

THESE are strenuous times at Washington.

It is an assured fact that our Republican neighbors will be mighty glad when Roosevelt goes out and Taft goes in. Family rows are distractin'.

THE public school text-book question continues to vex, and there is no hope of escape from its vexations. When the State does things for the people which they ought to do for themselves they may expect, in the end, to pay for it at double expense.

THE Post-Dispatch showed more acuteness than fairness in cutting off the concluding sentences of an article it reprinted from the REGISTER last week. If a common, clayey country contemporary had done that sort of thing it would have been more excusable, perhaps, but no more honest.

THE charges of fraud in the Senatorial primary election go glimmering as the recount of the city's vote for Lieutenant-Governor progresses. Senator Stone was fairly and honestly nominated, and the Democrats in the Legislature will elect him, his personal and political enemies to the contrary notwithstanding.

SAYS our most esteemed demure contemporary, the All-for-Purity Post-Dispatch:

The object of the Post-Dispatch in urging an investigation of the senatorial primary is not to defeat Senator Stone, but to assure a square deal for the people and to save the Democratic party of the State from a shameful act which may further impair its strength and destroy its usefulness.

It is to laugh!

SAYS the St. Louis Mirror, truthfully: "President Roosevelt has as much right or power to suspend the anti-trust law and permit the Steel Trust to purchase the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company—thus clinching a monopoly—as the Pope had to excommunicate the comet or anathematize Galileo's demonstrated fact of the double motion of the earth. But he has the same sublime nerve."

THE Hon. Mr. Willett of New York was called down before he had finished his speech on Roosevelt last Monday; but he succeeded in pursuing his subject far enough to convince the House that his remarks were not friendly in tone or eulogistic of the President. A peculiar sort of man must be the Hon. Mr. Willett! Of course he is an uncivilized, unreasoning Democrat.

WHEN they undertook to impeach Andrew Johnson, the style of the case would have read, "The United States vs. The United States," if the Rooseveltian idea had then prevailed. But it didn't. In those days the Saints were in the saddle, booted and spurred, and Congress was the whole thing—or nearly so. As for the Chief Executive—none so poor as to do him honor. Things have been turned upside down since then. The President is "The United States" and Congress is guilty of gross insubordination when it refuses to do his bidding.

THE papers state that Senator Clark of Wyoming has introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salaries of justices of the supreme court. By the terms of this bill the chief justice is to receive \$18,000 per year while the associate justices are to receive \$17,500. The United States circuit judges are to receive \$10,000 and the United district judges \$9,000. Senator Clark is a multi-millionaire and views things from a millionaire's standpoint—when the spirit moves him. We do not hear of his advocating an advance in the wages of workingmen who are confronted with the problem of earning enough money to keep soul and body together.

How does this strike you as an example of the uses of wealth misplaced and sentimentality gone to seed? It is a special from Peoria, Ill., to Monday's Republic:

After the body of her pet bulldog had lain in state in her residence two days, Mrs. Wm. E. Benton, widow of a wealthy restaurant proprietor of this city, buried the animal to the accompaniment of the most solemn funeral rites. The body of the dog was placed in an elaborate casket lined with satin and was borne to the grave by four pallbearers. The casket was covered with a blanket of roses and the grave was surrounded by a massive bouquet. Mrs. Benton endeavored to get musicians to play a funeral dirge, but her request met with refusal, all of the local bands drawing the line at furnishing music for a dog's funeral.

DISCUSSING the row between the President and Congress concerning the generally detested "secret service" as it is employed to-day, the St. Louis Centinel says: "Readers of history must know that spies and informers flourish only when despotism reigns. In the days of those Caesars who were driven insane with fear, Rome swarmed with spies and informers, and to be denounced by one was equal to a death sentence. The despotism of Russia could not exist without its secret agents and spies, who are everywhere in its broad dominion. Abdul oppressed Turkey through his 'secret service agents,' and Castro employed the same means to gut Venezuela. In fact, wherever tyranny has ruled, its main reliance was its secret agents. Such 'cattle' have no place in a free and enlightened country. All such countries have detectives and a few secret police, but they are held strictly to the business of catching criminals."

It looks to me that we have about reached the stage for the use of an army of secret police agents. We are already increasing the navy; a huge increase in the standing army is demanded. The spies naturally go with such things. These things are sure to come now, my fellow citizen, and you will get them, whether you like them or not. You finally surrendered the country to "Prosperity" last November—the prosperity of the dollar-few. The latter are going to put on the screws. They are already doing it, but mildly, for by working 365 days in the year the ordinary citizen can still get enough to eat and to keep on working. The disparity between wages and prices is already about as great as the wage worker can stand but the distance is destined to be increased again and again. I miss my guess if the price of commodities does not double in the next ten years. The plutocracy is virtually independent of supply and demand, and can arbitrarily fix the prices of the necessities of life. Can you doubt that Greed will not stop short of the hunger point? I don't. But when it reaches that point, some seven or eight million chumps in this country are going to wake up and get restive. Can you doubt that Greed will be prepared for this contingency? I don't."

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From Belleview.

Last Tuesday was the coldest day of the winter, the thermometer registering nine degrees below zero; thirty-six hours before, it registered forty-one above, thus making a change of just fifty degrees in thirty-six hours, which is nearly the same as putting one 3500 miles north. It takes one with an iron constitution to stand such sudden changes, and this is our greatest objection to Southeast Missouri.

C. C. Kerlagon, editor of the Ozark Banner, has closed the Banner office here, and it is reported that he will not resume publishing the paper again. Mr. Kerlagon is an intelligent young man, and we wish him success wherever he may go.

Gentry Gogeln, our mail carrier, had quite a runaway last week. The team became frightened at a sled, started to run at a rapid rate. Gentry staid with them until the buggy ran against a telephone pole, when, of course, he went over the dash board, with considerable force, to the ground. The team got loose from the buggy, and no serious damage was done. Of course, Gentry was pretty badly shaken up, but was able to "navigate" as usual.

J. C. Horn has rented the new cottage recently built by James Middleton, and will remove his family into the property within the next few days. We understand that Mr. H will occupy the property only temporarily, however.

H. L. Bell and family will leave here Friday for Artesia, New Mexico, where they will spend a month visiting R. J. Hill and family. They had intended to leave here a couple of weeks ago, but owing to the illness of W. E. Bell, the trip was deferred till later.

Wednesday afternoon last the writer and family received from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price an invitation to take supper with them. The invitation, of course, was accepted, but as the writer was somewhat indisposed, it was with much regret that he himself could not go. The other members of the family, however, went over, and all reported a good time and a good supper. Turkey, well cooked, cakes, pies,—in fact everything that goes to make up a good supper, made the table fairly groan. Just before 8 o'clock P. M. the family returned home, and to the writer's great surprise, they brought with them a large paper sack full of turkey, cake, etc., which Mr. and Mrs. Price had sent to the writer. May Mr. and Mrs. Price live long in the land and continue to prosper!

Dr. Kerlagon next Saturday will sell at public sale here all or part of his personal property, consisting of house hold and kitchen furniture, horses, buggy and harness, etc.

J. H. Barger of Montana recently visited his sister, Mrs. S. E. Buford.

William Johnston made a trip to Munger last Thursday.

Miss Azile Marr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Marr, has an attack of typhoid fever. Dr. Meador has charge of the case, and we hope that she may soon fully recover.

Frank Stuart of Burgundy visited his son, Marquis, here Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Jake McClurg of Mann was in town Thursday.

Bill Townsend will remove his family to his farm near town this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stotler.

Died—At her home, near Davisville, Mo., January 11th, Mrs. Elizabeth Stotler, widow of the late Rudolph Stotler, aged near seventy years. She leaves three daughters, two sons and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was stricken on the evening of the 11th and two physicians were called, and everything that loving hands could do could not save her. And ere morning came she had passed away. Mrs. Stotler was a kind and loving mother, beloved by all who knew her. A FRIEND.

Tolu, Mo., Jan'y 16.

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PROBATE DOCKET

Term Docket of the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo.—February Term, A. D. 1909.

Monday, February 8th. Matters continued from last term and allowances against estates.

Arthur Huff, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Harriet H. Emerson, deceased. Final.

Mary Agnes Maddock, Administratrix of the estate of John P. Maddock, deceased. Final.

Josephine Edinger, Administratrix with will annexed of the estate of Valentine Edinger, deceased. Final.

Lillie Ruble Gintz, Administratrix of the estate of John Ruble, deceased, until her marriage. Administration revoked by law. Final.

Dr. William H. Farrar, Executor of the will of Dr. George W. Farrar, deceased. Final.

Tuesday, February 9th. A. J. Palmer and Dr. C. Kerlagon, co-Executors of the estate of David H. Palmer, deceased. Final.

Walter Ruble, Administrator of the estate of Kizzie Ruble, deceased, and Daniel Lewis.

Elizabeth Eisman, Executrix of the will of Christian Eisman, deceased. Final.

B. C. Pitts, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Edgar Pitts, a minor, now of age. Final.

Wednesday, February 10th. Henry Mallon, Executor of the will of Mary Weber, deceased. Final.

Henry Mallon, Curator of the estate of Henry Weber, a minor.

Henry Mallon, Curator of the estate of Annie Weber, a minor.

W. T. Gay, guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of George S. Gilman, a minor.

Thursday, February 11th. William Dunn, Administrator of the estate of H. B. Dunn, deceased. Final.

William Dunn, Administrator of the partnership estate of Newton Huff and H. B. Dunn, deceased. Final.

William Dunn, Administrator of the partnership estate of H. B. Dunn, deceased, and Albert Radford, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Maud E. Radford, a minor.

Friday, February 12th. John C. Horn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Roy Bispillinghoff, a minor.

John C. Horn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Bessie Bispillinghoff, a minor.

W. N. Tims, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Nannie Dunn, a minor.

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The very mild winter up to date has caused to be left on our counters an Unusually Large Stock of Heavy Winter Merchandise. This state of affairs demands immediate and heroic treatment, and we propose to Cut the Price to the Limit!

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Ladies' \$10.00 and \$11.00 Cloaks Reduced to 7.75
Ladies' Very Fine Broadcloth Cloaks, in Blue, Brown and Black, (Silk Lined), \$16.50 value, Reduced to 12.00

BIG REDUCTIONS ON Furs and Fur Sets.

All Regular \$1.75 Furs cut to \$1.25
" 3.50 " " 2.50
" 5.00 " " 3.75
Regular \$10 Fur Sets . . 7.75

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