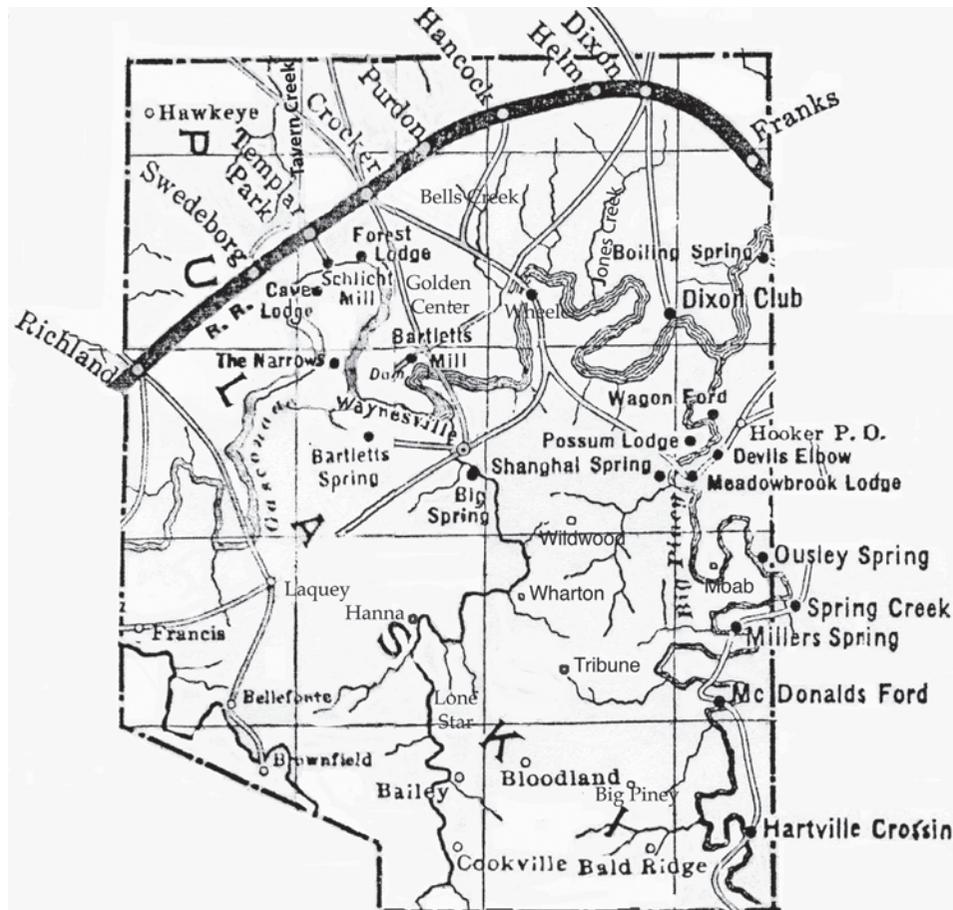


NEWS OF 1914 IN OLD PULASKI

The Pulaski County news of one hundred years ago reveals a feeling of good times in our central Ozarks. There was general prosperity and businesses in our towns and villages were making improvements and expanding. The biggest step forward was the the electrification of Richland, the first town in the county to build a power plant. Dixon was not far behind. Although the *Pulaski County Democrat* is our most often used source, there are items from the *Dixon Pilot*, *Richland Mirror*, *Houston Herald* (Texas), and *Rolla Herald* (Phelps). These counties are in the area known as "Old Pulaski," when antebellum Pulaski included modern Camden, Laclede, Wright, and parts of Phelps, Maries, Texas, and Webster counties.

Ownership of the *Democrat* changed hands again in September of 1914. V.V. Long took over from George Lane.



The newspapers had a network of community correspondents. Each correspondent reported who was sick, who visited whom, who sold what, and what was being built. This type of news accounted for about 90 per cent of the local news ink. We have generally omitted the sick call and the visitation reports. The larger railroad towns (Dixon, Crocker, and Richland) usually reported each week. News from the smaller communities (e.g. Decker, Bailey, and Hooker) was reported sporadically. Some of these communities in Pulaski County have lost their identity today for the general public (see map at left). The items below are from the 1914 *Pulaski County Democrat*, unless noted otherwise.

We begin our coverage with two items from December of 1913. These were the first indications that Richland was about to embrace the modernity of electric lights.

December 19, 1913

The Commercial Club met Monday night to discuss and plan for a city well. They also discussed the electric light proposition of Mr. Crawl, of Chauncy [present Hugo, southeast of Linn Creek]. It was decided to appoint a committee to see what could be done towards getting the electric lights and consider the well at a later date. W. S. Lea, A. E. Oliver, G. W. Pippin and J. M. Douglass were appointed as the committee. — *Richland Mirror* [Seems that the Commercial Club is the de facto government of Richland, taking the lead in civic improvements. The City Council had of late failed to get a quorum for meetings.]

December 26

The City Council met unofficially Monday night to consider the

electric light propositions which were before them but no action was taken.—*Richland Mirror*.

January 1, 1914

R. E. Bohannon has in his possession a Spanish coin dated 1798 which he picked up in his feed yard. The coin was very much corroded which causes him to think it had laid there for some time. We predict that this coin has some history.—*Richland Mirror*.

NORTH BLOODLAND—Some dogs got into Frank Brown's smokehouse Xmas eve night and I guess had a happy Xmas. Frank had killed a big hog and the dogs got most of it. SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Commodore

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Lane took the engine out of his motor boat and will use the power in his wife's kitchen to run a coffee mill and sausage grinder.

BIG PINEY—The old saying "a white Xmas for good crops the following year" and if so we have a fine prospect for next year.

We contemplate making a great effort to secure the high school at Big Piney. There is loud talk and all seem to be enthusiastic in that direction.

January 8

BIG PINEY—T. P. Jeffries reports that he branded 3700 ties last week, this means the exchanging of considerable money.

LOCAL ITEMS—The proposition of electric lights is up to the citizens of Richland for their decision on January 15th. We know nothing about the terms but feel confident that the splendid citizens of that hustling city will prove their progressiveness by voting to secure "more light."

NORTH BLOODLAND—Charley Huffman was in Monday with a load

of R. R. ties for North Bloodland. They have quite a lot of ties ready for the river bank when the road gets good.

January 29

LOCAL ITEMS—Last Friday afternoon while the boys at school here were playing a game of "shinny" the little son of E. A. Lolley was struck in the eye with a tin can which the boys were playing with, badly lacerating the upper and lower lids and injuring the eye so badly that it is feared the sight will be greatly impaired. [Shinny is a rather rough hockey-style playground game played with a tin can and shortened broom sticks.]

Strange but true—a mail-team actually ran away here last Sunday. Joe Fox, the accommodating conductor of the Crocker cannon ball arrived as usual last Sunday morning with the mail and while preparing to unload some freight the team became frightened and ran from the business row north to Baker's hotel and then turned west towards the creek.

Assessed Valuation of Pulaski County for the Year of 1913, for Taxes of 1914

No.	Description of Property	Valuation
335,600	Acres of Land	\$1,308,930
1,820	Town Lots	807,805
4,570	Horses	143,790
6	Jack and Jennets	3,185
1,504	Mules	49,440
12,486	Cattle	175,100
6,080	Sheep	6,330
14,647	Hogs	16,630
	Money, Notes and Bonds	195,895
	All other Property	131,030
	Banks	205,895

The railroad assessment, together with that of the Western Union Telegraph Co., American Telegraph & Telephone Co., Pioneer Telephone Co. and merchants will be made later, which will amount to approximately \$800,000. The State Board of Equalization will in all probability, reduce the bank assessment one-half, which will leave a total assessment for the County for 1914 taxes about \$3,250,000.

One hind wheel was demolished and aside from scattered egg cases etc. no damage was done.

BIG PINEY—The Big Piney and Duke telephone line is now in commission for the first time since the

snow of October 29th.

February 5

Mayor Sweet circulated the electric light petition and found our enterprising people ready to do their part toward the electric light plant. The document was sent to Mr. Meyer and it is up to him to make good on his proposition to furnish the "dope." The next move is to be made by him.—*Dixon Pilot*.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD
HELP BUILD OUR ROADS

Missouri people, regardless of party, are aroused on the question of good roads as they have never been before. And if federal aid comes, as now seems probable, a new era will be ushered in. Come to think of it, why should the government pay vast sums to railroads for the use of the rails in transporting the

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Storing silage in silos was being adopted by Pulaski farmers. It had only been a couple of years since the first silos of wood appeared. J. L. Wyrick, who had the first concrete block machine in the county, was ready to build concrete ones.



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mails and do nothing towards the maintenance of highways which are built by local taxation and over which the mails are carried every day? And why should it ladle out tens of millions of dollars for rivers and harbors and do nothing at all for roads?

LOCAL ITEMS—A. L. Pickering and Miss Frances Howell, two prominent young people of Laquey, drove to Waynesville last Sunday and were quietly married at the Black hotel by Judge L. A. Carmack. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Elliott of Laquey. *[The Black Hotel, aka the Old Stagecoach Stop, was a popular place for a civil wedding]*

NORTH BLOODLAND—We understand that Lee Carroll's finger that was shot off is giving him a lot of trouble.

February 12
Circuit Court

Ordered by the court that the poll tax for 1914 be fixed at \$6 or five days labor of eight hours each at fifteen cents per hour, and that overseers must average working ten men each day and that the overseer be allowed two dollars per day.

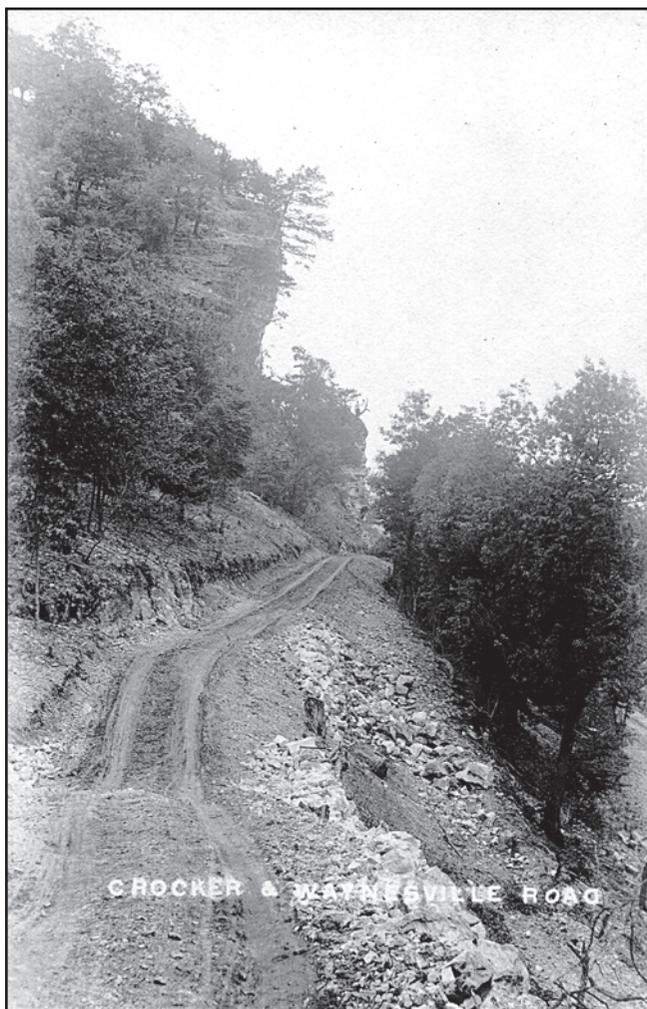
Ordered that all prisoners serving a sentence in the county jail for the non-payment of fine and costs be required to work the public roads under the direction of the sheriff. *[At this time, there was no state or federal support of roads. It was all up to the county. The "poll" tax was actually a road tax and labor served in lieu of cash.]*

The action of the County Court in ordering all prisoners who are serving a sentence in the county jail for the non-payment of fine and costs to work on the public roads under the direction of the sheriff is a move in the right direction and will meet the hearty approval of the

people. Some men do not care for being confined in jail, in fact there has been instances where they were anxious to get in jail, knowing they would be well cared for. The order will be a "thorn in the flesh" to that class of "gentlemen" hereafter.

LOCAL ITEMS—We understand that W. J. Elliott and Fred Mayor have been awarded the contract to build a 30 x 34 ft. concrete block school house in District No. 52 (Union) for the sum of \$950. These men are good workmen and we feel that the district will get a good house which is to be completed by July 1st.

The proposition to consolidate for the purpose of organizing a Rural High School in Bloodland and Palace and parts of Dundas and Lone Star school districts was voted on last Saturday and carried by a vote of seventy-six for to five against. Di-



The Crocker and Waynesville road, Highway 17 between the bluff and Roubidoux Creek, as it looked 100 years ago. State and federal funding for roads was yet to come but momentum for good roads was building as the automobile age dawned. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

rectors were elected. The next step will be to select a site for the building and complete the organization and get everything ready for school which we understand will be done as soon as the provisions of the law can be complied with. *[These rural districts were the first in Pulaski County to vote for consolidation so as to provide a high school education for the districts' students.]*

BIG PINEY—The church house at Big Piney is nearly completed and the addition improves its appearance as well as giving more room.

DIXON—The Dixon pond was the center of attraction for a large number of young people Sunday p.m. and they enjoyed the first good ice of the season.

The Georgia Troubadours gave a show at the Opera House Friday night but the crowd was very light owing to the severity of the weather.

HANCOCK—The citizens of this place have been putting in some useful time filling mud holes and making crossings.

Floyd Decker is assisting in the bank at present, (learning the trade.) *[Several banks were organized in the county last year, including the one at Hancock.]*

February 19

Rolla no longer has a first grade High School. We have the same faculty that we had when we did have a first grade High School and they are teaching the same branches in the same way, but the State Superintendent of Schools says that the building is not adequate for a first grade High School and so we are dropped to a second grade, and it seems to us that we heard someone say, not so very long ago, that "brick and mortar do not make a High School."—Rolla Times.

Cold causes contraction. If any man doubts this, let him observe the effect of a cold

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 Assessor...Harley M. Dye
 Treasurer...A. W. Burchard
 Coroner...G. W. Bryant
 Surveyor...Edwin A. Bryant
 School Superintendent...L. J. Gladden

spell of weather on his wood pile. *[There were reports of 18 inches of snow and 12-degree temperatures this week. Editor Lane insisted it was only a 12-inch snowfall.]*

We believe the action of the County Court in fixing the poll tax for 1914 in this county at five days labor or \$6.00 is commendable. The only way to get permanent good roads is to pay for them. The way to get the money to pay for them is by taxation. No doubt there could be a more equitable plan, but not until the law is changed. There is no use waiting for somebody else to build a road for you.

The Shackelford good roads bill providing for Federal aid in the maintenance of post [mail] roads, passed the House by a vote of 289 to 45. The formulation and passage of this measure has been a prodigious task. It has entailed an enormous amount of thought and toil. Its successful passage is due to the untiring efforts and good management of our own Dorsey W. Shackelford. No one not on the ground can appreciate how long and how hard he labored to accomplish the task. It will meet considerable opposition in the Senate, but if it is enacted into law, it will give an impetus to road building never known before in this country. *[Dorsey W. Shackelford (1853-1936) was a Missouri Representative from Cooper County, elected in 1899 to fill a vacancy after the death of Richard P. (Silver Dick) Bland of Lebanon. He served as chairman of the Committee on Roads and his legislation led to*

the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916. He served ten terms in the House of Representatives.]

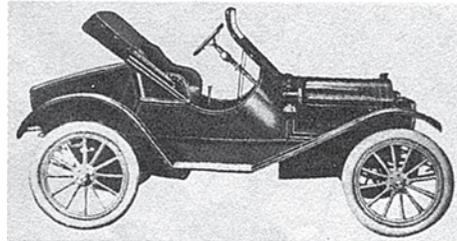
BIG PINEY—The Baldrige folks are having a wolf hunt today, we wish them success. [Pulaski County was still paying a wolf bounty, although wolves had been gone for years. Seems coyotes counted, too. You only had to present the ears for payment.]

Neely Mace and Robert Jordan, the boss rafters, got headed off by the late snow, guess they will quit till spring. [Hundreds of ties were banked up at Ross landing, just above Ross Bridge on the Big Piney.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Judge Vaught with three prisoners in charge began work on the road around the Big Spring yesterday. They will also work on the Crocker road all of which can stand any amount of work.

Our fellow townsman J. N. Hufft

has bought an automobile. It is a four-passenger Metz car, 22 1/2 horsepower. [The purchase of an automobile was still news. Dru Pippin recounted the first auto he ever saw was a chain-driven Metz. See 2009 "News," page 18.]



1914 Metz, Model 22, runabout, priced at \$495.

February 26

HAWKINS—Perry Pruitt, son of E. A. Pruitt, has been very sick with mumps and measles at the same time. [We print this item about mumps as there was an epidemic of

mumps in the county during the winter and many cases reported in the paper, some rather severe. However, this is the first "double whammy" we have seen.]

Lincoln Institute

The state of Missouri owns a \$300,000 trade school for negroes.

This institution, located at Jefferson City, is known as Lincoln Institute. It was built up and fostered by the Democratic party for the colored people of this state. This school contains one of the finest cooking schools in the United States, and some of the girls who graduated there are making \$75 and \$100 per month in the cities as cooks.

In the mechanical department the metal and woodworking sections have both taken the first premium at the state normal schools. Five hundred negro students are now in attendance at this school and the institution is doing better work than Booker Washington's famous school at Tuskegee. Alabama. [Editor Lane

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gives the Democrats too much credit. Lincoln was established in Jefferson City in 1866 with contributions from veterans of the 62nd and 65th Colored Infantry. It received state aid beginning in 1870. The name was changed to Lincoln University in 1921.]

BIG PINEY—There was a pie supper at the Watts school house Friday night and the cake of soap for the man needing it the worst was awarded to Harley Dye. The net proceeds of the supper were \$19.12.

For Sale.

160 acres of land four miles from Big Piney, Mo., 40 acres in cultivation, very good improvements. Price \$700 if taken soon. J. H. Haley, Bloodland, Mo. [That works out to \$4.38 an acre.]

A Ponca Indian Chief has just died in Oklahoma at the age of 111, but probably he never ate any of the

health foods.

LOCAL ITEMS—W. A. Mitchell, who is teaching the Palace school in the south part of the county, visited home folks on Bells Creek Saturday and Sunday. He was accompanied by Clarence Haley. While here Mr. Mitchell learned that there was not sufficient funds to pay for eight months so school was dismissed last Monday on that account.

Charles Payne and Myrtle Kinsley of Tavern township were married at the Black Hotel [aka Old Stagecoach Stop, the site of numerous nuptials] by Judge Carmack.

March 5

LOCAL ITEMS—S. M. York, of near Bailey, was here the latter part of last week with a force of ten men rafting from Cookville to Arlington. They had about 5500 ties which they rafted down the Roubidoux.

Farm For Sale

A river bottom farm, containing about 154 acres, about 75 of which is in cultivation in the river bottom.

This is known as the E. P. Creecy farm and lies across the river from Bartlett's Mill and will be sold soon to the highest bidder for cash.

For full particulars, call or address
Prewitt Creecy,
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St. Louis, Mo.
Or Fred L. Scott,
Waynesville, Mo.

[We list this farm sale because it is the farm of former Police Chief E. P. Creecy, who retired from the St. Louis police department under duress after false allegations. Chief Creecy was the first person to ford the Big Piney at Hooker in an auto, a chain-driven Metz. For more about Chief Creecy, see 2010 Old Settlers Gazette, "News," page 11.]

BIG PINEY—A new phone line has been erected from Big Piney to Bloodland.

The church house is now completed and will accommodate about 800 people. [That certainly was a commodious church, as the 800 capacity would hold all of Big Piney, Palace, and Bloodland citizens. It was demolished in the tornado of 1926.]

We hear the wolves in Texas county are doing considerable damage by killing stock. [Could be referring to the brush wolf, aka coyote.]

March 12

From present indications the number of automobiles owned by Missouri people will reach the enormous total of 55,000 this year. Contrary to the usual idea, a majority of the machines are owned by men on the farm. The State will realize something like \$225,000 [about

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[\$4 per license] from the sale of auto licenses this season and will spend the money upon the public highways. It is a Democratic way and the road work done with these automobile funds will stand as monuments.

March 19

Work on the Electric Light Plant was begun Tuesday morning. One force of men began work on the foundation for the building, while another force began wiring Wednesday. The plant will be located on the J. B. Woodward lots just north of the depot. The management expects to be able to turn on the light by the first of April. This will be an epoch in the history of Richland.—*Richland Mirror*. [We do not know the actual vote count of the January 15th election or detailed terms of the light plant proposition, since no *Mirror* newspaper near that date is available. Obviously, the proposition carried.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Last Saturday the newly consolidated high school district, composed of Bloodland, Palace and a part of Dundas and Lone Star school districts voted bonds in the sum of \$6000 to build a high school building by a vote of 72 for to 11 votes against; also voted the site at Bloodland by a vote of 67 yes to 15 no.

HANCOCK—There was a road grader unloaded here a few days ago that was taken out into Miller county. They are the people who want good roads.

BIG PINEY—Forest fires can be seen every night lately. They are a tick destroying device.

Potato planting is the order of the day from the 16th to the 20th.

March 20

Mrs. Harris and young son of Lebanon are spending the week here with Mr. Harris who is putting in the Electric Lighting Plant.—*Richland Mirror*.

March 26

TO THE VOTERS
OF PULASKI COUNTY

Tuesday, April 7th, you will again

be assembled to pass on some of the measures relating to the school affairs of your district for the coming year. Among the things to be considered, nothing is more important than making arrangements to secure state aid for your district if it be needed in order to maintain an eight months school. The past year thirty-five districts in this county received state aid and added about \$3,000 to our school fund, enough to increase the length of term in all rural districts of the county about five weeks. The money used to aid weak districts is taken from the state school fund and the state school fund is a per cent of the general revenue fund so you can see that every tax payer helps to maintain every school in the state that receives state aid whether your district receives state aid or not. Last year Texas county had more than a hundred districts on the state aid list. Texas and Pulaski get their state aid out of the same pile of money and on the same conditions. Now it's "up to the voters" to say how much of this money shall come to the schools of the county. Surely the people of our county think as much of their children and appreciate the value of schools as much as the people of any other county in the state. The children of town have the advantage of school for eight or nine months in the year, while we of the county on account of a small tax, compel our children to compete with their town cousins for the positions and honors of life with less preparation.

The conditions upon which a district receives state aid are:

1. An assessed valuation of \$50,000 or less.
2. An average daily attendance of 15 pupils or in districts with fewer than 25 enumerated an average daily attendance of 60 per cent of the enumeration.

3. A 65 cent levy for school purposes, not more than 25 cents of which shall be used for incidental purposes. Now we all pay a school tax of at least 40 cents, most districts pay 50 or 55. For the small increase of 10 or 15 cents on the hundred you can make your school an eight months instead of a five or six months term. Surely every voter will show his good business judgment and loyalty to the schools by voting for the 65 cent levy.

Respt',

L. J. Gladden

[County Superintendent of
Schools]

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court convened Monday morning, March 16, 1914, with Judge L. B. Woodside on the bench. The grand jury was instructed in the forenoon, their special attention being directed to alleged violations of the local option law [i.e. moonshining]. The Court's attention had been called to the fact that a great deal of timber had been stolen whereupon the court specifically instructed the

grand jury to carefully investigate all such complaints, adding that to steal timber, no matter from whom, was larceny just as if so much money or other property had been taken. [The hillmen had a long tradition of cutting timber wherever they found it, not paying much attention to ownership, and particularly timber on non-residents' lands. The demand for railroad ties was strong and good timber was getting scarce.] The jury was also instructed to examine the condition of the county farm, its buildings, etc, also the jail and further ascertain the amount of money on hand to the credit of the various funds and compare the books of the treasurer and county clerk as the law directs.

BIG PINEY—The prayer meeting here is quite a revival meeting and much interest is being manifested by young and old. Let the good work go on. [Revival meetings, often lasting weeks at a time, were common noteworthy events. Meetings were more frequent as the weather warmed.]

C. R. Trout saw a wild deer last week. [This was news. The deer were pretty much extirpated in Pulaski County by 1914.]

LOCAL ITEMS—As Tess DeGraffenreid and J. A. Jeffries were returning from a dance at James Hinshaw's last Friday night the team began to run as they were coming down the steep hill to the Mitchell lane a short distance west of town. One of the back wheels struck a stump just as DeGraffenreid was preparing to jump, throwing him to the ground, breaking his right leg between the knee and ankle. He also received several bruises and cuts. Jeffries escaped unhurt. [As accident accounts with automobiles increase, horse and wagon accidents still occur.]

L. N. Hufft is in St. Louis this week selecting his spring stock of goods. J. W. Sheppard is looking after the store during



Woodcutters beware. Photograph by G. E. Ingram, ca. 1914. Courtesy of Kohenskey family.

his absence. [This was the semi-annual buying trip to the big city that each merchant made to replenish his merchandise.]

Walter H. Maloney, an attorney from Kansas City, spent last week in our city attending court and arranging some business matters. He informs us that an association composed of non-resident and owners has been organized for the purpose of protecting the timber on what is generally called "speculators land." He says that a good sum of money has been raised by subscription to prosecute every case of timber theft, and warns all persons that such violations of the law will be vigorously prosecuted in the future. [There were quite a few city folks who owned land in the county for recreational purposes or investment.]

W. E. Lingo, who lives in the northern part of Texas county and whom the Houston Herald referred to a few weeks ago as that tall, long-legged, good natured, well-producing Democrat, attended court here last week and made this office a pleasant visit. He said his friend [Editor E. K.] Lyles of the Herald is one of the best fellows in the world, but had failed to get the facts fully in regard to his case, as he had sixteen children already and felt that he was only at the threshold of the prime of life. At any rate a few more like Mr. Lingo would soon populate the Ozarks equal to the New England States. May his tribe increase.

HANCOCK—The patrons of Hamilton, Atwell, Brown, Bates and Hancock districts met at Hancock school house Saturday, March 21, 1914, and proceeded to organize a consolidated school district by electing D. A. Claiborn, A. A. Decker, W. M. Hamilton, Phil Anderson, John Alexander and A. J. Decker as directors.

Delbert Roberts and family moved to Helm where he is going into the mercantile business. [Helm is the next village west of Hancock on the railway. We don't recall there ever being a local correspondent from that

neighborhood so news from there has always been scarce.]

TURKEY RIDGE—What is the matter with our Turkey Ridge ball team? Boys it's high time you are organizing so you will be able to match a game for Easter.

The land buyers have already begun to come in. E. A. Steckel sold a farm to H. G. Gatkinson of Pine Bluff, Ark. last week. [Turkey Ridge was the development of promoter E. A. Steckel. See John Bradbury's article "E. A. Steckel and Turkey Ridge and Ozark Springs" in the 2011 Old Settlers Gazette.]

April 2

MUST STICK TO KNITTING Equal Suffrage Amendment Defeated at Washington

The women of the United States in general will not vote for some time to come, probably more years than they will care to wait. In the United States senate last Thursday the equal suffrage amendment was defeated, although it received a majority of the votes cast. Thirty-five senators voted for it and thirty-four against the measure. It would have required a two-thirds majority to have passed the amendment. Among those who voted against it were Senator Reed of Missouri. Senator Stone was not present, he being still too ill to attend the meetings of the senate.

Births and Deaths, 1913

This office is in receipt of a copy of the Thirty-first Annual Report of the State Board of Health and Bureau of Vital Statistics of Missouri for the year of 1913. The population of Pulaski county according to the census of 1910 was 11,438. Total number of births in the state during the year was 74,648 and the number of deaths was 42,056.

CROCKER—A new drug store will be opened immediately in the new Copp building by Geo. L. Zieneness, of Rolla, and Dr. G. W. Orrick. The building will be extended back ten or twelve feet to make room for the stock which will consist of a large and complete line of drugs and drug

sundries. The new firm will open for business as soon as the fixtures are ready and the stock arrives. Mr. Zieneness is a registered pharmacist and comes highly recommended. Dr. Orrick is a practicing physician of our own town and needs no further introduction. We wish the new firm success.—*Crocker News*.

LOCAL ITEMS—Sheriff Laquey was in the south part of Liberty township the latter part of last week on official business. He made four arrests on indictments returned by the recent grand jury—two for disturbing the peace at the Hilton school house last Christmas, one for violating the local option law and one for exhibiting a deadly weapon while intoxicated.

W. A. Logan is confined to his room, the natural result of getting mixed up with a genuine Missouri mule that had long since mastered

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H. F. Hollenbeck, who recently sold the Gasconade hotel at Crocker, was here the first of the week representing a clothing house. Fred Burgess, the grocery drummer, was also calling on his customers.

April 9

LOCAL ITEMS—E. A. Steckel was over from Turkey Ridge Monday on business and incidentally talking base ball. He says the Turkey Ridge



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ball team popularly known as the "Gobblers" are going to be ready for action early in the season and propose to give all comers the worth of their time and money.

Mr. Reagan, son of W. F. Reagan, proprietor of the Lebanon Marble and Granite Works, was here the first of the week on business. He placed a monument at the grave of Mrs. Beeler in the J. A. Bradford cemetery and we understand he took orders for some monuments to be placed at the Bloodland cemetery. *[We wish we had this information for our article on tombstones that appeared in last year's Gazette. Along with Sears and Montgomery Ward, the Lebanon Marble and Granite Works may have been the major suppliers of markers for graveyards in Old Pulaski.]*

S. M. York, of Upper Roubidoux, was here the first of the week with a force of hands rafting. They had 5000 ties which were brought from near Cookville and will be taken to Arlington.

Last Saturday constable O. R. Gan arrested Harrison McKinnon and John Doyel who were indicted by the grand jury at the March term of Circuit Court for making railroad ties on non-resident land. They gave bond for their appearance at the next term of Circuit Court to be held in September.

GASCONADE—Prof. Nelse Anderson, of the Prospect neighborhood, has been holding a singing school at Berean for the past few weeks and through his efforts has greatly improved the singing there. May he visit other localities.

April 16

Crocker Grays Organize

The first team of the Crocker Base Ball Club perfected their organization for the season of 1914 in a meeting held at the store of Burchard and Carmack Tuesday evening and will be known as the Crocker Grays.

The following members have been admitted to the club and their

several positions will be assigned by the Captain from time to time, as he deems to the very best advantage of the team: C. A. Burchard, C. E. Pennington, Chas. Ousley, George Hoops, John Peterson, L. K. Sitton, C. E. Joiner, H. C. Johnson, A. Tice, Chas. Wendt, Alvin Trippe, Clay Krone, Robert Page, Bill Dodson, Herman Grossenheider.

The following active officers were elected: Chas. Ousley, Manager; A. Tice, Captain; George Hoops, Secretary and Treasurer; John Peterson, Field Boss.

It was unanimously agreed upon and decided to hold the Annual Base Ball celebration on Friday and Saturday, July 31st and August 1st, 1914.

The schedule of games for the season is now being made up and it is an assured fact that Crocker will keep up their splendid record on the ball diamond.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Too much rain for anything. The weather man ought to wait until August.

The Valley was overrun with visitors Sunday seeing Mr. Bensick's fine motor boat.

Our classic Gasconade is holding her Easter jubilee by keeping the boys from fording it to see their best

girls.

Col. August Bensick *[of St. Louis]* has a gang of first-class painters working for him on his beautiful summer home, Eagles Nest.

Commodore Joel Lane is making daily trips between Franklin and Schlicht with his fine motor boat, Sabina.

LOCAL ITEMS—Following is a report of the world's egg-laying contest at Mountain Grove, Mo., for the month of March, 1914, that may interest the people of Pulaski County, Mo., and the Ozarks. There were three pens of ten hens each of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds that broke the world's record for laying during the month of March, 1914, by laying 694 eggs. Ten of these hens belong to Charles A. Bryant, of Richland, Mo. and the other two pens were bred within fifty miles of Pulaski county. The Ozarks is proving to be the best poultry country in the world. You can readily see from the above figures that there is an average of more than twenty-three eggs per month for each hen. This being one-third the eggs the average hen lays in one year.

TURKEY RIDGE—There is some talk around that Turkey Ridge will soon lose their umpire for some strange



Although we published this picture last year, we thought it should be published again, as this was the Turkey Ridge Gobblers team that was proclaimed the "1914 Pulaski County champions." E. A. Steckel, in suit, was manager of the team. An injury would have been serious, as there are only nine players pictured. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

attraction seems to be drawing H. J. Wiseman to the south part of the county quite often. This would be a serious loss for our umpire was the largest part of our ball team last year.

Since the river is up all Turkey Ridge citizens have to go all the way around by the McCain bridge to get to Richland which doubles the distance for most of us. *[The county court planned to build a bridge at Mays Ford to ease this high water hardship. That bridge was never built but a low water bridge was built in 1925, mostly through the effort of E. A. Steckel. Mays Ford is near the present Cave Restaurant.]*

April 23

Miss August York closed her school at Dublin last Friday. There was a class of four rural eighth grade graduates.—*Richland Mirror*.

Wood Wanted

The board of directors of school district No. 31, (Waynesville) will receive bids for sixty cords of good oak or hickory wood (split) 44 inches long, all to be properly corded on school ground by Saturday, September 19, 1914.

Bids will be received by the district clerk until 6 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 1914. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Fred Christeson,
District Clerk.

[Waynesville built a new concrete block school house that opened in January of 1913. It had a large wood fired boiler for the steam radiator heat.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Bailey post office in the south part of the county has been discontinued. The star route *[a contract mail route]* from this place to Bailey has been extended to Cookville and F. M. Woody is now the carrier in place of John L. Barnes, who has been as faithful and punctual a carrier as ever rode a route.

Elliot and Mayor, who have the contract to build the concrete block school house at Union, are having



A lofty throw of hay with a rather long pitchfork was a common site on our farms. Photograph by G. E. Ingram, courtesy of the Kohenskey Family.

the cement, gravel, etc., hauled to that place. Williams and Logan have contracted to do the hauling.

S. M. York of Cookville was here the first of the week with another bunch of tie rafts. He was assisted by some of the best rafters from the south part of the county.

J. B. Christeson wants your Poultry and Eggs. You get a square deal there.

Take your Wool or other produce to L. N. Hufft's if you want to buy goods cheap.

[Local merchants solicited local produce, chickens, furs, and ties for cash or barter.]

M. D. Brown was down from Wharton last Monday and informs us that he has bought the store at Wharton of L. N. Hufft. Mr. Brown has conducted this store for more than four years for Mr. Hufft and has the confidence of the public. He left an order for stationery and begins business for himself with the best wishes of all. *[Melchisedec Brown had been postmaster at Wharton since March, 1910.]*

April 24 Soon to Have Electric Lights

Poles Are Already Up
Wires Are Being Strung
Through the Business
Section

The engine for the Electric Plant arrived the latter part of last week and is now being installed. The poles are up and the wire is now being strung in the business section of the town. With the business section all wired up it now looks like the lights may be turned on by the first of the month.

At a recent meeting of the City Council the board contracted with the company for four one-hundred watt lights to burn all night and twenty sixty-watt lights to burn until one o'clock. This will give the city much better service than the former contract.

Watch the darkness disappear within the next few weeks.—*Richland Mirror.*

April 30

Bank of Edgar Springs

The citizens around Edgar Springs have determined that they want a bank at Edgar Springs. With this

determination a number of citizens met at the school house and subscribed a capital stock of \$10,000 for the purpose of opening the Bank at Edgar Springs.

The meeting was presided over by G. I. Bradford. It was enthusiastic in every way and all of the stock was taken within an hour after the meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held next Saturday, April 25, for the purpose of electing a board of directors.

While it is not official it is generally believed that the board of directors will elect Frank Eaves as cashier of the new bank.—*Rolla Herald.*
BIG PINEY—Corn planting is all the go now.

There is little visiting since the smallpox appeared, but it is safe now to visit as the smallpox has disappeared. *[Smallpox killed more than 300 million people in the 20th century. After more than a century of vaccination campaigns worldwide, smallpox was declared eradicated in 1979.]*

Fishing is good, now, but the farmers say ploughing is better.

SWEDEBORG—The new hardware and bank buildings are nearing completion and will add greatly to the looks of our town.

LOCAL ITEMS—Dr. B. N. Pippin was out from St. Louis several days last week looking after his interests here

and visiting relatives. He returned to the city Sunday night.

Phil Becker, of St. Louis, owner of Meadowbrook, one of the best known club houses on Piney, was a Waynesville visitor last Tuesday. He was accompanied by Frank Stewart, who has charge of the property. Mr. Becker is engaged in the grocery business in the city and is enjoying a splendid trade.

Postmaster Reed informs us that an order issued several days ago requires him to count, weigh and classify all mail received and sent out for a period of sixty days. This is quite a task.

NORTH BLOODLAND—The directors have made arrangements with a brick man of Licking, Mo., to burn and lay the brick for the High School building.

DIXON—The public school closed here Friday. The school has been very successful and the teachers are to be praised for their perseverance. The High School will continue for one month.

Another Good Ascension

Col. Fred A. McAllister, our local aeronaut, made another successful balloon ascension as advertised last Saturday. This was Col. McAllister's first flight in which he took all the responsibility of arrangement and there was nothing to detract from its success. Ben Johnson and Ambrose Smith assisted him in filling the big bag and it rose gracefully into the heavens without mishap, sailing in a northeasterly direction and to about the same height as the former ascension. He cut loose the parachute and fell in full view of the crowd in the Herrick field north of Brushy Creek. The balloon again fell in about 30 feet of where McAllister landed. Col. McAllister will make another ascension next Saturday afternoon, weather permitting.—*Houston Herald.*

May 7

COUNTY COURT

May Term, 1914

S. S. McMillan and two hundred and thirty-eight others presented a



Built in 1905, Dixon High School was one of the first high schools in the county. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

petition for a bridge across the Gasconade river at the Mays ford and asks that the bridge be built.

NORTH BLOODLAND—The brick man, of Licking, Mo., moved in with his force the 30th. He will occupy the Fisher house. The brick will be burned at the John Vaughan yard.

RICHLAND—The electric lights were turned on here the first time May 1st. They found some miscreant had cut the wires on the south side but the place was soon found and they are working fine since.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Lady Ebersole of St. Louis came out to visit her son, proprietor of Hotel-de-Cave, and brought the Col.'s baby. We welcome them both!

Commodore Lane was called on when some St. Louis fishermen could not handle their boats against the current. The Commodore and boat Sabina pulled them up home.

May 8

The electric lights were turned on in full blast last Saturday night and proved to be decidedly successful. The streets are brilliantly illuminated now at evening which adds much to the appearance of our city. This is one step we have taken in the right direction. Watch us take others.—
Richland Mirror.

May 14

LOCAL ITEMS—J. M. Carmack and H. G. Brown were over from Dry Creek Tuesday and say that if the parties who took several gallons of canned fruit from their cellar a few nights ago will return the jars when empty, will be duly rewarded.

Judge G. S. Scott came over from Dixon Sunday to see his son, Fred L. who is suffering from sciatic rheumatism, and has been confined to his room for over a week. Although seventy years of age the Judge

walked from Dixon to Waynesville in less than six hours and said he felt about as good as ever. [*Notice that the Judge walked from Dixon to Waynesville.*]

Sheriff Laquey went to Illinois last week and arrested Charles Jones, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of violating the local option law. He was brought to Dixon where he gave bond for his appearance at circuit court here next September. [*Seems a long way to go for a whiskey drinker who are most often found "Not guilty."*]

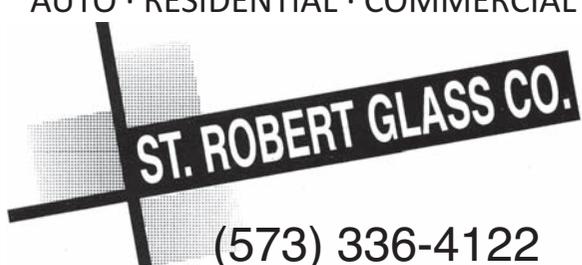
Business is just a little dull in Waynesville now and there is a splendid reason for it. The weather is fine and every farmer is working overtime putting in their crops. At this time prospects are good, and if the season is favorable this country will come back to its own.

J. S. Day, of Dixon, the new manager of the Pioneer Telephone Co.,

was over from Dixon a few days last week looking over the situation. Mr. Day promises us many improvements and intends to fully equip the system so that we will receive first-class service. Patrons of the system living in this vicinity have waited long and patiently for a change for the better and while we have had flattering promises to that effect from time to time they have never been fulfilled and many subscribers have had their phones removed. However, we believe Mr. Day means business and we think the citizens here should patronize the system liberally and are satisfied that when assured that the necessary improvements will be made will patronize the system to a degree fully commensurate with the service.

NORTH BLOODLAND—C. R. Copeland is preparing to please the people in grinding by having his buhrs sharpened, also having timber put

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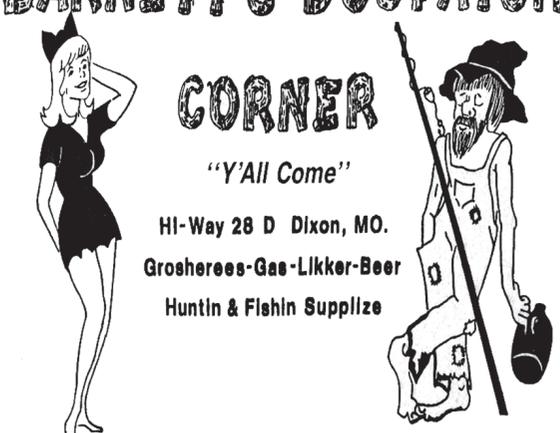
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BELLS CREEK—The school board met Saturday the 6th and made a contract with E. M. Noble of Crocker to build a concrete block school house at Cowan for \$656.85 to be completed by Aug. 15, 1914.

J. W. Cowan sold his wool in the burs for 18 1/2 cents, pretty good.

Balloon Bursts

Aeronaut Descends in Safety from a Height of Five Hundred Feet.

The fourth balloon ascension in the series being made by Col. Fred A. McAllister under contract with the business men of Houston furnished a thrill of excitement to those who witnessed it last Saturday evening and was unquestionably a close call for the balloonist.

Being a little windy the bag was not properly filled until late and it was near 7 o'clock when McAllister cut loose and soared away into the upper regions. Reaching a height of about 500 feet the big bag burst and had it not been for Col. McAllister's instant action in cutting the parachute loose, the rope connecting the parachute to the balloon would not have been taut and he could not have cut loose, the balloon would have collapsed over the parachute and the aeronaut would have undoubtedly fallen to his death. His quick action saved him, for the parachute filled at once and he came down without injury near Albert Leavitt's home in the north part of town, the bursted balloon falling near him.

A rent of over 31 feet in length was in one side of the balloon, which has evidently been long in use and was rotten. Col. McAllister has evidently been short-changed by the balloon company in the purchase of this bag and he will endeavor to compel them to make it good. Flying into the clouds is a risky business at all times, but for a man to take chances with a rotten balloon was extremely dangerous and came near proving fatal in this instance.

Col. McAllister will endeavor to



Fred A. McAllister, Texas County's first aeronaut, escaped maiming or worse on several occasions in his hot air balloon. Courtesy of the Houston Historical Society.

secure another balloon as early as possible and continue his flights during the summer. While he was only counting this the third flight, he has in reality made four, yet is willing to make another here when he secures another balloon.—Houston Herald.

May 21

Dr. A. L. Tice has bought the Gleave property occupied by the Teeple Hotel, consideration, \$3,000.—Crocker News.

"The Crocker Star," a new newspaper the size of the Pilot, is to appear in Crocker next week—Goforth and McCully, publishers. A new and up to the minute printing plant will be installed in the McCaslin building.—Dixon Pilot.

LOCAL ITEMS—No people are of more interest than the American Indians. For this reason Green's Nebraska Indians base ball team

composed of genuine, howling screeching savages gathered from the western plains and reservations should attract an enormous crowd when it plays the Crocker Grays at Crocker, Mo., on June 4, 1914. [Not sure if the stereotype language used by Editor Lane is for real or tongue in cheek.]

Cashier Wingo of the Bank of Bloodland, with several teams hauled a silo through here Tuesday, which will be erected on his farm near Bailey. [Mr. Wingo was undoubtedly hauling the lumber for a wooden silo which he had picked up at the railroad depot in Crocker. Using silos was a rather new practice for Pulaski farmers but was being quickly adopted. See "News," 2013 Gazette, page 11.]

BLOODLAND—The Bloodland school has about 60 in attendance, the largest of any spring term at this place that we have any recollection

of. People are waking up to their real needs.

May 28

LOCAL ITEMS—Some of our local fishermen are reporting great catches, however, very few fish have been seen and there has never been any on the market.

We have on exhibit at this office a wild sweet potato or “hog potato” that weighs twelve lbs. and three and one-half feet long. R. M. Christeson brought it in and said it was found on J. A. Edward’s farm where the creek had undermined the bank.

BIG PINEY—The drouth still continues. Some man must be whipping his wife causing the drouth.

There was a family of five went through our town, moving in a hand cart, which the man was drawing, and it contained the household goods. They were going west.

DIXON—A car load of sand was un-

loaded here last week to be used on the new post office building which is being erected by Grempczynski Bros.

Several R. R. tie rafters gathered here today to start to Arlington with ties. They were a jolly crowd.

BLOODLAND—Jay Thompson and John Schneider have hauled the brick man, Mr. Hopper, quite a lot of old [fence] rails for his brick kiln. Wire is fast taking the place of rails.

GASCONADE—Touring parties are beginning to make their appearance again and the various club houses are filling up for the summer.

The Turkey Ridge colony continues to swell, as the season opens, some coming for pleasure other for profit.

June 4

THE HUNT FOR TEACHERS

Most of the school boards are now in pursuit of teachers. Low salaries

and marriages make rapid changes in this profession.

Probably the average teacher not living at home must pay a third higher board than 10 years ago. Also other items of expense have increased. Parents expect a teacher to be neat and crisp in dress.

These school boards all recognize these facts. But they are up against many demands. School buildings constructed according to modern ideas of sanitation and ventilation cost nearly double the amount paid a few years ago. The school authorities tremble before the taxpayer. Keeping down the teacher’s salary seems the line of least resistance.

In selecting teachers, enthusiasm, spontaneity, and affection for children should count quite as much as book knowledge. A teacher may pass an excellent scholastic examination. Yet their attitude on life may

be so apathetic, they may present so cold a face to their little flock, that they remain phlegmatic and lifeless.

One sometimes questions if too severe requirements are not made of teachers in respect to education. Perhaps the one who has had professional training in a normal school may be quite as effective as the one who has had the expensive college course in the higher culture. At any rate, either salaries will have to go higher or the bars of preparation be lowered, if bright and ambitious men and women are to continue to enter this field. [Editor Lane occasionally writes an editorial of educational content. He is a member of the Waynesville school board. Teacher salaries varied by size of the district and rose slowly during the decade. Male teachers generally made more than female teachers. In 1906, Bill Ichord taught at rural Baldridge

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This painting by Carol Delaney, "Decoration Day," immortalizes the festivity in Beulah, a small community 10 miles west of Big Piney, as Carol remembers from her childhood. Courtesy of Carol Delaney.

School for \$30 a month, while his wife, Emma Page Ichord made \$25 a month at Big Piney. Crocker was paying George Phillips \$85 in 1921, while a teacher in Bloodland made \$60.]

DECORATION AT BIG PINEY

As usual decoration day was observed at Big Piney in spirit and in truth. No neighborhood in south Missouri observes and consecrates this day to the memory of their loved and gone more zealously than Piney township. The beautiful cemetery is well kept and two or three times each year it is cleaned up and the graves properly refilled. Rev. J. C. Renfrow delivered an interesting sermon in the forenoon, the Carrell brothers had charge of the vocal music which was excellent. At the noon hour temporary tables were erected in the shade of the trees in front of the church house, the feast was spread and everyone got busy at once. This community has long been noted for its free public dinners and on this occasion the good women fairly outdid themselves. There was a plenty for everybody and to spare. At 2 p.m. the Odd Fellows met at

their hall and with J. W. Riden as Marshal solemnly marched to the cemetery and beautifully decorated the graves of their brethren according to the rites of the order. G. W. Gan delivered an address which was interesting and appreciated by all.

Rev. J. C. Renfrow and Bently Bryant made short talks which were appreciated and well received. People came for miles with wreaths of flowers to decorate the grave of some relative or friend. [Graves needed to be refilled as the wooden coffins and corpses decayed. The Odd Fellows Hall in Big Piney was over the store owned by Bill Ichord and his wife, Emma Page Ichord. Editor George Lane and his wife were in attendance, as both were from the Big Piney neighborhood. Cora Miller Lane was the daughter of Richard Miller, owner of Miller Spring, formerly McCourtney Mill.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Quite a number from Waynesville and vicinity went to Crocker today to witness the game of ball between the Nebraska Indians and Crocker Grays.

Atty. R. L. Johnson and wife have returned from St. Louis where they

spent several days attending the Pageant and Masque and report it an excellent show, and that much credit is due the management for the able manner in which the tremendous crowds were handled. [The newspaper mentioned about a dozen citizens who attended the pageant in St. Louis. See ad page 16.]

DECKER—W. W. York and family, V. H. York and wife and H. E. York and family, all spent last Monday afternoon cutting a bee tree. They said they got lots of honey and also enough bee stings.

BLOODLAND—[This must be North Bloodland because there was a correspondent column from South Bloodland in the paper this week.] This scribe and wife made a trip to J. E. Christeson's Saturday returning Sunday evening. The people are a little distressed over the ravages of the army worm. They have destroyed quite a lot of young corn which has to be planted over and some meadows are totally destroyed. [Most correspondents remarked about the plague of army worms. The army worm is the caterpillar of the noctuid moth.]

P. S. Ogle, of Tribune, was in shopping Monday. He exhibited a \$2.50 pair of shoes that he ordered from Jadwin, a drummer, that proves you had better see before buying.

RICHLAND—Miss Minerva Earnshaw, telephone operator here, departed Sunday to spend a month's vacation at her home in Dixon. [Do you know your telephone operator's name?]

HANNA—The army worms are doing lots of damage in these parts lately.

Ye scribe will try and call more often in the future. [This is the first clue that at least some local corre-

Cutting a bee tree and harvesting the honey was common in the 19th century—not so much today. Following is a reminiscence by Theodore Pease Russell of such an activity during his younger days in the mid-1800s.

Cutting a Bee Tree

I shall never forget a tree we cut that day. I was one of the axemen. Two of us walked along on the tree and began to cut away the side of the tree that covered the honey. As soon as we let daylight in on the honey, the whole colony came pouring out and such running and screaming, with the bees after the boys and girls! I tell you I never saw better time made than some of those girls made that day; dry goods were of no account. I never saw store goods go off so fast in my life. Bees, like human beings will fight for their property just as long as the honey is not broken, but as soon as they see the honey broken they give up and will fight no man. I have felt a kind of sympathy for the bees. Imagine yourself with a good home with all the comforts of life—everything to make life enjoyable; then let some despoiler come and break into your house and take away all the comforts and see how you would feel.

I very well remember I paid very dearly for the sweets I got; the bees just lit all over my head. I wiped them off my face by the handful. They stung me all over my head, face and neck, until I was as spotted as one with the measles. I thought they would sting me to death! Ah, didn't I suffer? And yet my face and head did not swell up as I had expected it would. We always have a remedy at hand for all stings if we only think to use it—one of nature's own. After building a fire of leaves, we smoked those bees and finally got their honey, for the tree was very rich.

—from *A Connecticut Yankee in the Frontier Ozarks—The Writings of Theodore Pease Russell*, edited by James F. Keefe and Lynn Morrow, p. 117. University of Missouri Press, 1988.



Telephone operator, unidentified, at the switchboard in Licking, MO. Courtesy of Texas County Museum, Licking.

spondents have started to transmit their news by telephone.]

In last week's paper Big Piney said

some man has been whipping his wife causing the drouth. If that is so it is time they are quitting, at least

until we have a good rain.

June 11

CROCKER 4, INDIANS 7

The Nebraska Indian base ball team played the Crocker Grays here today, resulting in a score of 7 to 4 in favor of the Indians. It was a splendid game, well played and enjoyed by a large crowd.

We were unable to get the game by innings before going to press.

The Richland team played the Indians yesterday resulting in a victory of 13 to 3 in favor of the Indians.—*Crocker News*.

[The Democrat published a table showing votes cast in Pulaski County for each party in the 1912 presidential election. The tally was: Democrat, 1268; Republican, 681; and Progressive, 267. Pulaski County was decidedly Democratic in 1914.]

LOCAL ITEMS—There will be picnics

at Big Piney and Bloodland on Saturday, July 4th. Each of these places have been noted for years for the large crowds that attend the 4th of July celebrations and all are looking forward to a grand time this year.

G. M. Reed and Albert Christeson were over on Piney last Friday on business. Just below J. C. Rigsby's along the bluff road the horse became frightened and the buggy was overturned, catching both of the occupants in the buggy top which was up. Luckily the horse stopped and they escaped injury, except a few small bruises for Albert. They contend they had drank only some warm soda pop at Hooker.

Grasshoppers are reported to be in various neighborhoods and doing considerable damage to growing crops. [Drought, army worms, and now grasshoppers. Wonder if there was anything to harvest?]



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DIXON—Owen Kellison, of Iberia, met the town board on Monday evening to agree upon terms for the much talked of lighting system.

BLOODLAND—J. A. Abbott, of near Palace, came in Saturday for a Deering mower he had ordered through F. B. Brown. He is going to mow a part of his wheat for feed in view of a scarcity of hay and probable failure of corn.

Fred Gaede was exhibiting some of his wheat heads Saturday, he intends cutting Monday. Wheat is the best since 1901.

On account of the drouth here there is quite a bunch who have planned to go to the Kansas wheat fields to get some employment.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—We had a big crowd at the Springs Sunday drinking Magnesia water.

Houston Balloon

Col McAllister made his last ascension here last Saturday in the series arranged for by Houston business men. Having secured a new balloon to take the place of the one burst during a recent flight, Prof. McAllister is now better prepared than ever for successful flights and he has never yet made a failure. His ascension here last Saturday was to the greatest height of any of the series and he was carried some two miles north of town, landing without accident or injury.

Col. McAllister has now shown his ability to navigate the air and is ready to contract flights at any part of the country. Different points are already negotiating for his services on the Fourth of July.—*Houston Herald*.

June 18

DIXON—Wm. Mitchell of Rolla and his force of skilled workmen commenced laying brick on the Grempczynski building this week and are getting well up with the walls.

BIG BANK OPENING

The Peoples Bank of Edgar Springs opened for business Tuesday, June 9th. The opening was the occasion

of a big picnic and celebration attended by more than 500 people. In the afternoon speeches were made by Chas. L. Woods, S. N. Lorts, C. L. Arthur, Jas. Hedrick and Rev. Connolly.

The bank is capitalized at \$10,000. Most of the stock had been taken by prominent farmers and business men of Edgar Springs and vicinity. The new financial institution will be of immeasurable benefit to the people of the county. J. E. Yowell is president, George Bradford vice-president and Frank Eaves, cashier. The deposits ran well into thousands of dollars and prospects for the new bank are bright indeed.—*Rolla Times*.

LOCAL ITEMS—G. W. Lane has received notice of his appointment as postmaster at Waynesville and will probably take charge of the office July 1st, if the preliminary matters can be completed by that time.

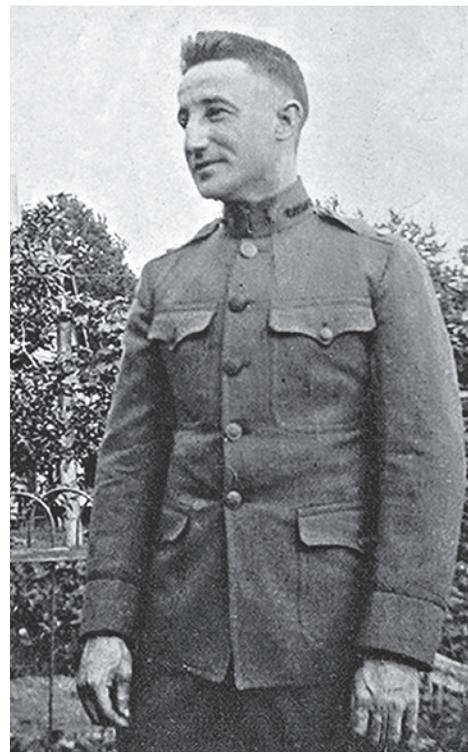
[George follows George M. Reed as postmaster, who assumed the postmaster position February 18, 1904.]

County Court met last Friday to receive bids for the construction of a bridge at the Mays ford on the Gasconade river. Eight bridge companies had representatives here and after carefully considering each bid awarded the contract to the Canton Bridge Co., of Kansas City for the sum of \$6875. [This bridge was the subject of much controversy, resulting in lawsuits, and ultimately was not built as a steel truss bridge as initially contracted. See J. B. King's article "Split over Mays ford Bridge" in the 1984 Old Settlers Gazette, page 3, for a complete account.]

BIG PINEY—Candidates [for county offices] are so plentiful it is dangerous to shoot at low range with a shot gun for fear of hitting one.

There was a pie supper here Saturday night, the proceeds amounting to \$11.80. Miss Georgia Lane was awarded the album for being the most popular.

RICHLAND—James Titterington graduated from the dental department of Washington U. in St. Louis



Dr. James Titterington, dentist, was a lieutenant in World War 1, serving in Europe 1917-1918. He came from a Richland family of doctors. Courtesy of James Smith.

last week and returned home Saturday. [Dr. Titterington, at left, owned the Old Stagecoach Stop from 1936 until 1941. He had his dental office there during that time.]

DIXON—The work on the new building which is being erected for the Staben Produce Co. is progressing nicely.

HANNA—There, now, I told you so. I have been saying all the time that the drouth would break up with rain and sure enough it did and many long faces have broadened into a grin that won't come off. It was fifty-eight days between rains.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Fourteen young ladies of St. Louis are occupying Forest Lodge for a two weeks visit at Magnesia Springs for their health.

Col. Ebersole has big crowds at Hotel-de-Cave [aka Cave Lodge] and is doing a land office business. [See last year's Gazette for a history of the beginning of Cave Lodge and a reminiscence of growing up at the resort.]

June 25

Carpenters Mayor and Elliott have

completed the concrete block school house in district number 52 (Union) and returned home last Saturday. Reports from residents of the district indicate that they are well pleased with the building and highly recommend the contractors as honest and skillful workmen. [See school house on next page.]

HAWKINS—J. E. and C. C. Christeson passed through here last week with a car load of hogs that they were taking to Richland to ship to St. Louis. [Another hog drive along the roads of Pulaski. There were such drives to the railroad reported in almost every community. Pulaski stockmen shipped 16,693 hogs in 1914, far outnumbering the 6,465 head of cattle, and more than the 10,402 head of sheep.]

GASCONADE—The Gasconade gets hot enough these days to cook the fish before they are caught.

BIG PINEY—Too dry to hunt, too hot to fish, but it never gets too hot for the boys to play marbles, but to work it is different as work is not sport or fun.

July 9

An accident of a peculiar nature happened over in the edge of Miller county last week. A thresher was at work, when one of the wagons loaded with wheat passed near the engine, a spark from which set the straw on fire, the team ran away and the wheat, wagon and horses were burned up.—*Vienna Gazette*.

J. A. Eads took drummer S. J. Heltzell out over his territory this week in the former's new Ford car. Selb has symptoms of the automobile fever, and we predict that, if the trip proves successful, he will soon become owner of one of the horseless carriages.

LATER—The trip was made without a mishap, so Heltzell bought the car. By using the car in making his territory he will shorten his time on the road which will give him much more time at home, and at the same time gives his customers much better service.

LOCAL ITEMS—Several persons

from St. Louis are spending their vacation in Waynesville. After the visit here they always come back and bring some one with them.

The salary of the postmaster at Dixon has been increased from \$1300 to \$1400 effective from July 1st. This is but another evidence of the substantial growth of Dixon in the postal receipts of which compare favorable with many towns with a larger population.

The citizens of Waynesville divided up pretty well on the Fourth. We were represented at Big Piney, Bloodland, Richland, Cave Lodge and Dixon. Quite a number went fishing, while a majority remained at home.

BLOODLAND—Quite a lot of drunkenness and some fighting in our little village the Fourth, Frank Brown deputy sheriff, C. R. Gan constable with J. K. Wood J. P averted a part of the conflict.

July 16

The Rolla, Ozark & Southern is a Railroad Company, which proposes to build a standard gauge railroad from Rolla, in Phelps county, has been granted a charter by Secretary of State Cornelius Roach. The company has an authorized capital of \$200,000. The latest move is to build the line from Rolla to Anutt, a distance of twenty miles, and later the road will be extended to Licking and Bakersfield.—*Mtn. Grove Journal*.

The annual two day picnic at Waynesville will be held on July 24 and 25th. The grounds are unexcelled, plenty of good shade and water. The recent rains have put new hopes and new life into everything and all will be ready and anxious for picnic. Watch for large posters later.

Texas County Old Settlers Reunion to be held in Houston August 20, 21 and 22.—*Houston Herald*.

[*Texas County's Old Settlers Reunion*



Captions for this 1941 picture of Union School, just north of the hamlet of Tribune on the Big Piney Road (near the present airport on Fort Wood), usually focus on the boys anticipating the soldiers that will soon take over their neighborhood. However, we now know that their block schoolhouse was constructed in 1914 by builders Mayor and Elliott. Although the community disappeared with the building of the fort, Tribune's name lives on for that location on weather and aeronautical maps. Courtesy of Joann McDonald Moss.

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is still a robust gathering each year.]

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BIG PINEY—The picnic at Ross ford was well attended and a general good time was had by all.

Esq. Page's law mill ground out seven 4th of July cases the other day, which will help our school fund.

[Page was Justice of the Peace and fined the citizens for fighting and drunkenness.]

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—The Valley has been over run with city people. It taxed the springs to furnish water for lemonade.

Hotel-de-Cave is full of guests and hardly standing room. *[There are two popular resorts within a mile of each other on the Gasconade near Crocker. The correspondent uses local nicknames, such as the "Valley" for the Schlicht Springs area and sometimes "Lower Egypt" while he most often calls Cave Lodge "Hotel-de-Cave."]*

LOCAL ITEMS—James Bostick has accepted a position as clerk in H. L. Mitchell's grocery store.

Mert and Lem Trower brought a cat fish to town yesterday which they captured near Bartlett's mill that weighed forty pounds. Several of our local fishermen claim that they have caught several as large and even larger but alas! they always got away.

Last Monday at Salem, Judge Woodside granted a temporary injunction against the county court and highway engineer prohibiting them from proceeding further with the Mays ford bridge until further orders from the Circuit Court, which will convene here Sept. 21st. The opponents to the bridge were represented by R. L. Johnston, of Waynesville, and Senator Farris, of

Rolla, those for the bridge by Judge Holmes, of Rolla.

BLOODLAND—Rev. Blaylock was in shopping, he is one of those home-made preachers that people put confidence in, he never had a chance to rub his back against a college door.

Fred Gaede reports 250 bushels of wheat off of 14 acres, a good quality of wheat is reported throughout the country.

SWEDEBORG—Elmer Doty and wife have taken charge of the Frisco Hotel at this place. We feel sure they will do everything to please the public.

WILDWOOD—The Brisch Bros. are threshing at present. The wheat is just fine this year. *[A seldom heard from correspondent, Wildwood was near the present day main gate to Fort Wood.]*

CROCKER—The Fourth passed off very quietly in Crocker. A large delegation went to Dixon where the I.O.O.F. of that place had charge of the day's events. About forty-five *[train]* tickets were sold from here. Others went to the river where numerous parties were formed and everyone reports a good time.

Chris Adamsen last week unloaded a car of Indiana silos to be distributed between Crocker and Stoutland. This makes six cars Mr. Adamsen has sold in this community this summer. *[See last year's Gazette, page 11, for more information about wooden Indiana silos.]*

July 17

On Thursday night of last week the semi-weekly moving picture entertainments were started at the City Hall at this place by Mr. Harris, of the Richland Light and Power Co. While the pictures were not the best on the first night they have been wonderfully improved on since that time until now they are as plain as any pictures seen in first class moving picture shows. The machine has also been made solid, which adds much to the improvement of the pictures. Two more electric fans have also been added, making the



Horse and buggy was still the most common form of personal transportation. Ed Ingram and Lucy Jackson of Edgar Springs, ca. 1914, pose for a picture in Ed's rig. The first automobile dealership in Pulaski opened in September in Crocker. Courtesy of the Kohenskey family.

hall the coolest place in town. Another feature is the music furnished by Miss Geraldine Evington. If you want to keep cool and at the same time spend an enjoyable evening go to the City Hall on Wednesday and Saturday night of each week.—*Richland Mirror.*

July 30

BLOODLAND—W. S. McCully went to Lebanon a few days ago for some tomb stones for A. B. Deaton and W. T. Watson's graves returning Wednesday.

This heat and drouth is worst since 1874, when the chinch bugs helped the hot winds and the destruction was soon completed.

July 31

The Frisco put in their electric lights in the depot Monday.—*Richland Mirror.*

August 6

BIG PINEY—The marble playing still goes on and Glen Rowden and Jesse Jeffries are kings of the yard and William Lane is king fisher of the neighborhood with hook and line.

The school began here this morning, Prof. Clarence Kelley wielding

the staff of knowledge and will also use the rod of correction for the present term of school. We have failed to get the enrollment yet. **DIXON**—The Chautauqua which will be held here next week Aug. 12-17 is the talked of event and promises to be the greatest entertainment and picnic combined that we have ever seen. *[A chautauqua was a contracted educational entertainment with musical and dramatic offerings, usually under a tent and lasting a week.]* **LOCAL ITEMS**—Dr. B. N. Pippin and wife and a party of friends from St. Louis spending their vacation at Bartlett Springs.

I have from one to 900 Angora goats for sale to be delivered the first day of October. Among this number there are 50 head of pure bred Angora billies and 50 nannies or does.

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CROCKER—Robt. Page and W. H. Fike are each the possessors of new Ford cars. They drove home from St. Louis via Jefferson City and made excellent time. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bond, of Richland, who went to St. Louis with them, also purchased a car and all returned home together.

August 13
COUNTY COURT
 August Term, 1914

Ordered that W. E. Kimmell be exempt from road work for life.

W. S. Williams et al, public road; report of engineer approved and road ordered opened at the expense of the petitioners.

G. W. Myers was granted a loan of \$800.

H. G. Sewell presented receipts showing full payment of county mortgage and record ordered satisfied.

Ordered that the stock law proposition be submitted to the voters of Union township at the November election.

Ordered that the proposition of repealing the stock law in Tavern township be submitted to the voters at the November election.

[This is a sample of the business conducted by the county court.]



This is a view of a long tie raft on the Big Piney River. The ties stretch from the rafters in the background to the lower left of the picture. It appears they are navigating the bend in the river known as the Devil's Elbow, hence the name of the adjacent hamlet. The postcard is postmarked "Hooker, 1922." Courtesy of John Bradbury.



E. G. Williams

Graveyard Working

There will be a graveyard working at the Colley graveyard on Saturday, August 15th. Everyone interested is requested to be present that day.

[The result of the August 4th Primary Election for Pulaski County was printed in the August 13th issue of the Democrat. We will not reprint all of the results. However, one outcome of the election was indeed a surprise. Edward G. (E. G.) Williams (left) was defeated in the Democratic Primary by Louis Albert (L. A.) Carmack. Williams was first elected County

Clerk in 1882 and was reelected fifteen more times, serving a total of 32 years in the office, longer than anyone else. E. G. came first to Rolla and then Pulaski from Virginia. He was a Confederate veteran, fighting in most of the major battles in the east. He was wounded at the Battle of Drury's Bluff (Va.) and his left leg was amputated. E. G. and wife Emeline owned the Old Stagecoach Stop from 1888-1890.]

CROCKER—Crocker has seven automobiles, guess we are going some! *[And soon to have a Ford dealership.]*
DIXON—The Clifton Remedy Co.

has spent the past week in town under a large tent on the Murphy lot near the canning factory entertaining large crowds and selling their famous remedies. *[This was definitely not a Chautauqua but an old-time traveling medicine show.]*

LOCAL ITEMS—COMING: Dr. W. S. Manley, Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist, will be in Waynesville, August 19th. *[Good combination. It was hard to make a living as one or the other.]*

RICHLAND—The Chautauqua will be held at Richland this week beginning Tuesday and ending Saturday.

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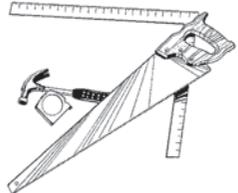


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53 years ago your correspondent was at the battle of Wilson Creek, Aug. 10th, 1861. *[Chances are, as a Texan, the correspondent was a Confederate.]*

August 20

BLOODLAND—John Hopper fired his brick kiln the 10th.

Mr. Hopper's brick shed caught fire and most of Bloodland was summoned to put it out. Sam Jaspar got two fingers burned in the fight. *[Several cases of typhoid fever reported around the county during August.]*

CROCKER—During the month of July there was 24 [train] car loads of live stock and ties shipped out of Crocker.

LOCAL ITEMS—Marshall G. W. Vaught with crew of workmen be-

gan work Monday on the concrete culvert over the ditch on Commercial street. They will probably add fifty feet which will be a great improvement as well as convenience. The entire ditch is to be covered in this manner as soon as the necessary finance can be obtained. *[A ditch (wet weather creek) ran down the middle of the main street through Waynesville. Heretofore, wooden foot bridges had dotted its length for pedestrians to cross the ditch.]*

T. J. Rodhouse of the State University at Columbia, and R. W. Selvidge of the Peabody Institute at Nashville, Tenn., both professors of Hydraulic Engineering spent several days last week in this vicinity determining the water power of the Big Spring at this place; also the Bartlett Spring and two or three other places on the Gasconade river. They put in a gauge at the Skaggs bridge. *[The average daily flow of Bartlett Spring is 15.6 cubic feet per second (cfs) or 10.1 million gallons per day; the flow rate of the Big (Roubidoux) Spring is 58.3 cfs or 37.7 million gallons per day. Maximum flow of each has been measured at quadruple the average flow rate.]*

A jolly fishing party composed of Frank, Albert and Mrs. T. J. Christeson and their families left last Monday morning for the club house

at Riddle bridge for a general fishing and camping jollification. They were joined by Paris Christeson and wife, R. U. Roose and wife and W. W. Howard and family, of Dixon. They expect to return home today and their neighbors and friends are prepared to divide their time between eating fish and listening to the latest and most up-to-date fish stories. DIXON—The Chautauqua closed Sunday night after five days. Two programs daily of the grandest entertainments ever witnessed in this part of the county. The programs, which consisted of the highest grade lectures, readings, vocal and instrumental music which could be found anywhere, were enjoyed by large crowds both day and night. Fifty of Dixon's business men signed a contract for the Chautauqua for next year.

August 27

BIG PINEY—Peach canning and drying is the employment of the house wife now.

R. L. Lane so we hear has sold watermelons to the amount of \$120 from 700 hills.

CROCKER—Robt. Page and W. E. Burchard are in St. Louis this week buying automobiles for the newly organized Crocker Motor Co. *[Buyers will no longer have to go to the city to buy their automobiles. We expect the number of autos in Crocker to multiply from seven. This is the first auto dealership in the county that has been mentioned.]*

SCHLICHT—There are 18 young ladies here from St. Louis all Christian Scientists, a fine lot of youngsters. This Dutchman could not be sick.

Forest Lodge is well represented and the ladies have cured us using the pipe and chewing tobacco. Success to them. We will have them another week.

Col Ebersole of Hotel-de-Cave is having large St. Louis parties out here at his hotel and is doing a land office business.

Col. Heberer has such a demand

for his famous brands of cigars that another cigar maker will be employed. *[Schlicht has become a full service resort. Jacob Heberer makes cigars and also is a barber. There is also a store, mill, and post office, in addition to the swimming, fishing, and floating activities.]*

Col. Ebersole at Cave Lodge has 24



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Watermelon eating time at the Howard and Roose Club House near Riddle Bridge on the Gasconade River. Courtesy of Jessie McCullie Library.

families at his fine hotel for a time. He is the right man in the right place. Success to him.

LOCAL ITEMS—Lee Baker went to St. Louis last week and bought a Ford machine and on Monday took the mail and passengers to Crocker. Robert Page has been acting as engineer and J. V. Mitchell as assistant. It is hoped that the experiment of transporting the mails and passengers will prove successful as a good motor line from here to Crocker will be much more convenient as well as comfortable to the traveling public. [Lee Baker had for a number of years operated the mail and passenger hack (horse and wagon) between Waynesville and the train depot at Crocker. Times are changing.]

Miss Hulda Becker was over from Meadow Brook, the noted summer resort on Piney, owned by Phil Becker, last Thursday and reported

that Sam P. Wood and E. F. Uroughton, of St. Louis, guests of Meadow Brook, captured a catfish on a trot-line the night before that tipped the beam at fifty-two pounds and four ounces. They had to call Frank Stewart to their assistance in landing the monster. It was a good fish and to say that there was some excitement around Meadow Brook would be expressing it very mildly.

August 28

Electric lights were installed in the Christian Church, Boston Store, I.O.O.F. hall and the Lingsweiler building, now occupied by the Richland Hardware Co., was also connected up last week.—*Richland Mirror*.

September 3

Baseball Careers

The constant expansion of baseball is leading to a more serious consid-

eration of it as a business career for young men. Every year a few more leagues become established. They offer new openings to young men to earn more than they could get, for the time being, in any other employment. When a fellow can draw his \$50 a week and up, it is hard to persuade him that in the long run he might make more money to enter a business office at fifteen.

The expected retirement this fall of Hans [*Honus*] Wagner, a leading hero of the diamond, marks a culmination of a career lasting about twenty years. It is an exceptional case of endurance. If the average player could look forward to twenty years the business would be more worth while. But the average career is under rather than over 10 years. **BIG PINEY**—There was a large concourse of people gathered at the Warren [*and McCortney*] graveyard

Sunday as it was their annual meeting time at that place.

September 10

Eight-Grain Pearl Found

William Duncan found a beautiful pearl Tuesday while pearl hunting in the Gasconade river. James Hill immediately bought it, paying \$15.00 for it. He brought it to Crocker, and, after many had examined and admired it, Charley Ousley sent it to Mermod & Jaccard, St. Louis for a definite valuation. The pearl was as large as a buckshot and was beautiful pure pearl color. Jim's friends are anxiously waiting an answer to his inquiry, for all are feeling that the gem is quite valuable.—*Crocker News*. [Our river mussels were dug from the shoals for the occasional pearl found therein.]

SCHLICT—The young ladies of Forest Lodge are still here with us,



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We have a bunch of [St. Louis] city hall politicians at Cottage No. 2. A jolly crowd. Mrs. Lane is waiting on them. [Schlicht was a favorite recreation destination of St. Louis politicians, firemen, police, and brewers.] LOCAL ITEMS—Dr. and Mrs. B. N. Pippin returned to St. Louis Friday after a month vacation at their summer home at Bartlett Springs. Their son, Drue, entered the Missouri Valley College the first of the week to take a course in Agriculture. [Dru turned 15 in August of 1914.]

Balloon Down

The balloon ascension Thursday afternoon was not a success, the bag not being well inflated and only rose a little over the tree-tops. This gave the aeronaut no chance to make his parachute work and he rode the balloon back to the ground, but in the drop injured himself somewhat, a rib being injured. McAllister was ready for his ascension next day, but an even greater catastrophe happened that afternoon which to a considerable extent marred the evening's enjoyment. Instructions had been given to fill the bag to its capacity so that he might give the public a first class flight. Just as McAllister was leaving the ground it was noticed that the big bag had burst at the top, but it was too late to keep him from leaving the ground and he could not see his danger. In answer to the cries of spectators he cut his parachute loose when some 40 or 60 feet high and as the parachute failed to open, the aeronaut fell heavily to the ground, striking on his back and the back of his head. Medical attention was at once given the injured man and it was found that besides a gash in his head and the shock of the fall, no bones were broken. He was taken to the home of Ben Johnson and was wild all during the night. Sunday he was improved enough to be taken home and unless there is some internal injury which has not yet developed, it is thought

now that he will be out again in a short time.

September 11 Special Election Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Dixon, Mo. on the twenty-first (21st) day of September, A. D. 1914, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition.

Granting the right, privilege and franchise to G. E. Abernathy and J. R. Abernathy of Rolla, Mo. and Chaffee, Mo. respectively, for the right to construct, maintain and operate an electric light, heating and power plant and system in the City of Dixon, Mo., granting the use of the streets and alleys and public grounds for that purpose, for twenty years, contracting with the City of Dixon for lights at an agreed price, and regulating the price of lights to consumers, and forfeiting all rights and privileges by a breach thereof.

The schedule of prices to be charged or set forth by Ordinance, are, in substance, as follows.

Fifteen cents per kilowatt hour on meter basis, with minimum charge of \$1 per month if less than seven kilowatt hours are consumed; or monthly payments to be made at the rate of 1.5 cents per watt in case of flat rate. Grantees, G. E. and J. R. Abernathy, may require a cash deposit or advance payment from each consumer before metered service is furnished, provided that the amount so required to be deposited shall not exceed an estimated sixty-day bill from each consumer; and 6 per cent annual interest on said advance deposits for such time as said sums of money are retained by said co-partnership, or their successors, will be paid.

Power or current to be furnished consumers all night.

A special rate to large consumers will be made as follows: For the first 100 kilowatts, 14c per kilowatt, and for all over 100 kilowatts, 10 cents per kilowatt will be charged.

The City of Dixon to contract with said grantees, G. E. and J. R. Abernathy for twenty 60-watt lights for one year to be hung or swung upon the streets, under the direction of the Mayor and Council.

Said twenty 60-watt lights to be paid for by the said City of Dixon in advance for the term of one year, at the agreed price of \$2 per light per month.

Provided, always, that the City of Dixon reserves the right to discontinue the use of any or all lights at the expiration of said one year.

The Council appointed as Judges to conduct the special election:

W. W. Howard, D. J. Harris, and J. L. Wade.

Clerks—F. W. Murphy, S. W. Hale and G. F. Yarrington.

M. F. Sweet, Mayor
G. H. Mosby, Clerk.

Let's Vote "YES."

Monday, 21st, we are to say by our votes whether we want our excellent little city to be equipped with the modern convenience of an electric lighting plant, and we believe our people will be almost if not entirely unanimous in voting YES on this proposition with a big "Y."

Our Mayor and Aldermen—while they may have some faults, as well as the balance of us—(if they didn't they would be angels) have been working on and studying the electric lighting question with a view to getting the best possible terms, and we believe they have been crowned with success.

The proposition we are now offered by Messrs. G. E. and J. R. Abernathy is a little better than the one offered sometime ago by the Mountain Grove gentleman, who fell down on his own proposition, as the Abernathys propose to stand the expense of all the meters themselves, which is no small item in the aggregate.

The Mayor and Aldermen have labored long and earnestly for the securing of lights and power on terms that they would not be ashamed of after their expiration of

office, and Pilot thinks much credit is due them.

It is now up to the voters of Dixon to say whether they want the lights on the very reasonable terms as set forth in the election notice published in another column.

If the proposition receives a favorable vote, which no doubt it will, the Abernathys will put a force of men to work at once and expect to have the system to working order within about two months thereafter.

Pilot doesn't think anything could be fairer, nor that more could be expected or asked for the money than we are to receive by simply voting "Yes." There are no "ifs" and "ands" about it—the Council thrashed them all out before they passed the ordinance in favor of the matter, and before ordering the election.

There is scarcely any place anywhere as large as Dixon without an electric light system, and surely it is about our time.

We have nothing to lose and all to gain by voting "yes" Monday, the 21st.—*Dixon Pilot*

September 17

On account of the high water this week the Democrat is late, as we were unable to get our paper from Crocker [at the railroad depot] to go

Record River Crests

Big Piney River (at Ross Bridge)

- (1) 24.50 feet on December 4, 1982
- (2) 23.58 feet on March 19, 2008
- (3) 20.70 feet on December 27, 1942
- (4) 20.60 feet on May 9, 2002
- (5) 20.31 feet on August 6, 2013

Gasconade River (near Hazelgreen)

- (1) 34.92 feet on March 19, 2008
- (2) 34.46 feet on December 3, 1982
- (3) 30.60 feet on January 1, 1916
- (4) 30.40 feet on August 1, 1915
- (5) 29.83 feet on April 27, 2011

Data compiled by the United States Geological Survey and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Additional river information available at <http://water.weather.gov>.

to press at our usual time—Thursday morning.

BIG PINEY—We had a drouth breaking rain the 3rd, and Big Piney river ran 9 or 10 feet above low water mark and got into the farms, damaging crops some.

With meat at 18 or 20 cents and squirrel at 2 cents, let us eat squirrel and save 16 or 18 cents and corn also by the killing of the squirrels.

Phone services are bad, the lines are in bad condition, the pay of the “hello” girl [telephone operator] is bad, so it is discouraging to all.

LOCAL ITEMS—Lee Baker and a crew of hands are doing some excellent work this week on the bluff road between here and the mouth of the creek.

September 24

Many a church member will need a fire escape.

BIG PINEY—We guess everybody

will agree that the drouth is broken in the Ozarks.

Big Piney river was on the biggest hike since 1904. Quite a lot of corn ruined and is a total loss.

BLOODLAND—Charley Gan, the deputy, was in the 18th summoning witnesses for the coming term of court. He reports the Gasconade river with as big a rise as ever was known. If it is up to the rise of 1897 there isn't much corn left. People shouldn't count chickens before they are hatched.

September 25

107 to 6 for Lights.

That Dixon people are very much of one mind as far as the best interests of Dixon are concerned, was sufficiently demonstrated in the ratification of an ordinance Monday at the polls granting a franchise to G. E. and J. R. Abernathy to in-

stall an electric light system here in which the vote stood 107 to 6 in favor of the franchise ordinance. G. E. Abernathy has moved his family to Dixon, and they occupy Chris Veasman's handsome and commodious residence building. J. R. Abernathy is also here with the intention of remaining till the system is in working order.

They are at present figuring on installing the plant on the lot at the rear of the Dr. Walker office building.

It was necessary to send a copy of the ordinance to the Public Service Commission for the Commission's approval before any actual work could be done.

When the Public Service Commission is heard from, which should be very soon, we suppose the work be started at once.

We understand a move is on foot

to arrange with the Pioneer Telephone Co. for the stringing of the electric light wires on the telephone poles. Telephone wires produce enough trouble when they become crossed or otherwise out of order.—*Dixon Pilot.*

October 1

VALEDICTORY

I have sold the *Pulaski County Democrat* to V. V. Long, who assumed charge on September 21, 1914.

All accounts to the above date, except subscriptions, are due me. I desire to thank the public, also the officials of Pulaski County and the business men of Waynesville, for their liberal patronage and support. In publishing the paper I made an honest effort to give all full value for their money.

On or about February 1, 1914, I

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filed with the Civil Service Commission, at Washington, D. C., my application for the position of Postmaster at Waynesville; agreeing, if appointed, to sell my paper and give the post office my personal attention.

Yours truly,
G. W. Lane

[George W. Lane, Sr. remained postmaster until November of 1919. He later served two terms as State Representative, 1945-1948.]

SALUTATORY

Having purchased the *Pulaski County Democrat* of Mr. G. W. Lane, I now have assumed charge of the paper. It is my intention and aim to continue to make the paper the best in our great county. I am not making any rash promises, but will let the paper speak for itself. Its policy will not be changed in the least, and I hope to have the support of every loyal Democrat in the county and State. I shall, as far as possible, be fair in my dealings with all men. As time goes on, my aim will be to make the paper better and brighter if possible.

Wishing all patrons of the *Democrat* every success they deserve, I am

Yours most respectfully,
V. V. Long

Notice

I have sold my stock of merchandise at Hooker, Mo. All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to me please settle the same at once by cash or note.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain

Yours respectfully,
V. V. Long
Waynesville, Mo.

[Past owners/editors of the *Pulaski County Democrat* had generally been county office holders previously. V. V. Long held no public office but was a merchant in Hooker.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Fred L. Scott [a lawyer] moved this week to the Bartlett Mill Club House. He will over see the work that is being done to get

the place in shape to accommodate as many as possible who desire to spend their vacation at the most beautiful spot in the Ozarks. [This is the first indication in print that Dr. Bland Pippin had plans to transform Bartlett Mill and club house into a tourist resort. This was the beginning of Pippin Place.]

New steel is to be laid by the Frisco between Springfield and Newburg. All of the seventy-five and eighty-five pound rails are to be taken up and moved to other divisions of the Frisco where the traffic is not so heavy. The new steel will be ninety-pound rails.

October 8 Notice

Dr. James Titterington, of Richland, Mo., will be at Waynesville Oct. 11th to 17th to practice dentistry.

[Waynesville was not a large enough town to support a full-time dentist nor were most of the other towns. Dr. Titterington traveled from Richland to Waynesville and Crocker to

see patients. Dr. Titterington bought the Tourist Hotel, formerly the Black Hotel, now called the Old Stagecoach Stop, in 1936 and had his office there until 1941.]

BARTLETT SPRINGS—[This is the first time a column and correspondent has appeared in the paper from this place. We include a couple of items.]

The Bartlett & Foot canning factory is only working one and two days in the week.

Wm. Robinson moved to his farm last Monday [from Bartlett Springs where he had been caretaker] and Atty. Fred L. Scott moved to the mill where he will take charge of the erection of the club house. He will grind corn and also practice his profession as before.

SCHLICHT—The Demosoe Club, a bunch of R. R. men at Forest Lodge. Mrs. Cramer is yielding the broom and keeps them straight. 7 bbls. of beer and 1000 lbs. of ice do eight men.

October 15

LOCAL ITEMS—All parties desiring to pay their subscriptions with heat-

ing wood please try to get it on at once. [A subscription to the *Pulaski County Democrat* was \$1.00 per year or a cord of wood.]

Opera House all this week. Jamesons Comedians, featuring Claude Heath, black face comedian, one who makes you laugh, also Leon Weaver, the renowned musician introducing novelty instruments, see Miss June Benton and Miss Jennie Vanderhill, in classy songs and dance. [The "Opera House" in Waynesville was the second story of the J. M. Long mercantile, in the building where Lone Oak Printing is located today on the square.]

The Pioneer Telephone lines in and around town have for some time needed some repairing therefore the service has been very poor, some blaming the operator, Mrs. Amos, for the poor service. A complaint to the manager was sent in. The manager desiring to please his patrons decided to dismiss Mrs. Amos but a petition has been circulated among the patrons of the Waynesville Exchange asking that Mrs. Amos be retained as operator and that the line and boxes be repaired. We trust that when the petition is presented to the manager it will have the desired effect.

RICHLAND—Richland High School foot-ball team played the Iberia Academy foot-ball team at Iberia last week and was defeated by a score of 101 to 0.

SCHLICHT—The Valley is improving, we are having a first class shoe maker among us, no more use of going with bad shoes.

HANNA—Corn is going to be scarce around here [a result of bottom land corn fields being flooded by high water] and food stuff is high. The merchant at this place is doing all he can to hold the price of groceries down at present and will continue to do so—help him.

October 18

Will Get Busy on Lights

Abernathy Bros., our electric light men, have received from the Public



Schlicht Springs was one of the earliest and most popular resorts on the Gasconade. Its success undoubtedly led to the establishment of other resorts on Moccasin Bend, notably nearby Cave Lodge. Families left the heat of the city to spend their vacation in the pure air and cool waters of the Ozarks. The William Recklein family of St. Louis were among the earliest vacationers. Four of the imaginative family members pose as "The Schlicht Indians" for a snapshot found in the family's 1903 scrapbook. Courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Society.



Another common farm scene captured by G. E. Ingram, Edgar Springs photographer, ca. 1914. Courtesy of the Kohenskey Family.

Service Commission approval of the light franchise ordinance and are preparing to start work on the lighting system at once. They do not in-

tend to combine with the telephone system, but will build thoroughly from the ground up and install a first-class plant. —*Dixon Pilot*

No man is half as clear as his bride thinks he is, and no bride needs near as much help as the groom imagines.

November 5

LOCAL ITEMS—Mrs. Amos, who for several years has faithfully and courteously attended to the switch board here for the Pioneer Telephone Co., moved Monday into the house with her aunt, Mrs. Liza Carson. Her successor, Miss Berry, of St. Charles, taking charge of the switch board the same day.

Last Thursday night, Sheriff Laquey phoned constable C. R. Gan to watch for four Hungarians, dressed in hunting attire. The four men reached here about 9 p.m. Gan with the assistance of M. B. Wyrick and H. L. Mitchell arrested them and placed them in jail. The next morning Frank Wilson, of Hooker, who had phoned the Sheriff to have the

men held here, appeared before the Prosecuting Attorney to file charges against them for breaking his boat loose and crossing the river with it. After investigating the matter, Prosecuting Attorney Eldredge refused to file on the charges and the men were released from jail. These four men left New York May 7th, 1914, walking and rolling one of the party in a wheelbarrow. They are to reach San Francisco May, 1st, 1915, the opening day of the Panama Exposition, the distance to be covered is 4,000 miles. Their object is to take subscriptions and publish a book of interesting matter, illustrated with photographs and hand sketches gathered on their journey.

[The remainder of the Pulaski County Democrat newspapers for 1914 have not survived. There are no 1915 copies of the Democrat available.]

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