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THE WEEKLY RECORD.

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NEW MADRID, MO., FEB. 22, 1902.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, A. O. U. W. was convened in St. Louis Tuesday. Representatives of the 422 lodges in the state were present, to the number of 700.

Miss Stone, the kidnapped miss, sonny, has been set free by the brigands. The ransom, \$60,000, has been paid, and it is said she is now in the hands of friends.

HON. CHAMP CLARK has withdrawn from the senatorial race, leaving the field to Stone and Wallace. He says his chances would have been brighter if the primaries had been postponed till August.

Thorough his energy and enterprising spirit Mr. E. A. Loud, proprietor of the stave factory is planning additions to his large plant in the way of a planing mill. He also, has the machinery here for a heading factory, and is thus not only enlarging his business but making himself a public benefactor as he will give employment to our people and add to the business interests of the city of which he is a hustling citizen.

It would be impossible to give the authors their dues for the inaccurate reports and false rumors that have developed into newspaper accounts of the "lynching" of the negro Wright in New Madrid. But the Record desire to advise the public that the truth of the affair is this: It was a case of a few young white men chastising a negro for a vile insult offered them, and it would have ended after the chastisement. But another "bad nigger" with a pistol made it a case of assault with intent to kill upon a crowd of citizens who determined that such a monster should not be at large.

Messrs. W. H. Garando, Lee Hunter and J. A. Hummel are the public spirited promoters of a new enterprise for the city—an ice factory—the contract for the erection of which has been entered and the site for the plant has been secured from Digges & Garando, a lot near the canning factory in the eastern part of the city, near the railroad. Wahl & Company will establish the plant, Messrs. H. C. Schult and J. L. Wahl, of Caruthersville, having closed the contract here last Saturday. The machinery is understood, will be here soon and we are thus assured an ice plant and plenty of cheap ice for summer. Every business man in New Madrid will do noth encourage the enterprise by their substantial ad.

Mr. L. E. Douglas, aged 44 years, died of pleurisy-pneumonia at 5 a. m., Wednesday, February 19th, 1902, at his home known as the old Ferrenberg place, where he lived. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. John Hart of this city, a well-to-do farmer and land owner and a resident of the county for seventeen years. To mourn his death he leaves a widow and eight children, and relatives near Union City, Tenn. The funeral was conducted Thursday afternoon by the Woodmen of the World order of this city of which the deceased was a respected member in good standing.

Sam Bell applied to Richards Bros. Tuesday for a coffin to bury Dolly Burton who was accidentally shot last Saturday afternoon and died from the result of the wound Tuesday morning, at Jas. Chapman's, where he was living. Dolly and John Hays went hunting last Saturday and Hays was carrying the shot gun, loaded with No. 5 bird shot, under his arm when Dolly stepped forward and him and grabbed the gun by the barrel. The trigger was sprung in a peculiar manner as he drew the gun from Hays and the load of shot was fired into Dolly's hip and entered the other leg. Burton was a cripple and for some time a county charge. The boy was attended by Dr. Lloyd Digges who dressed the wound.

SAVED HIM FROM TORTURE.

There is no more agonizing torture than piles. The constant itching and burning make life intolerable. No poultice or compresses will stop the torturing. DeWitt's White Hand Salve cures piles at once. For skin diseases, cuts, burns, bruises, all kinds of wounds it is the best. Dr. G. W. Park, Atk., says: "From 1865 I suff red with the protruding, bleeding piles and could find nothing to stop them but DeWitt's White Hand Salve. A few boxes completely cured me." Beware of counterfeits. C. C. White.

LOUIS F. WRIGHT

A Negro of the Richards & Pringle Minstrels is Lynch'd.

After the play was over last Saturday night at the Opera House a number of prominent, good people narrowly escaped death at the hands of a "bad nigger" with a pistol.

The Richards & Pringle Minstrels arrived in New Madrid Saturday last at noon, sidetracked the car, and at 2:30 p. m. the two bands of music appeared on Main street and after two or three "ragtime" airs marched back to the car and dispersed. The whole troupe composed of negroes, under Manager G. A. Tresyer and his assistant, McNeil, two white men. Some of the negroes "took in" the town and as several of them passed the court house where the white boys were snowballing Tom Waters there was a ball and came very near hitting one of the negroes who looked around and addressed Tom with the remark: "You duty s— of b—?"

It was planned to chastise the negro for his insult, and the boys waited until night to get him. But a few moments after the curtain dropped on the last act of the minstrels the boys caught the negro who had insulted them, in the side entrance to the stage, and were about to administer a beating to him when another negro at the top of the steps of the entrance opened fire on the boys with a pistol, firing in rapid succession four shots, one ball cutting through the collar of Tom Waters' overcoat, another passing through Clay Hunter's hat and inflicting a scalp wound, one ploughing through the back of Hal Hunter's coat, and the fourth shot striking Wint Lewis, Mr. Lewis being some distance, at the front end of the hall in range of the firing of the vicious negro, who, after firing four shots at the boys, (from whom the one they had caught escaped,) in the stage entrance, then put his hand out behind the curtain and fired into the hall. One of the minstrel negroes of the orchestra must have caught one of the two shot fired from the stage as he was wounded in the knee.

The stampede of people who were not yet out of the hall became exciting and frightened, and it was a miraculous escape of the children present from being trampled to death by the excited people fleeing from danger.

Marshal Richards and Godfrey Lessinger and others sought the negro who did the shooting. All had fled to the ministerial car but one who was caught Sunday afternoon by the marshal at a house in the country, he having sent a messenger to the manager for money. The car was surrounded by enraged citizens who had armed themselves and the whole gang of minstrels—24—arrested and removed to jail.

A well-directed and orderly plan to identify the "bad nigger" who did the shooting was arranged and success soon rewarded the impromptu court. They were "swell-ed" one negro after another and when the guilty one was reached even his colored companions testified to his guilt and the young men whom he shot at with malicious intent identified him and "the court" was satisfied.

About 11 o'clock Sunday night the guilty negro, whose name was Louis F. Wright, was forcibly taken from Sheriff Stone and his jailer, Geo. Shields, by a masked band of citizens to a large tree 300 yards from the jail and left hanging by a rope around his neck to a large limb of the tree where his dead body was found Monday morning by the coroner who cut it down and referred it to his undertaking.

Monday forenoon State's Attorney Murray Phillips released the 23 remaining minstrel men, also, the manager and his assistant who were charged with aiding and abetting the riot, but found not guilty, and at 4:10 that afternoon the train pulled the Richards & Pringle minstrel car with all aboard except one out of town.

Our officers were as much relieved from a trying ordeal as the frightened negroes.

Joe Cook, J. P. and acting coroner, at the request of Coroner Richards) held an inquest on the body which was viewed by the jury and the verdict as rendered was:

"Having viewed the body, but could not get any evidence, do find that the deceased came to his death by hanging by parties unknown."

Signed:

W. W. PINNELL,
G. V. MONTAIGNE,
L. S. DALTON,
T. L. JACKSON,
L. SHAINBERG,
GEO. J. RUELLINGER.

Deputy Sheriff Richards received a telegram from Chicago Tuesday morning, signed P. E. Wright, asking "is it Louis F. Wright that was lynched?" It was answered in the affirmative and the sooner was requested, in another message, to ship the body, C. O. D., to Chicago where Wright had a family. The body was expresssed Thursday morning.

The manager said he had had trouble with his colored minstrel aggregation for some time, and, as he intimated, we presume he has taken the outfit to Chicago and delivered it to the company. He had several in the troupe Wright's equal for misconduct and meanness and were uncontrollable.

Such companies as the Richards & Pringle, Nashville Students, etc. should not engage dates at New Madrid.

THE LITERARY CLUB.

The following are the charter members of the Literary Club and all others who are interested in literature are invited to become members:

Misses:	Cora Barnes
Mary Pinell	Grace Reiter
Maggie Lee	Lorraine Johnson
Viv. McDonald	Mattie Marion
Frances Johnson	Pauline Johnson
Annie Howard	Minnie Howard
Tudie Howard	Laura Jackson
May Williams	Josephine Jackson
	May Mott

Mr. Robert Rutledge, E. A. Wright, W. H. Copeland, T. H. Davis, A. G. Mathewson, Mrs. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Henry Jasper, A. B. Morris, C. H. Little, C. H. Baker, E. H. Barnes.

Each member is requested to have a short quotation from Longfellow Tuesday evening.

The special program was arranged by the Censor as follows:

Hiawatha's Wooing, Mrs. C. B. Richards.

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Sketch of Evangeline, A. B. Morris.

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