GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MERCANTILE Library Association—Annual Meeting—The annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association will be held in the reading-room Tuesday, January 9, 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is requested.
BEN S. ADAMS, Recording Secretary.

SPECIAL Notice—Office of Mississippi Valley Trust Company, N. W. corner Fourth and Pine sts., St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3, 1900—Pursuant to the by-laws, the stock transfer books of this company will close on the 5th inst., and remain closed until after the stockholders' annual meeting, February 5, 1900.
DeLACY CHANDLER, Secretary.

NOTICE to Stockholders of Boatmen's Insurance and Trust Company of St. Louis—The stockholders of the Boatmen's Insurance and Trust Company on liquidation in 1897 are hereby notified that an extraordinary claim in favor of the company has recently been settled and a dividend will be paid to stockholders who produce their certificates of stock to have same credited thereon in the undersigned, at office before February 1, 1900.
C. S. ROBERTS, President.
60 Rialto building, 319 Pine st.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29, 1899.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

ELECTION NOTICE—Annual election of John Mullally Construction Company will be held at their offices, Chamber of Commerce building, Monday, January 8, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. Vincent M. Jones, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of stockholders of Allen Grocer Company, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the company, No. 421 S. Seventh st., on Wednesday, January 10, 1900.
H. HEMES, Pres.
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2, 1900.

ELECTION Notice—Office of the American Wine Company, Nos. 203 to 205 Chestnut st.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of three directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company on Monday, January 8, 1900. Polls open from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
D. G. COOK, President.
C. H. Neun, Secretary.

NOTICE to Stockholders—St. Louis, Mo., December 28, 1899. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brazoria Land and Cattle Company will be held at room 615 in the Lincoln Trust building, St. Louis, Mo., on January 8, 1900, at 3 o'clock a. m. John Hibsenmann, Jr., secretary.
Henry A. Lloyd, president.

ELECTION Notice—German Savings Institution, St. Louis, December 26th, 1899—Stockholders are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of nine directors of this institution, St. Louis, Mo., on January 8, 1900, at 3 o'clock a. m. John Hibsenmann, Jr., secretary.
Henry A. Lloyd, president.

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Henry A. Lloyd, president.

ELECTION Notice—Bratenor's Bank, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24, 1899—Stockholders are hereby notified that an election for 11 directors of this bank, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1900. Polls open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 1 p. m.
R. J. LACKLAND, President.
Wm. H. Thomson, Secretary.

THE regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gregg Verbum Company will be held in the office of this company in St. Louis on Monday, January 15, 1900, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
NORRIS R. GREGG, President.
E. H. Dyer, Secretary.

THE regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis Varnish Company will be held in the office of this company in St. Louis on Monday, January 15, 1900. Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
NORRIS R. GREGG, President.
E. H. Dyer, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' Meeting—The annual meeting of the Scandia Portland Cement Company for the election of three directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 404 N. Fourth st., St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, January 16, 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m.
H. H. CURTIS, President.
Chas. H. Scarritt, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' Meeting—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brighton & Post Pipe Co. for the election of five directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company in the Equitable Building, St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1900, at 3 o'clock a. m.
L. B. BLACKMER, President.
Attest: E. ARGO, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' Meeting—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northwestern Savings Bank, for the election of eleven directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking rooms, Fourteenth and North Market streets, on Tuesday, January 9, 1900. Polls open from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
ARNOLD BECK, President.
R. A. Obendorf, Secretary.
St. Louis, Dec. 29, 1899.

THE regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harland Patent Cop Company will be held in the office of this company in St. Louis on Tuesday, January 16, 1900. Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
WM. H. GREGG, JR., President.
E. H. Dyer, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the J. W. Butts & Sons Commission Company will be held at the office of the company, room 108, Merchants' Exchange building, St. Louis, Mo., Monday, January 8, 1900, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and officers for the ensuing year.
GEO. F. SIEMERS, Secretary.
St. Louis, Dec. 27, 1899.

THE regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mound City Paint and Color Company will be held in the office of this company in St. Louis on Monday, January 15, 1900. Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
NORRIS R. GREGG, President.
E. H. Dyer, Secretary.

OFFICE German American Bank, Fourth and Franklin avenue, St. Louis, Mo., December 26, 1899. The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank will be held on Monday, January 8, 1900, at the banking-house, between the hours of 12 noon to 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing nine (9) directors to serve during the ensuing year.
AUGUST GEHNER, President.

STOCKHOLDERS' Meeting—The Mary Murphy Mining Company—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mary Murphy Mining Company for the election of nine directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company, 621 Elm st., on Monday, January 8, 1900. Polls open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock m.
J. W. WALLACE, Secretary.
St. Louis, Dec. 27, 1899.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the W. L. Green Commission Company for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before it will be held at the office of the company, Room C, Laclede building, southeast corner Fourth and Olive sts., St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, January 8, 1900, at the hour of 3 p. m.
W. L. GREEN, JR., President.
J. S. McGehee, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lewis-Zukoski Mercantile Co. for the election of three directors to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 1113 to 1119 Washington ave., St. Louis, Mo., on Friday, the fifth day of January, 1900, at 3 o'clock a. m.
LEO LEVIS, President.
W. A. Zukoski, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' Meeting—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Arithmometer Company for the election of five directors to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 2102 Wash st., St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, January 8, 1900. Polls open from 9 to 12 o'clock a. m.
THOMAS METCALFE, President.
E. G. Langsdorf, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATE of Missouri County of Cass—ss.:
In the County Court, at the adjourned November term, 1899, held on the 27th day of December, 1899, amongst others, were the following proceedings:
Ordered by the court that the following bond call be published in the Cass County Democrat and the St. Louis Republic of St. Louis, Mo.:
Five per cent township bonds of Cass County, Missouri, issued in behalf of Camp Branch, Cold Water, Dodan, Everett and Grand River townships, called for redemption:
Camp Branch Township: holders of Cass County, Missouri, 5 per cent bonds, issued in behalf of Camp Branch Township, in said county, dated Dec. 2, 1889, and numbered 51 to 58 inclusive; 8 bonds of $1,000 each:
Cold Water Township: also holders of Cass County, Missouri, 5 per cent bonds, issued in behalf of Cold Water Township, said county, dated Dec. 2, 1889, and numbered 1 to 4 inclusive, 4 bonds of $1,000 each:
Dodan Township: also holders of Cass County, Missouri, 5 per cent bonds, issued in behalf of Dodan Township, in said county, dated Dec. 2, 1889, and numbered 1 to 13, inclusive, 13 bonds of $1,000 each:
Everett Township: also holders of Cass County, Missouri, 5 per cent bonds, issued in behalf of Everett Township, in said county, dated Dec. 2, 1889, and numbered 22 to 33, inclusive; 4 bonds of $1,000 each:
Grand River Township: also holders of Cass County, Missouri, 5 per cent bonds, issued on behalf of Grand River Township, in said county, dated Dec. 2, 1889, and numbered 151 to 162 inclusive; 12 bonds of $1,000 each, are hereby notified that all of said 5 per cent bonds issued in behalf of said respective townships, as above described, are hereby declared due and payable by the County Court of said County of Cass, and will be paid at the National Bank of the Republic of New York City, State of New York, interest due thereon, as per coupons attached, to said several bonds, on the first day of February, 1900, on which day the interest on said bonds will cease. By order of the County Court of Cass County, Missouri.
A true copy from the records of said court.
Attest—Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 27th day of December, 1899.
GEO. A. DUNN, Clerk.
By B. T. McDonald, Jr., Deputy.

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CORPORATION MEETINGS.

DIVIDEND Notice—American Car and Foundry Company, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2, 1900—At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, it was resolved that a dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred capital stock of the company be declared and paid on Thursday, February 1, 1900, at the office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, No. 45 Cedar street, New York City, to stockholders of record at the close of business on January 15, 1900. This dividend to pay preferred capital stock dividend No. 5.
Transfer books will close Wednesday, January 10, 1900, and reopen Saturday, February 3, 1900.
WM. M. MILLAN, Treasurer.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Knights of Pythias.

BURLINGTON Lodge, No. 96, K. of P.—Regular meeting. All members are earnestly requested to be present at regular meeting January 3, 1900. Installation of officers. Visitors are welcome.
M. J. RYAN, C. C.
M. V. Elsey, K. of R. & S.

CASTLE Hall Roberts (Union Lodge, No. 66), K. of P.—Castle Hall Masonic Temple, Seventh and Market sts., on Monday, January 8, at 8 p. m.—Work in the rank of Esquire and installation of officers. Visiting knights cordially invited to be present.
JOHN F. MANNELL, C. C.
Attest: Harry Roberts, K. of R. & S.

CASTLE Hall of Mentor Lodge, No. 69, K. of P.—Work in Page rank. Installation of officers and speed at our meeting, Thursday night, January 4. Burning on building, 410 Olive st. Members invited. Visitors welcome.
MARTIN BECKMAN, C. C.
D. F. Jewett, K. of R. & S.

DAMON Lodge, No. 28, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at Fraternal Hall, Eleventh and Franklin avenue, hall No. 1. Installation of officers for 1900. Members expected to be present and visiting Knights cordially invited.
HENRY KNAMM, C. C.
Attest: H. R. Bermel, K. of R. & S., 2742 Evans ave.

FUTURE Great Lodge, No. 276, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at Howard's Hall, northwest corner Garrison ave. and Olive st. Members expected and visiting Knights fraternally invited to attend.
NOLAN M. CLEMMONS, C. C.
W. A. Roberts, K. of R. & S.

MISSOURI Lodge, No. 2, K. of P.—Echo Hall, Holland Building—Installation of officers for the ensuing term will be held on Friday evening, January 5. P. D. G. C. L. D. Estavis will be the installing officer. Visitors always welcome.
T. H. EDWARDS, C. C.
Chas. C. Fink, K. of R. & S.

LAFAYETTE Lodge, No. 123, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at Darling's hall, 3959 Olive street, eighth floor. Page rank and installation of officers.
PETER J. DOWLING, C. C.
Attest: Fred Horn, K. of R. & S.

MOZOC Lodge, No. 290, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at southwest corner Lafayette and Park avenues, at 8 o'clock. All members are expected and visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.
WM. L. BURGHIB, C. C.
F. C. Frederiet, K. of R. & S.

PACIFIC Lodge, No. 394, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening in east hall of Masonic building, Seventh and Market sts. Installation of officers and vote on amendments to the by-laws Wednesday evening, January 3.
WENTWORTH TERRY, C. C.
J. W. Compton, K. of R. & S.

PARAGON Lodge, No. 88, K. of P., meets every Tuesday evening, hall No. 2, Odd Fellows' building, Ninth and Olive. Next Tuesday rank of Knight. Members and visitors cordially invited.
J. E. STEWART, C. C.
Attest: Frank Johnson, K. of R. & S.

RED Cross Lodge, No. 51, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Olive streets. All knights are fraternally invited.
Albert DeYoung, K. of R. & S.

SCANDIA Lodge, No. 67, K. of P., meets this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock, in hall No. 3, Fraternal building, Franklin avenue and Eleventh street. All knights fraternally invited.
WM. F. LAUGHLIN, C. C.
George M. Burkhardt, K. of R. & S.

WABASH Lodge, No. 208, K. of P., will meet next Tuesday, January 2, at hall, Broadway and Benton for the installation of officers. Visitors are welcome.
W. FELDMANN, C. C.
F. H. Sandelsen, K. of R. & S.

GOLDEN No. 62, meets every Friday evening Fourth floor east hall Masonic building, at Seventh and Market sts. Work in rank of Esquire at next regular convention, January 5. Installation of officers. Members expected and visitors cordially invited.
E. J. REILLY, C. C.
C. I. Scott, K. of R. & S.

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

KEYSTONE Lodge, No. 240, A., F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. F. C. degree. Visiting brethren fraternally invited.
WM. J. THOMAS, W. M.
Moses Ely, Secretary.

GEORGE WASHINGTON Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., will meet in regular communication at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, January 9, 1900, at Masonic Temple, Seventh and Market streets. Work in E. C. degree. Members are earnestly requested to attend. Visitors are fraternally invited.
W. L. REYNOLDS, JR., W. M.
Henry Libeu, Secretary.

Knights and Ladies of Security.

ST. LOUIS Council, No. 878, Knights and Ladies of Security, meets every Wednesday night at Fraternal building, Eleventh and Franklin avenue. Visiting Knights and ladies cordially invited to attend. By order
CONRAD HOCK, President.
Attest: Mari P. Wickenden, Secretary.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

BENTON Lodge, No. 215, meets every Wednesday evening at the new hall, N. W. corner of S. Jefferson avenue and Pestalozzi street. Open south. Entrance to hall, 2655 Pestalozzi street. Visitors are cordially invited and are always welcome.
ADOLPH MILLER, N. G.
C. C. Goedde, Secretary.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William C. Miller	Farmington, Ia
Mora M. Thennett	St. Louis, Mo
John McNamee	208 North Twenty-second
Minnie Knecht	1308 North Twenty-second
T. J. Keegan	1822 North Second
Nellie M. Mahon	2 W. Pilme
F. Chase	258 Park
Leothe Berry	2742 Bernard
C. F. Brand	Laclede Hotel
Antoine F. Meier	2918 South Eighteenth
J. H. Poe	6012 South Eighth
Cecile Sandfers	6315 South Eighth
William Delmer	1862 South Seventh
Katie Kombeck	1812 South Twelfth
Fred Reed	26 North Twelfth
Clara Chandler	215 North Twelfth
T. H. Knoll	901 Allen
Margaret Wagner	1815 South Twelfth
Abe Goodman	C. North Eighth
Lena Hymerson	1 North Ninth
William W. Holmes	258 North Eighth
Hannah Lund	Des Peres, Mo
Charles Stamm	1839 South Fourth
Rosie Carradick	31 Russell
Oscar Ward	1449 Cass
Emma M. Drummond	New Cathay, Ill
W. H. Webbing	2317 Alfred
Elizabeth Dunford	Tower Grove and Magnolia
Edward Spannaus	Augusta, Mo
Bertha E. Schaechter	Augusta, Mo
Willard Doung	17 South Twenty-second
Jessie M. Capps	17 South Twenty-second
Herbert Claxton	24 Beaumont
Mamie Mimes	24 Beaumont
N. T. Hill	6324 Wilson
Josephine Girard	6324 Wilson
Edward W. Moore	2001 Broome
Annie Keogh	2141 Carr
William H. Janney	1317 North Sixth
Dora Reed	1657 West Belle

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BURIAL PERMITS.

Elizabeth Kingsley, 87 years, No. 1209 Washington, bronchitis.
Margaret Ingelsby, 3 years, No. 4206 Humphrey; diphtheria.
Edward B. Cole, 7 months, No. 1712A Glasgow; meningitis.
Bridget Walsh, 69 years, No. 6423 Minnesota; congestion of lungs.
Mary Green, 22 years, No. 2329 Howard; pneumonia.
Bertha Schnarrbacher, 37 years, No. 2421 McNair; cancer.
Henry L. Zeller, 38 years, No. 3939 Washington; apoplexy.
Daisy M. Hill, 28 years, No. 2924 Olive; convulsions.
John Lerner, 23 years, No. 4559 North Market; consumption.
Mary S. Mace, 61 years, No. 4244 Vernon; anasarca.
John E. Sharpe, 29 years, No. 2740 Stoddard; consumption.
Elijah Scott, 87 years, No. 2224 Franklin; senility.
Virginia Hayes, 37 years, No. 4232 Kennerly; consumption.
James Hall, 77 years, No. 2504 Russell; carcinoma enteritis.
Wilhelmina Betke, 78 years, No. 4611 South Broadway; senility.
Ida Mulk, 22 years, No. 3932 North Broadway; bronchitis.
Thomas Bryan, 28 years, City Hospital; consumption.
George Malley, 8 years, No. 6003 Arsenal; enterocolitis.
John F. Plathe, 56 years, No. 1504 North Market; cancer of stomach.
Pauline Wagner, 80 years, No. 2023 Obear; pneumonia.
Amelia J. Bedell, 10 years, No. 4582 Vernon; diphtheria.
John Bedler, 26 years, Mullanphy Hospital; heart disease.
Mary Conroy, 55 years, No. 2518 St. Louis; cancer.
John E. Sweeney, 39 years, Protestant Hospital; heart disease.
John A. Teris, 29 years, No. 2721 Slattery; typhoid fever.
Minnie Strauss, 23 years, St. Mary's Infirmary; myopia.
Charles Berg, 26 years, No. 1219 Lytch; pneumonia.
Anton Kahrle, 56 years, No. 2312 Lemp; consumption.
John Jaussen, 58 years, No. 5928 Old Manchester; apoplexy.
Bertha Baltzarar, 3 years, No. 1115 South Eighth; diphtheria.
John Holbunk, 56 years, No. 2934 Howard; diabetes.
Reverend A. G. McMahowa, 48 years, Mullanphy Hospital; Bright's disease.
Helen Bohn, 4 years, No. 1322 Clinton; diphtheria.
Ellen F. Easton, 22 years, No. 2716 Hermitage; peritonitis.
Henry Chappell, 36 years, City Hospital; consumption.
Cornelius Enden, 23 years, No. 3317 Clifton place; pneumonia.
Gertrude E. Nelson, 13 years, No. 2918 North Third; peritonitis.
David Lemon, 67 years, No. 3329 Park; uremia.
Rudolph Eisenbitter, 59 years, No. 2734 Marple; atheroma.
Roberta Carter, 7 years, No. 1624 Gratiot; pneumonia.
Mary Bethender, 3 years, No. 1412 Kilbourn; measles.
Cecelia Lamm, 87 years, No. 2328 Sidney; senility.
Rosa Kirschner, 35 years, No. 2214 South Fourteenth; bronchitis.
Joseph Ott, 83 years, No. 1900 North Fourteenth; typhoid fever.
Elizabeth Dunnahoo, 59 years, No. 1932 Clara; nephritis.
Ida V. Crane, 42 years, City Hospital; hanging; suicide.
Jane F. Kammer, 73 years, No. 814 South Fourteenth; bronchitis.
Maggie Keating, No. 1622 Pine; pneumonia.
John W. Edwards, 31 years, No. 6 North Third; heart disease.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

BEST—50 ft. n. w. s., bet. St. Louis and Easton, Garfield strode to Jos Kennedy	1,000
CAMPTON—25 ft. s. w. s., bet. Franklin and Morgan, Frederick Thies to Louis Nolte—w. d.	650
COTE, BRILLIANTE—31 ft. n. e. s., bet. Cora and Marcus, Adele McBeth to Jas Ewing—s. d.	7,900
ELLISLAND—39 ft. e. s., bet. Morgan and Bell, Sylvester J. Fisher to Perry B. Henderson—w. d.	5
GARFIELD—141 ft. n. s., bet. Grand and Spring, Anna Stadtler to Thomas A. Rice—w. d.	1
HORTON PLACE—50 ft. n. s., bet. Hamilton and Hodiamont, Margaret McCue to W. H. McCue—d.	300
KINGSHIGHWAY—60 ft. e. s., bet. Knight and Fountain, Barnett Real Estate to Claude E. Vroman—w. d.	10
LEWIS—40 ft., Katherine A. Kelly to Rudolph Kelly—w. d.	100
LACLEDE—25 ft. s. s., bet. Vandeventer and Warne, Vinder Realty Co. to Frank J. Edwards—w. d.	312
LACLEDE—25 ft. n. s., bet. Beaumont and Lafayettenue, Frank H. Strathmann to Benjamin Dunlap—w. d.	2,300
MANCHESTER RD.—25 ft., Eliza Strathmann to Frank H. Strathmann—qt. d.	1
NEBRASKA—21 ft. n. w. s., bet. Meramec and Osceola, August Dusik to Jos. Niemeyer—w. d.	462
NORTH MARKET—32 ft. 6 in. n. s., bet. Taylor and Cora, Henry J. Spaunhorst to St. Joseph Benevolent Society—w. d.	1
OSAGE—25 ft. s. s., bet. Overton and N. Kingshighway, Frank P. Hackmann to Albert Brakhane—w. d.	40
PENDLETON—30 ft. n. s., bet. Kosciusko and Easton, Marie L. Fodler to George Drakewitz—w. d.	10
POPLAR—8 ft. 6 in., Mathilda Rabeloan to Samuel H. Leathe—w. d.	1,000
TWELFTH—28 ft. e. s., bet. Brooklyn and Howard, Henrietta Wehmeiler to Frederick W. Rockamp—w. d.	6,500
THIRD—42 ft. 6 in. e. s., bet. Chestnut and Market, H. H. Bagnan to Emma H. Ahrns—w. d.	800

NEW CORPORATIONS.

MISSOURI.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2—Certificates of incorporation were issued by Secretary of State Lesueur today as follows:
Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Huntsville, capital, $25,000. Incorporators—W. W. Elliott, J. N. Hamilton, William Holmes and others.
Fred B. Dubach Lumber Company of St. Louis, capital, $10,000. Incorporators—F. B. Dubach, Emma C. Dubach, James E. Long and H. C. McDaniel.
Murphy-Barber Shoe Company of Kansas City; capital, $50,000. Incorporators—A. J. Murphy, P. C. Barber, E. B. Barber, J. E. Frank and William Cheek.
M. S. Parsons Implement Company of Carthage; capital, $50,000. Incorporators—M. S. Parsons, W. L. Culbertson, M. E. Zane and R. E. Lastus.

ILLINOIS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2—The Secretary of State today issued the incorporation of the following companies:
Saline County Telephone Company, at Galatia; capital stock, $5,000. Incorporators—Charles Lidingt, George H. Mitchell, T. R. Webb, Jr.
J. F. Becker Dry Goods Company, at East St. Louis; capital stock, $10,000. Incorporators—John F. Becker, Henry Matgnard, Fred H. Heyer.
The Monon Coal and Ice Company, at Bellerville, certified to an increase of capital stock from $10,000 to $25,000.

TEXAS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 2—The charter of the Baby-Lead Mountain Copper Company at Llano with a capital stock of $50,000 was filed by the Secretary of State today.
The Texas and Louisiana Lumber Company amended its charter, increasing the capital stock from $40,000 to $50,000.

THE WEATHER.

To-Day's Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 2—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday:
Illinois—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; southwesterly winds.
Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; variable winds.
Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; southerly winds.

Local Report.

St. Louis, Jan. 2, 1900.

	6:28 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Barometer, inches	30.34	30.23
Thermometer, degrees	12	28
Dew point, degrees	14	23
Direction of wind	W	W
Velocity of wind	15	16

Weather at 6:28 a. m., clear; 6:28 p. m., clear. Maximum temperature, 29; minimum, 12. River 2.8 feet at 7 a. m. This is nearly 2 feet below the lowest record here.
R. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—Meteorological observations received at St. Louis January 2, 1900, and 6:28 p. m. local time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

Stations.	Dir.	Bar.	Tp.	Mx.	Pr.	Weather.
New York	W	29.84	32	38	....	Cloudy
Philadelphia	W	29.96	22	38	....	Clear
Washington	W	29.96	26	38	....	Clear
Norfolk	NW	29.99	28	39	....	Clear
Charlotte	NW	30.14	28	34	....	Clear
Jacksonville	NW	30.26	54	60	....	Clear
Atlanta	NW	30.18	26	36	....	Clear
Montgomery	W	30.32	30	38	....	Clear
Vicksburg	N	30.46	32	34	....	Clear
New Orleans	W	30.38	38	40	....	Clear
Little Rock	NW	30.42	30	42	....	Clear
Galveston	W	30.42	42	42	....	Clear
Palestine	N	30.46	34	46	....	Clear
Memphis	W	30.40	30	34	....	Clear
Nashville	W	30.34	28	36	....	Clear
Chattanooga	NW	30.34	26	32	....	Clear
Knoxville	NW	30.32	26	30	....	Clear
Indianapolis	NW	30.14	20	28	*	Clear
Cincinnati	W	30.16	24	28	*	Clear
Pittsburg	NW	30.18	24	28	*	Snow
Parkersburg	NW	30.12	24	28	*	Clear
Buffalo	NW	29.82	20	26	.06	Clear
Cleveland	NW	29.86	22	28	*	Cloudy
Grand Haven	NW	29.98	24	28	....	Cloudy
Marquette	NW	29.68	22	32	.01	Cloudy
Chicago	NW	29.98	22	28	....	Clear
Duluth	NW	30.12	18	26	....	Clear
Dubuque	W	30.18	20	24	....	Clear
Davenport	W	30.18	22	30	....	Clear
St. Paul	NW	30.18	20	28	....	Clear
Des Moines	NW	30.20	18	26	....	Clear
Springfield, Ill	W	30.30	26	30	....	Clear
St. Louis	NW	30.34	28	32	....	Clear
Cairo	NW	30.34	28	32	....	Clear
Springfield, Mo	W	30.40	24	28	....	Clear
Kansas City	NW	30.36	22	28	....	Clear
Omaha	NW	30.38	18	26	....	Clear
Huron	SE	30.30	12	24	....	Clear
Bismarck	NW	30.12	12	16	....	Clear
Q'Apelle	NW	30.14	6	16	....	Fair
Calgary	NW	30.18	30	36	....	Cloudy
Havre	NE	30.28	16	16	....	Cloudy
Helena	N	30.24	16	18	....	Cloudy
Rapid City	W	30.16	22	34	....	Clear
North Platte	NW	30.24	22	30	....	Clear
Latchford	NW	30.24	36	38	....	Cloudy
Cheyenne	NW	30.38	30	32	....	Clear
Denver	S	30.28	40	50	....	Clear
Pueblo	NW	30.30	34	40	....	Clear
Dodge City	SE	30.34	38	42	....	Clear
Oklahoma	SE	30.42	38	54	....	Clear
Concordia	S	30.32	38	50	....	Clear
El Paso	NW	30.34	32	54	....	Cloudy
Abilene	NE	30.34	42	48	....	Clear
Amarillo	SW	30.28	44	56	....	Clear
Grand Junction	NE	30.32	24	54	....	Cloudy
Salt Lake	NW	30.34	42	46	*	Clear
Cedar City	NW	30.34	44	48	....	Clear
Santa Fe	NW	30.34	32	42	....	Clear

*Indicates inappreciable precipitation.
R. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

DIVORCE DECREE REFUSED.

Decision of Judge Ferriss in the Steele Case.

Judge Ferriss yesterday refused a decree in the divorce suit of Harriet L. Steele against William H. Steele, which was tried a few weeks ago and taken under advisement, holding that the allegations of the petition had not been proved.

The evidence showed, the court stated, that the defendant had a diseased taste for liquor, and that on some occasions, when he indulged his taste, he voluntarily submitted to restraint by going to St. Vincent's Asylum; that the plaintiff visited the defendant at St. Vincent's Asylum before their marriage in company with her first husband and knew of defendant's taste for liquor; that his language while under the influence of liquor was not proper, but that he had not been abusive to his wife. The court took into consideration the fact, according to the plaintiff's statement, that she bore with her husband's treatment until he insisted on a separation. They had not been separated long enough when the suit was instituted, the court stated, for a divorce to be granted her on the ground of desertion, which remedy is yet open to her.

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REGULAR MEETING—OFFICIAL.

St. Louis, Dec. 26, 1899.

The Board met at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Commissioners Varrelmann, Flad, Hermann, Ridgely and Alt and President McMath.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report and tabular statement, which, with the motions thereto named, in the order mentioned, were considered by the Board, and in each case action was taken as hereinafter written, to-wit:

St. Louis, Dec. 26, 1899.

Honorable Board of Public Improvements:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit herewith a tabular statement showing cost to the city and to the property-owners for the reconstruction of certain alleys, before the Board to-day for consideration under its own motion.

Very respectfully,
CHAS. VARRELMANN,
Street Commissioner.

Board's Motion.	Description.	Total Cost of Work.	Cost to City in Excess of 25 per cent.	Cost to Property-Owners.	Rate per Front Foot.
5468	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 16, from Franklin avenue southwardly as far as open and between Wharf and First street. Six-inch granite blocks on six inches of concrete. A communication from the Board of Commissioners of the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief Fund, favoring reconstruction, was submitted. A remonstrance signed by D. M. Frost et al. was submitted. Referred to Committee on Street Department to ascertain amount of remonstrance.	$ 1,068	$	$ 1,068	$ 2.79
5469	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 77, from Cedar street to Plum street and between Third street and Fourth street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. A remonstrance signed by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company et al. was submitted. Referred to Committee on Street Department to ascertain amount of remonstrance.	1,250	....	1,250	1.81
5480	For reconstructing north and south alley in city block No. 217, called Turgeo street, from Spruce street to Clark avenue and between Fourteenth street and Fifteenth street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. A remonstrance signed by the D. P. Slattery Realty Company et al. was submitted. Referred to Committee on Street Department to ascertain amount of remonstrance.	1,764	....	1,764	2.94
5481	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 26, from Carr street to Biddle street and between Seventh street and Eighth street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	900	....	900	1.34
5482	For reconstructing north and east and west alley in city block No. 239, from Tenth street eastwardly to north and south alley in said block and between Franklin avenue and Wash street. Six-inch granite blocks on concrete six inches deep. Laid over till January 9, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.	288	....	288	1.70
5483	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 26, from Wash street to Carr street and between Twelfth street and High street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. Louis V. Schneider remonstrated orally. Referred to Committee on Street Department to ascertain amount of remonstrance.	684	....	684	1.09
5484	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 208, from Carr street to Biddle street and between Twelfth street and High street. Six-inch granite blocks on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	1,120	....	1,120	1.67
5485	For reconstructing east and west alley in city block No. 290, from Tenth street to Eleventh street and between Olive street and Locust street. Six-inch granite blocks on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	1,064	....	1,064	2.17
5486	For reconstructing east and west alley in city block No. 248, from Tenth street to Eleventh street and between Brooklyn street and Tyler street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. A remonstrance signed by Wm. Foley et al. was submitted. Referred to Committee on Street Department to ascertain amount of remonstrance.	972	....	972	1.85
5493	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 620, from Blair avenue to Fifteenth street and between Chambers street and Madison street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	828	....	828	1.34
5494	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 63, from Madison street to Clinton street and between Thirteenth street and Fourteenth street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	648	....	648	1.35
5495	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 64, from Madison street to Clinton street and between Twelfth street and Thirteenth street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. Referred to Committee on Street Department.	846	....	846	1.76
5496	For reconstructing alley in city block No. 62, from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street and between Chambers street and Madison street. Vitrified brick paving on concrete six inches deep. A remonstrance signed by Tyler estate was submitted.	828	....	828	1.36
5497	Referred to Committee on Street Department