

TIDBITS



The following tidbits of news from 1911 called "Dixon Doings" were submitted to us. They are reprinted from the 2011 Old Settlers Gazette which were taken from old news items via the Pulaski Co. Democrat, 1911. Enjoy sweet pieces of history!. C.E.

See those Buster Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes for children at Huffts. [The Brown Shoe Company debuted Buster Brown Shoes for kids at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The company licensed the Buster Brown comic strip character, along with his dog Tige, and they appeared in the company's first national ads in The Saturday Evening Post in 1911.]

April 21

DIXON DOINGS - G.W. Beck and W.S. Needles made a trip to Eldon last Saturday to superintend the shipping of the large power printing press just purchased by the Progress. The new outfit will be installed in the south room of the old Dixon hardware building.

April 28

DIXON DOINGS - J.J. Grempczynski has placed one of his new sample street lamps at corner of Elm and 2nd Street and its brilliancy lights up the streets for two blocks. Our city should have a few of these placed where they are so badly needed.

May 5

DIXON DOINGS - Some of the wildwest show patrons are wiser but poorer. The safest rule is never bite at the other man's tricks.

The saddest feature in connection with the show at Dixon was the killing of the trainer by the baby elephant. The three elephants had been led in the parade through our streets to the show ground and then were being returned to the cars. The trainer, Mr. Jas. Hilderbrand, age 45 years of Lancaster, MO, stepped between the two small animals to loose a chain that fastened them together in the parade. As he did this, Monte, the least elephant, reached and coiled her trunk around the man, lifted him into the air and while the man was thus suspended she crushed his bones like they were straw and then threw the lifeless body to the ground and pierced it with her tusk. For lack of means to execute such a monstrous beast this was deferred till

they reached Lebanon, where they could electrocute her.

George L. Cole, editor of the Dixon Progress, has purchased one of the best equipped printing plants in the country and the Progress will be published from the old Veasman building here after. Let the Progress progress.

May 12

DIXON DOINGS - Mr. Chris Veasman, as manager of the Dixon Hardware Co., sold his entire hardware interest which will probably invoice about \$10,000 to Mr. Geo. Widman and A. R. White of Springfield. The new firm will be Widman & White Hardware Co. and will be conducted at the same old stand of the Dixon Hardware Co. Mr. Veasman will continue in business at the "Hummer" with some changes in stock and name probably. Success to all parties in their new venture.

June 23

DIXON DOINGS - James McKinnon tells the champion fish story of the season. He claims that he caught a catfish last Saturday that weighed 55 pounds and that may have violated the late game and fish law to make this catch, that is the law does not permit fishing in any other way except with hook and line. He caught this monarch of the Gasconade with his hands and claims he has witnesses to prove it.



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