CARD**

For the Democratic voters of Sebastian County — owing to the important and increased amount of work that devolves upon me at this particular time of year, growing out of the collection of taxes, it will be impossible for me to visit you at your homes, as I would like to do, and ask personally for your support at the coming primary election for the office of Sheriff. In the full hope you will honor me with a second term, I promise to carry into the next term my every energy of mind and body in the discharge of public duty, which, when strengthened by valuable experience of the past, will enable me to render you full and faithful service. Respectfully, T. W. Bugg

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**April 13, 1894**

### **REWARD FOR GIRL**

George Farrow writes from Red Oak, I.T. asking for information of his daughter who was taken away two years ago. The girl's name is Lillie. She is now 14 years old, has dark hair, dark eyes, fair skin, and a scar over the left eye. A reward of \$10 will be paid for correct information as to her whereabouts. Address George Farrow, Red Oak I.T.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farris of St. Louis, are in the city. The guests of Col. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton on North Sixth. They are welcome visitors to Fort Smith as they number their friends by the score.

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A limited number of 25 foot lots in Home Addition \$100 each.

Forty acres of river bottom land. 2½ miles from PO in fine state of cultivation for \$2,250, now rented for \$5 acre.

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### WOODS — BRUDER

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Bobt E. Woods and Miss Kate Bruder were united in marriage by Rev. Lawrence Smythe. The attendants were Mr. Frank Bruder, a brother of the bride and Miss Maggie Tobler. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother which was attended by a large number of friends of the bride and groom. *The Elevator* extends congratulations to the happy couple.

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The warm soft rain of Monday night to Wednesday morning are having a wonderful effect on vegetation.

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The first volume of the city directory by Maloney Directory Company, has been completed and delivered to subscribers. It is the most complete work of the kind ever issued in reference to our city and will be especially valuable for the purpose for which it is intended. The second edition will be issued in January. The directory shows Fort Smith to have a population of 16,232 an increase of about 2000 since the completion of the census of 1890.

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### SECOND PAYMENT MADE

Yesterday the second payment of \$15,000 was made to Messrs. Theurer and Johnston by the Fort Smith and Van Buren Bridge, Electric Railway and Power Company on a controlling interest in the Fort Smith Gas and Electric Light Company.

Mr. Beatty is making his payments promptly when due and those skeptics who contended the electric line to Van Buren would never be built, are rapidly changing their minds. The electric line will be built and work will begin as soon as Mr. Beatty returns from the east.

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Let the soldier's grave be a mecca at whose shrine a wreath of flowers is laid on Memorial Day.

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May 4, 1894

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### SMALLPOX PRECAUTIONS

In consideration of the fact of the appearance of smallpox in the city of St. Louis on our north and Texarkana on the south, we think it important to impress upon the citizens of Fort Smith the necessity of taking precautions against a terrible epidemic. This best can be done by vaccination. At present there is no cause for great alarm, but all persons not having been vaccinated, or having children who have not been vaccinated should have the matter attended to as soon as possible.

B. Hatchett, M.D.

Pres. Board of Health

J.A. Hoffman, Mayor

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The Young Peoples Club of the Lutheran Church will hold a strawberry festival tonight on the corner of Twelfth and Hickory Streets. Everyone is invited to attend.

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### A SAD AFFLICTION

Rabbi Traugatt was suddenly stricken with total blindness Tuesday evening while walking along the street. His affliction is a result of paralysis of the optic nerve. He has for a long time been troubled with failing eyesight, and recently went to St. Louis to consult with occultists about his condition. From them he received little encouragement. It is a very sad case. Rabbi Traugatt is unusually esteemed in this city. Since the beginning of his ministry here he has made a host of friends among all creeds and classes by his endeavors to do good. It is to be trusted his ailment may be only temporary.

Arrangements are being made for giving an entertainment at the Opera House Monday Night, in the nature of a benefit for the Rabbi. This is being done without his knowledge or consent. *The Elevator* hopes the citizens will fill the house to overflowing.

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### **IT'S ALUMINUM**

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### **SENTENCED TO HANG**

Last Friday, Judge I.C. Parker passed the sentence of death upon Willie Johnson, who was convicted at the last term of court for being accessory to the murder of Sherman Russell in the Indian Territory on the 12th of July 1893. Wednesday, July 25 is the day set for execution.

Sherman Russell was killed by Sam Woodward. Johnson is guilty of being party to the killing by aiding and abetting Woodward to commit the crime.

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Fort Smith is an exceedingly fortunate city in more ways than one. Aside from all her other advantages she this year will reap a harvest by reason of the payment of the Cherokee strip money — \$8,740,000 in amount.

This is a big pile of money and it will help push over a dull season. But then, Fort Smith is all right in every way. Last year when banks were breaking and factories shutting down in the north, Fort Smith had no failures. Her Postoffice showed an increase in business through the most trying period as did her banks, her wholesale and retail houses and her moneyed institutions. Fort Smith's trade last year was greater than ever before, and this year's trade will exceed that of last.

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### **CHIEF QUANAL PARKER**

Chief Quanal Parker of the Comanche Indians possesses some odd traits of character. He occupies, with his five wives, a handsome home of 30 rooms near the reservation, and whenever he leaves for a journey he turns his wives out of doors because "they have no more sense than to let the house take fire and burn down during his absence". Quantel is 43 years old, very rich and inclined to adopt the ways of civilization to the extent of wearing its clothes, driving a team of fast horses and serving on his table the best the market affords. — *New York World*.

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### **VOTE FOR FIVE MILLS**

The statement published by the school board shows that the amount derived from the interest on our school fund will not support the public schools for nine months' term. The statement is plain and easily understood, and it leaves no alternative. We must either vote a five mills tax or content ourselves with a four months' term. The former will not be felt by our people, the latter will be felt by them, and most seriously. It will give the schools a set-back from which they will not recover for a long time.

Vote for a tax of five mills.

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### **ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE**

Tuesday night there were two attempts of suicide in the city.

Mrs. Milo Creekmore attempted to shuffle off the troubles of this world with a dose of arsenic. Her condition was discovered shortly after she took the drug. Physicians were at once notified, who, by hard work, saved her life. Despondence is supposed to be the cause of her desire to try the climate of the undiscovered course.

Mr. J. L. Young, a saddler, took an overdose of morphine at his boarding home on Eighth Street about half past six o'clock. The rigorous efforts of physicians saved him. Mr. Young has been in poor health for sometime and it is more than likely this was the reason he took the deadly dose. Some of his friends feel the overdose was taken by mistake.

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The second lecture of the series under the auspices of the Ladies of the Fortnightly Library Association was delivered in the Circuit Court room Tuesday night by Col. W. H. H. Clayton. The colonel's subject was "Man", and for an hour his audience enjoyed the scintillating of wit for which the gentleman is noted. It was a rare literary treat for those present. The next and last lecture of the course will be given by Dr. Howard Ayers.

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Mr. Richard Stahl, the composer, now has charge of the choir of the Episcopal Church and has reorganized it with the following membership: Mrs. Hammons, Mrs. Ramey, and Mrs. Butler, Soprano; Mrs. Mantor, Alto; Mr. Frank LaFlore, Tenor; Messrs. Albens, Rogers, Voelter and Howell, Bass.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico. The award was presented by John Cook, Southwest Regional Director of the National Park Service. On May 24, Nichols, who has served as park ranger at the National Historic Site in Fort Smith for 30 years and 20 years in the military service prior to that, received high honors in Washington, D.C. He was presented a 50-year pin for his service to the U.S. Government, and a wooden plaque presented by Roger Kennedy, Director of the National Park Service.

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#### JULY 1994

6th — As part of a nationwide effort to upgrade the weather service, forecasting and warning duties of the Fort Smith weather office were split between offices in Tulsa and Little Rock which will be using WSR-88D, or Doppler radar, the latest in radar technology. That equipment greatly enhances the ability to forecast and monitor weather conditions.

The Tulsa office will provide coverage for all of northeastern Oklahoma and six counties in Arkansas, including Sebastian and Crawford counties. The Little Rock office will cover Franklin, Logan, Johnson, Scott and Polk counties in Northwest Arkansas.

Storm warnings will now be sent from the Tulsa weather service office to the Fort Smith Police Department's communication center, which will be responsible for sounding the alarm.

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6th — Update on that American burying Beetle we wrote about in our April (1994) issue, and which was written up in the February (1994) issue of *Reader's Digest* in the section "That's Outrageous!" (not our writing).

The City of Fort Smith entered into a contract with Dr. Christopher Carlton, entomologist at the University of Arkansas, to monitor the beetle for the next four years at a cost of \$28,500.

This, of course, is looked upon by city officials and citizens as an unnecessary and outrageous expense to the local taxpayers. What next? (Copy of contract with Dr. Carlton courtesy of Assistant City Administrator, Bruno Rumbelow.)

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28th — Delta Queen Steamboat made inaugural trip to Fort Smith — beginning regular schedule on the Arkansas River.

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### **EXPRESS ROBBER CAPTURED**

Wednesday morning Charles Ketcham, alias Charles Hardin, was arrested at Alma on a charge of having robbed the Wells Fargo Express Company of \$35,000, on the road between Louisville and Cincinnati about a year and a half ago. Nineteen thousand dollars of the money was found in his possession. Ketcham's parents live in Fort Smith, having moved here from Van Buren a short time ago. They are very respectable people and are greatly cast down at the act of their wayward son. Ketcham has been taken to St. Louis.

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### **A NEW GAS DEAL**

The money has been deposited in the First National Bank of this city to square the deal made by Mr. W. H. Beatty with the Fort Smith Gas Company before he left Fort Smith for New York. This will cause a reorganization of the entire affairs of the company, and will doubtless result in great good.

Fort Smith is certainly booming!

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Robert Kahn, nine years old, was badly bitten Tuesday by a dog. He was taken to the home of Mrs. Ward, in the eastern part of the city where a mad dog stone was applied to his wounds. The stone, we understand, adhered several times.

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Last Sunday afternoon Miss Agnes Caldwell of this city and Mr. Emmett Gallaner, of Stanton, Washington County, were married at the residence of the groom's parents. Dr. Coombs officiating. The bride is the daughter of Col. R. A. Caldwell of this city and the groom is a prosperous young farmer in Washington County. *The Elevator* extends congratulations and best wishes.

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Tuesday night Mr. John Sharon had one of his legs broken in a scuffle with Mr. Bob Wyatt in the latters saloon. From what we can learn of the matter the quarrel arose over a "nick in the slot machine". Mr. Sharon's leg was broken by being caught in a small railing which runs across the lower part of the bar. It was badly injured, several of the bones being snapped off just below the knee.

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**April 6, 1894**

### **PARDON BY THE PRESIDENT**

William Crozier, confined in the U.S. jail at this place for cattle stealing, has been pardoned

by the President. His pardon was secured through the efforts of Col. Wm. M. Cravens.

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Ed Reed, a son of the notorious Belle Starr, has been arrested on the charge of introducing whiskey into the territory. Reed has only recently been paroled from the penitentiary, where he was serving a term for horse stealing.

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### **A CARD**

For the Democratic voters of Sebastian County — owing to the important and increased amount of work that devolves upon me at this particular time of year, growing out of the collection of taxes, it will be impossible for me to visit you at your homes, as I would like to do, and ask personally for your support at the coming primary election for the office of Sheriff. In the full hope you will honor me with a second term, I promise to carry into the next term my every energy of mind and body in the discharge of public duty, which, when strengthened by valuable experience of the past, will enable me to render you full and faithful service. Respectfully, T. W. Bugg

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**April 13, 1894**

### **REWARD FOR GIRL**

George Farrow writes from Red Oak, I.T. asking for information of his daughter who was taken away two years ago. The girl's name is Lillie. She is now 14 years old, has dark hair, dark eyes, fair skin, and a scar over the left eye. A reward of \$10 will be paid for correct information as to her whereabouts. Address George Farrow, Red Oak I.T.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farris of St. Louis, are in the city. The guests of Col. and Mrs. W. H. H. Clayton on North Sixth. They are welcome visitors to Fort Smith as they number their friends by the score.

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Dick's Mal-en-ol for man or beast. Internally at B.I. Shouse.

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### **REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

A limited number of 25 foot lots in Home Addition \$100 each.

Forty acres of river bottom land. 2½ miles from PO in fine state of cultivation for \$2,250, now rented for \$5 acre.

Five to ten acres on Greenwood Road, two miles from PO, not improved for \$100 acre.



Lots 1,2,3 and 4 block 25 Fitzgerald Addition, \$150 each.

Lots 7,8,9 and 10 Block 11 same addition \$150 each Cash.

Seven Room 2-story modern house, five blocks from avenue now occupied by G.R. Williams, price \$3,000.

"Court House" block on 6th street containing 12 lots, the only solid block of lots in the city. Something choice — \$8500 - \$2000 cash.

Carnall Bros.

Office in Elevator Building  
719 Garrison Avenue

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**April 20, 1894**

**WOODS — BRUDER**

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Bobt E. Woods and Miss Kate Bruder were united in marriage by Rev. Lawrence Smythe. The attendants were Mr. Frank Bruder, a brother of the bride and Miss Maggie Tobler. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother which was attended by a large number of friends of the bride and groom. *The Elevator* extends congratulations to the happy couple.

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The warm soft rain of Monday night to Wednesday morning are having a wonderful effect on vegetation.

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The first volume of the city directory by Maloney Directory Company, has been completed and delivered to subscribers. It is the most complete work of the kind ever issued in reference to our city and will be especially valuable for the purpose for which it is intended. The second edition will be issued in January. The directory shows Fort Smith to have a population of 16,232 an increase of about 2000 since the completion of the census of 1890.

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**SECOND PAYMENT MADE**

Yesterday the second payment of \$15,000 was made to Messrs. Theurer and Johnston by the Fort Smith and Van Buren Bridge, Electric Railway and Power Company on a controlling interest in the Fort Smith Gas and Electric Light Company.

Mr. Beatty is making his payments promptly when due and those skeptics who contended the electric line to Van Buren would never be built, are rapidly changing their minds. The electric line will be built and work will begin as soon as Mr. Beatty returns from the east.

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Let the soldier's grave be a mecca at whose shrine a wreath of flowers is laid on Memorial Day.

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**May 4, 1894**

**OPEN ALL NIGHT**

Texas  
Corner  
Saloon

1018 Garrison

The Blue front

Special attention to Jug Trade, Wine, Liquors.  
Cigars

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**SMALLPOX PRECAUTIONS**

In consideration of the fact of the appearance of smallpox in the city of St. Louis on our north and Texarkana on the south, we think it important to impress upon the citizens of Fort Smith the necessity of taking precautions against a terrible epidemic. This best can be done by vaccination. At present there is no cause for great alarm, but all persons not having been vaccinated, or having children who have not been vaccinated should have the matter attended to as soon as possible.

B. Hatchett, M.D.

Pres. Board of Health

J.A. Hoffman, Mayor

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The Young Peoples Club of the Lutheran Church will hold a strawberry festival tonight on the corner of Twelfth and Hickory Streets. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**A SAD AFFLICTION**

Rabbi Traugatt was suddenly stricken with total blindness Tuesday evening while walking along the street. His affliction is a result of paralysis of the optic nerve. He has for a long time been troubled with failing eyesight, and recently went to St. Louis to consult with occultists about his condition. From them he received little encouragement. It is a very sad case. Rabbi Traugatt is unusually esteemed in this city. Since the beginning of his ministry here he has made a host of friends among all creeds and classes by his endeavors to do good. It is to be trusted his ailment may be only temporary.

Arrangements are being made for giving an entertainment at the Opera House Monday Night, in the nature of a benefit for the Rabbi. This is being done without his knowledge or consent. *The Elevator* hopes the citizens will fill the house to overflowing.

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### **IT'S ALUMINUM**

And everything is being made of it. Cooking utensils, table ware and novelties of all kinds. Everybody wants it, and everybody buys it.

Agents wanted at once to canvass Arkansas and the Indian Territory, big pay.

Will D. Ham

Gen'l Agent

Call *Fort Smith Elevator*

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**May 11, 1894**

### **SENTENCED TO HANG**

Last Friday, Judge I.C. Parker passed the sentence of death upon Willie Johnson, who was convicted at the last term of court for being accessory to the murder of Sherman Russell in the Indian Territory on the 12th of July 1893. Wednesday, July 25 is the day set for execution.

Sherman Russell was killed by Sam Woodward. Johnson is guilty of being party to the killing by aiding and abetting Woodward to commit the crime.

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Fort Smith is an exceedingly fortunate city in more ways than one. Aside from all her other advantages she this year will reap a harvest by reason of the payment of the Cherokee strip money — \$8,740,000 in amount.

This is a big pile of money and it will help push over a dull season. But then, Fort Smith is all right in every way. Last year when banks were breaking and factories shutting down in the north, Fort Smith had no failures. Her Postoffice showed an increase in business through the most trying period as did her banks, her wholesale and retail houses and her moneyed institutions. Fort Smith's trade last year was greater than ever before, and this year's trade will exceed that of last.

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### **CHIEF QUANAL PARKER**

Chief Quanal Parker of the Comanche Indians possesses some odd traits of character. He occupies, with his five wives, a handsome home of 30 rooms near the reservation, and whenever he leaves for a journey he turns his wives out of doors because "they have no more sense than to let the house take fire and burn down during his absence". Quantel is 43 years old, very rich and inclined to adopt the ways of civilization to the extent of wearing its clothes, driving a team of fast horses and serving on his table the best the market affords. — *New York World*.

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### **VOTE FOR FIVE MILLS**

The statement published by the school board shows that the amount derived from the interest on our school fund will not support the public schools for nine months' term. The statement is plain and easily understood, and it leaves no alternative. We must either vote a five mills tax or content ourselves with a four months' term. The former will not be felt by our people, the latter will be felt by them, and most seriously. It will give the schools a set-back from which they will not recover for a long time.

Vote for a tax of five mills.

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### **ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE**

Tuesday night there were two attempts of suicide in the city.

Mrs. Milo Creekmore attempted to shuffle off the troubles of this world with a dose of arsenic. Her condition was discovered shortly after she took the drug. Physicians were at once notified, who, by hard work, saved her life. Despondence is supposed to be the cause of her desire to try the climate of the undiscovered course.

Mr. J. L. Young, a saddler, took an overdose of morphine at his boarding home on Eighth Street about half past six o'clock. The rigorous efforts of physicians saved him. Mr. Young has been in poor health for sometime and it is more than likely this was the reason he took the deadly dose. Some of his friends feel the overdose was taken by mistake.

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The second lecture of the series under the auspices of the Ladies of the Fortnightly Library Association was delivered in the Circuit Court room Tuesday night by Col. W. H. H. Clayton. The colonel's subject was "Man", and for an hour his audience enjoyed the scintillating of wit for which the gentleman is noted. It was a rare literary treat for those present. The next and last lecture of the course will be given by Dr. Howard Ayers.

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Mr. Richard Stahl, the composer, now has charge of the choir of the Episcopal Church and has reorganized it with the following membership: Mrs. Hammons, Mrs. Ramey, and Mrs. Butler, Soprano; Mrs. Mantor, Alto; Mr. Frank LaFlore, Tenor; Messrs. Albens, Rogers, Voelter and Howell, Bass.

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# Come and Gone

**MIDNIGHT — 31ST OF DECEMBER, 1894**

The old year is just passing away forever. In review it passes with its burden before us. Wars, droughts, floods, fire, railroad disaster, suicides, assassinations, lynchings, hangings, robberies, strikes, poverty, tramps, political differences, new parties, coalitions, disintegrations of parties, financial distresses. The masses like branches of the trees are swayed by every political breeze. Cranks, demagogues, pseudo-reformers and theoretical economics augment the unrest. The old year carries as her burden, tears, sorrows, sufferings, deferred resolves, broken promises. Misplaced confidence, noble impulses crushed, virtuous resolutions abandoned, reformations procrastinated, heartaches, farewells to loved ones, separation of friends. Also the noble efforts of grand men and women in behalf of suffering and fallen humanity. So passes like a meteor dark in 1894. One more link in the endless chain of the eternal cycles.

It is clear and frosty. The Pleiades look down with pity. See, she comes — a magnificent ship — her mottoes and banners gleaming. All aboard, it is the New Year. HAPPY NEW YEAR. Now she sweeps through infinite space — and trembles in the undulations of Ether. She curves toward the great central Orb — and speeds on her way at the rate of a thousand miles a minute.

Brothers, sisters — we can't afford to be idle a minute. Don't you see time don't wait. Don't you see how we are hurrying on. Let us now resolve never again to procrastinate a good deed, nor strangle a noble impulse. Do good. Do right. If we cannot relieve by charity the distressed we can sympathize and speak kindly. A happy and prosperous New Year — to all.

Dr. W.R. Bachelor, Pauline, Arkansas

*The foregoing article, contributed by Clayton Russell, appeared in the Fort Smith Elevator Newspaper. Dr. W.R. Bachelor was the father of Dr. James N. Bachelor whose biography was included in **Physicians and Medicine, Crawford and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas, 1817-1926**, compiled by Amelia Martin, 1977.*

*Dr. Bachelor is also the great-grandfather of Clayton Russell of Fort Smith. He was an early resident of Franklin County, Arkansas, in the Cecil community, and died there in 1903.*

**DR. W.R. BACHELOR**

*(Father of Dr. James H. Bachelor,  
Central City, Seb. Co. AR.)*

Dr. W.R. Bachelor, of Franklin County, was born November 29, 1827, in Lawrence County, Tenn., and is a son of W.R. and Alice (Odom) Bachelor, natives of North Carolina. The father was a farmer by occupation and located upon a farm in Nash County after his marriage, whence he removed to Tennessee in an early day, where he continued farming until his death, which occurred in Hardin County in 1858.

He was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters, three of whom are living, viz.: Dr. W.R., William S. and Sarah, the latter now living with our subject. The mother died in 1848, having been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. W.R. Bachelor was reared and educated in Hardin County, Tenn., and for several years in his early manhood engaged in teaching, during which time he was studying medicine. He began active practice of the medical profession in Hardin County in 1859, where he remained until 1863, and then went to Kentucky. In 1866 he returned to Hardin County, Tenn., and was employed by the Government as Physician in charge of the men engaged in building the National Cemetery at Pittsburg Landing. In 1870 he purchased and moved to his present fine farm of 250 acres in Franklin County, Ark., which is well improved and stocked.

In 1848 Dr. Bachelor married Sarah Tankersly, daughter of Roling Tankersly, of Hardin County, Tenn. To this union have been born nine children, viz.: Leander M., Dr. James H., of Central City; John Y.L., Wilson R., Jr., Victor H., Nancy J., Alice D., wife of Dr. S.R. Russell; Lulu, now Mrs. William Harris, and Pauline G.

Dr. Bachelor is one of the leading Liberalists in Western Arkansas, and is the author of a work on free thought, called "Fiat-Flux." As a doctor he is well and favorably known, and has a good practice. Politically he is a Republican.

Mrs. Bachelor is a member of the Baptist Church.

*(The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwestern Arkansas, published in 1889, page 1223).*



# Tribute to a Fort Smith Couple

## Edwin "Eddie" and Evelyn Elzora Hicks

by Claire Flynn

Eddie and Evelyn Hicks were a very, very special couple, devoted to each other, their professions and their community. They were a close team for 54 years, enjoying life and spreading joy and goodwill wherever they went, in some way touching and bringing pleasure to the lives of all who knew them, either personally or through their writing and work in the community. It was a pleasure just to know them, and a privilege to be their friend.

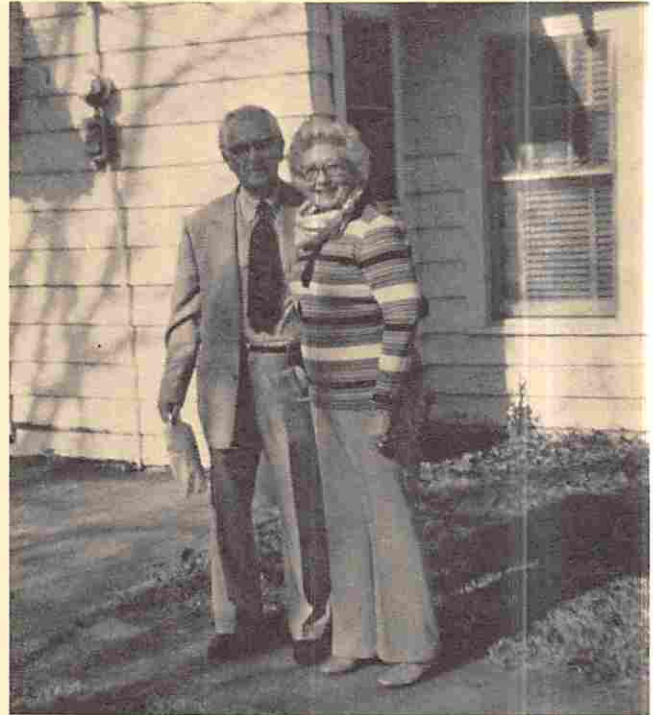
Edwin Prentice "Eddie" Hicks was born March 22, 1905 in Krebs, part of the Indian Territory, was raised in the Greenwood, Arkansas area and died in Fort Smith in 1985.

A 1926 graduate of the University of Arkansas, his first two articles were published by *American Magazine* while he was still at the university.

After graduation, he was editor and then publisher of the *Greenwood Democrat*. He was a reporter and feature writer for the *Southwest American* and *Fort Smith Times Record* from 1929 until 1943. He managed the Fayetteville bureau for the two newspapers from 1935 until 1938.

He published over 75 articles in national and regional magazines and had more than 50 short stories featured in various publications. He also wrote two books and four movies. The books were *Fort Smith and Her Pearl*, and *Fort Smith Story: Fort Smith Nation*. His story *Capital Offense* was bought by MGM and made into the movie *Hot Summer Night*. *The Jaywalker* was an animated feature which was nominated for best short subject Academy Award in 1957. He was a prolific writer.

Evelyn Elzora Gambrel was born in Ozark, AR, August 28, 1905. As a teenager she worked on an Ozark newspaper and attended the University of Arkansas where she met Eddie Hicks. Evelyn taught school at Altus and began law practice in 1926. She was the first woman admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Arkansas. Later, admitted before the bar of the Supreme Court, she served as a deputy prosecuting attorney under Floyd Barker in the 1940's. She also served as Sebastian County Probation officer; and was a city social worker under Mayor Jack Pace.



Eddie and Evelyn Hicks, November 1977 at their 2312 South L Street home in Fort Smith, AR.

After retirement in 1960, she joined her husband in traveling and researching material for stories. Evelyn drove and edited; Eddie dreamed and wrote. They were both partners in Eddie's 60-Plus writing classes at Westark Community College, and in the writing and editing of the *Golden Times* and *Rear View Mirror*. Evelyn died May 3, 1994.

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### **HENNESSEY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION**

Many thanks to the Hennessey Foundation for its \$2,500 contribution to the Fort Smith Historical Society. We appreciate this generous support of our work in locating, identifying, preserving and publishing written and oral history of the Fort Smith area for the benefit of today's readers and generations of readers yet to come.

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Ft. Smith  
L. 10

Aspen Hotel and Suites, which its owners say will be the most luxurious in the city.

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29th – Owens Corning quietly observed its tenth anniversary in Fort Smith, producing fiberglass paper for use in roofing shingles. It was the second fiberglass mat plant in the country, according to Newt Holloway, plant manager.

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30th – Arch Glenn, Fort Smith's first city administrator and longtime community leader, died June 28th.

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**JULY**

1st – Dovie Tinsley of Fort Smith this week was installed as president of the Fort Smith Noon Lions Club. She is the first woman president in the club's 76-year history. Her term expires June 30,

# 1894-95 Newspapers

**FORT SMITH ELEVATOR – November 2, 1894 - January 4, 1895**

Abstracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen

### **ARKANSAS SYNOD C. P. CHURCH**

All delegates who expect to attend the Arkansas Synod of the C. P. Church which meets at Fort Smith on the 13th day of November, will please forward their name to John H. McClure, No. 520 Fifteenth Street, in order that entertainment may be provided for them. All delegates should come by public conveyance, as we have no arrangements for taking care of horses.

Jno. H. McClure, Ch'n Committee

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### **The Chew Episode**

The "County Fair" people came to the city last week in an excited state of mind owing to the detention of several of their members for a short period of time at Van Buren on a charge of gambling. The charge that aroused their indignation was preferred by Col. Sam Chew, Prosecuting Attorney, of the Fifteenth Judicial District. They say that at Van Buren four of the members of the troupe – 3 ladies and a gentleman – were arrested on the charge of gambling. They had been playing cards on the way up. Mr. Chew was on the train and when it arrived at Van Buren an officer was on hand to take the unfortunate in. They got off by putting up a bond of \$50, but deny that any money was put in the game they were playing and several parties who were on the train with them bear them out in their statements. Mr. Chew on the other hand says the accused parties were gambling, that he can produce witnesses to prove the fact, and that in causing the arrests he was only doing his duty. So there you are.

### **Crushed**

John Moody, supposed to be a tramp, was badly crushed at Chester last Monday while trying to jump from a moving train. Both legs from the ankle to the knee and both arms from the elbow to the wrist were crushed to a jelly. Moody was brought to the city and died Tuesday night.

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### **November 9, 1894**

Geo T. Sparks      Sam'l McCloud      Jno Vaile  
President              Vice President              Casher

### **FIRST NATIONAL BANK** Fort Smith

Capital \$1,000,000      Undivided Profits \$170,000

#### Directors

Samuel McCloud, Joseph Adler, J. Foster,  
Robert H. Stone, H. Baer, Geo T. Sparks, Jno  
Vaile, H.T. Jackman

The oldest national bank in the state and does the largest business of any bank in Western Arkansas. Your patronage solicited.

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Right of Citizens to Kill Outlaws  
Fort Smith, Ark: October 26,  
Gov. C.J. Harris, Tahlequah IT

Notify your people that any citizen of the Nation has the right to arrest any member of the Cook gang, or any other person who has committed a felony, without a writ, whether they are white men or Indians, and that the officers of this court will be glad to have their assistance. If in the arrest of a robber he resist the citizen, the citizen has the same right to kill as an officer, if necessary to effect the capture.

Read, U.S. Attorney

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### **LOST**

Mrs. Bill James of 403 Houston St., Paris, Texas, wants to know the whereabouts of her husband and son, John James and Wilson James, 12 years, son. They left Hamden, IT for Fort Smith two years ago. Any information addressed to Mrs. Bill James, 403 Houston Street, Paris, Texas, will be appreciated.

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Mr. Frank Shannon and Miss Nellie Hendricks were married in this city last Monday night at the residence of Rev. Lawrence Smythe. The happy young couple are well known and have the warm wishes of many friends for their future happiness.





Last Sunday night somebody who stood in need of change got into P.T. Devaney's shoe store and took \$9.25, that being the amount of money in the drawer at the time. The entrance was made through one of the rear windows. A new window had just been put in one of the windows and upon this the thief operated. The putty being fresh he removed it with a knife or some similar implement and lifted the glass out without injuring it in the least. The job was evidently done by a mechanic, or by somebody at least, who understood how to handle tools.

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**November 16, 1894**

Mrs. C.P. Wilson this week showed us some remarkably fine potatoes which he had raised on his farm near the city. They are now on exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce.

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**M K & T HOLD UP**

Tuesday night about half past 10 o'clock the southbound passenger train of the M-K-& T was held up at a switch called Blackstone about 5 miles north of Muskogee. The switch had been thrown and the train ran on a track upon which several box cars were standing. An attempt was made to force an entrance into the express car by means of dynamite, but for some reason it failed. The entire train was then gone through and all the passengers relieved of their valuables. About \$275 and eight gold watches were secured. Nobody was injured. There were at least 10 men engaged in the holdup, and some of the passengers say there were as many as 15. The hold up is attributed to the Cook gang.

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Fort Smith got woefully done up in the football game with Fayetteville last Saturday, the score standing at 42 to nothing in favor of the latter.

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The professional card of A.H. (Phon) Patterson appears in this issue. Phon has given the matrimonial question lots of study and has the ceremony "pat." If any of our readers or their friends have any interest in committing matrimony, Phon will splice them in the highest style of the art.

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Col. Sim Lewis, the big hearted sign dispenser, is in fine spirits today. A daughter arrived at his home yesterday morning. Mother and child are doing well and Sim is correspondingly happy.

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**November 30, 1894**

**WANTED**

Every hunter who owns hounds please write to us on a postal card. We want your name and address. Hounds of age are for sale.

G.S. White & Co.  
West Fork, Ark.

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All this talk about making a new state out of Sebastian County and the Choctaw and Cherokee Nations is "funny business" the silliest form of twaddle. Some of our State exchanges however seem to consider it seriously.

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**December 7, 1894**  
**CHRISTMAS GAMES**  
**FREE**

A fine game in each pound of Lion Coffee, until Christmas. Many different kinds suitable for grown people and children.

Drink Lion Coffee  
And get all games  
Fine Parlor Games

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**EUCHRE PARTY**

Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Barnes entertained a number of their lady and gentlemen friends at their pleasant house on Sixth Street on Friday evening of last week. Six hand Euchre was indulged in which some of the gentlemen were clearly outclassed by the ladies.

A delightful luncheon consisting of blue points raw, chicken salad, chow-chow, coffee and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes understand the art of entertaining thoroughly and their guests never fail to have a pleasant evening.

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The windows of the Boston Store are objects of much attention this week. They contain a beautiful display of goods. At night they are handsomely illuminated.

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Candies of all kinds, fireworks, mixed nuts, chewing gum, oranges in fact everything for the Xmas trade can be found at J. W. and Robert Meek's, 813 Garrison.

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**December 14, 1894**  
**WANTED MERCHANT**

Trappers and everybody to know that I want right away or within 30 days,

- 100,000 Opossums
- 50,000 Pole Cats
- 100,000 Skunks
- 10,000 Foxes
- 100,000 Coons

Also 100,000 lbs. Dry Beef Hides  
10,000 lbs. Deerskins

If you have any for sale write for prices. Consignment solicited.

I.H. OPPENHEIMER  
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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The Firemen as well as most of the councilmen seem of the opinion that Sixth Street is the proper place for an engine house. We believe that most of the citizens think that way.

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The annual commencement exercises of the Arkansas Industrial University were held last week. Gov. Fishback made the presentation speeches and awarded diplomas to the graduation class of thirteen members. Dr. J.L. Buchanan was re-elected president and all the old faculty members were retained except Professors Gray and Leverette, teachers of Mathematics and Greek. The enrollment of the students during the year was 614. The university was never before such flourishing condition.

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### A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

On Tuesday, December 18th, the Promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at the Catholic hall on the avenue to receive donations for the poor and needy of Fort Smith.

Offerings of money, groceries, dry good, clothing, bedding, or delicacies will be thankfully received. Every one is invited to contribute his or her mite. Let us try to bring comfort to every home this Christmas.

Please bring your donations early on Tuesday next so that they may be delivered before night.

Promoters of the League

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**December 21, 1894**

"An Honest Soap is a Woman's Best Friend"

Clairette Soap

Sold Everywhere

Made by the H.K. Fairbank Company, St. Louis

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Dallas (Texas) News - The chief trouble in this country is want of confidence, brought on by the plagues and threats of demagogues and anarchists.

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Dr. J.M. Hill, the specialist, received a letter last week from Col. Geo. W. Caruth, American Consul General in Portugal, in reference to a very stubborn case of hemorrhoids.

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Mr. Will McNally returned Wednesday from a hunting trip to Luck Lake, Choctaw nation, about 45 miles from this city. He was accompanied by Coleman Smith and one or two others and says the party killed an abundance of squirrels and rabbits, a few turkeys and several deer. All got fat on their game and Bill has got more fat on his bones than he has had in ten years.

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**January 4, 1895**

**CHEROKEE BILL**

He kills his brother in law and robs the Express

Office at Nowata.

Cherokee Bill appears to be going it alone now and getting unusually bold for a man with a price on his head. A few nights ago he attended a dance at the home of Ex-Deputy Ike Rogers near Nowata. Tuesday morning he killed his brother-in-law, a negro named Brown, who lives in the vicinity of Talala. The day before he took dinner at Nowata, putting his horse in the livery stable. On Tuesday afternoon he was around Nowata sometime and just before the northbound train arrived there Tuesday night went to the depot and robbed the agent of what cash he had in the safe, about \$39, after which he mounted his horse and left.

It is said he killed Brown because he thought he had attempted to betray him to the officers.

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### ATTENTION INDIANS

All Catawba Indians by blood or otherwise are requested to meet at the County Court House in Fort Smith, Ark., on Thursday, January 24, 1895, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of perfecting the census roll of the Western Catawba Indian Association and the transaction of other matters that may come before the meeting. All Catawba Indians are expected to be present in person or by proxy as business of importance will come before the meeting.

James Bain, Pres't

Geo. E. Williams, Sec'ry

Western Catawba Indian Association

## FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Fort Smith Historical Society  
Member:

Do you know how important you are  
to the publication of *The Journal*?

It is through ongoing support, such  
as yours, that we continue to thrive and  
expand. Please help expand our membership  
by telling your friends about *The  
Journal* and Society. Larger membership  
will mean bigger and better *Journals*.

Thank you. We need you and appreciate you.

Amelia Martin, Editor



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## FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

Hon. Joseph M. Hill, one of the most popular citizens of Western Arkansas, is spoken of as a candidate for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Hill is an able lawyer and is excellently equipped for the position which his friends desire he shall fill. Sebastian County will keep his name before the public until the meeting of the State Convention next year and will send a strong and enthusiastic delegation to the convention to do battle for his cause. There are other counties in the state, too, who think pretty well of Mr. Hill.

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FANNIE MILOR, Trained Nurse,  
On North J St. between 11th and 12th St.  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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Miss Una Hall, who left last week for China, where she will engage in missionary work, spent several days in Fayetteville. After departure from Fort Smith, Miss Hall will go to China by way of San Francisco. She will remain in the Flowery Kingdom seven years. The prayers of a host of friends go with her on her perilous voyage and in the duty she has imposed on herself.

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## RUBY GLASSWARE ENGRAVED

At 804 Garrison Avenue you will find all styles and shapes of fine wares, and with each purchase the name desired will be artistically engraved by the renowned artist H. L. Stein. The articles make fine presents, are nobby, and useful as well as ornamental.

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## FINE SET OF TEETH \$8.00

Teeth extracted without pain 25 cts. Gold Filling \$1.00 and up. And all kinds of dental work such as Gold Crowns, Porcelain Crowns, Bridge work and teeth without plates, done in the most approved and skillful manner at greatly reduced prices. Terms Cash. Write for information to:

A. E. KIMMONS, DENTIST  
Office Hightower Building  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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## ISRAEL CARR

The trial of Israel Carr for the murder of Bill Conway in 1892 began Tuesday. Carr is a Creek Indian, Conway was white, and if witness for the defense are to be believed he was a pretty tough citizen. The trial resulted in an acquittal.

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January 17 1896

## UNITED STATES COURT

Cherokee Bill sentenced to Hang on 17th of March. The Thornton and Carter cases reversed by Supreme Court.

## CHEROKEE BILL

The mandate of the Supreme Court in the case of Cherokee Bill, sustained on appeal from the court, arrived Monday and Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock, Cherokee Bill arrived in the court to receive the third sentence which had been passed upon him. He was well guarded and heavily shackled. The courtroom was crowded when he arrived, the people of the city bearing out in large numbers to catch sight of the desperado and to hear the dreaded words from the lips of Judge Parker. After Cherokee Bill's shackles had been removed he was ordered to stand up. The cowardly outlaw, as he arose from his seat, was the center of all eyes. He was several degrees lighter in color than when he entered the jail, but he bore the same old defiant look.

During the time Judge Parker was passing sentence, Cherokee stood in a careless attitude, his eyes wandering here and there about the room, his body nervously twisting and his right hand carelessly snapping its fingers. His appearance and manner showed he did not care a tinkers connection whether he was hanged or not. His response to the question by the court why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon him elicited the response in a bold, clear, "No Sir." Tuesday the 17th of March is the day set for Cherokee's execution. Judge Parker passed sentence in solemn grave tone of voice. He said: Cherokee Bill alias Crawford Goldsby, you have been convicted of the crime of murder for having on the 18th day of November 1894 willfully and with malice aforethought taken the life of Ernest Melton. Once before I sentenced you for this crime. You took your case to the Supreme Court of the United States. That worked a stay of execution for the former sentence. The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the court and has sent its mandate to this court. This makes it my imperative duty to again sentence you for the murder of Ernest Melton. Have you anything to say why the sentence should not be pronounced.

The Prisoner: "No, Sir."

The Court: I have twice before sentenced you to death once for the murder of Ernest Melton and once for the murder of Lawrence Kealean, on those occasions I gave you advice teaching you solutions and relating to your duty to yourself and your God. I hope you have not forgotten that advice and that you have profited and will profit by it for it was given for your good. In view of the previous advice I deem it unnecessary to say anything to you on that line now. You will listen to the sentence of the law as pronounced by the court. That sentence is that you Crawford Goldsby alias Cherokee Bill for the crime of murder having willingly and with malice aforethought killed Ernest Melton in Indian Country and within the jurisdiction of the court of which crime you stand convicted by the verdict of the jury in your case be deemed and



#### 4 CORNERS ANCESTOR FAIR

The 4 Corners Ancestor Fair will be held July 25-27, 1996, at the Northwest Arkansas Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Springdale, Arkansas. The fair features two days of workshops on such genealogical research topics as Native American research beginning genealogy, archival research, Civil War, National Archives and LDS and two days of exhibits. For more information contact 4 Corners Ancestor Fair, 509 West Spring Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

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#### BOOKS AVAILABLE:

ANSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA has completed compilation of a heritage book which contains family, church, business histories, biographies, etc. For more information write Anson County Heritage Book Committee, P O. Box 417, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170

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REYNOLDS COUNTY, MISSOURI book commemorating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the county, filled with about 424 pages of family biographies and community histories is now available (limited number available) Order from the Reynolds County Genealogy & Historical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 281, Ellington, MO 63638-0281

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#### OUT OF PRINT BOOKS

A limited supply of the following out of print books are for sale:

**OLD FORT SMITH, CULTURAL CENTER ON THE SOUTHWESTERN FRONTIER** by Ruth B. Mapes. Hardback, indexed. Price \$10.00 postpaid. Order from Mrs. Theodore Francis, 5323 Southwood Road, Little Rock AR 72205-1841.

From extensive research of newspapers; Territorial Papers of the United States, The Territory of Arkansas, Vol. XXI 1954; histories of Arkansas, interviews, family records, etc. Mrs. Mapes developed the cultural history of Fort Smith from a raucous border town to the cultural center of the frontier. Contains many biographies of Fort Smith residents involved in this development and descriptions of pioneers, schools, court, families, National Cemetery, factories, transportation, etc. Interesting reading for the general public as well as genealogists and historians

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This book of authentic information about the region supplements her previous book, Old Fort Smith and

is about people, places and events along the Arkansas River Valley. It tells the story of the conversion of the Arkansas River into a navigable waterway for barge shipping of heavy cargo and for pleasure cruising; of immigrants who settled in the area and their contribution to the "new world" - knowledge of horticulture, business, music, medicine and other sciences. Also others who settled in the area, army men, lawyers, educators, engineers, merchants, etc.

Of particular interest is her focus on two ports, Little Rock and Fort Smith showing activities in education, religion, public health, hospitals and cultural organizations. Anecdotes related throughout combine history with portrayal of human nature enliven the story of the river. Biographical information will be of particular interest to genealogists.

From her research of newspapers, her collection of personal mementoes and her first hand knowledge of many of the persons and events, she has constructed a concise readable account.

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**REPRINT OF GOODSPEED HISTORY OF SEBASTIAN COUNTY.** Indexed. Price \$14.50 postpaid. Order from Frontier Researchers, P.O. Box 2123, Fort Smith, AR 72902.

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**PHYSICIANS AND MEDICINE, CRAWFORD AND SEBASTIAN COUNTIES, ARKANSAS 1817-1976** by Amelia Martin, published by the Sebastian County Medical Society. 688 pages, hard cover, indexed and documented. Price \$24.95 postpaid. Proceeds from sale of this book are used for medical and paramedical scholarships. Order from Sebastian Medical Publications, 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901-6243. For more information call 501-783-1237.

Physicians and Medicine is written against a background history of the area, from materials collected by the historian, was three years in compilation and writing and contains documented biographical data on 1535 physicians who had some connection with medical practice in Crawford and Sebastian counties includes military physicians if records were available.

Text includes development of medical practice and organized medicine in Crawford and Sebastian counties from 1817, date of building of first frontier Fort Smith and the coming of the first military physician in 1817, to 1976. Also includes Medical Legislation, history of medical services (hospitals, clinics, public health, etc.), history of Crawford and Sebastian County Medical Societies and the auxiliary to the Sebastian County Medical Society.



taken and adjudged guilty of murder. That you be therefore for the said crime against the laws of the United States hanged by the neck until you are dead. That the Marshal of the Western District of Arkansas, by self or deputy or deputies, do, on peril of what may befall them at some convenient place in the Western District of Arkansas, cause execution to be done in the premises upon you on Tuesday, March 17, A.D. 1896, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. And that you now be taken to the jail from whence you came there to be securely kept until the day of execution and from thence on the day of execution as aforesaid, there to be hanged by the neck as aforesaid until you are dead. May God whose laws you have broken, and before whose tribunal you must appear have mercy on your soul. Upon conclusion of the sentence Cherokee was again manacled and taken back to jail.

Marshall Crump will attend to William hereafter, and will give the people of this country an opportunity of witnessing his departure for the unexplored shore when the time arrives.

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**January 24, 1896**  
**DISASTROUS FIRE**

As we go to press the wholesale drug house of John Schaap is on fire. The fire originated in the cellar and when first discovered was shooting up the elevator. The loss on stock and building will reach \$50,000, partially covered by insurance. Lamar Humphry, one of the firemen was pretty badly hurt by a fall in the cellar.

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**THE LEAP YEAR BALL**

"The night shall be filled with music  
And the cares that infest the day  
Shall fold their tents like Arabs  
And as silently steal away"

And that is what happened Wednesday night, the occasion being the Leap Year Ball tendered the beaux and benedicts by their sweethearts and wives.

The disgustingly horrid weather did not abate the attendance one whit for how could the sterner sex refuse to brave the elements when the fairer ones escorted them to the B and B Hall in closed carriages and saw that they were tenderly wrapped in furs and rugs to keep out the accumulated dampness of two day's rainfall. Fort Smith has witnessed many delightful entertainments in days that are gone, but none surpass that of Wednesday evening. The spacious hall afforded a most excellent opportunity for those who cared to dance, while large and brilliantly lit reception rooms were utilized by the more soberly inclined and a point of vantage to witness the merry dancers and in which the hours were passed in social converse.

Across the hall, tables with a seating capacity of more than one hundred were artistically arranged and on which cold turkey and sliced ham, sandwiches, chicken salad, celery etc., were arranged in appetizing order, to all of which due attention was given.

At a late hour the merry couples, the chaperons, and "old married folks" departed for their homes, pronouncing the Leap Year Ball given by the young ladies was an unqualified success.

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**January 31, 1896**

Cash Paid for Split Posts at Dyke Bros

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Mr. L. C. Davis of Paris Texas and Miss Emma Clark, daughter of M. J. Clark of this city, were married Tuesday evening in this city. Rev. Mr. Wylie of Cumberland Presbyterian Church officiating.

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**A NEW FIRM**

Last week articles of incorporation of the Fort Smith Wholesale Grocery Company were filed in the office of Secretary of State. The capital stock of the company is \$75,000 and the incorporators are R.S. Robertson, John Emrich, C. B. Eads, W. J. Johnson, T. F. Freeman and L. H. Ingraham.

Somebody who is a good judge of horse flesh stole a fine mare last Friday evening from Schulte and Kelly's stable on Texas Road.

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**February 7, 1896**

In the lower house of congress last Tuesday, Mr. McRae secured the passage of a bill granting the Arkansas and Choctaw Railroad Company right of way through the Choctaw Nation.

The gold-bug Helena World and the silver-bug Fort Smith Democrat have gone to bed together and each is trying to see which can get nearest each other in abuse of Senator Jones.

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**ARREST OF JACK DIXON**

Jack Dixon a negro who dug his way out of the county jail last November was arrested at Wagoner, I.T. last week and brought to this city. He is now in jail.

Dixon is the man who assisted in holding up and robbing a Logan County farmer in this city last fall. Two others escaped at the same time.

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Miss Pearl Marshall who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia for some time is convalescing. Her condition was very serious for several days and her parents apprehended the most serious consequences.

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**February 14, 1896**

**HIS CURIOSITY**

"I have no objection," said Mabel's father, "to your being an advanced woman. None whatever. In fact, I am rather interested in seeing the results."

"How do you mean?"

"I want to see whether the advanced woman is going to have sense enough to appreciate the young man who improves his mind and saves his money, or whether she'll just go ahead, as usual, and fall in love with the one who has curly hair and plays the guitar".



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DUNN – Looking for info on DUNN family: William C. (Cosmo?) Dunn and Alexander H. Dunn were deputy marshals for Judge Isaac Parker; W. T. "Bee" Dunn was killed by peace officer Frank M. Canton in 1899; Rose V. Dunn (Rose of Cimarron) what was her association with the Doolin and Dalton gangs?—Lois J. Bakewell, 802 Fair Circle, Palm Springs CA 92262.

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HOLLAND/ NICHOLS – Moses King HOLLAND and wife Galitha NICHOLS Holland; their son Caleb Alvareen Holland and his wife Sarah E. ; and Caleb's son Joseph Holland and wife Minnie LIGHTFOOT. Joseph and Minnie were married in Fort Smith on December 20, 1924. I believe they were American Indians.-Donna Pless, 1550 South Florida #42, Borger TX 79007-6347.

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GARDNER – Need info on Allen Kendrick Gardner, b. May 3, 1849 Polk Co., Missouri and wife Mary E. JAMES, b. December 1842 Missouri. One daughter was born August 30, 1881 in Fort Smith. Gwen Lundry, P. O. Box 494, Mt. Hope, KS 67108.

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FARLEY – Searching for the first wife of John Farley, who was the mother of daughter Mary E. Farley, born 1870 in Monroe County, Ohio. Other

children were born in Crawford County, AR. A John Farley died and was buried in Morrison Cemetery, Crawford Co. AR, no dates. – Stella Hickman Thornburg, RR 2, Box 1050, Wister, OK 74966.

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WEBBERS FALLS, OK – Searching for burial records and genealogical materials on the Webbers Falls, Ok area. – Linda Alderson, 939 East Snider, Springfield, MO 65803.

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HARRIS – Searching for information on William Ancil Harris who died in Sebastian County AR and was buried at Chokerville, AR. – Addie Ruth Steele, P.O. Box 182, Bridgeport, TX 76426.

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DAVISON – Searching for information on Arnold Douglas Davison and Purmindy Jane Thomas Mooney Davison who lived outside Fort Smith, AR until mid to late 1920s. – Marie E. Davison, 10814 Manchester Road, Port Richey, FL 34668.

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WHITE – Searching for information on William Lafayette White, born Edinburgh, Scotland, about 1847. He lived around Jonesboro, AR after the Civil War and married Elizabeth (last name unknown) about 1877 or later. – Faye Roberts, 614 North Elleworth, Marshall, MO 65340

## 1896 Newspapers

FORT SMITH ELEVATOR – February 21, 1896 - June 26, 1896

(Abstracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen from microfilm in the Fort Smith Public Library)

**FEBRUARY 21, 1896**

### J. C. LITTLE & CO'S POTATO OFFERING

The unqualified success of our premium offers on Potatoes last fall, has led us to again try to do something to encourage the growing industry this spring.

Therefore we have decided to offer the following premiums: One \$15.00 suit for the most potatoes grown on one acre, each exhibitor to furnish one bushel potatoes with sworn statement as to grown on same.

One \$12.50 suit of clothes for the smallest number of potatoes contained in one-half bushel.

One \$10.00 suit of clothes for one-half bushel of handsomest potatoes.

The day of exhibit will be named by the Potato Growers Association of which due notice will be given to all parties interested.

All potatoes exhibited to be our property. We cordially invite all potato growers to contest.

Respectfully

J. C. LITTLE & CO. LEADING CLOTHIERS  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

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Just see what a big piece

BATTLE AX PLUG

you can get for 10 cents. Largest piece of good tobacco ever sold for the money.

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### THE LEGALIZED PRIMARIES

If any doubt existed as to the wisdom of legalizing primary elections it has been removed.

The Sebastian primaries were conducted under the general election laws of the state, and legalized according to an act of the last legislature.

The scheme worked to perfection. The election was conducted in an orderly and decent manner. The saloons were closed. The polls were free from the presence of the heeler and rounder, and



7th – A tanker truck explosion and fire downtown earlier this week (it was hauling about 8,000 gallons of gasoline) damaged two buildings (about \$5,000 worth to the southeast corner of the federal courthouse and an estimated \$15,000 to the Hanna Oil & Gas Co. office.) Quick action by the Fort Smith Fire Department and firefighters from the 188th Fighter Wing of the Arkansas National Guard kept the damages from being much worse.

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12th – The Sebastian County Humane Society, not the Fort Smith Animal Shelter, should manage a program to rein in disease-spreading stray and wild cats, the city board of directors said Tuesday.

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28th – On June 27th Lt. Col. David J. Pfleeger became the 42nd commander of Fort Chaffee in its 55-year history.

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**JULY**

1st – More than 8,000 Fort Smith residents get new zip code. Beginning July 1, mail addressed to homes and businesses in an area south of Arkansas 555 and west of Arkansas 45, including Fianna Hills must use 72908 as their zip code. For years this area has been included in the 72903

zip code area. Soon the area will also have a Fianna Hills branch post office.

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2nd – On July 1 Fort Smith hosted the flotilla of 35 barges, yachts and tugboats marking the 25th anniversary of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The barges and other boats were part of the "Flotilla for the Future" – a recreation of the flotilla that dedicated the McClellan-Kerr System in 1971. It began its journey on June 28 at the Port of Catoosa, Oklahoma and the celebration will conclude July 6 at Dumas, following stops in Ozark, Dardanelle, Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

The McClellan-Kerr System is the largest civil works project ever undertaken by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It took 14 years to complete, at a total cost of \$1.3 billion. The system is named for former Senators John McClellan of Arkansas and Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, who secured funding for the system during their tenures in the Senate.

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2nd – On Saturday, July 8, 68 year old Monsignor John Francis O'Donnell will assume the duties as pastor at Fort Smith's Immaculate Conception Church.

## Inquiries and Genealogy

**Inquiries and letters are printed free as space allows, but must have some connection to Fort Smith or be submitted by a member of the Fort Smith Historical Society. Effective inquiries must contain full names, dates, places and submitter's name and address – some people actually do fail to give an address where they hope to receive an answer to their communication.**

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WARREN – Looking for information on Johnston WARREN who accompanied Edward BEALE on wagon train taking camels from Fort Smith to Colorado.–Jim Drewery, P.O. Box 9365, North Hollywood, CA 91609

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CATES – Searching for birth records of Mary Exer Cates, born July 20, 1882 in Arkansas, and Thomas Walter Cates, born July, 1888 in Arkansas, daughter and son of William Alden Cates and Janie(Jeannie) Cates, both born in

Alabama. – Billy E. Cates, 7805 Hooper Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308.

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HICKS-CHRISTENBERRY – Searching for information on Steven Pleasant Hicks and ? Christenberry. Pleasant Hicks was a circuit rider from the Methodist church, sent out from the Holsten Conference and was possibly on the Trail of Tears. Possible that he went with a George Hicks who led some 1100 people in November of 1838 and reached Fort Smith in January 1839, or have been with Elijah Hicks in October 1838 who also led several on the trip. Believe he was in Fort Smith by 1840. Married first Nettie LEWIS. Married second Nervie CHOATE who may have been from Fort Smith area.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christenberry, first name unknown, was in Fort Smith around 1879 to 1885. Was killed during a political race about 1885. – Betty (Hicks) Taylor, 1307 East Knollwood St., Tampa, FL 33604. PH (813) 238-5544.



the voter went to the polls without interference and cast his vote for whom he chose. The disgraceful scenes and practices which usually attend such elections were entirely wanting.

The legalized primary has worked so successfully that we trust it will be continued.

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### SPARKS LIGHTNING RELIEF

For internal and external use. Warranted to relieve pain instantly. As an external application for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, sprains, bruises, stiff joints, etc. and as an Internal remedy, Lightning Relief certainly stands preeminent. It penetrates through all the tissues and muscles and strikes at the root of the disease. 25 and 50 cent bottles.

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At the next meeting of the City Council, Alderman Sengel will introduce an ordinance providing that the streets be sprinkled at public cost. This is an ordinance which should have a good place on the statute books.

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### FEBRUARY 28, 1896

The organ recital for the German Catholic Church has been postponed until the 10th of March.

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The caving in of seven rooms in mine No. 45 at Huntington last week, created considerable consternation but fortunately nobody was injured. The loss to the company will be considerable.

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A barn belonging to Dr. W. W. Bailey burned in the Southern part of the city Wednesday night. The loss was very heavy.

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### MARCH 6, 1896

The bill to abolish the fee system and put United States Marshals and attorneys upon a salary is now under discussion in the House of Representatives and will likely become a law. It puts the marshal and attorney of the Western District of Arkansas upon a salary of \$5,000. each.

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Fort Smith was visited a short time ago by five employees of the post office department at Washington. These gentlemen did not reveal their identity, but skirmished around to size up the manner in which Tom Ben Garrett is running the post office. Their report is favorable to the post office except in one particular, they recommended that the number of mail carriers be reduced.

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John McDonald, a peddler, was sent to jail last week by Esquire John Kennedy for taking a watch from a lady who lives with her mother at a boarding house on Eleventh Street. The watch was not

of sufficient value to put McDonald in for a penitentiary offense, so he got a fine for petit larceny. He was drunk when he took the jewelry. His home is said to be Little Rock.

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Wife: Do you think there is a man that would conscientiously say to his wife - "You are the only woman I ever loved"?

Husband: Only one I can think of ...

Wife: Who? You, dearest?

Husband: Oh No, ADAM.

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### MARCH 13, 1896

### THE KEELEY INSTITUTE

Hot Springs, Ark.

for the cure of

OPIUM

CIGARETTES

MORPHINE

WHISKEY

SNUFF

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### FUN FOR THE LAWYERS

There are two suits on the docket of the coming circuit court of the Fort Smith District which will attract much attention and give lawyers a chance to liven up the usually dull proceedings of the session. One is a suit filed by I. N. Dodge, Assistant Clerk of the United States Court, against P. Burman, the well known merchant, for injuries occasioned by coming in contact with a wire which hung in front of Mr. Burman's building. The amount claimed is \$10,000.

One night last December Mr. Dodge was in Galer and Brunaldi's store making a purchase. Just as he had concluded, the streetcar passed and Mr. Dodge ran to catch it. As he stepped from the sidewalk, a wire that had been stretched from one awning post to another in front of Mr. Burman's store caught him under the chin and threw him violently on the pavement, injuring him so severely that he has never yet recovered from the effects.

The other suit is by Ed Haglin against Mr. Belt. It is for \$5,000., and was instituted because of an assault made by Mr. Belt upon Haglin shortly after Belt's building at Jenson was burned.

In Greenwood Circuit Court a suit has been filed by Belt against Haglin for \$6,000. This suit grows out of the burning at Jenson of Belt's building which was occupied at the time by Haglin with a stock of goods.

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### NURSES WANTED

A number of good nurses can secure steady employment at St. John's Hospital. Address Mrs. Stephen Wheeler, Fort Smith, Ark.

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AN EXTRA WAS PUBLISHED  
ON MARCH 17, 1896,

### **CHEROKEE BILL EXECUTED**

The opening sentence of a very lengthy report is as follows: "The final act in the career of the noted criminal Cherokee Bill, was consummated this afternoon at 2:15".

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### **MARCH 20, 1896 TROUBLE IN CAMP**

There is a kicking in some quarters about the manner in which the Republican State Convention was conducted. The kicking comes from an element of the party who believe there is something more to politics than a mere struggle for spoils, and who are disgusted that so large a body of people as the Republicans of this State should be compelled to submit so subversively to the dictation of the bosses.

Mr. W. D. Mathews, editor of the Stuttgart Free Press, is loud in his denunciation of the manner in which Powell Clayton and his strikers managed the convention at Little Rock.

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Miss Francis Willard, the great temperance advocate delivered an eloquent lecture Wednesday at First Methodist Church.

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Vinita has the small pox and the other towns of the territory are quarantining against her.

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Dixie Fever and Pain Powder is the best thing to cool fever and cure aches and pains. It is perfectly safe and contains no opiates or poisonous drugs. Your money back if not satisfactory. 25¢ a box - sold by all druggists.

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### **PASTORS ASSOCIATION**

A number of pastors of the churches met Monday morning at the First Methodist Church and organized what is called The Fort Smith Pastors Association. The following officers were elected for a term of six months. Rev. W. T. Allen of St. John's Episcopal Church, president; Rev. O.L. Hatley of First Baptist Church, vice-president; and Rev. F. C. Fletcher of Central Methodist Church, secretary and treasurer.

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### **March 27, 1896 "Bourbon"**

The celebrated Jack, "Bourbon", will stand the ensuing season at my farm 2 1/2 miles northwest of Jenny Lind, Ark.

Terms: \$7 to ensure a colt; season \$5; \$2.50 single leap.

"Bourbon" is 15 hands high, iron gray, 8 years old.  
W. R. Weir

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There have been several sharp frosts this week, but we are pleased to state that the fruit crop was not injured by them.

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William Harder is lying dangerously ill at his home on Fourteenth Street. His advanced age renders his recovery doubtful, much to the regret of his many friends.

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### **SHOT HIMSELF**

Charley Lamb, one of Marshal Crump's deputies, shot himself in one of his legs just above the knee, at Pryor Creek, one day last week. He was rubbing the barrel of his pistol and by some means caused it to be discharged, with the result that he caught the shot. He will probably suffer from the wound for some time.

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### **April 3, 1896 EFFORTS FOR A PARDON**

Jailer Berry this week received letter from W. C. Endicott, pardon attorney, of Washington, inquiring about the health and conduct of the Pierce brothers, who have been sentenced to hang the 30th of the present month. This indicates that efforts are being made to secure for the prisoners either a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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### **APRIL 17, 1896 THE POPULIST PARTY**

The central committee of the Populist party of Sebastian County has selected June 20th as the day for holding township conventions. The county convention will be held June 27th.

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The Grand Jury has returned an indictment against Ben Ayers for assault with intent to kill.

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Mrs. E. H. Stevenson was severely bruised Monday by jumping from a buggy which was about to collide with the runaway team of the street sprinkler. Mrs. J. W. Patrick who was in the buggy with her, was not injured.

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### **A BIG ORDER**

The Fort Smith Chair Factory to furnish chairs for St. Louis Convention.

The Fort Smith Chair Factory is in receipt of an order from the managers of the National Republican Convention for 12,000 chairs, to be used at the great Republican convention.

The managers of the chair factory received the contract through a bid. The chairs are to be delivered at St. Louis by the 20th of May.

It is estimated that it will require a train of 14 cars to get the order to St. Louis and it will require every moment of time between now and the 10th to complete it.



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### THE DOGS

Mayor Hoffman has issued a proclamation notifying all owners of dogs within the city limits to obtain a license for their animals by the 15th of May. Those who fail to comply with the ordinance are likely to have their pets killed.

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**APRIL 24, 1896**

Governor Clarke has pardoned Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gurdon, who were convicted in Pulaski County of hoeing cotton on Sunday. Gurdon and his wife are Seventh Day Adventists. They were convicted April 9 and sent to county farm for thirty one days. The pardon was secured through the intercession of Dr. Allen Moon, of Achicago, president of the International Religious Liberty Association.

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### FREE SILVER V.S. THE GOLD STANDARD LOOK OUT YE FREE SILVER MEN "A Farmer's Story"

"A Tale that can not be too often told"

It will be in print and ready for distribution June 1st, perhaps sooner, and will wield a wide influence in the coming campaign wherever read.

It covers the whole ground of the tariff and free silver questions in a nutshell and makes both so simple that "even a woman can understand them".

While in the form of a story it deals with facts and figures which carry conviction along with them irresistibly. Every intelligent man in the state and the United States should read it.

Ex-Governor Wm. M. Fishback is the author and this fact alone is of sufficient guarantee that the contents of the little work will be worth perusal.

This little work is coming full of statistical agreement and is overwhelmingly convincing. It will be sent to any address in the United States, postage prepaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Orders for this work will be filled in the order received. Address Weldon & Williams Publishers - Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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### BICYCLE FOR SALE OR TRADE

A No 1 Rambler bicycle in good repair, for sale cheap, or will trade for good horse. Apply to  
J. L. Lieber  
at Reynolds, Davis & Co.

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**MAY 1, 1896**

### THE COLORADO BEETLE

The dreaded Colorado Beetle seems to have made his appearance among us, and our potato growers will do well to see that he does not get a foothold in their fields.

Recently Mr. J. H. Alexander, who grows potatoes extensively in the Cherokee Nation, near this place, found a strange looking bug preying upon his crops, and collecting specimens, sent them to Prof. Monks, at the Arkansas University, for examination. In a short time a letter was received stating that the insect in question was the veritable Colorado beetle. This is sorrowful news for our people. The Colorado beetle is a great pest, and has caused incalculable damage in the regions which have been infected with his presence. Paris green is said to be efficacious in checking his ravages.

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The dry weather of the past ten days has seriously injured the strawberry crops and has hurt potatoes to some extent. The latter show good tops but are backward in the development of tubers.

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### GENERAL DISABILITY

Caused by overwork, over study, overcare, old age, weakness or female infirmities is very distressing. A tonic and strengthener try

### BROWNS' IRON BITTERS

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**MAY 8, 1896**

Unless there was a hitch in the arrangements H.H. Holmes, the wholesale murderer of Philadelphia, was hanged yesterday.

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**MAY 15, 1896**

Nath Reed was turned out of the jail Tuesday. At least he went to the Indian Territory, whether he was released for good or not we do not know.

Reed was one of the witnesses who convicted Jim Dyer last year. He was shot through one of his legs at the time of the Blackstone robbery, and while suffering from his wound in the hospital here gave evidence that landed Dyer in the penitentiary. He is a hard case, and there are very few people in the territory who know him, who would give credence to anything he might say.

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The Sparks family of Ft. Smith were very much in evidence at Little Rock last week, Mr. George T. Sparks presiding over the deliberations of the Bankers Association and Mr. James M. Sparks being elected president of the State Association of Pharmacists.

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**MAY 29, 1896**

### POLITICAL DATES

Democratic National Convention - Chicago, Ill.  
July 7

Republican National Convention - St. Louis,  
Mo. June 16

Populist National Convention - St. Louis, Mo.,  
July 22



Arkansas State Democratic Convention – Little Rock, June 17

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**JUNE 5, 1896**

2,000 Potato Pickers wanted. In the vicinity of Fort Smith, crop will be ready to gather by June 1st. Fair wages. Apply to Potato Shippers Association.

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**TROWBRIDGE AND SENDEL**

Mr. Merritt Trowbridge and Miss Mary Sengel were married Monday evening at the residence of Rev. Mr. Wylie, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet one. The most intimate friends of the contracting couple only were aware that it was to take place and not many of them even were present.

Mr. Trowbridge is a steady, industrious and sober young man and is very popular with his acquaintances. His bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sengel, well known residents of this city, is a charming young lady, and when Mr. Trowbridge captured her he gained a noble prize. *The Elevator* extends congratulations.

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**JUNE 12, 1896**  
**GENERAL NEWS**

The St. Louis tornado relief fund amounts to nearly \$200,000.

The owners of the Cambria, Wyo. coal fields have just discovered that the coal which they have been selling at \$2 per ton carries \$5 to \$8 gold per ton.

Last week the steamer St. Paul ran from Southampton, England to New York in six days, 5 hours, and thirty seven minutes. This distance is 3,017 miles.

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**THE CYCLISTS**

The Wheelmen will open a 3 month racing season at the fair grounds on the 19th of June with the following program:

Races to begin promptly at 1 p.m.

1. Amateur's half mile novice. 1st prize, pair of Ball Bearing shoes; 2nd prize, 1 combination pump and tool bag.

2. Amateur's half mile race, boys between 12 and 16, 1st prize 1 bicycle pump; second prize 1 sweater, 3rd prize one bicycle bell.

3. Amateur's one mile - 1st prize 1 lamp tally ho; 2nd prize 1 silk umbrella.

4. Professional 2 miles. 1st prize \$5; 2nd prize \$3. All entries 50 cents except boys and they shall be 25 cents. All entries must be made to Will Haglin, secretary by noon June 19. The Wheelmen expect to make this event an exceedingly interesting one.

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There will be a steamboat excursion to Wildcat

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Mountain next Sunday. Those who go may expect a good time.

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**JUNE 19, 1896**

Last Saturday night Abe Mijia, the man who sells chili con carne in front of the Two Tom's Liquor store was robbed by someone who entered his house. The thief got away with about \$21.00 and some clothing. A check for \$1.40, which was among the stolen effects, was found Sunday morning on Sixth street, but further than this there is no clue to the thief.

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Some good work has been done on B Street near the Frisco Depot, a very substantial coating of McAdam being laid.

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The commencement exercises of St. Anne's Academy will be held Friday, June 26th. We understand a very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

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Maude Allen, the woman who was shot by Mrs. Fagan Bourland a couple of weeks ago, is reported to be convalescing. Maude's narrow escape from death should teach her to forsake the paths of sin and behave herself in the future.

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Workmen are busy removing the old building on the corner of Garrison and Third Street, which for a number of years was known as Fitzgerald's Hotel. Upon the site of the old building J. Foster & Co. will erect a fine four story brick building for their wholesale business. The new structure will add greatly to the appearance of that part of town and will speak volumes for the energy of its owners as well as for the progress of the city.

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**JUNE 26, 1896**

Judge W. H. H. Clayton is back from St. Louis and is full of Convention talk.

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**TO EX-CONFEDERATES**

I have arranged a rate of \$26.70 for a round trip ticket from Fort Smith, for the annual reunion at Richmond, June 30, July 1 and 2. All wishing to attend the reunion should send in their names by the 24th inst.

Ben T. DuVal, Aide-de-Camp, Gen. W. Cabell, Commanding Trans-Mississippi Dept. U.C.V.

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Considerable interest is being manifested in the new town of Mena, which has just been platted in Polk County, at the present terminus of the Gulf road, and a number of people have their eyes upon it with a view to investment.



