

PIONEERS HAD STERN JUSTICE

Macon, Mo. — (UP) — From a worn old volume, "Ligest of the Laws of Missouri Territory," Waldo Edwards, a citizen here interested in history, has revealed the stern justice meted out to criminals in pioneer Missouri.

Whipping posts, the pillory and hanging "without benefit of clergy" played their part in the criminal code of the early settlers.

The volume was published in 1848 by Henry S. Geyer of St. Louis.

For murder the penalty was death and there was a clause which said "the benefit of clergy shall not be used or allowed upon conviction of any crime which by statute of the territory shall be declared to be death."

The law provided that the death penalty was to be inflicted not more than 200 nor less than 30 days from the date of the sentence.

Burglary, horse stealing, counterfeiting and bigamy were punishable at the whipping post. A man convicted of burglary could be sentenced to a stiff fine depending upon the value of the stolen property and "200 stripes were laid on the bare back of the defendant."

For horse stealing the fine was not to exceed \$500 and 200 stripes on the bare back.

The penalty for hog stealing was not more than 30 lashes and not less than 25.

The penalty for perjury was an hour on the pillory, a maximum fine of \$800 and the loss of a number of free citizens' privileges.

SUBLIME TO RIDICULOUS. Hark! Clippety-clop, it's four o'clock And the milk cart makes its round;

The slow hooves beat the dreaming street, And 'long the pavement sound.

No siren blares, no back fire scares No sickening grind of brakes; But the patient plod of a horse well shod, The sleeper all but wakes.

The hoof beats cease, the world's at peace; She turns again to dream She's back once more on a polished floor, With censes of peach and cream.

Her senses swoon to an old waltz tune, As the youth of the long ago, Holds her close in his arms and breathes of her charms, As he whispers soft and low.

The dance is o'er, the cab's at the door, She sits at last inside; Her silken dress—his warm caress— And into the dawn they ride.

Those hooves again! She wakes then; All vanished the robe of silk; A woman worn she greets the morn; "Is the bottle out for the milk?" —Sam Page.

Bouquets of Flowers Lead to Divorce

Detroit, Mich. — (UP) — Bouquets of flowers which her husband sent her daily at her office caused her dismissal, Mrs. Vena M. Miller, 52, testified in her divorce trial here.

Her employers argued that if her husband could afford such expensive tokens of his affections she did not need the position, Mrs. Miller's counsel said.

To her plea that her husband quit his job as a railroad engineer in order to have her support him, counsel for Miller said the husband had been discharged because he had stopped the crack train he was running at a farm house to purchase a pound of butter.

Mrs. Miller was granted the divorce.

Panhandlers Now Beg For Postage Stamps

Modesto, Cal. — (UP) — Begging for postage stamps is the newest scheme being worked by panhandlers here.

"Say, Boss, can you stake me to a three-cent stamp? I want to send a letter home for some money to get out of town," said a panhandler stationed near the postoffice entrance.

But when the panhandler attempted to "cash" more than 100 three-cent stamps, police arrested him and sent him to jail for 30 days.

Ghost Is Uncovered By a Flying Tackle

Clifton Forge, Va. — (UP) — Arthur Hall, 14, never has believed very strongly in ghosts. So when the children in his section of town became frightened at the sight of a spook-like figure flitting about, Arthur proceeded to lie one night in tall weeds.

When the "hant" appeared, he made a flying tackle. After several minutes of unspiritual fighting, the "spirit" got free, but it was noticed the next morning that a man noted for his practical joking proclivities was suffering from bruises.

Woman, Too Busy to Die, Celebrates 99th Birthday

Weatherford, Tex. — (UP) — Mrs. Elizabeth Akin Curry, the woman who is "too busy to die," recently celebrated her 99th birthday at Holland lake near here. Five generations were represented among the relatives at her "birthday party."

The rich Curry Pool, oil field near Breckenridge, was named for Mrs. Curry, who settled on the land in 1884 after a migration from Tennessee.

INSTITUTE FOR WORLD MINDS

Austrian Offers Family Castle as Meeting Place

Chicago — (UP) — An international institute of art, science and education, in which the great minds of the world may exchange ideas for the benefit of mankind is drawing Baron Karl Ferdinand Tinty back to Castle Schallaburg on the Danube and his native Austria.

In the same suite in the Lake Shore Drive hotel that once housed Queen Marie of Rumania the baron has expounded his theories. For two weeks he has been the guest of society here, after having been presented to President Hoover by the Austrian Minister and feted at the capital.

A quiet, scholarly yet dapper appearing man, he is a disciple of the doctrine of informality which he believes is the key to the solution of the world's economic and social ills.

He has donated his ancient castle in its 3,000 wooded acres and obtained the promise of the government of Austria to aid him. Many outstanding European scholars have given him their support and he is now discussing his theories with college presidents in America.

If the baron accomplishes his purpose of "a permanent world academy where new ideas may be struck off by great minds meeting in informal discussion for the development of culture, in much the same manner as international justice and politics are taken care of by the permanent institutions such as the League of Nations at Geneva," there soon may be the phosts of ideas born before their time and left to haunt the 80 rooms of the castle.

Gold Mine Jumps School Valuations

Boise, Idaho. — (UP) — The opening of a gold mine at Atlanta last winter by the St. Joseph Lead Company has increased the assessed valuation of schools of that district from \$87,400 in 1931 to more than \$200,000 for 1932. The enrollment jumped from seven to 60, according to Mrs. Myrtle R. Davis, state superintendent of public instruction.

With the increased enrollment, the school will conduct a two-year high school in addition to the grades.

The mining company has been turning out between \$2,000 and \$3,000 daily and employs over 100 men.

Cemetery Keeper Acts As Boxing Promoter

New Orleans — (UP) — Henry Schaefer is one of the most versatile men in New Orleans. Some bushes long have pouted. Refused to bloom and scattered gloom. At all plant foods have flouted.

Quoth yellow rose in sheltered spot, "I hate this hick abode! I want to be where I can see The folks along the road."

The lilac said, "I do not like To live so near the lake; The constant wind my leaves has thinned, And keeps me wide awake."

And so I've moved them both today. They've promised everything In way of bowers of fragrant flowers, And I shall see—next spring. —Sam Page.

Veteran Shaves 73 Year Old Beard

Walla Walla, Wash. — (UP) — Seventy-three years ago, George H. Middleton began a beard, and two years later left England to fight with the Union army in the Civil War.

He survived two battles and kept his beard and mustache intact. But the other day George, probably somewhat reluctantly, parted with his two close companions. He shaved the 73 year's growth of beard and mustache from his head.

Wife Charges Hubby's Blow Reset Her Jaw

Springfield, Mo. — (UP) — Charging that her husband dislocated her jaw by hitting it on one side and then reset it by hitting it on the other, Mrs. Frances Bass is seeking a divorce from Fisher C. Bass.

After hitting her, she charges he refused to call a physician to reset the dislocated bone and waited some hours before he himself knocked it back in place.

Ancient Indian Village Is Unearthed

Pullerton, Neb. — (UP) — Remains of an Indian village, believed centuries old, have been unearthed here.

The village apparently once was a settlement of 150 or more persons. Hoes, axes and other implements and a quantity of seed indicated that the tribe was dependent largely upon agriculture.

The culture of the village appears to have been higher than the town of Rheinzabern, which was the center of the Roman earthenware industry until the third century, A. D.

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Unwise Owl Gets Caught in Rat Trap

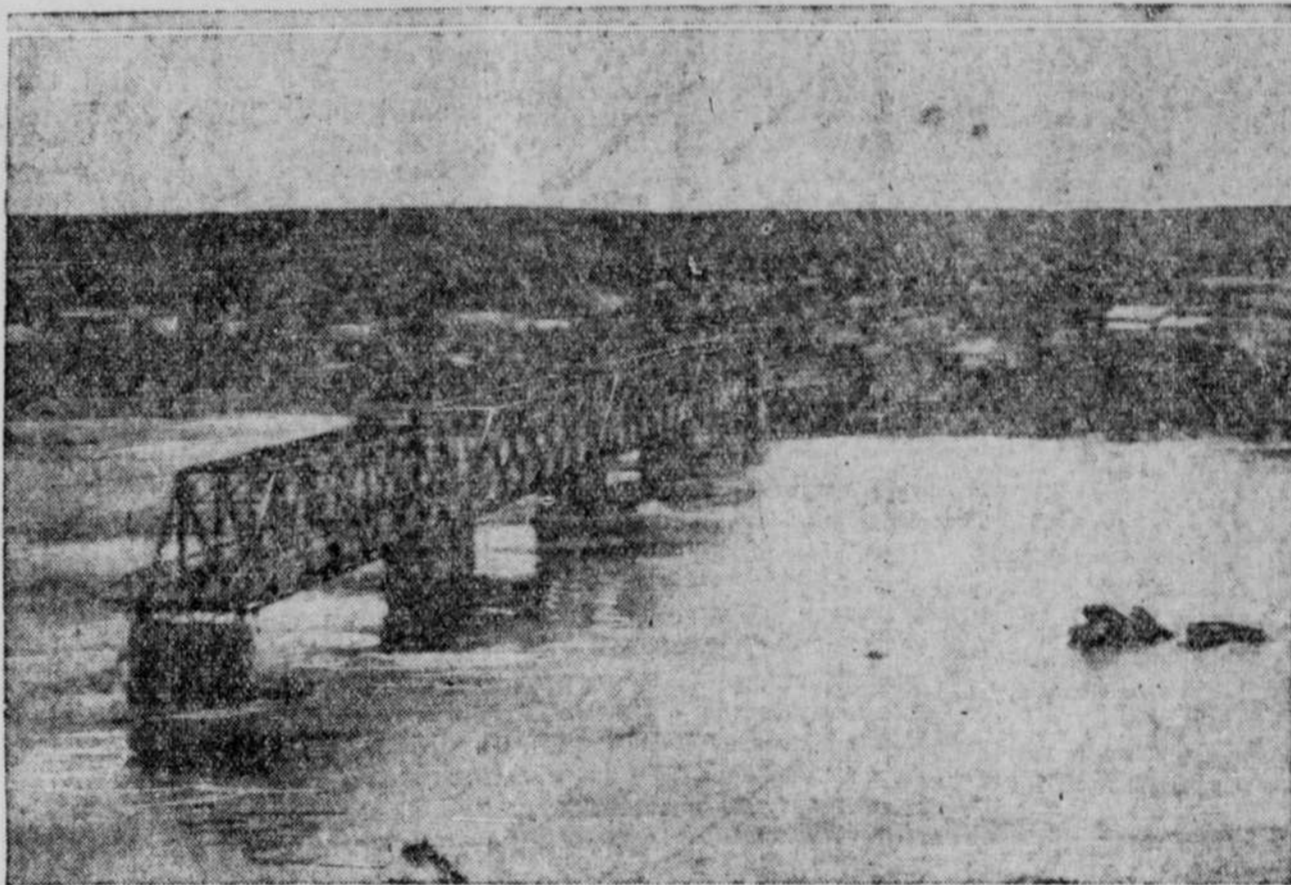
Portland, Ore. — (UP) — When Mrs. W. E. Stuchell, Portland, set a trap to catch rats which were bothering chickens on her chicken ranch six miles south of Oswego Lake, rodents were the least she expected to trap.

But an owl which did not live up to its reputed sagacity made a mistake and was caught. The bird measured 5 1/2 inches, wing-tip to wing-tip. It probably will be placed in the city park.

Out Our Way



Where Rio Grande Aided Volstead



Laredo, Texas, citizens, accustomed to crossing the international bridge into Mexico for a daily glass of beer are going thirsty now. Above is all that remains of the bridge over the Rio Grande, after the river had gone on a rampage and swept away the center span. The segment shown is on the Mexican side. Floods in the vicinity have done a tremendous amount of damage.

THE YEN TO MOVE

'Tis moving day in garden land. Some bushes long have pouted. Refused to bloom and scattered gloom. At all plant foods have flouted.

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Velvet Beauty



This beautiful evening ensemble is sure to be extremely popular this coming season of late Fall and early Winter. The gown is of white velvet, featuring the flowing lines of the figure to a wide flair at the skirts. The capelet is of black satin, fastened with a loose knot at the waist. Evalyn Knapp is the model.

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that of the wild tribes of Indians known to white men.

AUTUMN RAIN.

How pleasant after weeks of drought, The first autumnal rain; It rushes o'er the ruffled lake, And clatters down the lane.

It washes all the lanterns gay, And every parson's face; It hangs a million jeweled drops On clematis' white lace.

The heavy headed dahlias nod, Their petals all a-shed; The trees that yesterday were drab, Now glitter, gold and green.

The April showers! They've long been sung, As all so well remember; So why not lift a lay for those Which blith up September? —Sam Page.

It Just Didn't Mean A Thing to Eliza

Fort Worth, Tex. — (UP) — Those big words "mawgare fo'closhah" didn't mean a thing to Eliza Anderson, 102-year-old negro.

When police ejected her from her home after the foreclosure, Eliza moved right back in, catching the new tenant, Stella Jackson, out. A second removal was too much for Eliza, she bombarded the house with rocks. Stella abdicated amid a shower of window panes.

And to add to Eliza's misery, police charged her with "malicious mischief."

Battle Cruiser Anchors on Main Street

Salem, Ore. — (UP) — Salemites rubbed their eyes in astonishment as a "battleship" anchored on main street.

The 41-foot "battle cruiser" was on its way to Sacramento, Cal., to represent the state of Washington in the Veterans of Foreign Wars parade.

The craft, mounted on a heavy truck chassis, followed closely the outline and equipment of a regular ship.

ments proved that the recipe was correct.

State Forest Lands Produce \$76,000 Revenue

Harrisburg, Pa. — (UP) — State forest lands produced \$76,000 revenue in 1931 for the governmental districts in which the forests are located, according to state records here.

The money was divided to include \$30,000 paid school districts, \$30,000 paid road districts, and \$15,000 given county treasuries.

NAPOLEON HAS BEEN REFUTED

Haifa, Palestine — (UP) — In just about a year from now, this remote Levantine port will have a harbor almost as large as that of Marseilles, with an entrance 558 feet wide, and will be able to accommodate any liner which does not draw more than 37 feet of water, finally refuting pronouncement by Napoleon.

Napoleon said that Acre, a small town at the opposite end of the bay from Haifa, was "the key to the East." British arms balked the Corsican at Acre in 1799, and today British money and engineering are proving him a bad prophet. Haifa is growing fast; Acre only envious.

In constructing the harbor here, the architects have made use of the natural formation of the coastline. One of the most interesting features of the whole project is the reclamation of a hundred acres of land, which will be added to the main part of the town. The town, in fact, will be enlarged into the sea, and a considerable portion of the quays, warehouses, customs sheds, etc., of the new harbor will be built on this recovered land.

About half of the reclaimed land, furthermore, will be sold for commercial development. Existing sites near the harbor sell for \$50 a square yard today, and it is expected that nearly \$1,250,000 (reckoned at par value) will be made from the sale.

Pennsylvania Offers Two Rare Fish Stories

Harrisburg, Pa. — (UP) — Two fishermen landed one fish and one fisherman two fish in unusual fishing experiences related by the State Bureau of Fisheries, here.

W. F. Patterson, Harrisburg, fishing in Sherman's Creek, hooked a small mouth black bass which appeared unusually heavy as he reeled it in. When he brought the catch to the surface, he learned he had caught two bass with a single cast, he reported.

John McFahan and Joseph Hill, fishing in Hickory Creek, Butler county, approached the same hole from opposite sides and cast simultaneously, according to the bureau.

Both felt strikes and found their lines entangled. When they retrieved their hooks, they found a ten-inch brown trout had swallowed both baits.

Prisoners Grew Vegetables for Needy

Mason, Mich. — (UP) — Vegetables planted by inmates of the Ingham county jail are being harvested and later will be canned for use in all county institutions and for the needy.

The produce is taken to the cannery at Jackson state prison, and then returned to the county jail for distribution. Already this year 100 bushels of beets have been canned.

A LEGAL BULL.

The law books now say that a cow files every legal right. To use the road in any mode That's pleasing in her sight.

This goes to show now lawyers know, What cows have always sensed, Without report of any court, Or legal lore dispensed. —Sam Page.

Oil King Honored



Here's the tribute of coffee growers of Colombia to John D. Rockefeller, Sr., in recognition of the Oil King's "contribution towards the advancement of science and health." The bronze bust was unveiled at the Palace of Hygiene, Bogota, Colombia, as part of the recent "Coffee Day" celebration which was observed throughout the South American republic.

Indians Ask for Buffalo Preserve

Greybull, Wyo. — (UP) — A buffalo reservation may be established in the Crow Indian reservation east of the Big Horn river.

The Indians suggested the preserve be established and offered to gladly give up a portion of their land providing they be permitted to kill some of the bison for food.

Only buffalo in excess of the number the range could conveniently hold would be slaughtered.