

Iron County Register.

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BRANTON, MISSOURI.

Belgium has banished absinthe, but King Leopold remains.

A Brooklyn man became deaf while using the telephone. Lots of us would like to.

Dr. Isaac K. Funk says that crime is like malpox. Are you vaccinated against burglary?

A woman out in Kansas has hatched out 1,360 chickens already this year—but can she love them all?

China wants the exclusion act modified, but can it show us any effective navy by way of argument?

The coal supply will last 200 years, at least, according to statisticians. That's another worry off our minds.

Since Marie Corelli disapproves of men so seriously, they may have to be exterminated to spare her poor nerves.

An Indiana judge has decided that snoring constitutes an unlawful disturbance of the peace. He probably sleeps near a thin partition.

A New York banker is having a glass house built, thus breaking all records in the desire for publicity that affects rich New York people.

Doing good to others, says Mr. Rockefeller, brings the greatest happiness in this world. Kindly notice that he does not say "doing others good."

Another Central American war is imminent. It is perhaps only natural that the people down there should be a little mad at this time of the year.

A Chicago professor has announced that in a few thousand years women will be wearing beards. Imagine making love to a sweet young thing with sideburns.

Thomas A. Edison says that electricity is more of a mystery to him now than ever. Mr. Edison ought to talk with one of the first-year men at Tech.

Count Boni wants to go into the railroad business. He was always a little fast in his ideas, as gentle Anna found to her sorrow in the rapid depletion of her income.

Jack London, who says that, thank God, he is not an authority on anything, is very different from the kaiser, who is willing to admit that he is an authority on everything.

Rev. William J. Long says that in all his 20 years' experience he has never seen an unhappy bird family. The birds must be very unsympathetic, not to be unhappy when their friend is in distress.

A Denver paper asks the public to believe that a married couple in the Colorado city have lived together 60 years without either saying a cross word to the other. The story may be true, but what a deadly dull life they must have lived!

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Attorneys in Washington.

Special Attorney Morrison, District Attorney Sims and Assistant Attorney Wilkerson reached here Sunday night. District Attorney Sims brought with him from Chicago the court record in the Standard Oil rebate case, so that the attorney general may determine to what extent the Chicago & Alton should receive immunity from prosecution. Immunity was promised the road on condition that its officials freely and fully testified to the part it played in violating the Elkins law.

An examination of the testimony will be necessary to ascertain whether they gave their evidence without reserve and played with absolute fairness with the government. It is not the intention of the attorney general to split hairs in the matter, and in view of the fact that it was through their evidence that the Standard Oil company was convicted, he will be disposed to give them the benefit of any doubt.

The department of justice will decline to proceed against the Chicago & Alton if its present understanding of the situation is correct, even though the federal grand jury, under Judge Landis' instructions, returns indictments against the road or its officials. After examining the record in the case the attorney general will send another letter to Judge Landis, in which he will give his final opinion on the question of immunity.

Watch Ships in Battle Practice.

Washington, D. C.—Admiral Brownson, chief of the navigation bureau, is at the head of a fleet of battleships of the Atlantic fleet for the two weeks beginning August 25, to observe personally the workings of a naval fleet in full battle practice.

Body Found in Lake.

Warsaw, Ind.—With a fifteen-pound stone tied about his neck with a handkerchief, Conrad Neeb, aged 35, of Anderson, was found floating in Eagle lake at Winona. The body had the appearance of having been in the water for some time.

Czar Returns From Swinemunde.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Emperor Nicholas reached Peterhof, returning from his trip on the imperial yacht to Swinemunde, where he was in conference with Emperor William of Germany.

Had \$4,500 in His Suit Case.

Oldtown, Maine.—Having in his possession a new suit case stuffed with \$10 gold certificates and treasury notes amounting to \$4,700, Winfield Marson, aged 16, was arrested on the charge of stealing \$5,000 from the Chippewa (Mass.) National bank, in which he had been employed.

New Mexico Secretary Named.

Washington, D. C.—Nathaniel J. Russell, N. M., was appointed secretary of New Mexico, to succeed Secretary Reynolds.

COMB DEFLECTS BULLET.

Chicago Girl Survives Tragedy in Which Two Were Killed.

Chicago, Ill.—That pretty Salvia Awald is alive today as the only witness to a tragedy in which she was shot and two others were killed is due only to a heavy comb which she wore in the back of her hair.

One of the two bullets fired by Michael DeTrain, after he had instantly killed Salvia Buttman, who rejected his offer of marriage, hit the comb, glanced off and tore the young woman's scalp. She will recover. If the course of the bullet had not been changed she would now be dead, physicians say.

The shooting occurred on a street corner in Melrose Park, a suburb. DeTrain, a young man, was seen to enter a room in West Baltimore street occupied jointly by N. B. Late & Co., matting and rug, and the Grotjan-Lobe company, auctioneers of woollens, clothing and shoes. Prompt work stopped the threatening conflagration. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

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St. Patrick Jewels Not Found.

London.—The Irish secretary, Mr. Birrell, was questioned in the house of commons regarding the reported recovery of the jewels of the Order of St. Patrick, stolen last month from the strong room of Dublin castle. He said they had not been traced or redeemed from a pawnbroker, as currently reported.

Huntingtons May Die.

Versailles, France.—An unexpected change for the worse has occurred in the condition of the three children of the late Maj. Henry Huntington, a distinguished American, who were shot at the bedside of their dying father by their brother Henry. It is feared all will die.

Woman Fined \$5 for Kissing Man.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Because she kissed a man who "looked just too cute," Mrs. M. Kierney, aged 30, black-eyed, rosy and dimpled, was fined \$5 and costs by Mayor Coleman of McKeesport. Mrs. Kierney blushing paid the fine and promised it would not happen again.

Cumberland Steel Plant Burns.

Cumberland, Md.—The plant of the Cumberland Steel company was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. The plant produced accurate steel castings, and is said to have been the only one of the sort in the world.

Three Charged With Slaying.

Omaha, Neb.—A complaint charging Charles Pumphrey, Basil Mullen and Willis Almack with killing Han Pak, a Chinese restaurant keeper, was filed in the district court. Almack was arrested in St. Louis, where he went with Pumphrey.

Wheat Growers Want Harvesters.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Great Northern Railway Co. announces that the farmers along its lines are in urgent need of 10,000 men to harvest the wheat crop in North Dakota. They are willing to pay wages averaging \$2 a day.

False Rumor Has Cleveland Ill.

Princeton, N. J.—Rumors that ex-President Grover Cleveland is ill at his home at this place are untrue, according to his physicians. Mr. Cleveland went driving in the afternoon and apparently was as well as usual.

Cruiser Off to Guard Seals.

Washington, D. C.—The departure of the naval transport Buffalo from Puget sound for the Pribilof islands is reported in a dispatch to the navy department. The Buffalo is to assist the revenue cutters in patrolling the sealing waters.

Packet Company to Carry Passengers.

Berlin, Germany.—The Hamburg-American Steam Packet company is intended to add a passenger service to its present freight line to Boston, Mass.

Baby Drowns in Jar.

Norris City, Ill.—The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rister, living south of here, fell into a ten-gallon jar of water and was drowned. The accident occurred during the absence of his parents.

Sister to Younger Brothers Dies.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. Frank Leach, sister of Cole, Jim and Bob Younger, former members of the famous James gang of bandits, died here as the result of injuries received in a street car accident in this city last Friday. She was 54 years old.

Rob Mail Sack of Gold Dust.

Fairbanks, Alaska.—The robbery of 50 pounds of gold dust, valued at \$12,000, from a registered mail sack, between Eagle and Rampart, is reported. There is no clue to the thief.

COUNT WEDS CLERK

NOBLEMAN PASSES UP WEALTH TO MARRY HIS LOVE.

EXCLUSIVE SET IS ASTONISHED

Rich Young Women Chagrined Over Failure to Capture Bearer of an Old Title.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Dainty cards bearing the coat of arms and crest of the de Ferri family have been issued by Count Leopold J. de Ferri announcing his engagement to Miss Rita Jalcner, a young bookkeeper of Philadelphia, who has been engaged three years.

The announcement may be called a shock to certain young women of the exclusive set here, who have been exercising all their arts in the effort to land the count. Several are reported to be deeply chagrined over their failure, with all their wealth and position, to fulfill their desire to capture a title.

Count Ferri lives in New Orleans and is wealthy. He met Miss Jalcner at a social gathering three years ago, loved her and won her consent to be his wife. Her mother objected to a marriage until she reached her majority, but when that was attained on August 5 the nobleman claimed his sweetheart. The announcement followed.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late John Jalcner, once the head of a great cork manufacturing in Europe, but who became bankrupt and came to America twelve years ago. He died, and his daughter obtained a position as bookkeeper to make her own living. She was born in Paris.

The count is a chevalier of the Honor of the Sovereign, and his family has been noble for centuries, first in Italy, and later in Austria, he says.

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BIG NEWS-PRINT DEAL

Said That Northern Mills Are Merging With \$30,000,000 Capital.

Appleton, Wis.—A print paper merger affecting the mills of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota and representing a capitalization of \$30,000,000 is about to be closed by John G. Hanrahan of New York, according to present indications. The deal means the uniting of all print paper, manila fiber and ground wood pulp mills in the states mentioned.

Who Hanrahan represents has not yet been disclosed, but it is said that eastern capital will finance the merger. Hanrahan has secured options on upwards of 25 mills, which have a daily capacity of 800 tons of paper.

If this combination is formed no one can tell what effect it will have on the price of blank paper, such is used on the daily and weekly newspapers. It may advance the price already scheduled by the manufacturers, and again it may not. Blank newsprint has already reached the apparent high-water mark, yet advances have been coming regularly since January 1. Many well-placed paper men predict that blank newsprint will sell in the open market within the very near future at 4 cents per pound, carload lots. This will mean that small users of blank news will be hard hit. No one is able at present to make a contract, except on a sliding scale. Manufacturers claim that advances in price of blank paper have been caused, and are being caused, by the increased cost of wood pulp, which is becoming extinct in the United States, and is now largely imported from Canada. Of course, imported wood pulp must pay a tax to the government.

New York—Leslie M. Shaw, formerly secretary of the treasury, now president of the Carnegie Trust company, has given out the following interview on the present financial and industrial conditions:

"Our farms produce more than \$6,500,000,000 per annum, and the prospect is good for an average crop. Our mines yield more than \$1,500,000,000 and our forests more than \$1,000,000,000. And neither of these sources of wealth has been exhausted. The output of our factories, in other than food products, is approximately \$12,000,000,000, and no fires have been extinguished.

"The railways earn more than \$2,000,000,000, and they are all in successful operation. The payrolls of our factories and railways aggregate approximately \$3,500,000,000 and the scale of wages has not been reduced.

Wealth Not Affected.

"In other words, the real sources of the people's wealth have not yet been affected and the ability of industrial concerns to pay dividends is not measured by the market price of their stocks.

"Logical reasons for serious conditions are therefore wanting. Psychological reasons are never wanting.

"If I judge correctly, the people will have exactly what they expect. If those who have money in the banks withdraw it and lock it up; if the banks refuse to grant accommodations, and if the consuming public declines to place orders, then we will very soon witness the effects.

"Let those who think that times of disaster follow each other at regular intervals bear in mind that this country has never yet experienced a period of severe depression that was not traceable to financial or economic agitation or legislation, and usually to both.

Overwhelming Odds.

"In 1893, the redemption of greenbacks in silver instead of gold was openly advocated; the party in power was under promise to remove the protective tariff from our industries and the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 was championed by prominent members of both parties. The country might have survived any one of these sources of alarm, but it could not survive all three.

"At this time no one questions our financial system, and the tariff will not be touched for at least eighteen months.

"Some checks in the speed at which we are going is most desirable, and the checking process probably has begun. It will now require a fair measure of confidence and courage to prevent undue retardation in our industries. Capital can not be forced into activity, but it can be forced out of activity. I have never seen the time when universal sanity was more essential to our well-being."

NO PANIC SAYS SHAW

Every Past Depression Is Due to Agitation or Legislation, He Declares—People's Wealth Not Affected.

THE CAUSES OF DISASTER

Warrensburg, Mo.—The fate of Robert Samsman, of St. Louis, who has been on trial for a week charged with killing Carl Miller, is in the hands of the jury. Attorneys completed their arguments at 6:30 o'clock Friday night and the case was immediately given to the jury. The twelve men were taken to supper at 7:30, and when they had not reached a verdict at 9:15 Judge Bradley ordered them not to deliberate any more at night.

SASSAMAN CASE WITH JURY.

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Jamestown Records Broken.

Jamestown, Va.—Attendance records at the Jamestown exposition were broken Friday, when more than forty thousand persons passed it into the grounds. Yesterday was North Carolina day. Governor W. B. Glenn received a remarkable ovation and was the central figure in the day's ceremonies.

Souvenir Post Cards Aid Capture.

Middletown, N. Y.—Louis C. Bath, an insane patient who escaped from the state hospital here on July 31, has been caught at Dobbs Ferry. Bath's capture is chiefly due to the fact that he mailed souvenir post cards to the hospital officials from various towns.

Abstinence Union Begins Session.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The thirty-seventh annual session of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America convened here. The opening services consisted of a solemn pontifical mass at the cathedral. This was followed by the general sessions of the convention.

Dies in Scalding Bath.

Zanesville, Ohio.—James N. Ellis, an married, committed suicide here. He filled a bath tub with boiling water and then deliberately plunged head first into it. When found a rosary was firmly clasped in his lifeless hand. He came here from Ireland a year ago.

Turks to Respect Missions.

Constantinople—Ambassador Leishman has received assurances from the porte that American missionaries at Urumiah, Persia, are in no danger, so far as the Turks, who recently crossed the frontier near Urumiah, are concerned.

Torch Causes Fatal Explosion.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Three men were burned, two it is thought fatally, by an explosion of a gasoline engine at Vandegriff, Pa. They were repairing the engine when the gasoline was ignited by a torch.

Machine Collides with Express Train.

Great Barrington, Mass.—An automobile containing a party of five persons from Bristol, Conn., collided with the New York-Pittsfield express at Ashley Falls crossing, near here.

Son Succeeds Robert Pinkerton.

New York—Allan Pinkerton, son of Robert A. Pinkerton, who died on the steamship Bremen, will succeed his father as head of the detective agency in the east. Mr. Pinkerton's body will be sent to New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Phosphate Elevator Burns.

Fernandina, Fla.—The large new phosphate elevators of the Seaboard Air Line at this place were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

Woman Imitates Man Suicide.

Cincinnati—Mrs. Bonnie Tucker, on whose account John E. Owens, a Cincinnati newspaper man, committed suicide, attempted to kill herself here by taking poison. It is thought she will recover.

Fractures Skull Getting Hat; Dies.

Kenosha, Wis.—Steve McCloskey, 24 years of age and a resident of Racine, died at the Kenosha hospital from a fractured skull received in a fall from a street car while attempting to recover his hat.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Press Representatives Named.

Sturgeon—Omar D. Gray, editor of the Sturgeon Leader and president of the Missouri Press association, has appointed the following editors as district representatives in Missouri: First, C. M. Malinex, LaBelle; second, S. A. Clark, Carrollton; third, George A. Trigg, Richmond; fourth, J. P. Tucker, Parkville; fifth, Charles J. A. H. Independence; sixth, Lewis Moore, Home; seventh, T. B. White, Warsaw; eighth, Russell Monroe, Tipton; ninth, Ovid Bell, Fulton; tenth, Charles J. Henninger, Wellington; eleventh and twelfth, Georgina Raby, St. Louis; thirteenth, R. W. McMullen, Hillsboro; fourteenth, Will H. Zorn, West Plains; fifteenth, H. S. Sturgis, Neosho; sixteenth, Charles L. Woods, Rolla.

White River Navigable.

Aurora—The problem of navigating White river from Branson, on the Missouri Pacific railroad, to Forsyth has been partly solved by the passage of the steamboat John P. Usber. The vessel made its initial trip satisfactorily, but on the return voyage was not able to pass the shoals at the mouth of Bull creek. This test has established that, with a small expenditure of money by the government, White river can be made navigable for part of its course and a section of the state lacking modern transportation facilities, rich in minerals and lumber, brought closer and quicker to markets.

St. Joseph Has New Bank.

St. Joseph—The American Exchange bank has been organized in this city. It is capitalized at \$200,000 and will open for business September 1. The stockholders are Dr. Jacob Geiger, C. A. Shoup, Julius Rosenblatt, Joseph Landauer, C. H. Taylor, S. T. Wildbain, E. R. Brandow, Richard Todd and Jacob Abramson. The bank will be located in a section of the city in which most of the business men are of Jewish descent.

School of Mines Director Arrives.

Rolla—Dr. L. E. Young, the new director of the School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, with his family, arrived here. Dr. Young will at once commence familiarizing himself with the institution and with his duties. He becomes director of the school September 1. Dr. Young is a graduate of Pennsylvania State college and has been professor of mining in the Colorado School of Mines for a number of years.

Inspectors After Dairymen.

Jefferson City—The state dairy inspection department is causing consternation among dairymen by the inspection of milk in the smaller cities of the state. Every town that receives its supply of milk from regular dealers is receiving attention. The inspectors drop into a town, purchase milk from all the milkmen doing business there, and then examine it.

Highway Meeting Is Called.

Columbia—The county court of Boone county has called a meeting of the county court judges that live along the line of the proposed state highway from St. Louis to Kansas City and known as the "central route." They are invited to meet in Columbia September 17 to take concerted action toward the building of the road.

New Cedar County Surveyor.

Jefferson City—Governor Folk announced the appointment of W. A. Cheek to be county surveyor of Cedar county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of F. M. Hackleman, and of John C. Smith to be county surveyor of Crawford county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bascom O. Butt.

Claims First Model Road.

Sedalia—The proposed construction of one or more highways across the state and the question of the legal right of the state to work, has called to mind that the first stretch of state road legally provided for in Missouri, is within the Missouri state fair grounds at the suburbs of this city.

Drummer Killed in Wreck.

St. Joseph—Burlington train No. 20, leaving here for Kansas City, ran into an open switch at Weston and all cars except the sleeper went into the ditch. L. M. Williams, a traveling man for a Kansas City hardware house, was killed and Engineer W. R. Marshall, of this city, was seriously injured.

Found Dead in a Culvert.

Rolla—John Perry Malone, one of the oldest citizens of Phelps county, was found dead at the bottom of the culvert under the Frisco railroad in this city.

School Contract Awarded.

Warrensburg—The board of regents of the Warrensburg state normal school met here and awarded to the firm of Apel & Miller, of Jefferson City, the contract for erecting the \$50,000 training school for the normal. Minor appointments were made by the board.

Duggins Secures Judgeship.

Marshall—In the contest here for police judge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Charles M. Hawley, Ralph H. Duggins, son of D. D. Duggins, was elected by a large majority over two other candidates.

Missourian Dies on Train.

Hannibal—J. W. Layton, of Labella, Mo., died on the eastbound Portland limited train of the Hannibal & St. Joe railroad. The body was brought to Hannibal and sent to his home. His age was 49.

Reward for Assailant.

Jefferson City—Governor Folk offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of the unidentified person who shot and seriously wounded Frank P. Dennis, of Washington county, July 13. Mr. Dennis was shot from ambush