

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Do nothing behind a man's back that you would not do to his face.

Fearfully evidently thinks the pole will keep, as he has postponed his expedition until next summer.

The Chicago woman who lost \$800 in cash and jewelry out of her stocking ought to buy a money belt.

The Washington dancing girl who bathed in beer was merely further demonstrating her love for hops.

The woman who died recently at the age of 107 and claimed that she owed her life to eating onions had a strong reason for her prolonged existence.

An Italian duke who has no bad habits and no debts is engaged to an American girl, but we notice that the girl's father is a multimillionaire, all the same.

Duke of the Abruzzi is talking of making a balloon trip to the pole. Walter Wellman may be able to furnish him with a diagram of the best aerial route.

We have our doubts about kissing removing freckles, says the Nashville American, since noticing that quite a sprinkling of married ladies have a complexion like a guinea egg.

It is officially denied that the dowager empress of China is ill, and the spinless emperer may as well put off indefinitely the day when he hopes to rule where he is supposed to reign.

A feminine writer in a Washington paper says that there are some husbands who cannot be managed any better than some mules. It might be added that some husbands have another attribute in common with the homely mule—they are great kickers.

It may be true as the professor tells us that peanuts contain more nourishment than beef steak, but no one would claim that a sack of goobers can impart that beatific expression to the countenance that seems glued on to stay when good digestion waits on a large, juicy beefsteak.

Following the enactment of a law in Texas, requiring that sheets on hotel beds shall be at least nine feet long, comes the passage of a bill in Georgia making clean sheets, clean pillowcases and clean towels compulsory in the hotels of that state. The next step will naturally be legal provision for clean tablecloths and dry napkins in all hotels and restaurants.

A New York clergyman said at Chautauqua the other day that there had been altogether too much preaching about the Jesuites, the Malachites and the other ites, and not enough about the living gospel. But how could we remember the names of all those itish people if the preacher did not constantly jog our memories?

These are somewhat embarrassing days for modest judges. One in Omaha was actually caused to blush by a handsome and grateful woman to whom he had given the custody of her children, and who proceeded to hug and kiss him in open court, without leave first obtained. It is noteworthy, however, that he had no proceedings instituted either for assault or for contempt of court.

The war on cruelty to animals has reached an acute stage at Omaha, where the Rev. John Williams has appeared to the City Council for an ordinance establishing a six-hour day for monkeys. Father William states that the organ grinders of Omaha force the unhappy monks to work from twelve to sixteen hours a day, and give them no chance to go to school. What a contrast with Newport!

The president of the New York Aero club, just returned from a three months' stay in London and Paris, during which he devoted himself principally to ballooning, says: "I can see no reason why pleasure parties of six or seven going up for a couple of hours will not be a common thing at our interior resorts in another year." Of course this exciting amusement will be too expensive for the middle classes.

A Chicago University professor is on record as saying that Americans segregate and isolate themselves too much and are losing the sense of fellowship. "We don't pour out our soul feelings to one another," he says, "and we fall to become confidential." Come, come! Where has this professor lived? Did he ever take a three hours' railway journey without some chance stranger telling him the story of his life?

The statement by a lecturer that the country spends \$5,000,000,000 a year on poverty and crime, and one by the government that rats cost up \$5,000,000 annually, shows some avenues of expense in which we might retrench. At least, none of the luxuries or necessities mentioned yielded either pleasure or profit at all proportionate to the amount invested.

Prof. Shaller Mathews of the university of Chicago says that marriage is too much like a picnic. In some cases it is like a picnic when it rains.

Court proceedings in England have shown that a young lady who poses in music halls as the living statue "Gallea" earns as much as \$50 a week, and yet it wouldn't be exactly right to say that her face is her fortune.

Scientists are still wondering when a man ceases to be useful. Some men are never useful; the chances are that if they are useful to begin with they remain so regardless of years.

The thing that cannot be done but once should be well done.

OFFERING OUR "GOOD OFFICES."



COOLIES IN BATTLE

JAPS AND CHINESE FIGHT SEPARATELY WITH KNIVES.

CHINAMEN ARE VICTORIOUS

Trouble Started Over Apportionment of Food on a Voyage from Alaska to San Francisco.

San Francisco—One hundred and fifty Japanese and Chinese canny hands engaged in a desperate battle with knives on the high sea during the voyage of the bark Electra from this port from Nushagak, Alaska, and the encounter terminated only after more than a dozen of the contestants had been wounded and as many more placed in irons in the vessel's brig.

Hardly had the vessel put out to sea from Nushagak before a fight occurred between three Japs and a Chinaman in the bark's forecastle. This was only a forerunner to the battle to come, however, and on Aug. 30 a war among the two races began in earnest. Assembled on the forward deck, the Chinese, who outnumbered the Japs, started trouble over the apportionment of food. A desperate fight followed, resulting in a victory for the Chinks.

EMBEZZLER COLE IS PARDONED.

Wisconsin Man Obtains Favor Under New Parole Law.

Madison, Wis.—Arthur A. Cole, of Marinette, who on March 22, 1906, was sentenced to two and one-half years in the state prison for embezzlement while serving as clerk of the circuit court of Marinette county, has been granted a parole by the state board of control, under the parole law passed by the legislature two months ago. Governor Davidson approved the parole, and Cole will leave prison Oct. 1. The application for pardon was vigorously opposed by political enemies of Cole in Marinette. After embezzling \$3,300 of the county's money, Cole disappeared from Marinette with a young woman with whom he was infatuated, leaving his wife and several children. After Cole was caught and sent to prison his wife obtained a divorce and married another man.

Train Kills Wealthy Jap.

Seattle, Wash.—Matajro Tsukuno, president of the Oriental-American bank and president of the Oriental Trading Co. and one of the best known and wealthiest and most influential Japanese residents in Seattle, was instantly killed by being hit by a Great Northern switch engine in front of the Great Northern dock at Smith Cove.

Shoots Wife and Himself.

Washington, D. C.—Falling in an attempt to effect a reconciliation with his wife, from whom he had been separated, Wellington B. Herbert, 28 years old, fired five shots into a crowded room where his wife was seated, slightly wounding her and her sister, Mrs. George W. Nothey. He then shot himself and will die.

Challenges Senator to Duel.

Buenos Ayres.—Deputy Antonio Pinerio has been challenged by Senator Cenito Villanueva, president of the senate, to fight a duel. Pinerio, speaking in the chamber, made the charge that the revolutions in the provinces were fostered by certain senators, among them the president of the senate, hence the challenge.

Bank Robbers Get \$1,200.

St. Paul, Minn.—A special to the Dispatch from Aberdeen, S. D., says: Three bandits broke into the First State bank at Leota, wrecking the safe and escaped with \$1,200. They made their escape on a handcar.

Cholera Raging in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Four fresh cases of cholera, of which three were fatal, have been reported from Moscow and that vicinity. The government of Viatka is declared to be infected with the disease.

Stensland Denied a Pardon.

Joliet, Ill.—The pardon board Friday denied the application for pardon made by Paul O. Stensland, who will have to serve out his term of 14 years' imprisonment for looting the Milwaukee Avenue Savings Bank of Chicago, of which he was president.

Burton Wins in G. A. R.

Saratoga, N. Y.—Charles O. Burton of Nevada, Mo., was Wednesday afternoon elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

OLD-TIME GOODS SELL WELL.

Thousand Connecticut People Buy Stock of Store Closed 35 Years.

Winsted, Conn.—One thousand persons attended the auction sale of a stock of war-time merchandise owned by the late John S. Wheeler of Colebrook. Ex-Sheriff Middlebrooks of Winsted was the auctioneer. He yelled himself hoarse in two hours and was succeeded by H. S. Manley of Sandfield, Mass. The latter also had to be relieved, H. L. Ayres of Torrington taking his place.

The store had been closed for 35 years, and on account of the eagerness of the buyers the stock was taken outside and sold. Wheeler bought the goods at war-time prices, and rather than sell at a 70c price he closed the store in the early '70s. Most of the articles sold at war-time prices.

Thirty-five-year-old cigars sold for \$1 and \$1.30 a box, and the purchasers treated all who would smoke them. Women bought all the men's old-fashioned high and fat hats. Leather boots with red and green tops and brass toe plates sold for \$2.50, hoop skirts and stove blacking brought 5c, a box of old-fashioned tallow candles \$1.50, white stockings and women's hair nets 45c each, hair oil 15c a bottle.

Prize Court Indorsed.

The Hague, Holland.—Satisfaction is felt over the approval by the peace conference, by a vote of 26 to 25, of the proposal to establish a supreme tribunal to deal with prizes captured at sea. Permanent judges from the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Austria-Hungary and Japan will compose the court, and the smaller nations will have a judge only for a number of years, proportioned to the tonnage of the mercantile marine.

Train Hurls Two Men from Trestle.

Newburg, N. Y.—W. E. Wheeler, resident civil engineer at Central Valley of the Erie railroad, and Charles E. Sandstrom of Middletown, N. Y., a contractor, were injured badly by being run over by a construction train near Central Valley. They were thrown from a trestle into an excavation thirty feet below.

Swiss Consul at St. Paul Dead.

St. Paul, Minn.—Dr. Gottfried Stamm, Swiss consul at St. Paul, died Sunday night, after a lingering illness. Dr. Stamm, who was 64 years old, came to St. Paul from Switzerland 34 years ago and for many years had been Swiss consul for Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas.

Tulsa Mail Clerk Beaten.

Tulsa, I. T.—Sandbagged and robbed of a large sum of money by an unknown man whom he had refused the loan of a quarter, at the Santa Fe station, D. R. Bittner, mail clerk on the Santa Fe, may die as the result of his injury.

Three Miners Killed.

Scott Haven, Penn.—John Meak, John Benzlandh and Moses Moritz were killed in Ocean No. 1 mine of the Pittsburg Coal Co. The first two were crushed to death by a fall of coal and the latter electrocuted by coming into contact with a live wire.

Find Body with Head Blown Off.

Shamokin, Pa.—The body of Stephen Baker was found in the woods near here with half the head blown off. The authorities are investigating to learn whether he killed himself with dynamite or was murdered.

Scientists Visit Nebraska College.

Lincoln, Neb.—A party of four French scientists arrived in the city and will make an extended investigation of the Nebraska state university. They are Prof. Raphael Blanchard, Baron Jules de Gurne, Baron R. Duberton and Baron Louis Duberton.

Another Football Victim.

Salina, Kas.—Ray Keer, a senior in the Salina high school, suffered a broken collar-bone here Thursday in a practice game of football.

Self Suicide; Father Becomes Insane.

Morgantown, W. Va.—Because he had been whipped by his father, Andy Slabo, a Hungarian boy, 13 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. The father became insane and attempted unsuccessfully to kill himself.

Match Fires Dress; Girl May Die.

Faducuh, Ky.—Birdie Clark, 15 years old, stepped on a match, her dress caught fire and she may die from burns received.

STATE FUNDS GONE

LOUISIANA TAX COLLECTOR DISCOVERS BIG SHORTAGE.

CLERK AND \$100,000 ARE MISSING

This is the Third Defalcation Found in Six Months in the Tax Department.

New Orleans, La.—A \$100,000 shortage was discovered in the accounts of the state tax commissioner in this city. The police are searching for Charles E. Letton, chief clerk of State Tax Collector John Fitzpatrick. Letton is charged with the defalcation.

This is the third defalcation in six months in the Louisiana tax department. The two previous shortages totaled nearly \$100,000, and Wednesday, for the second time, there is no clue to the whereabouts of the missing clerk.

A cursory examination of the books of Mr. Letton indicated the deficit of about \$100,000. All the machinery of the police departments of this and surrounding states are being used to ascertain Letton's whereabouts. He has held the position for 19 years, and no record can be found of any bond having been required of him.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he would make good any deficit in Letton's accounts.

EARLE JOINS HIS AFFINITY.

Miss Kuttner Meets Artist at New Hampshire Home.

Bethlehem, N. H.—Frederick Pinney Earle, the artist, has joined his "affinity," Miss Julia Huttner, here at her mother's home. He came secretly by way of Maplewood, and will not discuss his visit. Miss Kuttner was at the door to meet him. He entered, extending both hands. Then the door was closed. Miss Kuttner announced two days ago that Earle would not come to New Hampshire. Then she said:

"We have talked it all over and have decided that it would not be wise. It would necessarily attract attention, and too much attention has already been given to our affair. I shall remain here until the end of the month, and meanwhile I do not expect to see Mr. Earle."

See Danger of Coal Famine.

Philadelphia, Penn.—Operators say that the coal situation is growing serious throughout the state, and it is freely predicted that before mid-winter there will be a famine in many cities. The supply of water has already become a serious problem in the anthracite region. The Reading company is compelled to send between 35 and 40 tank cars of water to its collieries daily to keep them in operation. Both anthracite and bituminous operators are selling coal from stored stocks to supply the demand.

Killing Foretold in Dream.

Greeley, Neb.—It became known on Tuesday that John McGirr, of Greeley, father of James McGirr, who was killed at Chapman several weeks ago, dreamed the night of the tragedy that his son was being murdered. He telegraphed to Chapman the next morning, asking whether the young man was dead, and received an affirmative answer. It is not known who killed him.

"Epidemic" of Infant Paralysis.

New York—Three or four hundred cases of infantile paralysis are being treated in all the hospitals here, it is said, and probably as many more by physicians in private practice. Doctors are particularly interested in this "epidemic" of an obscure disease, because they do not know why it is "epidemic."

Matrimonial Indulgences.

Marysville, Kas.—The merchants of Emmett, a new town southwest of here, are offering presents of furniture to couples under 25 years of age who would marry before Jan. 1, 1908, and settle within the town limits. Emmett is prospering, has a bank, a newspaper and a schoolhouse, but it needs more citizen.

Phil Sheridan Sent to Field.

Washington, D. C.—By an order issued from the war department, Second Lieutenant Phil E. Sheridan, who for the last two years has been one of the military aids to the president at the White House, is directed to join Troop D, Fifth cavalry, at Fort Huachuca, N. M.

Robbed and Beaten by Tramps.

Kansas City, Mo.—John Brophy, an iron molder from East Chicago, was found unconscious, his skull fractured, in a freight car here. It is believed he will die. The police think he was robbed and beaten by tramps. Brophy's brother lives at 1206 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago.

Three Die in Hotel Fire.

Charlotte, N. C.—Fire destroyed the hotel at Cleveland Springs, N. C. Miss Smith of Elboro, N. C., and two unidentified negroes employed by the hotel were burned to death. The loss is about \$25,000, with \$10,000 insurance.

Oklahoma Drought Broken.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The long drought in this section was broken by 1.7 inches of rain. The rain was general over Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Arrested as an Embezzler.

Dallas, Texas.—Frank A. Thompson of Philadelphia was arrested at a local hotel here at the request of St. Louis police authorities on a charge of embezzlement. It is stated that the amount specified is in the thousands.

Turkish Ambassador Appointed.

Constantinople, Turkey.—Mohammed Ali Bey has been appointed Turkish ambassador to the United States and will shortly leave here for Washington.

ELECTION WILL PROCEED.

Justice Brewer Reserves Oklahoma Decision Until Next Month.

Chicago, Ill.—Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, to whom application was made Sunday for a writ of supersedeas, restraining the redistricting of certain counties in Oklahoma, has reserved consideration at the application until the matter can be brought before the supreme court when it meets next month. In the meantime the election will proceed in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Frantz on Sept. 17.

"My action in deferring consideration of the application," said Justice Brewer, "is due to two questions which have arisen in my mind. One question is whether Mr. N. A. Noah of Woods county, Okla., who submitted the petition to me has the right simply as a taxpayer and citizen to bring this suit. The other is whether this is not a political move and one which the court should decline to consider at all. My action will not affect the election which will go on as the constitutional convention, provided the question of the right of the convention to divide the counties will come before the supreme court."

YOUTHFUL PRINCE DEAD.

Was Descendant of Austrian Line of House of Saxe-Coburg.

Carlshad, Germany—Prince Auguste of Coburg died here Saturday.

Prince Auguste-Luitpold-Leopold-Francois, and various other baptismal names, was six years old. He was a hereditary descendant of the Austrian line of the house of Saxe-Coburg. His father is Prince Louis Gason Clement, who was born at Ebnethal in 1870 and is a captain in the Austrian army. His mother, Princess Mathilde Marie-Therese, was a Bavarian princess, who died at Davos in 1906.

ORIENTALS FIGHT AT SEA.

Dozen of Japs and Chinese Wounded; Many Others in Irons.

San Francisco, Cal.—With a dozen of its 150 Oriental passengers suffering from wounds so serious that a number of deaths are expected, and several more in irons, the bark Electra reached port Saturday, after a voyage of almost continuous battle between 150 Chinese and Japanese taken on board at Nushagak, Alaska. The fighting began almost before the Electra got to sea, and continued until port was reached.

Stole Photograph from Queen.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—On searching the house of a telephone workman who had been found guilty of theft, the police found, among other things, a framed photograph of King Christian, inscribed to Queen Alexandra. The man admits having stolen it while working on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, during the queen's visit to Copenhagen.

Rules Indians May Cut Own Timber.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Indictments against forty members of the Stock-bridge tribe of Indians, charged with cutting reservation timber, were nolleed by Judge Quarles in the United States court. It has been held that the cutting of standing timber from reservation lands by Indians belonging to tribes which own such lands is not a violation of law.

Well-Known Kansas Citizen Dead.

Kansas City, Mo.—Clarence J. Fletcher, president and secretary of the Fletcher Grocery Co. of this city, died of peritonitis, aged 44 years. Mr. Fletcher has been a prominent merchant of this city for eight years. Before coming here he was in the grocery business in St. Joseph, Mo.

Pettibone Seriously Ill.

Boise, Idaho.—George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Steuneger, was taken to the hospital in a critical condition, and an operation probably will be necessary. There will be no further prosecution of the case at present.

Voliva Elected General Overseer.

Chicago, Ill.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva was formally elected general overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion for life by the general ecclesiastical conference held in a tent at Zion City. The vote of 1,262 was pronounced unanimous.

Hays City, Kas., Fire Scorched.

Hays City, Kas.—Fire here destroyed the I. M. Yost mill and elevator and other buildings, causing a loss of \$110,000. The business section was threatened with destruction and aid was sent from nearby towns.

501,000 Emigrants for Siberia.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—A telegram received here from Riasan says that 501,000 emigrants have passed there.

Machinists to Revise Constitution.

St. Louis, Mo.—The convention of the International Association of Machinists discussed the initiative and referendum with reference to the proposed amendments to the constitution of the organization.

Robbers Wreck Building; Get \$10.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—Robbers looted the postoffice at Flambeau, blowing open the safe and securing \$10, but leaving \$50 in stamps. The front of the building was blown out.

Glover Compromised Suit.

Lead, S. D.—That George W. Glover really compromised his recent suit for an accounting of the wealth of his mother, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, a rumor which so far has been unverified, is admitted by a friend of Mr. Glover here.

Catholic Priest Found Dead.

Excelsior Springs, Mo.—Rev. Father Fogarty, a Catholic priest of Kansas City, was found dead in his room in this city. He was 68 years old.

POPE PUTS BAN ON MODERNISM

NEW ENCYCLICAL FORBIDS THE READING OF "MODERNIST" PUBLICATIONS.

"SYNTHESIS OF HERESY"

Provides for a Council in Every Diocese to Combat Popular "Errors."—Provisions of Encyclical.

Rome—The Observatore Romano, organ of the Vatican, issued an important encyclical of Pope Pius X. on "Modernism," which really is a completion of his recent syllabus. The document sets forth that modernism is a serious danger to the church, refers in detail to the various features of modernism, condemns it as dangerous in philosophy, faith, theology, history, criticism and reforms, and arrives at the conclusion that modernism is a synthesis of all heresy and must logically lead to atheism.

Provisions of Encyclical.

The encyclical makes the following provisions:

1. The teaching of philosophy, positive theology, etc., is to be carried on in the church, schools and universities, but in a Catholic spirit.
2. Modernists are to be removed from professorships and the direction of educational institutions.
3. The clergy and faithful are not to be allowed to read modernist publications.
4. A committee of censorship is to be established in every diocese to pass upon the publications which the clergy and faithful shall be permitted to read.

The encyclical has caused a stir throughout Europe, and is regarded by far the most important issued during the present pontificate. It is regarded in some circles as liable to arouse as much controversy and discussion as the famous promulgation of the dogma of the immaculate conception by Pope Pius IX.

5. The encyclical of the late Pope Leo XIII. prohibiting the clergy from assuming direction of publications without their bishop's permission and providing for supervision of the work of ecclesiastical writers is confirmed.

6. Ecclesiastical congresses except on rare occasions, are prohibited.

7. A council is to be constituted in every diocese to combat modern errors.

THEOSOPHISTS PROVOKED.

Police Compel the Holding of Sections With Open Doors.

Chicago—Whether or not action shall be taken in the spirit world against the Chicago police is a question before the Theosophical Society, which is holding its annual sessions in Chicago.

Sergt. George Euston led a squad of patrolmen in an attack on the Theosophists' meeting in Kimball Hall. They found the doors which opened to the inside locked. Since the Troquois theater fire this has been illegal. Sergeant Euston stationed two men in uniform inside the doors to compel the Theosophists to keep them open, and this aroused the wrath of those who are the reincarnation of statesmen who, during their days in Rome and other places, ran their meetings to suit themselves.

BRIDEGROOM A SUICIDE.

Mississippi Takes Poison When Deserted After a Week.

Meridian, Miss.—Deserted by his 17-year-old bride of a week, T. Hyde, of Laurel, a clerk in a drug store, is dead from morphine poisoning.

The Pair were Married a Few Days Ago while the Bride, a Daughter of W. T. Shelby of Wiseville, was on her way to college. She begged to be allowed to return home, and after reaching there informed Hyde that she would not live with him. He killed himself after pleading with her over the telephone to return to him.

Preacher Traps Bunko Man.

Fremont, Neb.—The Rev. W. H. Frost, rector of the St. James Episcopal church, outwitted David B. Richardson, alleged to be a clever swindler, and handed him over to the police. Richardson made preliminary calls on ministers, arranged for a baptismal service, and later returned to report a distressing accident. Under this plea he would secure funds. Frost entrapped him.

Crowd Hissed Darrow.

Spokane, Wash.—Clarence Darrow, the Chicago lawyer who defended Haywood in the recent trial at Boise, was hissed by a large crowd in a local cafe because he failed to stand while the band played "America."

Rear Admiral Dead.

Cape Meddick, Me.—Rear Admiral John Grimes Walker, U. S. N., retired, died here. Word of his death has been sent to his relatives and friends by way of Portsmouth, N. H., which is 14 miles southwest of this place.

New Columbia Railroad Opened.

Bogota, Colombia.—The newly constructed railroad along the Magdalena river has been opened. The operation of this line will greatly facilitate and cheapen the movement of freight between Bogota and the coast.

Compulsory Vaccination in Porto Rico.

San Juan, P. R.—Acting upon the recommendation of Governor Post, the executive council has decided upon compulsory vaccination in the island. Six hundred thousand vaccine points

NEWS OF MISSOURI

RACING AT STATE FAIR.

Sedalia Day Promises Some "Hair Raisers" for Lovers of Racing.

Sedalia.—The lovers of the sort of racing that is sufficiently thrilling to lift a man out of his chair, will be given a "hair raiser" at the coming Missouri State Fair on Sedalia Day, Oct. 8. A \$1,000 ten-mile free-for-all automobile race being one of the attractions scheduled for that day. Secretary Rippey has already received assurances that several crack racing machines will contest for that prize. The mile track here, conceded to be one of the best and fastest in the west, is admirably adapted for such a race, every foot of it from start to finish being in full view from the immense steel grand stand.

Another entertainment feature secured by the fair board that will please and interest thousands of visitors, is Strobel's monster airship, in charge of the intrepid Capt. J. D. Dallas, that will make flights each day of the exhibition.

The experiment was tried last year of having orchestral music in the massive Live Stock Pavilion (which contains balconied seats for 5,000 persons) while the great class of fine cattle and horses were being judged—this was so much appreciated by the host of interested spectators that like entertainment has been provided this year in addition to which two crack bands are engaged for concerts throughout the grounds.

Crops are Above Normal.

Columbia.—The monthly crop report of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture says:—"Considering the entire crop situation in Missouri, the condition is normal for the state as a whole, and on account of the advance in prices of most farm crops, the value of all crops produced in the state this year will probably considerably exceed the value of any former year, except one. The drought conditions which prevailed