

PIONEER CITIZENS TO BE ORGANIZED.

Fifteen Octogenarians of Clinton County, Missouri, Will Form Old Settlers' Association.

MEETING ARRANGED THIS FALL.

All of the Veterans Have Passed Through the Hardships of Life and Are Now Settled Down to Enjoy Their Last Days.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 22.—The pioneers of Clinton County will form an old settlers' association. There are fifteen men—the staunchest citizens of the county—interested in the plan, and a meeting will be held this fall.

They live on farms near Gower, and every one of them was born before the Nineteenth Century was twenty years old. They have seen hardships which continued through many years, but now are living at ease, possessed of wealth and enjoying the closing years of their lives.

John Westbrook was born in Pennsylvania, February 11, 1821, moved to West Virginia when a babe with his parents. At the age of 17 years he left home and went to Maryland, where he remained until the spring of 1838, when he returned to Virginia. In the same year he moved to Missouri and was married to Miss Matilda Vaughn on September 2, 1839.

Allen Jamison was born in Shelbyville, Ky., June 10, 1817. He was married to Jane Cline January 20, 1841, in Buchanan County, Mo. He was a blacksmith and a cooper, and was engaged in the latter business until 1861, when he removed to Gower and retired from business.

W. E. Cunningham is the oldest citizen among the old settlers of Clinton County. He was born August 7, 1815, in Grayson County, Kentucky. He has been a farmer his whole life, though he has retired from active life.

George M. Montgomery, who lives in Gower, was born April 19, 1819, in Woodford County, Kentucky. He was a farmer and a cooper, and was engaged in the latter business until 1861, when he removed to Gower and retired from business.

F. W. Beck, who also resides in the town of Gower, was born February 8, 1820, in Clinton County, Missouri. He was a farmer and a cooper, and was engaged in the latter business until 1861, when he removed to Gower and retired from business.

William T. Wright also resides in Gower. He was born in Buchanan County, Mo., in 1820, and was a farmer and a cooper, and was engaged in the latter business until 1861, when he removed to Gower and retired from business.

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The husband disappeared last Thursday, eight days after his marriage. Nothing has been heard from E. C. Roberts, who disappeared from his home, No. 2334 Blair avenue, last Thursday, eight days after his marriage to Miss Elsie Williams of No. 2334 South Ninth street.

Roberts had been employed by the Burlington Elevator Company, at No. 219 North Fourth street, as an elevator mechanic. On Sunday following he rented three rooms from Mrs. Ross at No. 2334 Blair avenue and moved in Monday. Part of Tuesday and Wednesday he worked at the elevator and Wednesday afternoon he went home, but he did not return.

There is much mystery in the case. Roberts had spent about \$500 in furnishing his new home, and had bought a piano, rocking chairs, etc. He has not been seen since by any of his friends. Inquiry developed the information that he did not arrive at the office of Mr. Green in the Laclede building, nor did he go to any of the places where his friends were employed.

He wore a watch and chain of solid gold and for a charm a little gold heart, on which were the initials E. C. R. in monogram. In the front cover of his watch was a picture of Mrs. Roberts, made in size as a keepsake for the bride. When he left home Tuesday he wore a white shirt, white tie and dark striped suit. He is about five feet and eight inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds.

Mrs. Roberts thinks he has met with foul play and so do all his friends and associates. There is much mystery in the case. Roberts had spent about \$500 in furnishing his new home, and had bought a piano, rocking chairs, etc. He has not been seen since by any of his friends.

At the Episcopal church, the Reverend Mr. Sinclair, rector of Trinity Church, gave an account of his experience in New York in connection with the Trinity Parish of that city, during the summer. Next Monday the Reverend Mr. Sinclair will read a paper on "The Episcopate and the Scriptures as a Proof of the Inspiration."

The Baptist ministers spent the hour in the discussion of the closing chapter of "Reconstruction in Theology," by Churchill King, which deals with the subject of the basis of communion and fellowship with God. There was a friendly difference of opinion as to the "theory" of the chapter, but all agreed that the writer's suggestions were helpful.

The Christian ministers spent the hour in discussing the subject of "The Episcopate and the Scriptures as a Proof of the Inspiration." The committee appointed by the Presbyterian Ministers' Association to arrange for an evangelistic conference to be held in this city next week, met yesterday, and appointed the Reverend Charles Steile, and his assistant, the Reverend Charles Steile, as the evangelists for the conference.

The Fries Ice Fund Circle of King's Daughters has opened a new work in connection with the Provident Association. No. 2334 Blair avenue, the most modern kitchen, and this work is now on a firm basis. The circle visitor co-operates with the workers of the city, and in this way has been able to reach and relieve many cases of need among the sick.

Evangelist "Little Tom Mackey" is conducting a week's series of evangelistic meetings at Spruce Street Mission, No. 2334 Blair avenue, the most modern kitchen, and this work is now on a firm basis. The circle visitor co-operates with the workers of the city, and in this way has been able to reach and relieve many cases of need among the sick.

Many of the Christian ministers of the city are invited to the annual convention of the Missouri Synod, which will be held at Springfield, Mo. It is expected that this will be one of the largest conventions in the history of the association.

The Wagoner Place United Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Doctor A. M. Campbell, pastor, will have special matinees during the week, and extended programs have been arranged for the occasion.

The St. Louis Christian Temperance Union has arranged for a convention at the Lafayette Park Baptist Church next Thursday and Friday, and an extended program will be given on the occasion. The convention will open Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the program will include a lecture by the Reverend Doctor Harris H. Gregg, Samuel P. Palmer, D. Patterson, and J. Cannon, A. M. Campbell, Charles Steile and J. C. Horning.

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SUBURBAN SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED.

New Roadbed Is Being Constructed and Heavy Rails Are to Replace Old Ones.

ORDERS IN FOR FIFTY CARS.

Will Be Equipped With Air-Brake Appliance, as Required by the City Ordinance.

According to present plans of the St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company, the system will be improved before the first of next year. The improvements will extend to all branches of the service, and by January 1, 1903, the officials of the company expect to have new cars running on heavy rails set in a new roadbed.

Several days ago a contract was given to the St. Louis Car Company for twenty new cars of the latest combination pattern fitted with the air brakes approved by the Board of Public Improvements. With the contract there was an option for thirty more cars at the same price and they will be ordered in a short time.

Thomas M. Jenkins, general manager of the system, said yesterday that the new cars will be the most elaborately finished of any in St. Louis. They will be of the same general style as the cars now in use, but will be much longer. The seating capacity will be fifty, and the air brakes will be attached to the new cars to add to work without a hitch, and will fully comply with the requirements of the city ordinance. The cars will be made at the St. Louis Car Company, and will be equipped with the latest combination pattern fitted with the air brakes approved by the Board of Public Improvements.

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A distinctive feature of the new cars will be the color. The officials of the company recently decided to have the cars painted in a color different from those now in use. The color will be a shade of blue, and will be applied to the body of the car, the roof and the wheels. The new cars will be made at the St. Louis Car Company, and will be equipped with the latest combination pattern fitted with the air brakes approved by the Board of Public Improvements.

In the downtown districts another pattern will be used, as the requirements of the city ordinance. The new cars will be made at the St. Louis Car Company, and will be equipped with the latest combination pattern fitted with the air brakes approved by the Board of Public Improvements.

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