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CITY ITEMS.

CLOSED at 1 o'clock to-day at Crawford's. Shop before that hour. Attractive bargains all over the big store.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Meeting Adopts Important Resolutions and Names Committees.

Cripple Creek, Colo., July 19.—The Transmississippi Commercial Congress to-day finished its business and adjourned to meet in St. Paul, Minn., at a time to be hereafter fixed by the Executive Committee. The attendance to-day was light.

There was an address by William W. Bates of Denver on the subject of "The National Need of Shipping of Our Own," in which he gave many reasons why the people of the United States should own the ships necessary to carry their own trade.

Resolutions indorsing the action of the Postmaster General of the United States in forbidding the rights of second-class matter to "fake newspapers and other undesirable publications," and urging the adoption of a 1-cent rate of letter postage, which had been rejected by the Resolutions Committee as outside the province of the congress, were taken up and adopted.

The following committees were announced:

Advisory Committee—H. R. Whitmore, Missouri, chairman; C. J. Gavin, New Mexico; Doctor J. H. Neagle, California; Thomas Richardson, Texas; John Canfield, Minnesota.

Committee to urge upon Congress the demands of this organization—L. Bradford Prince, New Mexico, chairman; H. R. Whitmore, Missouri; W. M. Bunker, California; Robert Graham, Colorado; William L. Cameron, Texas.

Fremont Memorial Committee — Alva Adams, Colorado, chairman; Sidney Story, Louisiana; Doctor J. H. Neagle, California; J. R. Barnes, Utah.

Colonel B. F. Montgomery of Cripple Creek, suggested that as the object of the Transmississippi Commercial Congress, the National Irrigation Congress, and the International Mining Congress are in many respects identical, they might well be merged into one organization, so that with the same expense to the members the sessions might be longer, giving better opportunity for mature consideration of questions coming before them. Upon his motion the president appointed the following committee to confer with similar committees of the other organizations on the question of consolidation: B. F. Montgomery, Colorado; H. R. Whitmore, Missouri; L. Bradford, New Mexico. Final adjournment of the business sessions was then taken.

The congress went to Victor in a body this afternoon, where visits were made to some of the principal gold mines, dinner being served by the Citizens' Committee and other entertainments being provided.

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YACHTING PARTY DROWNED.

Boat Ran Into a Squall With All Sails Flying.

New Haven, Conn., July 19.—Five persons were drowned in the sound yesterday afternoon by the capsizing of the yawl-rigged yacht Venitzia of Philadelphia at a point five miles east of Rand's Point, near the New York and Connecticut line.

Two only of those on board the yacht were rescued. The drowned are: Arthur C. Colburn, owner of the yacht, and his daughters, Ida and Annette Colburn of Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Colburn of Ansonia, Conn.; Captain Flint of Brooklyn, N. Y., master of the yacht, and a sailor, name unknown.

The others on board the ill-fated craft: Mrs. Walter J. Sprankle of Philadelphia, and daughter of the owner of the yacht, and the steward, James Stanbridge of New York, were rescued by the tug Gertrude, after clinging for two hours to the bottom of a capsized longboat.

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OFFICER COLEMAN SUSPENDED.

Shooting of Mrs. Koster to Be Investigated.

Special Officer William Coleman of the Ninth Police District, who shot Mrs. Katie Koster of No. 1221 Lucas avenue in the leg Thursday night, has been suspended pending the hearing of his case by the Police Board. Coleman says that he attempted to stop a fight at Twelfth street and Lucas avenue and fired to frighten the assailants. The bullet accidentally struck Mrs. Koster. Coleman received a slight cut under the right eye, which, he said, was inflicted by one of the combatants, who knocked him down before he fired the shot.

Mrs. Koster and Coleman both were taken to the City Dispensary, where their injuries were dressed. Afterwards they were taken to the Fourth District Station, where Lieutenant McKenna suspended him on a charge of being drunk.

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E. B. EWING ILL.

Former Prominent Politician of Jefferson City, Mo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Denver, Colo., July 19.—Ephraim B. Ewing, formerly a prominent politician of Jefferson City, is seriously ill at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. No one is permitted to see him, except his physicians and attendants.

It Is Easy.
To keep cool in Michigan. Through sleeping cars to South Haven, Charlevoix, Petoskey, Bay View, Wequetonsing, Harbor Springs and other Michigan resort points via Illinois Central. Unusually low rates for round-trip tickets. Call on or address F. E. Daggy, C. P. and T. A., 308 N. Broadway.

Christian Crusaders' Meeting.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Centralia, Ill., July 19.—The third annual camp meeting, conducted by the Christian Crusaders of the State of Illinois, is in session here.

The Christian Crusaders were organized twelve years ago in Michigan, for the purpose of furnishing evangelists to work in the churches of the smaller towns and parts of the small cities, where they could not afford to hire special evangelists. They have pushed the work and have a good foothold in Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois.

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When you ask for Cascarets Candy Cathartic be sure you get them. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. A substitutor is always a cheat and a fraud. Beware! All druggists, 10c.

TO CHECK MORTALITY AMONG CHILDREN.

Serious Problem Confronting Officials of the Health Department This Hot Weather.

DEATH IN THE NURSING BOTTLE.

Doctor Nietert Says These Receptacles Should Be Sterilized—What the Assistant Health Commissioner Says.

The problem of counteracting the sudden increase in the mortality of children which comes with hot weather is one which is now interesting the Health Department. In the tenement-houses these sultry days infants die in their mothers' arms and young children suddenly become afflicted with eruptive diseases. Medical science says that much of this can be avoided if the proper steps are taken by the authorities.

According to the doctors, death lurks in least suspected places. A Chicago physician, whose views are indorsed by doctors at the St. Louis City Hospital, said: "More deaths among infants result from the nursing bottle and rubber nipples than from any other cause during the summer." The medical men say that the rubber-tube bottle cannot be cleansed easily, and, in consequence, becomes coated with a foreign infectious substance.

The ignorance of mothers among the poorer classes is considered another cause for the high mortality rate for infants during July and August. "They do not know how to sterilize receptacles for milk or other food," said Doctor Nietert, Superintendent of the City Hospital.

In Chicago the Health Department called for seventy-five volunteer physicians to go among the poor of that city and teach them some of these needful lessons. The same plan was followed two years ago in the same city. The volunteers distribute among these poor pamphlets printed in seven languages, which prescribe rules for the care of infants. It is the object, when possible, to teach mothers by practical lessons in hygiene.

Charles W. Francis, Assistant Health Commissioner, said yesterday that much can be accomplished along the lines adopted in Chicago. "But almost the whole thing lies," he said, "in the quality of the milk. More deaths among children, rich and poor, are due to bad milk than to anything else I know of. There is much adulteration, and much use of chemicals to prevent souring. We can do nothing to prevent this until we have a milk ordinance providing inspectors and fixing penalties.

"Volunteer doctors are all right, if they will volunteer. I have my doubts how many would volunteer and how long they would attend to the work. Pamphlets I don't think of much use. We regularly print warnings against infectious diseases, but I have had conclusive evidence that they are not read even by the more intelligent poor."

A milk ordinance is now in the City Council, where it has had its first reading. There is some opposition to it on account of the fact that it provides for a long list of salaried inspectors to make chemical analyses of the milk.

Serious Injury to the Eye
Is often caused by ill-fitting glasses. Have your eyes examined free of charge and properly fitted by Dr. Bond, expert optician at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. Steel frames, $1 and up; gold, $5 and up.
Type cards for testing eyes. Mailed free.

CONFEDERATES AT DELMAR.

Sons and Daughters Will Participate in Benefit.

Friday night, August 2, will be United Sons of Confederate Veterans' night at Delmar Garden, the members of the local camp having accepted an invitation from the United Daughters of the Confederacy to be present in a body on that night.

The Delmar Garden management has offered to give the United Daughters of the Confederacy a benefit from tickets sold by them, outside the garden, for performances for the week of July 29, to assist them in completing the work at the Confederate Cemetery at Higginsville, Mo.

The local camp of Confederate Sons now numbers about seventy persons, and is growing rapidly. In May Justice R. B. Houghton of St. Louis was elected commander of the national body. He is now working to increase the membership and interest in the organization in Missouri. All sons of Confederate veterans are eligible.

Mrs. P. G. Robert is president of the local camp of United Daughters of the Confederacy, and has charge of the arrangements for the benefit at Delmar Garden.

STOP SCRATCHING.
Use Remick's Eczema Cure; 50c.

WEBSTER GROVES IN DARKNESS

For Three Days the Light Plant Has Not Been Working.

For the last three days the town of Webster Groves has been without lights. The Suburban Electric Light and Power Company, which has the contract for lighting, was compelled to temporarily suspend Tuesday on account of the lack of water.

The company has been getting its water supply from the River des Peres. Since the drought the company has been curtailing its supply as much as possible, because it became obvious two weeks ago that the river would soon be dried up.

Since Tuesday night there have been no lights in Webster. The citizens are very much aroused over the matter and are asking for emergency police until the lights are restored.

Take the Akron Route
Via the Vandalia-Pennsylvania-Erie Lines to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, Lake Chautauqua, etc. Dining cars. Special excursion rates. Ticket offices, 100 North Fourth street, corner Chestnut, and Union Station.

WILL SUE TRANSIT COMPANY.

Alice Bressler Will Demand $2,500 for Alleged Assault.

As a result of an alleged attempt of a St. Louis Transit Company conductor to eject Alice Bressler from a Broadway car on June 24 last she will file suit to-day against the company for $2,500 damages.

She says that she was a passenger on the car and that the conductor, without just cause and with unnecessary force, attempted to eject her before she reached her destination.

She says she was humiliated in the presence of a large number of persons and damaged in the sum of $2,500.

B. P. O. Elks
Have selected Illinois Central Railroad, in connection with the Goodrich Steamship Line, as the official route to Milwaukee. Members of St. Louis Lodge, No. 9, will leave Saturday and Sunday, July 20th and 21st, via Illinois Central Railroad finely equipped trains.
Daylight Special, 12:30 noon, and Diamond Special, 9:10 p. m.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.
SPECIAL.

Washington, July 19.—Fourth-class Postmasters appointed:

Mississippi—Cuba, Alcorn County, J. R. Findley, vice A. B. Nichols, resigned; Currie, Smith County, George Johnson, vice A. Johnson, resigned; Dumas, Tippah County, F. M. Oaks, vice J. P. Halliday, removed; Hays, Scott County, M. C. Henderson, vice J. R. Hays, removed; Zion, Leake County, L. W. Williams, vice J. A. Henry, resigned.

Missouri—Mine la Monte, Madison County, W. H. Reiner, vice O. H. Gordon, resigned.

Texas—Jasper, Jasper County, A. N. Neyland, vice M. J. Patten, removed; Fort Bolivar, Galveston County, H. W. Crockett, vice A. L. Shoddy, resigned.

Y. M. I. EXCURSION—The Young Men's Institute will give an excursion on the steamer Hill City to Ste. Genevieve, Mo., Sunday. The steamer will leave the wharf at 9:15 a. m. and return about midnight. There will be music on the boat. The Y. M. I. baseball club and the Tally-Ho club will play a game of ball at Ste. Genevieve.

O'REAR'S SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

Thomas H. Wagner of Scotland County Named for Insurance Commissioner.

WILL BEGIN WORK AUGUST 1.

Governor Dockery's Action Is Construed to Mean That He Will Keep Excise Commissioner Seibert in Office.

Governor Dockery yesterday announced the appointment of Thomas H. Wagner, a prominent attorney of Memphis, Scotland County, to the position of Superintendent of the Insurance Department of Missouri. To Ed T. Orear, the retiring official, has been offered the office of agency director for the New York Life Insurance Company in Central and Southern Missouri.

In political circles in St. Louis there is no longer any doubt but that Governor Dockery will appoint Excise Commissioner Seibert to continue permanently in his present office. The announcement of Mr. Seibert's appointment was expected yesterday, as local political organizations and temperance associations and law and order societies had indorsed his policy enthusiastically.

But the opinion is prevalent among some local politicians that the temporary appointment may stand, and that the Governor will not deem it necessary to confirm it as permanent. Rumors have been extant for several days that B. P. Taaffe would be appointed by Mr. Seibert as chief deputy to Excise Commissioner. Mr. Seibert's friends do not give this statement credence. The Commissioner is now in Jefferson City, where he will remain until Monday. Deputy Excise Commissioner Thompson's friends believe he will be retained.

A telegram from Jefferson City says that Governor Dockery yesterday spoke in very high terms of Mr. Orear's conduct of the State Insurance Department, and of the high degree of efficiency to which he has brought it. Mr. Orear's term expired March 1, and shortly thereafter he tendered his resignation to the Governor, at whose request he consented to continue in office until August 1, when Mr. Wagner will be installed.

Thomas M. Wagner is a native Missourian, 40 years of age. He is not only a successful lawyer, but has won distinction in the practice of his profession. As a practical and successful business man he has attained unusual eminence. He has the entire confidence of the people of his section of the State, where he is best known, both in political and business matters.

ELBERT GLENN HAD SCARS.

Prisoner Refused to Allow Her Head to Be Examined.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 19.—To-day's testimony in the Ellis Glenn case related largely to scars, and the defendant persistently refused to allow herself to be examined for scars. Nearly all the State witnesses testified that Elbert Glenn has a scar on his head and a bad cut in his hand.

Witnesses for the defense, claiming to have examined her out of the courtroom, testified that she has no scars on her head or hand.

Phillip White of Marietta testified that he had slept often with Elbert Glenn and that he had a bullet wound on one arm, which Ellis Glenn has not. He was considered the defense's star witness.

Doctor A. N. Frame testified that he had examined Ellis Glenn and found no scars on her head or hands such as had been described by the State's witnesses.

Doctor W. J. Davidson testified that scars could be removed. The defendant refused to allow him to examine her head in the courtroom.

William Mason of Marietta, a barber, testified that he had often cut Elbert Glenn's hair and had once shaved him. On cross-examination he admitted that Glenn had no beard, but only a fuzz on his face.

Sherman Ponham, a witness for the defense, testified to sleeping with Glenn and that Ellis is not the same person.

On cross-examination he said he had seen a scar on Ellis Glenn's head.

Numerous witnesses testified to-day that they knew Elbert Glenn well, and that they think Ellis is not the same person, but only a few of them would swear positively that the defendant is not Elbert Glenn. Most of them based their opinion on the fact that Ellis Glenn is taller than Elbert was.

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DE LACY CHANDLER RESIGNS.

Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company Is Ill.

De Lacy Chandler, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, tendered his resignation yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Directors. The resignation was accepted, but no one was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Chandler has been ordered by his physician to take a rest in order to recuperate his health, and he will depart in a few days for Hot Springs, Va., to remain several months.

The board expressed regret at the unfortunate circumstances which compelled Mr. Chandler to resign, as he was one of the most capable and energetic officers in the institution.

Mr. Chandler has been connected with the Mississippi Valley Trust Company since its organization, having worked his way up from clerk to secretary of the company. He is unmarried, and lives with his mother at No. 5716 Cates avenue.

"Boro-Formalin" (Elmer Amend), used as tooth and mouth wash in the morning, leaves mouth sweet and pure all day.

DAUGHTER FAILS TO RETURN.

Mrs. Arens Swears Out Warrant Against a Peddler.

The police of the Fifth District Station have been requested by Mrs. Gertrude Arens to search for her 17-year-old daughter, Mollie Arens, who has been absent from her home, at No. 2577A Hebert street, since the evening of July 13, at which time, so says Mrs. Arens, she went away in company with John Morgener of Madison, Ill., ostensibly to a fishing party.

Morgener, who is a peddler and gives his age as 20, is held at the station pending the investigation of charges preferred against him by Mrs. Arens, who swore out a warrant. He says that he knows nothing of the whereabouts of the missing girl.

THIEVES' VICTIM FALLS DEAD.

After Being Robbed on a Train a Texan Dies Suddenly.

Wichita, Kas., July 19.—After being robbed bed on a Choctaw train returning from El Reno, E. R. Smith, an aged man from Bonham, Tex., dropped dead in a crowded coach. The body was placed in a seat and taken to Oklahoma City. His wife and daughter were with him.

Reclaiming Land From River.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Alto Pass, Ill., July 19.—Since James W. Ice bought his farm at Dogtooth Bend, on the Mississippi, south of here, the river has added 1,000 acres of land to his farm.

There are several others about Willard who are now getting back what the river took from them years ago, when Commercial Point was washed away.

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NEWS FROM EAST SIDE CITIES.

MAY CONSOLIDATE WITH EAST ST. LOUIS

Public League of Winstanley Park Meets to Discuss the New Proposition.

Members of Winstanley Park held a rousing meeting last night in the Town Hall to take action on the proposed consolidation scheme with East St. Louis.

It is necessary for the citizens of Winstanley Park to secure the names of 5 per cent of the residents to a petition in order to call an election to bring about the consolidation. It was unanimously resolved, however, that the better course would be to be sure of a majority of the residents of the village and to secure their signatures before making an application to the court to call an election.

The villagers of Winstanley Park are divided on the question of consolidation. The question was put to a vote several months ago, but was defeated. The agitators of the proposed consolidation assert that they will be prepared this time to carry the proposition. The annexation of Winstanley Park to East St. Louis has been looked on with favor by East St. Louisans, many of whom would move within the boundaries of the village if it were placed in the municipality of East St. Louis. The trend of the city is toward the village, and it is expected that in a very short time East St. Louis will include all of that territory adjoining Centerville Station on the west. The annexation of the village would give it the benefits of the East St. Louis fire and police protection, the school system, the library and the other benefits enjoyed by East St. Louis.

THREE SUITS FOR DIVORCE.

Residents of East St. Louis Seek Legal Separation.

Three suits for divorce were filed in the East St. Louis City Court yesterday. They were all by residents of East St. Louis, all parties to the suits living in the city.

Wallace C. Wilson, through his attorney, Alexander Flannigan, filed suit for divorce from Carlie Wilson. Statutory reasons are the alleged grounds for the action. Wilson is a commission merchant at the National Stock Yards and lives at No. 224 St. Clair avenue. His wife is a handsome and accomplished young woman and the suit will cause a sensation on the East Side. The couple were married on July 13, 1891, and have three children.

Mrs. Jennie Rountree, through attorney Daniel McGlynn, filed suit for divorce from E. K. Rountree. Mrs. Rountree alleges that her husband, sleeping and waking, talks of some one whose first name is "Marguerite." She alleges that he refuses to tell her who this person is and has also failed to provide properly for her. The couple were married in Clayton, February 14, 1900.

Mrs. Eva Broeker alleges that her husband, Henry Broeker, beat and choked her and also chased her about the house with a butcher knife, and because of this alleged ill treatment she wants a legal separation. The couple were married at Virginia, Ill., October 20, 1892.

Frank C. Smith is her attorney.

Stabbed in the Head.

Hugh Davis, employed at the National Stock Yards, jumped through a plate-glass window of a saloon on St. Clair avenue, East St. Louis, yesterday afternoon, to escape James Richardson, who, it is said, was chasing him with a knife. He was not quick enough, however, and he was stabbed on the back of the head. Richardson was arrested. Davis was given medical attention and taken to his home. The cause of the quarrel which led up to the assault is not known.

Decapitated by a Train.

Gilbert Allen, 55 years old, living in North Seventh street, St. Louis, was decapitated by a train in the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad yards, East St. Louis, yesterday morning. He was employed as a car sealer. No one witnessed the accident.

The body was removed to Kurrus's Morgue, where the inquest was held last evening. Allen has a son who is employed on the M., K. & T. R. R.

East St. Louis Items.

—Michael Murphy yesterday entered suit in the East St. Louis City Court against Phillip Schaefer, a tenant, and Doctor C. F. Wilhelmj, owner of a building on Collinsville and Illinois avenues. Murphy says that Schaefer, who is a baker, has dumped refuse in his yard, and that this refuse has damaged the property.

—Joseph B. Huschle yesterday began habeas corpus proceedings in the East St. Louis City Court, asking for the custody of his 5-year-old child, Joseph W. Huschle. The child is in the custody of its mother, Mrs. Nina Huschle.

Police Notes.

—Elmer Harrison was arrested by Detective Enright on a charge of stealing a clock valued at $25 from an Illinois Central Locomotive. He was released on $500 bond.

—Thomas Belleville and Walter Stevens, arrested on a charge of stealing brasses, were discharged by Justice of the Peace Putnam yesterday afternoon.

—Jacob Miller was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing brasses from the rolling mill. He will be tried to-day.

B. P. O. Elks

Official Route to Milwaukee. Illinois Central Railroad Daylight Special leaves 12:30 noon, and Diamond Special leaves 9:10 p. m.

ARGUMENT BEGINS TO-DAY.

Testimony in the Wiseley Murder Case Is Concluded.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Warrensburg, Mo., July 19.—The hearing of testimony in the Wiseley murder trial was concluded this afternoon. The defendant took the stand this afternoon and told his story, and clung to it in the face of a rigid cross-examination. The defense attempted to show that apoplexy was the cause of Nellie Allen's death, and introduced expert medical testimony in support of this contention. The argument will begin to-morrow morning.

Sunday-School Convention.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Harrisburg, Ill., July 19.—The first day's session of the annual Saline County Sunday-School Convention was held this afternoon. The convention organized by electing Elder O. P. Miles chairman. Miss Effie Taylor of Somerset read a paper on the duties of Sunday-school teachers. To-night Elder G. W. Danbury of Duquoin delivered a lecture at the Baptist Church.

Evansville Excursion Saturday night, July 20.

FRED RIGG MISSING—Fred Rigg, 15 years old, is missing from his home at No. 4608 Marquette avenue. He disappeared on July 8, and no trace of him has been found by his parents. The police were requested yesterday to search for him.

WATER SITUATION IS UNCHANGED.

Supply Cut Off and Fire Pressure Reduced—No Relief in Sight.

The Belleville water situation remains practically unchanged. It is a general topic of conversation in the homes of the citizens and on the streets.

The water supply has been cut off the city buildings, in addition to the reduction of the fire pressure. The water company further declares that the water plugs shall not be used to fill the fire cisterns.

There is no relief in sight until the City Council meets and passes a measure looking toward a settlement with the water company. The amount alleged to be due the water company is $5,000, and nine of the Aldermen are in favor of paying this sum. The contract with the city calls for $15,000 a year.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers filed for record in Belleville yesterday were as follows:

J. W. Rendelman to H. R. McCaslin, lots 25 and 26, block 92, Denverside; warranty deed; $500.

A. E. Meint and wife to W. E. Hill, lot 7, block 2, Lincoln Place Annex, East St. Louis; warranty deed; $560.

Dora Flannigen and husband to Mich. Cunningham, part lots 7 and 8, block 87, East St. Louis; quitclaim deed; $1.

J. J. Wies and wife to Jennie F. Sexton, lots 51 and 57, Wies's Subdivision, block 196, East St. Louis; warranty deed; $1,600.

A. A. Lannois and wife to A. M. Beckwith, trustee, part lot 64, "B" Prairie Subdivision Cahokia Commons, survey 777, Winstanley Park; warranty deed; $5,750.

Minnie B. Koenigstein and husband to Henry Wachter, lot 30 and part 31, O'Fallon; warranty deed; $1,525.

Julia Darmhorst and husband to G. Rodenmayer, lots A, D, E, F and G in frac. section 27, T. 1, N. 8; warranty deed; $900.

J. J. Wies and wife to M. D. Baker, lots 52 and 53, Wies's Subdivision, block 196, East St. Louis; warranty deed; $1,600.

Heirs of John Winter, by master, to A. F. Winter, lot 74 and part lot 63, Flanagan & Kraft's Addition Belleville; master's deed; $412.50.

J. C. Cloud and wife to Lena C. Cloud, part lot 117, Weinmann place, East St. Louis; warranty deed; $1.

Andreas Breitweiser and wife to Anna Liebig, lot 12, block 2, Abt's Subdivision, East St. Louis; warranty deed; $2,400.

Belleville News Notes.

—Business men of New Athens are hard at work to secure the location of a milk-condensing company. The prospects for the establishment of the company at New Athens are said to be good.

—The ladies' section of the Belleville Turnverein are arranging to give an open-air entertainment in the Opera-house Garden in the near future.

—The inmates of the St. Agnes Orphan Asylum participated in an outing yesterday at the farm of John Biebel near Belleville.

—A marriage license was issued in Belleville yesterday to Gustav H. Engel, 21, and Rose Hermann, 17.

—The engagement was announced yesterday of Miss Josephine Magin to Henry Hummel.

—The Reverend Thomas F. Gallaher of Nacogdoches, Tex., is visiting in Belleville with his brother, the Reverend J. A. Gallaher.

FIREMEN FILL CISTERNS.

Upper Alton Citizens Are Troubled by the Drought.

On account of the large number of cisterns that have run dry in Upper Alton, the Fire Department of the village spent the entire day yesterday going about the village and filling cisterns with river water.

The residents of the village have no other water than that furnished by their cisterns, and when this supply gave out it was necessary for them to call upon the village officials for assistance.

Mrs. Mary Reher Dead.

Mrs. Mary Reher, one of the well-known residents of Upper Alton, died at her home in Euclid street at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Reher had been suffering from stomach trouble for several years, and succumbed to the extreme hot weather. She was 66 years of age. Two sons and three daughters survive her.

Alton Notes and Personals.

—Lieutenant Frank S. Boals of the Alton Naval Militia has been appointed chief signal officer of the Naval Militia of the State of Illinois. Captain Allen of the Illinois Naval Militia made the appointment, and the Alton officer accepted.

—United States Recruiting Officer Ralph Harrison, who has been conducting a recruiting office in Alton for the last week, has received orders to remain in Alton another week. Thus far only three names have been secured.

—There was a slight improvement last evening in the condition of Mr. John Wempen, who was stricken with paralysis Wednesday evening.

—Master George Dahlstrom, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dahlstrom of Langdon street, was accidentally thrown from a hammock at his home yesterday afternoon and sustained serious injury.

—Chief of Police Volbracht has four youthful prisoners in the City Jail charged with theft. The boys are Henry and John O'Hara, Tom Scott and Willie Pollard. The boys are charged with having stolen a large amount of brasses from the water-works pumping station.

—Joseph Miller, who was dangerously injured in a runaway one week ago, has recovered so far that his physicians are hopeful of his complete recovery.

—Mike Reilly of Upper Alton was arrested Friday afternoon, charged with assaulting Willie Loges of that place. The Loges boy states that while swimming in the river with several other boys, Reilly swam out to him and struck him a terrific blow in the face.

—The farmers of the Missouri Point, across from Alton, are winning all the prizes in this vicinity with their potatoes. All of the potatoes from the Missouri Point farms are fine in quality and quite large. The crop in that territory was a success, while the American Bottom potatoes are a complete failure.

Visitors at St. Louis Hotels.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McPherson of Carthage, Mo., are guests at the Rozier.

—L. S. Joseph of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is at the St. Nicholas.

—C. Priestmeyer of Topeka, Kas., is at the Southern.

—C. H. Diehman is at the Southern from Pensacola, Fla.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wartham of Austin, Tex., are guests at the Planters.

—James B. Douglas of Nottingham, England, is at the Planters.

—Elmer E. Sharp of Indianapolis, Ind., is at the Lindell.

—P. H. Coney of Topeka, Kas., is registered at the Lindell.

—State Treasurer and Mrs. Albert O. Allen of Jefferson City are guests at the Laclede.

—Judge Otto C. Bott of Alexandria, Mo., is at the Laclede.

—G. C. Beals of Texarkana is stopping at the Lindell.

—E. Gass of Springfield, Mo., is at the Lindell.

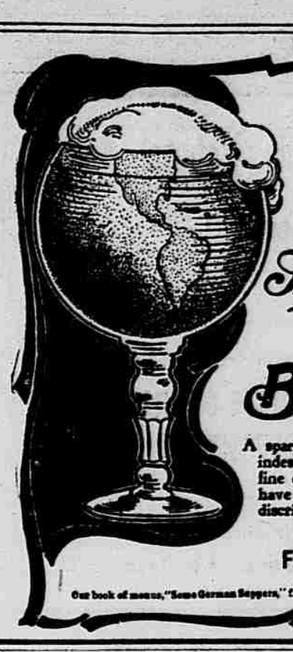
—George Worthen of Poplar Bluffs, Mo., is at the Planters.

—W. B. Tanner, a merchant of Montgomery, Ala., is at the Planters.

—R. P. Galloway of Chicago is at the Southern.

—J. C. Snelling of Duluth, Minn., is registered at the Southern.

—Charles L. Woods and family of Rolla, Mo., are at the Laclede, on their way home from the Pan-American Exposition.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Suffering Seems to Have Affected Estelle Neidel's Mind.

Estelle Neidel, who was found lying unconscious and wounded in thick weeds at McDonald and Oak Hill avenues Thursday afternoon, revived yesterday morning at the City Hospital. She made several statements to explain how she came to be in a nude condition, and lying in the broiling sun, but her faculties were evidently affected by her sufferings, and she talked disconnectedly.

At several different times, however, she said that she had been struck a week ago Sunday by a man at Oak Hill and Tholozan avenues. At that time, she had no place to sleep, and she asserts that, until she was found, she lived in the fields and woods, occasionally begging drink or something to eat.

Last Sunday, according to her story, she sent a note to her mother, at No. 3428 Grace avenue, by a boy asking if she could come home, and she states that the boy returned a negative anwer. From Sunday to Tuesday, she says, that she neither ate nor drank.

Tuesday she was found by two boys who carried her water and procured her green apples to eat. She was conscious until Wednesday morning, and from that time until she woke up yesterday at the City Hospital she remembers nothing.

Doctor Rassieur, assistant superintendent of the City Hospital, said yesterday that he thought the girl mentally deranged, probably as the result of exposure. He regarded the case as still serious. The police are investigating a statement made by the girl late yesterday afternoon, in which she named a man who, she said, had struck her.

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BIDS FOR WORK ON HOSPITAL.

Proposals for Construction of Four Pavilions Received.

The Board of Public Improvements received proposals yesterday for the construction of the four new City Hospital pavilions. The bids are only for the brick and terra cotta work. Other bids will be offered for doing the wood work, plumbing, marble and fire-masonry work, and the finishing.

The lowest proposal was tendered by Nicholas Pelligreen, $150,900. The other proposals were as follows: Herman Construction Company, $163,000; Robert Paulus, $184,873; James Black Construction Company, $171,900; Gillick Bros., $159,218; John Low, $162,400; Francis McCabe, $162,507; Viernow-Mysenburg Construction Company, $163,676; Jean Jamison Construction Company, $173,830.

The four buildings to be erected are the isolation ward, west and east octagonal wards, surgical ward and connecting corridors. The board approved the draft of an ordinance authorizing the employment of as many local superintendents as may be necessary, at a salary of $4 per day for actual work performed.

COATLESS WITNESS BARRED.

As a Result, Prisoner Is Sent Back to Jail.

Frank Housley, a negro, who is charged with petit larceny, probably will have to lie in jail a week, because one of the prosecuting witnesses tried to enter the courtroom yesterday without a coat.

When the case was called in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday morning both sides announced ready for trial and the witnesses were called. It was then found that the Deputy Sheriffs had kept one of the State's witnesses from entering the courtroom because he was in his shirt sleeves. Judge Clark declared that the man should not enter without a coat, and as he did not have one with him the case was laid over until July 26. The witness was cautioned to appear next time with his coat.

Housley, in the absence of bond, was taken back to jail, though his attorney, Percival Adams, fought against the continuance, declaring that there were no legal grounds. Adams announced after court had adjourned that he would file habeas corpus proceedings to-day. Judge Clark has never allowed shirt waists in the court through any of the hot weather.

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