

Iron County Register

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FRONTON, MISSOURI

France is flying well to the front. Fashion is willing to be hobbled but not harnessed.

The harem-skirt has certainly been well advertised.

"Man wants but little here below." The poet didn't mention women.

There are 411,322 federal offices and still not enough to go around.

"It has been found that radium will kill a cat." But drowning is cheaper.

The harem skirt may be something to wear besides being something to talk about.

New York's 52-story building is carrying the elevator business to a limit and almost to the stars.

These government statistics will convince even the farmers before long that agriculture is profitable.

Our idea of no place to start an umbrella factory is on Mars. Prof. Lowell says it never rains there.

"Don't eat when you're tired," says a magazine writer. That's the kind of advice that makes us tired.

And if they put pockets in the pantaloons skirt it's our bet that she'll stand with her hands in 'em, too.

That Chicago lawyer who wants to legislate against the harem skirt must never have tripped over a fair woman's train.

Now that a high-browed professor has ascertained that colds cost only \$4.34 this spring, look out for a bargain-counter rush.

Profanity is not to be legislated from the New York stage. In other words, in some of the plays all of the jokes are not to be cut out.

Are there not small, rocky islands where powder mills might go away by themselves and explode without interfering with the neighbors?

The proposed law to prevent loveless marriages recalls the ancient question: "What is love?" Likewise, how can it be made permanent?

Twenty-one professors at the University of Moscow have been forced to resign by striking students. Russia must be a gladsome place for a student.

American heiresses are waiting for an advance list of King George's appointments of 500 new radical peers. Some of them will be laborites, no doubt.

An eastern savant tells us fat men rarely are criminals. Julius Caesar had the same idea—at least according to Shakespeare, or Bacon, or whoever it was.

A skeleton found in England is said to be 100,000 years old. This may be remarkable, but is there any limit to the age that a skeleton may eventually attain?

The Chicago girl who got into print on the assumption that she wanted to marry an Indian has gone on the vaudeville stage. Might have known it from the start.

A New Jersey dog catcher proposes to get 'em with an airplane. Then to the other triumphs of aeronautics will be added that of a bark sailing through the air.

The coronation of King George will introduce special styles in hats, says an exchange, which is tough luck for the man who was planning to wear last year's straw again.

A woman who was described by her artist husband as a "modern Venus" has just been awarded \$25 a month alimony. Well, all Venuses are supposed to be more or less broke.

If the day of the harem skirt has arrived it will come in regardless of leers and friendly or unfriendly legislation. If it has not come then all the advanced women in the world cannot force it.

A Massachusetts chief of police wants the ducking-stool revived for feminine scolds. He will want it still more when the tongues he would thus restrain have finished their assaults upon him.

A Chicago matron avers that a breach of promise suit against her husband merely amuses her. However, that form of amusement is not likely to become generally popular among the matrons.

A New Jersey woman in an alienation-of-affections suit recently recovered \$2,000 for the loss of her husband's love. And many of her sisters will probably consider her a lucky woman, more to be envied than pitied.

Now a woman speaker comes forward to say that it is the icebox, not the ballot box, which should interest women. To the average woman who wants to enlarge her sphere, encouraged by warm enthusiasm, this will seem but cold advice.

A bull fighter in Seville ran away with a popular dancer, literally snatching her from the stage, as her dancing costume was covered with a cloak. This shows that the bold Lochinvar was accustomed to taking the bull by the horns in any dilemma.

By her husband's will a Pennsylvania widow is to have \$100,000 as long as she stays unmarried. She is in a fine position, if she does want to marry again, to be assured past contradiction or doubt that she is loved for herself alone.

FOR PUBLIC CONTROL

VAIL FOR REGULATION AS WELL AS PUBLICITY.

SAYS BOTH HERE TO STAY

Frank Recognition of Public Rights by the President of Western Union and Telephone Companies.

Public regulation of public service corporations has come to stay. It ought to have come and it ought to stay. That is the flat and unequivocal assertion of Theodore N. Vail, president of both the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company. It came in the form of his annual report to the seventy thousand stockholders of the two great corporations. Although Mr. Vail's advocacy of full publicity in connection with the affairs of such concerns was well understood, nobody in financial circles had anticipated so frank an avowal of full public rights in the shaping of their general conduct. It came consequently as a surprise, not only because of its novelty and squareness, but also on account of the unqualified acquiescence of a board of directors comprising such eminent and conservative financiers as Robert Winson of Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Henry L. Higginson of Boston, Henry P. Davison of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Senator W. Murray Crane, George F. Baer, T. Jefferson Coolidge Jr., Norman W. Harris, John I. Waterbury and others.

President Vail's declaration is heralded as the first recognition by those in high corporate authority of the justice of the demand that the public be regarded as virtual partners in all matters that pertain to the common welfare. He goes directly to the point. "Public control or regulation of public service corporations by permanent commissions," he says, "has come and come to stay. Control, or regulation, to be effective means publicity; it means semi-public discussion and consideration before action; it means everything which is the opposite of and inconsistent with effective competition. Competition—aggressive, effective competition—means strife, industrial warfare; it means contention; it oftentimes means taking advantage of or resorting to any means that the conscience of the contestants or the degree of the enforcement of the laws will permit.

"Aggressive competition means duplication of plant and investment. The ultimate object of such competition is the possession of the field wholly or partially; therefore it means either ultimate combination on such basis and with such prices as will cover past losses, or it means loss of return on investment, and eventual loss of capital. However it results, all costs of aggressive, uncontrolled competition are eventually borne, directly or indirectly, by the public. Competition which is not aggressive, presupposes co-operative action, understandings, agreements, which result in general uniformity or harmony of action, which, in fact, is not competition but is combination, unstable, but for the time effective. When thoroughly understood it will be found that "control" will give more of the benefits and public advantages, which are expected to be obtained through such ownership, and will obtain them without the public burden of either the public officer-holder or public debt or operating deficit.

"When through a wise and judicious state control and regulation all the advantages without any of the disadvantages of state ownership are secured, state ownership is deemed."

"If Mr. Vail is right," says Harper's Weekly, "in a concise summing-up, then it seems pretty plain that we are entered upon a new era in both economics and politics. And it is high time we did if evolution is to supplant revolution as an efficient force in the development of civilization."

Unreliable Physiognomy.

I am a profound disbeliever in physiognomy. Features are false witnesses. Stupidity frequently wears a mask of intelligence. I know business men who look like poets and poets who look like business men. Men of genius invariably look like idiots, and if you pick out the man who looks most eminent in a party you are sure to find he is a nobody. I always distrust men who look magnificent. Nature is a stingy creature. She seldom gives a man the double gift of being great and looking great. She took care to lame Byron and deform Pope and disfigure Johnson. But the crowning example of her jealous parsimony is Shakespeare. I have always been disappointed with Shakespeare's face. It does not live up to his poetry. It is dull, heavy and commonplace.—Adventures in London.

Vegetable Fanny Work.

Little Mrs. Brido had almost everything to learn about housekeeping, but she was so enthusiastic in her interest that every one was glad to help her.

"I have some particularly fine asparagus," the marketman told her one day, and he displayed a bunch for her admiration. "Picked not three hours ago," he added.

Mrs. Brido looked at it with unaffected amazement.

"Does it grow like that?" she asked. "I always supposed the cook braided the ends of it."—Youth's Companion.

Poor Green.

"Green's wife is a suffragette, isn't she?"

"Yes, and Green says he wouldn't mind that so much if she didn't always act as though it is his fault she can't vote."

Neighboring Comment.

"What do you think of Mrs. Gammon's idea of keeping Lent conditions?"

"Judging from my experience of her, I think it is never returning anything she borrows."

MAINE DRY DOCK RING COMPLETED

CAISSONS BEING FILLED AND PUMPING EXPECTED TO BEGIN THIS MONTH.

SEARCH FOR BODIES FIRST

Battleship to Be Sent for Victims—Hulk of Warship Probably Will Be Sunk in the Straits of Florida.

Havana, Cuba.—In the driving of the last few interlocking steel piles of the last 20 caissons forming the inclosing wall of the huge basin or cofferdam surrounding the wreck of the Maine, the first stage in the great work of exposing and ultimately removing the shattered remains of the battleship sunk in the harbor of Havana on the night of February 15, 1898, has just been brought to a successful conclusion.

The work was accomplished with a rapidity up to the most sanguine expectations of the army engineers in charge and its progress was unmarked by a single mishap or hitch until the introduction of the final pile, which failed to interlock properly with those on either side.

It is expected that the filling of the caissons will be completed by the end of April, and after that the second and most interesting stage work—that of pumping out the great basin and leaving exposed the hull of the battleship in precisely the same condition as was on the morning after her destruction thirteen years ago—will be proceeded with.

As soon as the wreck is fully exposed the work of exploration in search of human bodies will take place.

71 TAKEN OUT OF MINE

Women and Children Gather at Shaft Mouth to Learn Fate of Workers—All Hope of Rescue Gone.

Scranton, Pa.—The death total of the Brice-Pancoat mine, in Throop, has reached 71, 66 bodies having been removed to the surface, while five others had been taken from the tunnel to the bottom of the shaft. Forty-five of the dead have been identified and removed either to their homes or undertakers' rooms.

One of the dead is Joseph Evans, foreman of the United States government rescue car. Evans died, a hero, on the first rescue work he has been called upon to lead since he joined the government rescue force.

State constabulary, Scranton and Throop policemen are forced to strenuous measures to hold in check the crowd of grief-stricken women who seek to rush the lines as each body is brought to the surface.

CONVICT MINERS KILLED

Banner Mines of Pratt Company Scene of Disaster—Relief Parties Recover Bodies of Dead.

Birmingham, Ala.—Between 150 and 200 state convicts have been killed by an explosion in the Banner mine at Littleton, 20 miles from this city.

Twenty men have come out of the mine alive, of the 190 or more who went to work in the morning. It is believed the majority of the others are dead.

Practically all the men in the Banner mine were negro convicts, except the bosses.

Jury Sentences Woman.

Denver, Colo.—For declaring before a legislative investigating committee that she had paid Judge Greely Whitford \$3,000 to sentence 16 United Mine Workers to jail last November, Mrs. Margaret Miller will have to serve from one to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

City Ball to Aid Idle.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Milwaukee city council raised about \$5,000 by holding a popular municipal ball for the benefit of the 10,000 unemployed, who, according to the statement sent out by the city council committee, are in deep misery owing to their inability to get work.

Murder Plot Discovered.

Chicago.—Inspector P. D. O'Brien has announced that he had discovered a plot to kill every leader of the United Association of Steamfitters and Plumbers in Chicago, in a war that already has been marked by several pistol battles and two murders.

Tribesmen Slay Fifty.

London, Eng.—Messages confirming the murder of Noel Williamson, a British official in India, and his party of 49 others, including Dr. Grierson, another Englishman, on the Assam border, were received here.

Acquitted as Lynch.

Charleston, Mo.—J. S. White of Aniston, accused of murder in connection with the lynching of two negroes in Charleston on July 3 of last year, was acquitted without the jury retiring.

Sells \$1,250,000 Library.

New York.—The private library of the late E. Dwight Church, a Brooklyn manufacturer, which was sold for a price said to exceed \$1,250,000, is to become the property of Henry Edward Huntington of Los Angeles.

Lippincott Killed Self.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A coroner's jury found that Craig Lippincott, the publisher, head of the J. B. Lippincott company, who was found dead in his home with a bullet wound in his head, killed himself.

C. T. Yerkes' Widow Buried.

New York City.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, was held from her home on Madison avenue. Only a few friends and the brothers of Mrs. Yerkes attended.

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HIS ONLY HOPE.

TRAIN HELD UP BY LONE BANDIT

CRAIG LIPPINCOTT SHOOTS HIMSELF

GOES THROUGH BIG FOUR COACH AND ROBS PASSENGERS AT MUNCIE, INDIANA.

TAKES NOTHING BUT CASH

FAMILY CALL IT ACCIDENT

Jumps From Rear Platform at Station and Escapes Under Heavy Fire by Police—Mask Fell Off, Affording Good Description.

Muncie, Ind.—Westbound passenger train No. 27 on the Big Four railroad was held up near here by a lone robber and passengers robbed of cash amounting to about \$200.

The robber wore a mask, which fell off just as he was backing out of the coach in the center of Muncie. He escaped under a heavy fire, but the police have a good description.

Train No. 27 is a fast express, making stops only at county seats and the larger points. It is composed of only one vestibuled coach drawn at the rear, the remainder being express cars.

Broke Pane in Vestibule Door.

The bandit, it is believed, boarded the train at Winchester, playing on the steps of the front vestibule. At Selma, six miles east of Muncie, the passengers heard a crash as the bandit broke the pane in a vestibule door.

One man, Benjamin Banta, a traveling salesman of Detroit, went forward to investigate, and as he reached the end of the car he suffered the greatest thrill of his life when a tall man, with a sandy mustache and wearing a bandana handkerchief over his face, opened the door and covered him with a revolver and shouted, "Hands up, everybody." Banta complied instantly.

The terror-stricken passengers, numbering about fifty, half of whom were women, obeyed his orders. The bandit took only money.

Hiccoughs Kills Woman.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Kathryn O'Donnell, 18 years old, whose weight shrank from 140 to 65 pounds in the last 15 months, during which time she suffered from hiccoughs, is dead.

Mrs. Goodwin Is Divorced.

New York.—An interlocutory decree of divorce in favor of Edna Goodrich Goodwin, the actress, from her husband, Nat C. Goodwin, the comedian, was signed by Supreme Court Justice Giegerlich.

New Chief Clerk at White House.

Washington, D. C.—Rudolph Foster of Washington has been named as chief clerk of the executive offices at the White House at \$4,000 a year. Foster formerly was assistant secretary to the president at \$3,000 a year.

Plan Nation Wide Strike.

New York.—A May day strike, the greatest fight for the eight-hour day in years, is the plan of the union machinists here. The strike is expected to take in all union machinists throughout the United States.

Work Resumed at Sedalia.

Sedalia, Mo.—Work has been resumed in the shops of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railways shops here. Several hundred men have been idle since March 24, following a disagreement as to the working schedule.

James Tillman Dies.

Columbia, S. C.—Former Lieutenant Governor James Tillman, who shot and killed Editor Gonzales of the Columbia State five years ago, is dead. He had been living a hermit for some time, deserted by friends and relatives.

Grace Bryan to Wed.

Lincoln, Neb.—Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan of the engagement of their daughter, Grace Dexter Bryan, to Richard Lewis Hargreaves, a young business man of Lincoln.

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LONG A FUGITIVE, RETURNS TO TRIAL

MILLIONAIRE WAINWRIGHT WILL FACE OLD BRIBERY CHARGE IN ST. LOUIS.

REMAINED AWAY 10 YEARS

Governor Folk, Who Unearthed Boodle Scandals in 1901, Will Direct the Prosecution—Prominent Men Sign Bond for \$20,000.

St. Louis, Mo.—Ellis Wainwright, a fugitive from justice for nearly ten years, walked into Judge Hitchcock's court here and surrendered.

Wainwright was indicted in 1901 for bribery in connection with the Suburban Street railway franchise. He was at that time a millionaire brewer in St. Louis. When the indictment was returned he was traveling in Egypt.

He remained away from America and for nearly ten years has been a resident of Paris, France.

St. Louis authorities did not know Wainwright was in St. Louis until he telephoned to Sheriff Nolte that he was ready to give himself up.

Less than an hour later he walked into the Four Courts building and asked a deputy sheriff to take him to Judge Hitchcock's court room, where he gave bond pending a hearing of his case.

Wainwright was abroad when former Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk began probing the bribery scandals in St. Louis. He was one of the directors of the St. Louis & Suburban Railroad company, whose name was signed to notes for \$135,000 to procure the passage of a franchise bill.

He was indicted for bribery and never returned to St. Louis. Efforts were made by Folk to have him extradited, but they were unsuccessful. Wainwright went to Paris to live and had a fine home there.

GIRL IS K. C. BOND THIEF

Discovery of Identity of \$105,000 Steal Costs Place in Armour Will—Name Is Withheld.

Kansas City, Mo.—A young woman, whose name is withheld, is the thief who robbed Mrs. S. B. Armour, widow of the late packer, of \$105,000 in bonds.

The young woman is said to be pretty, entertaining and close in the confidence of Mrs. Armour.

She was until the robbery, a beneficiary in Mrs. Armour's will, but the will has been changed.

Taft Removes Negro Troops.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft was prompt to remove the negro Ninth cavalry from the division camp at San Antonio in order to avert the possibility of a repetition of the Brownsville affair in 1906.

Americans Are Killed.

Madrid, Spain.—A south bound express from San Sebastian collided with a Portuguese tourist train between Arzaga and Olazagutia. Many are reported to have been killed, among them several Americans.

141,123 Acres Added to Forest Lands.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has signed a proclamation adding 141,123 acres to the Fish Lake national forest, Utah, and at the same time eliminating 1,276 acres of other land from the forest in all of Sevier and Wayne counties.

Would Inspect Frisco Fair Site.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Newlands of Nevada has asked President Taft to send the fine arts commission, composed of some of the leading architects of the country, to San Francisco to look over the site of the exposition of 1915.

Adirondacks Ice-Bound.

Utica, N. Y.—This is the coldest April weather registered in the Adirondack region in a number of years. Last year at this time the woods were practically free of snow and the ice had gone out of the lakes.

\$50,000 Scholarship for Yale.

Oakland, Cal.—A scholarship valued at \$50,000 is bequeathed to Yale university in the will of Louise W. Kellogg, widow of the late Martin E. Kellogg, one time president of the University of California.

Fire Ruins Power Plant.

New Richmond, Wis.—The \$500,000 plant of the St. Croix Power company at Apple River falls, near Somerset, Wis., is a mass of twisted iron and steel as the result of the explosion of a dynamo and a subsequent fire.

Bandits Rob Thirty Passengers.

Los Angeles, Cal.—An incoming Glendale interurban car was held up by two men, who robbed 30 passengers and the motorman and conductor. They secured several hundred dollars and several watches.

Chinese Fire on Russians.

London, Eng.—Chinese regulars in the III district have fired on Russian troops, and the Russian office has instructed Minister Korostovetz at Peking to demand an explanation from the Chinese government.

To Hear Packers April 13.

Chicago.—Judge Carpenter, in the United States district court, set April 13 as the date upon which he would hear arguments on the demurrers filed by the indicted Chicago meat packers.

President for Panama Exposition.

San Francisco, Cal.—Charles C. Moore was unanimously elected president of the Panama-Pacific Exposition company. He is president of the firm of Charles C. Moore & Co., engineers, of San Francisco.

100 Witnesses in Danville Trial.

Danville, Ill.—The trial of Fred Garner, a member of one of Vermilion county's oldest families, for the murder of Mrs. Elsie Cochran, opened in Circuit Judge E. R. E. Kimbrough's court. Nearly 100 witnesses have been summoned.

Tree Crushes Wood Chopper.

Waynesville.—George W. Masee, a well-to-do farmer, was killed while clearing woodland on his farm in the Moab neighborhood.

Hadley Honors Requisition.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley honored requisition papers of the governor of Indiana for the return of Crittenden C. Watkins, a paroled convict, to that state for reincarceration in the penitentiary at Michigan City.

Rasco Moody in Cell.

Maryville.—The date set for the hanging of H. Rasco, murderer of the Hubbell family of four members at Gullford, November 20, 1910, passed without comment from him. The appeal of his case stays execution.

MISSOURI NEWS

DOCTOR IN BLACKMAIL NET.

Kirbyville Physician Admits Writing Letters to Coffee Company.

Springfield.—Because he demanded \$50 hush money for not making public the alleged fact that he had found "a jawbone and three teeth" in a package of the firm's coffee, Arbuckle Bros. of New York City caused the arrest of Dr. T. M. Callen of Kirbyville on a federal warrant. Dr. Callen was brought to this city for arraignment. He was released on bond and the case will come up at the spring term of the federal court here.

Dr. Callen wrote a letter to Arbuckle Bros., asserting he had found a jawbone and three teeth in a package of coffee bearing the New York firm's trade mark. The letter was sent to the Kansas City branch of the firm and the doctor was communicated with. He replied with another demand for \$50 for his silence, and the letters were then turned over to inspector Hodge. The doctor is a man of prominence in the vicinity of his home. He admits writing the letters.

WANTS FIREMEN AT CAPITAL.

St. Louis Says Jefferson City Should Have Have Paid Department.

Jefferson City.—Henry Fairback of St. Louis, representing the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Historical association, called upon Mayor Heinrichs of Jefferson City to inquire what facilities the city has to protect the state's property from loss.

Mr. Fairback says the state capitol should at once equip itself with an automobile fire engine and maintain a few paid men. He says the state could do much to assist by organizing a fire squad at the penitentiary. He is of the opinion if the city is unable to provide adequate facilities the state should co-operate.

ASYLUM'S INSURANCE CUT OFF.

Board Forced to Cancel \$130,000 for Lack of Funds.

Fulton.—Fire insurance to the amount of \$130,000, carried on all the buildings of the Fulton State hospital, was canceled through an order of the board of managers. The hospital still carries \$20,000 on the boilers. The premiums had been paid out of the support fund, but the increased cost of maintenance made it necessary to cut expenses. The refusal of the legislature to give the institution a contingent fund of \$25,000 almost insures a deficit.

DIES AT AGE OF 110 YEARS.

Sedalia, Before Illness, Attributed Longevity to Simple Life.

Sedalia.—Daniel Bartlett, who was born at Boonville, Mo., January 14, 1801, died of pneumonia after a week's illness.

In an interview shortly before he became ill, Bartlett attributed his physical condition at the advanced age of 110 to his simple way of living. He was not a total abstainer, but was temperate in all things.

Bartlett was married in Camden county in 1827 and his widow, who survives him, is 100 years old.

UTILITIES ACT IS UPHELD.

Supreme Court Rules Cities Have the Right to Fix Rates.

Jefferson City.—The validity of the public utilities act enacted by the Forty-fourth general assembly and which gives to the municipalities of the state power to regulate both the rates and the service of public-service corporations doing business within their incorporated limits is sustained in an opinion written by Judge Kennish and concurred in by his associates upon the supreme court bench of Missouri.

Lichter an Honored Guest.

Columbia, Mo.—Rev. H. H. Lichter of St. Louis was a guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Young Men's Christian association of the University of Missouri. He spoke on "The Claim of the Church on the University Man."

\$500,000 Fire From Gas Stove.

Columbus, Miss.—A gas stove left burning in the drug store of Dr. J. D. Turner kindled a blaze at Fayette, Ala., 40 miles east of here, which destroyed 42 buildings and caused a loss estimated at \$500,000.

College Suit to High Court.

Springfield.—The suit for \$50,000 damages brought by Prof. Fritz Barrow against Drury college, President J. H. George and Rev. C. W. Briggs of the Methodist Episcopal church, was appealed to the Missouri supreme court by the plaintiff.

Hyde Soon to Know Fate.

Jefferson City, Mo.—A decision in the case of Dr. B. Clark Hyde of Kansas City, who was convicted of the murder of Col. Thomas W. Swope of Independence, Jackson county, a wealthy philanthropist, will be rendered by division No. 2 of the supreme court next week.

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