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SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

Friday, September 29, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy To-Bay.
Cloudy today with showers and a slightly lower temperature; cool mainly to northwesterly winds.
For Missouri—Rain or cooler Friday, with easterly winds prevailing. Rain for Saturday.
Yesterday's Conditions.
Weather: Clear. Temperature: Maximum, 84; minimum, 64.
Wind: Direction, southeast to east; velocity, ten miles per hour. Precipitation: None.
Humidity: At 7 A. M., 86; at 2 P. M., 74. Barometer: At 7 A. M., 30.05; at 2 P. M., 29.95. Stage of river: At 7 A. M., 19.9.

Forecast for Friday and Saturday:
Friday: Partly cloudy, fair, except rain in east portion. Saturday: fair, fresh north winds on the coast.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, showers and rain from south winds.
Monday-Friday: partly cloudy, with rain and cooler in extreme south portion. Saturday, rain and cooler; fresh north winds.
Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Friday, rain, fresh and warmer.
Iowa: Friday, fair, Saturday, rain and cooler.
Nebraska and Kansas: Friday and Saturday, fair, cooler in western portion Friday and in eastern portion Saturday.

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

1. **Policemen Are Indicted.**
Wells for Open Session.
Era of the Southwest.
Grand Verdict Nixes Mrs. Folson.
Insurance Books Delivered.
Keene Seeks Proxies for Ramsey.
2. **Bank Robbers Elude Police.**
Child's Love Prompted Shooting.
Yellow Fever Increasing.
3. **Bank Victim of Forgery.**
4. **Dispute Over Hoop Skirt.**
Holding of Funds in Question.
Ransome Returns With Derby Hat.
5. **France-German Accord Signed.**
6. **Money Hitch Delays Deal.**
7. **News of the Sporting World.**
8. **News of the East Side.**
Landlord's Resolution Defeated.
9. **Little Seen Burglar in Room.**
10. **Money Against State Control.**
11. **Money Against State Control.**
12. **Money Against State Control.**
13. **Money Against State Control.**
14. **Money Against State Control.**
15. **Money Against State Control.**

WANT ADS.

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FOREIGN.

M. Witte receives an ovation on his return to St. Petersburg. PAGE 9.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Dispute over the merits of the hoop-skirt creates excitement at dressmakers' convention. PAGE 4.

Mrs. Hickey, a bride discovered a burglar in her room. He escaped, taking a watch belonging to her husband. PAGE 14.

Mrs. McDonald, 70 years old, applied for a divorce, charging desertion. PAGE 14.

Boy says love for molasses prompted him to steal. PAGE 5.

New department of Woman's Training School is opened. PAGE 5.

Mrs. May Lillian Sprague, who shot at Chicago, Morton, will be arraigned in the Police Court today. She says she will apply for a warrant for the arrest of Morton, who, she alleges, knocked her down. PAGE 2.

Judge Ransome returned from a foreign trip wearing a derby in place of his slouch hat. PAGE 4.

Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company prepares to return subscriptions of local bank. PAGE 4.

Mrs. J. K. Folson is greatly incensed over the verdict of fraud rendered by National Association. PAGE 1.

Newly wedded pair are intercepted by health officers and are sent to quarantine. PAGE 1.

Mayor Wells favors open sessions of the bridge commission after the preliminary work is over. PAGE 1.

Three policemen and one former member of the force will be indicted in Grand Jury indictment. PAGE 1.

Funds of Merchants' Brokerage Company must be paid to court. PAGE 2.

Superintendent of Insane Asylum says Harbison Somerset's mind is unbalanced. PAGE 2.

President Stewart of Police Board says authorities are ready for the campaign against bucket shops. PAGE 7.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A Grand Jury is investigating an alleged shortage of \$3,000 in the funds of Miles County. PAGE 4.

Democrats of Maryland declare that the restoration of negro suffrage is the vital issue in the campaign to be fought in that state this fall. PAGE 3.

Chief counsel for Alton declares people have no right to complain so long as freight rates are reasonable. PAGE 7.

Mother and four children were murdered at Edna, Tex. PAGE 2.

Police fails to locate four men who dynamited bank at Eldorado, Ill., secured \$100 and escaped after exchanging shots with citizens. PAGE 2.

Yates says he has not yet announced candidacy for Senator. PAGE 14.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, in a speech to the Ohio bankers, advocates legislation which shall make country currency system more elastic. PAGE 4.

Wall Street bank surrenders \$100,000 on a forged check. PAGE 2.

Resolution arranging life insurance officials for contributing to campaign funds, prepared by Commissioner Vandiver of Missouri, is defeated. PAGE 3.

James R. Keene, the veteran Wall Street operator, is seeking Wabash proxies for George J. Gould. PAGE 1.

Perkins Morgan's partner hesitates to produce books of company before New York Insurance Investigation Committee, but finally agrees to do so after pressure has been brought to bear. PAGE 1.

Great Central sale delayed by Morgan's ultimatum. PAGE 7.

SPORT NEWS.

Philadelphia wins first game of series from Chicago by score of 2 to 1. PAGE 8.

Washington Senators win from the Browns. PAGE 8.

Drawings made for ladies' open tennis tournament. PAGE 8.

ERA OF THE SOUTHWEST

Morgan County, the Old Home of Missouri's Lead and Zinc Industry.

CLAY AND FULLER'S EARTH.

A County Which Has No Poor Land and Where All Staple Crops Attain Their Highest Excellence.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Versailles, Mo., Sept. 28.—Here is a county of the great Southwest which is much like the old woman in the shoe, except that instead of too many children Morgan County has too much land. The old woman had some bad children, as is evidenced by the whippings.

Morgan County has no poor land. Every acre of the 60,000 within the county is good for something, but the price for the best is not more than \$50.

Of all the impressive features of this heart of Missouri county, the most striking and the most unexplainable is the unreasonable cheapness of the land. Timber lands which supply raw materials for manufacturing plant in abundance, immense beds of the finest clay, which are believed to be inexhaustible, prairies and range country which sustains great herds of live stock and prepares them for market without the usual process of finishing on corn feed; agricultural tracts which are giving forth enormous crops of grain and fruit; the whole underlaid with beds of coal, lead and zinc. These are some of the resources of this Morgan County land which is going at from \$10 to \$50 per acre.

The best explanation is given by the honest real estate men, who say that it is simply a question of supply and demand. Practically without railway facilities until a year ago and cut off from all markets because of its inaccessibility, the products of the county have never been developed.

Few strangers and homeseekers visited Versailles and the other towns, and there was no attraction held out to induce the prospective buyer to come and see. The population as it existed in the pre-railroad days was satisfied with its lot.

The stolid Germans in their section of the county were making a comfortable living; the Danzons and Memmerts, who make up quite an element of the community, were dwelling in peaceful quiet; and the outside world knew nothing of the possibilities which were at hand.

All this changed in the twinkling of an eye. The Rock Island built through, giving immediate connection with St. Louis and Kansas City, and the effect was little short of marvelous. The awakening is less than a year back, but it has been sure.

Morgan County as a whole and Versailles in particular are just beginning to realize their value to the rest of civilization. With the impatient development of some of their great resources they are anxious to make still more strenuous endeavors to get in the public eye and mind, and to get nearer the beaten path which is the life line in this state.

At other sections of the Southwest, no more fertile, no more prolific and no more attractive as a business proposition.

The business element, who have studied the conditions carefully, believe that the extensive beds of the finest of both plastic or pottery clay, the flint, or hard clay, and kaolin, offer the most substantial inducements to the investment of capital in almost any direction from Versailles the clay lies in plain sight. There is no need of getting nearer the beaten path which is used in improving the roads of the county.

At depths varying from two to fifteen feet the clay is found in quantities unestimated. For twenty years clay has been taken out for comparatively small lots, the greater portion being shipped to St. Louis and Granite City, Ill., where it is a principal constituent in the products of the Nidriggians plants.

Only when the railroad was built through did local capital take any interest in the soil. The demand for it has been met by the fact that it is being turned out daily. Paving brick, building brick and ornamental brick are the chief products of the force of fifty-five men.

There is a prospect of the early establishment of other plants, and these in turn for many which will engage in the manufacture of various clay products. Pottery are an immediate possibility.

The latest and most important discovery in this line is the half dozen large deposits of fuller's earth in the vicinity of Versailles and the surrounding country. There are many more such deposits yet uncovered. Professor H. B. Hillebrand of St. Louis, a chemist and a clay specialist, was responsible for the tests which made clear the fact that fuller's earth existed in this line.

The news that Professor Hillebrand had suddenly died in Cleveland, September 20, was a shock to his friends in Versailles, but had gone so far with his experiments and with his dealings with the packers and oil refiners who need fuller's earth in their business as to assure the completion of the arrangements to put the Morgan County product on the market.

Fuller's earth is the greatest purifier known and is in great demand in the great packinghouses and in oil refineries. At the present time practically all that is asked in the United States is imported from foreign countries. Until this in Missouri was found the output in the United States was scarcely noticeable.

Morgan County drains into two rivers. The Rock Island traverses the crest of the watershed from east to west. Versailles is at the crest and one side of the Courthouse and all to the north drains into the Missouri River; the other side and the south end of the county is drained by the Osage. Numerous creeks and minute rivers are the component parts of an ideal water and drainage system.

The agricultural sections of the county lie to the south of Versailles and in the Missouri River country. The timber lands and the cattle ranges are tributary to the Osage and its smaller branches.

On the north side the finest crop of corn, wheat and in the history of the county was grown this year. Wheat has not been grown in such quantities as to make it

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MEMBERS OF FORCE UNDER INDICTMENT

Grand Jury Will Return Bills Against Three Policemen and One Former Patrolman.

COMPLAINTS MISDEMEANORS.

All Will Be Referred to the Court of Criminal Correction—Twenty-Three Other Bills Will Also Be Sent In.

BY THE GRAND JURY.

James O'Brien, Ninth District, assault and battery; Miss Flora Keithley, complainant.
John Hishon, Seventh District, assault and battery; Mrs. Ella Gift, complainant.
John Sharlow, Central District, misconduct in office; housekeeper at the Hotel Jefferson complainant.
Former Policeman Indicted.
Frank Morris, Fourth District, petit larceny; accused of stealing 7 cents from the room in which George Mudd committed suicide.

Three indictments against policemen and one against a former policeman will be returned with the twenty-three indictments the Grand Jury is to bring with its final report to Judge Withrow this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The charges against the three policemen and former policeman of the department are misdemeanors, and will be certified to the Court of Criminal Correction for trial. It became generally known at the Four Courts last night that Policemen O'Brien, Hishon and Sharlow have been indicted, and that the Grand Jury had voted a true bill against Former Patrolman Frank Morris.

It was believed two weeks ago that the indictments had been voted against Policemen O'Brien and Hishon, but the charge against them was not known. That the Grand Jury had investigated the Morris case likewise was known, but the likelihood of an indictment being voted was deemed uncertain.

The charge against Policeman Sharlow was made by the housekeeper at the Jefferson Hotel. She accused him of stopping her on the street and questioning her. She charged that he accused her of being an immoral woman and of being a prostitute.

The matter was taken to Chief Kelly, who summoned Captain Reynolds for a conference. The result was that Captain Reynolds transferred Sharlow from a beat away from the Jefferson Hotel and informed him that he deemed his offense a case of bad judgment.

The case of Policeman O'Brien and Miss Flora Keithley of No. 225 Broadway street occurred while the policeman was chasing a negro and threw his club at him. The club struck Miss Keithley. She protested and the trouble between her and the policeman followed. She alleged that he tore her clothing and abused her. She was arrested and locked up at the Dayton Street Station. She was acquitted in court. The case has not reached the Board of Police Commissioners.

WOMAN PREFERRED CHARGE.
Policeman Hishon, it is alleged, struck Miss Ella Gift of No. 424 A. Rutgers street, following a quarrel with her about the conduct of her son. Hishon and Mrs. Gift are neighbors. The boy had done something to arouse the policeman's ire and Mrs. Gift went to Hishon and protested. It is charged that she was kicked and beaten. The Police Board fined Hishon \$50.

Policeman Frank Morris was discharged by the Board of Police Commissioners following the investigation of his alleged connection with the disappearance of a purse containing 75 cents from the room at No. 109 Franklin avenue where George Mudd committed suicide.

Henry Engel, an employee of the Street Sprinkling Department, stated that he saw Morris come from the morgue, where he had taken Mudd's body, tear up the pocketbook and attempt to throw it into a sewer. Morris denied the charge, but, despite the fact that Engel did not appear as a witness before the board, he was dismissed from the force. It is understood that President Stewart of the board requested the Grand Jury to investigate the charge.

Neither Hishon, O'Brien nor Sharlow has been suspended, but they will be as soon as Chief Kelly is informed of the indictments against them. Chief Kelly and Circuit Attorney Sage conferred from 5:30 until 7 o'clock in the Chief's office last evening, and it is believed the Chief knows of the indictments and will be ready to act promptly.

Residence of the indictment of this quarter, five policemen have charges to answer in the courts. Joseph Wilson of the Central District being under suspension now pending the result of an information charging him with a conspiracy to kill Oliver Berk.

COMMENT ON TAX RETURNS.
In its written report the Grand Jury will comment at length on the investigation it has made in connection with real estate assessments and personal-tax returns. A score of wealthy men have been before the jury for failure to pay taxes.

It has been stated that no indictments in this connection have been voted by the Grand Jury, but that the October jury probably will have charges to make.

The condition of the city's elementary institutions also will furnish a subject for comment. The report will state that in any year the city's elementary schools will be closed for a week. This \$100,000 of business is paid for \$50 when the third \$100,000 of business is paid for.

It shall also be a matter of comment between the year and the year that the city's elementary schools will be closed for a week. This \$100,000 of business is paid for \$50 when the third \$100,000 of business is paid for.

It is further understood and agreed that this \$100,000 is to relate to only one year of your contract and your business to extend up only to the time mentioned.

And it is further agreed in the contract that if a term shall not affect the terms of your other branch office contract with the company, your truly, NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO. By Thomas H. Buckner, Fourth Vice President.

Approved: 15th day of November, 1905.

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MORGAN UNABLE TO KEEP HIS BOOKS FROM COMMITTEE

Perkins, Magnate's Partner, Testifying Before New York Insurance Investigating Committee, Hesitates to Produce Ledgers, but Attorney Insists, and Promise Is Made to Bring Them In—Buckner, of Life Company, Tells How Advances to Buffalo Agents Exceeded Their Earnings for Company by \$48,000.

COUNSEL AND WITNESSES CLASH IN SEVERAL INSTANCES.

McCALL ISSUES CIRCULAR STATING NEW YORK LIFE WILL NEVER CONTRIBUTE TO CAMPAIGN FUND AGAIN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Sept. 28.—President John A. McCall of the New York Life Insurance Company today sent out a circular letter to all agents of the company, in which he said that henceforth no more contributions would be given to any political party.

In his letter Mr. McCall repeats part of the testimony he furnished the Legislative Investigating Committee now in session here, and justified his actions in contributing to former Republican campaign funds on the ground that it was to protect the gold standard of currency, which was endangered.

"I am, as to the future, the gold standard has been irrevocably adopted. Therefore the question of similar contributions cannot arise again during this or any subsequent administration of the New York Life.

"However, in order definitely to express and fix the company's position, I shall ask the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting to pass a resolution which will make it clear to every policy holder and to the public that the New York Life will never contribute to any political organization, for any purpose whatever."

New York, Sept. 28.—Several sensational incidents developed at the session of the Legislative Committee on Life Insurance Investigation to-day.

The first was when George W. Perkins, vice president of the New York Life Insurance Company and member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., objected to producing the books of his firm showing a certain transaction of that firm with the New York Life. Mr. Perkins offered to present a copy of the entry in question from the books, but Mr. Hughes demanded the books, after several refusals on the part of Mr. Perkins. The books will be produced later.

In the course of his testimony Mr. Perkins, asking concerning the difference in the statement of "profits from securities" in the Massachusetts report of the company and of "net profits from securities" in the New York report, said:

"When we get national supervision we won't have these conflicts between the different States."

Mr. Perkins testified to a number of transactions in which he represented Morgan & Co. as seller and the New York Life Insurance Company as purchaser. ADVANCES MADE TO AGENTS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The New York Life Insurance Company was sprung later in the day when Vice President Thomas A. Buckner of the New York Life Insurance Company detailed the advances made to agents, and which were carried in the report to the State Superintendent of Insurance as "commuting renewal premiums."

It was brought out as a matter of fact that these advances were loans, but were not carried as such.

Mr. Buckner testified that advances were made to agents sometimes as inducements to leave other companies and enter the employ of the New York Life.

A situation of conflict in Buffalo in 1901 between the New York Life and the New York Life Insurance Company was brought out, and in order to get agents of the Equitable away from that company liberal advances and liberal contracts were made by the New York Life.

Mr. Buckner testified that these advances to agents in the Buffalo branch of the New York Life in 1901 were carried in the New York report as "commuting renewal premiums."

Later Mr. Buckner acknowledged this was most extravagant, and said that in 1901 the amount was cut down by half, and half the remaining amount in 1902.

COPY OF CONTRACT SHOWS ITS EXTRAORDINARY FEATURES. The copy of a contract and a confidential letter to David H. Desbeker of Buffalo, one of the agents in question, showing the inducements held out for him to enter the employ of the New York Life, was read. The confidential letter, or supplementary contract, reads as follows:

"Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 11, 1901—David H. Desbeker, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir:—Referring to your agreement with this company of even date, herewith, and subject to all its terms and conditions, it is agreed that if the business closed and paid for by you between this date and December 31, 1902, you will be entitled to a bonus of \$1,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$100,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$200,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$300,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$400,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$500,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$600,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$700,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$800,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$900,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,000,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,100,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,200,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,300,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,400,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,500,000 in cash; if you write and pay for \$1,600,000 in cash; 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