In Memoriam.

The entire community bowed with sorrow unspeakable last Friday at the announcement of the death of one of our best neighbors, Mrs. Matilda Dale, whose continued illness had lasted about one year, and after all that medical skill and loving hands could do failed. The soul of one of Shelby county best women succumbed to earth forces and passed beyond mortal limitations.

Matilda Smith was born May 4, 1844, married Hiram Dale November 1865, died November 30, 1917, age 73 years 6 months and 16 days. To this union were borned six children. Two daughters, Lillie and Guessie, preceded her about sixteen years ago, the other four Mrs. Vivie Harrison, Mrs. Ivy Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Isa Quigley and Hiram (Bud) were present when the end came. She united with the Christ many years ago. The loving mother, ever helping hand in afflictions though fat with much patience and spoke of being ready and willing to go home to her Savior. Although the form of our good friend is removed and invisible except in sweet memory, yet her unfading impress on the lives and characters of friends and associates alike shall ring out to us until like some vast spirit of love it shall direct effort and life and a blessed fruition shall come because of the earth touch of Matilda Dale.

In the profuse and beautiful floral tributes the touching words of sympathy, the great mingling of love and regret so manifest by the sad and impressive funeral at Bacon Chapel Sunday December 2.

What can be said to the stricken son and daughters, whose purposes in life are shattered, be of great courage with an unfaltering faith.

The promises of God must be our retreat. No one can measure the grief of her beloved children. Their sorrow is beyond reach of mere human words of comfort. With an eye of faith they can look above to a brighter clime where there is no cloud in the sky, and seeing their loved one amid the shining throng praise heaven that gave them such a mother.

"A precious soul from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in their home,
Which never can be filled.

We love her, yes, we love her,
But angels love her more:
And they have sweetly called her
To yonder shining shore.

The golden gate was open,
A farewell voice said come,
And with calm words unspoken,
She gently entered home.

How sadly we do miss you,
No human tongue can tell,
In heaven we hope to meet her,
Where God doeth all things well."

M. G.

Lowman Chapel

Cowden cut last week.

Mrs. Ben Turner was very sick Monday night suffering with gall stones, but is now better.

Wood & White bought ten head of stock hogs and one Duroc gilt of J. D. Mann Monday.

Emmett Wood bought a nice calf from a party in Shelbina Monday.

Farmers are anxious to finish oat sowing. A small per cent was sown in March and are up.

Berdell Harrison, teacher at Walkersville has been on the complaining list for several days.

The community was shocked Sunday when the news went over the phone that Katherine Fitzpatrick, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fitzpatrick, had died after a short illness which only lasted a few hours. She went to bed Saturday night feeling as well as usual, but very sick Sunday morning. A doctor was called and founnd her suffering with meningitis. She died about 7:30 Sunday evening. A short funeral service was held at the home Monday afternoon, at 3:00 p. m., after which the little body was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Shelbina. The services were conducted by Rev. Wright, the Baptist minister in Shelbina. She leaves to mourn her going mother, father, one sister and three brothers, and grandparents, a host of other relatives who were so attached to her. This was a sad death and the family have our sympathy.

Miss Leta Lasley Kills Herself.

At 1 o'clock p. m. last Sunday, Miss Leta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lasley of Shelbina, committed suicide at her home by shooting herself in the head with a shot gun. At the time her mother was at a neighbors and Mr. Lasley was out in the yard. It seems the young lady had secured a gun on the day before and taken it upstairs into her brother Roy's room. Just after dinner her brother Roland went upstairs to take a bath and upon reaching the bathroom door inquired of Miss Leta if she was in there. She told him no, and at the same time came out of Roy's room. Roland then went into Roy's room and while taking off his shoes noticed a gun under the bed. He took it out and found it to be loaded and cocked. Miss Leta entered the room about this time and tried to take the gun away from him but failed. The boy suspected nothing but took the gun down stairs and told his mother where he had found it, but said nothing about his sister trying to take it away from him. She secured the gun again without anyone seeing her, and the next day placed the muzzle under her left jaw and touched the trigger. It is not necessary to go into minute details. Suffice it to say that the result was instant death.

Her little brother Kenneth, 10 years old, was either in one of the rooms upstairs or went up there after the report of the gun, and seeing Roy's room full of smoke ran back and told his parents. Then the horrible discovery was made, and words cannot depict the agony of parents and friends upon finding the lifeless body. Not the slightest suspicion of such a thing had entered the minds of anyone, and the citizens of Shelbina and all parts of the county were horrified and shocked beyond measure.

Miss Leta was about 23 years old, a young lady amiable and kind, highly educated and one of the most lovable and popular girls of our county. She however was in poor health and had been for several years and at times was exceedingly melancholy, and to this fact alone is attributed her rash act.

She was a pure, christian girl, loved and beloved by all who knew her. Her father was her ideal man and she loved him with all her heart and soul, and naturally he idolized her. The parents and family are grieved almost beyond human endurance, yet in their deep sorrow they have the sympathy and prayers of all people who know of the sad occurrence. Human sympathy at such a time however falls far short of the needs of those in sorrow, but it is the best we can offer, and the people of this city join with those of Shelbina in expressions of condolence to Mr. Lasley and family.

The funeral services of Miss Leta were conducted at the residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Dr. T. H. B. Anderson, her pastor.

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Samuel Harrison.

Last Wednesday morning the news came to town that Samuel Harrison, who was known to be very sick, had departed this life. He was taken with the grip, and bled [illegible] his lungs, which [illegible] at Bacon Chapel, Rev. [illegible] officiating.

He was born near Old Clarksville, Monroe county May 25, 1842, married Miss Jennie Bragg, who died [illegible]. To this union were born six children, viz: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fitzpatrick of this county, Mrs. E. A. Daugherty of Gainesville, Texas, Frank Harrison of Chillicothe and R. L. Harrison, living near Oak Dale.

His wife died [illegible] years ago. He married again to Miss Jenie B[illegible] who survives him. Some years ago he married a third time, to Miss Mary Brown, who survives him. He was a member of the M. E. church, South, and was for many years a member of the M. E. church, South.

He was at one time in comfortable circumstances, but financial misfortune overtook him and he lost his property. His father, Chas. Harrison, was long a citizen of this county. Two of the sons and three daughters of Chas. Harrison—brothers and sisters of the subject of this sketch, still live, viz: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fitzpatrick of this county, Mrs. E. A. Daugherty of Gainesville, Texas, Frank Harrison of Chillicothe and R. L. Harrison, living near Oak Dale.

Mr. Samuel Harrison died at his home, northwest of this city, Tuesday night about 10 o'clock, after an illness of only two weeks. He was taken sick with the grip, blood poison set in, and for a few days previous to his death he was in a critical condition. The funeral and burial took place Wednesday afternoon at Bacon Chapel, at one o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. E. Taylor, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing neighbors and friends.

Deceased was born in Monroe county, near Clinton, May 25, 1842, married first to Miss Jenie B[illegible] and after her death some years married again to her sister, Miss Mary Brown, all of the time being respected and honored residents of this county. He united with the M. E. church, South, years ago at Walnut Grove, Mother Ione ministry He was a member and has always been a consistent member of same. At the time of his death he held his membership at Bacon Chapel.

He leaves besides his bereaved wife three sons and two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of this county, and Mrs. [illegible] Daugherty, of Gainesville, Texas, Frank Harrison, of Chillicothe, R. L. Harrison, living northeast of this city. Shelby county again mourns the death of one of her old and best citizens. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones. In the death of Samuel Harrison the community deeply mourns the loss of one of its best citizens.

Mrs. Adolphus Fitzpatrick Dead

Mrs. Adolphus Fitzpatrick, whose serious illness has been mentioned in these columns, died last Thursday at her home in Paris, of consumption. She had been in poor health the last ten years. The body was brought to this city and the funeral took place at her father's, John Way's, residence Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. H. Wood. Burial was in the city cemetery.

Celia Way Fitzpatrick was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., January 9, 1888, and died in Paris, Mo., January 11, 1918. She came to Missouri with her parents about 25 years ago. Her mother preceded her in death, having died about twelve years ago. About eighteen years ago deceased was married to Adolphus Fitzpatrick and they resided in this vicinity until a little more than a year ago when they removed to Paris. She leaves the husband and three children, Lillian, Lynn and John, to mourn the passing of an affectionate wife and mother.

The deceased owned her Christ publicly several years ago and united with the Christian church of this city. She lived a consecrated life and a while before her death told those about her bedside that she was ready for the transition and death had no terrors for her.

The bereaved husband and children and the father have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends.

Demonstration Malleable Ranges, Payne's Hardware, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20. Special Salesmen. If you want a range don't fail to come in.

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[illegible] Leroy moved the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harrison until Saturday, when the pale messenger of death came and took him.

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved parents and friends, but we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well. We should rejoice to know that our sweet child is at rest in that land where there are no parting no farewells, no tears and no death scenes. But we know that we cannot call back our LeRoy back to us again, but we have the consolation knowing that he is happy and we can, by the help of God meet him beyond the grave and that a great satisfaction this is to us.

[illegible] forward to [illegible] The house seems strangely lonely since LeRoy went away. Since we do not see him at the room, nor hear him at his little hat hangs on the hall never used all day. One vacant place at the board. His playthings are laid away. The dear child left us to see him go. We want to see him go. He is singing songs of love in paradise we know. Dear LeRoy lingered for several weeks in pain. Then God said, "Come up higher." Our loss is LeRoy's gain.

B. G.