

WORK ON CAPITOL 90 PER CENT DONE

COMMISSION HAS ENOUGH AND TO SPARE TO FINISH CONSTRUCTION.

TIME TAKEN IN OTHER STATES

Spent Million and Half Last Year, and Have \$600,000 Left—Furniture Money Already Collected and in Hand.

Jefferson City.

In a report to the governor and the legislature the commissioners of the new state capitol say that more than 90 per cent of the work on the new building has been completed and that the bonds voted for the building will be sufficient to complete it in its entirety.

Christian Scientist Active.

John T. Harding of Kansas City, a recent convert to the Christian Science faith, appeared before the children's code committee of the state here and injected a new thought into the discussion of the 42 bills designed by the Missouri Children's Code Commission and now pending in the legislature.

To Probe Paper Costs.

Charles G. Revelle, special examiner appointed by the state of Missouri to investigate the present high cost of paper in connection with a resolution adopted by the state senate on the request of Senator Sam B. Cook, has qualified for the position.

Hawes Road Bill.

The famous Hawes road bill over which the St. Louis representative and his committee have worked into the early morning hours nightly for two weeks, was reported out for passage of the house.

Anti-Tipping Bill.

Representative Blesse of St. Louis introduced a bill in the house prohibiting the leasing of space in a hotel or restaurant, or other public place, where tips may be collected for persons other than those receiving the service.

Negro Convict Wounds Guard.

Ira Pare, a guard at the penitentiary, was severely beaten by Dave Wells, a negro convict, in the factory of the Central Broom Co. The negro refused to work, and hit Pare on the head with a mallet.

Enright for Bank Commissioner.

The appointment of C. F. Enright of St. Joseph as state bank commissioner, to succeed J. T. Mitchell, whose term expires, is predicted by politicians.

Memorial Service.

Services were held in the senate in memory of three deceased members—Dr. John Wallace of Charlton, Dr. W. S. Allee of Miller and Col. W. H. Phelps of Jasper. All died last summer.

90 Year Term is Upheld.

The supreme court affirmed the sentence of fifty years in the penitentiary imposed on Ora Ivy by a Caruthersville jury January 26, 1916, for assault on 11-year-old Dinal Schapacher of St. Louis.

Can Counterfeit Trading Stamps.

The value of trading stamps was fixed by the supreme court in a prosecution against Rupert Mason and Homer Granger who were prosecuted on a charge of counterfeiting large quantities of stamps of the Eagle Trading Stamp Company.

Bids for State's Money.

Bankers expressed the opinion that the bulk of ready money held by the banks and trust companies of the state is in St. Louis and Kansas City institutions. They have their views on the bids received for loaning the surplus funds of the state for the next four years.

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PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS ON BREAKING WITH GERMANY

JOINT SESSION OF HOUSE AND SENATE LISTEN TO SOLEMN MESSAGE.

United States Now on Verge of War—Reputation of U-Boat Pledges Brings Matters to Focus—Bernstorff Sent Home and Gerard Recalled—Only Overt Act of War-Graced Kaiser Can Precipitate Hostilities—End of Long, Unsuccessful Diplomatic Struggle.

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HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Giles Keys, 91 years old, an uncle of Sheriff J. W. Keyes of Saline, died at Napoleon. He was a bachelor, was born in Fairfax county, Va., and was one of the pioneer gold miners of California.

The 4-year-old daughter of Michael Kaczak was burned to death in South St. Joseph the other day when her clothes came in contact with a bonfire in an alley.

Half the business district of Fair Grove was destroyed by flames the other night. The loss is about \$20,000. A bucket brigade stopped the fire after a three-hour fight.

John Walters, 76 years old, of LaBelle was burned to death when his home was set on fire by a defective flue. His aged wife was able to escape from the house.

The Topeka franchise of the Western league will be transferred to Joplin as the result of \$7,000 being raised for the building of a new baseball park. The park will be situated near the business district.

A motor car containing six persons went through a hole into the Missouri river at Phelps City, when a party of young people were returning on the ice from Brownsville, Neb., just across the river, from a dance. All were in the water a few minutes before they could be extricated, but it was reported all well recovered.

Ruth Greer, 7 years old, was on her way home from school in the country near Liberal. She attempted to cross the road in front of a coal wagon, stumbled and fell under the wheels, and was killed instantly.

Mrs. Caroline W. Crittenden, widow of a former governor of Missouri, T. Crittenden, died recently at the home of her son, T. D. Crittenden, Jr., in Kansas City. Mrs. Crittenden had been ill several months. Recently her condition became so grave she was taken from the Hotel Lucerne where she had been living with another son, Henry H. Crittenden. Another son, William J. Crittenden, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a brother, Samuel Jackson, Higginsville, also survive. Mr. Crittenden died May 29, 1909.

Angered, it is said, because a reception was tendered on Sunday to the Sarcoxic company of the national guard of Missouri, which recently arrived home from the Mexican border, Rev. T. H. Hickman, pastor of a Methodist church of that town, has resigned.

The south half of the business district of Sparta, Christian county, burned the other night. Seven stores were burned. The total loss was about \$26,000.

All records for bank transactions in St. Joseph were broken recently when the total rose to \$78,780,195.66. The previous record was made for the week ending December 21, 1916, when

A Missouri police officers' association was formed at Sedalia when more than fifty chiefs of police, sheriffs and railroad special agents from over the state met for that purpose. John R. Burger, Sedalia chief of police, was elected president; J. W. Keyes, sheriff at Marshall, vice-president; E. L. Mitchell, chief of police at Carthage, secretary; and Roy Bendure, special agent M. K. & T. Railroad, treasurer, St. Louis.

The Missouri nurserymen attending the Western Nurserymen's Association meeting at Kansas City, organized the Missouri State Nurserymen's Association. These officers were elected: F. A. Weber, president, St. Louis; Lloyd Star, vice-president, Louisiana; F. R. Von Windeger, secretary, St. Louis.

Mrs. Zeldia Forsee, 90 years old, died recently in St. Joseph. Mrs. Forsee leaves a valuable estate, mostly in realty, which originally was a part of the 3-million-dollar Corby estate. She had lived there sixty years.

Retail coal dealers of Springfield were absolved of any abuses in the sale of coal, following an investigation by the city council. It was found that less than thirty cents profit was made on a ton of coal.

Father Kilkenny of the St. Lawrence Catholic church, at Monett found a baby boy on his doorstep the other night. The heading of the Catholic paper, the Visitor, was pinned on the baby's coat.

It was announced recently the Montgomery County Times, edited by H. C. Booth, will move from Bellflower to Montgomery, where it will be edited as a "dry" paper. It is said a local option campaign will be started there soon.

Paul E. Stout of Webb City is dead from injuries received in a railroad collision there. Brakes on an electric work car were ineffective, and Frisco passenger train No. 327, St. Louis to Wichita, hit the car at a crossing.

Thomas Young, 15 years old, was accidentally shot with a small caliber rifle by Conley Bailley, a playmate, while out shooting near Lexington. The bullet entered his back near the spine. He may recover.

"Missouri is not, in my opinion, in the least bit of danger of losing her coveted title, 'The Land of the Big Red Apple,' but in spite of production she is not holding her own," said Lloyd C. Stark, president of the Western Association of Nurserymen, at Kansas City, recently.

No man can make good his bad words.—Detroit News.

MOTHER! LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE

If cross, feverish, constipated, - give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

KEEP HEALTHY IN TRENCHES

Soldiers in Good Physical Condition Despite Hardships Which They Are Compelled to Undergo.

Notwithstanding all that has been said about the squalor and discomfort of life at the battle front, the remarkable fact appears, according to all medical testimony, that the health conditions of the men averages far better than is the case with those at home and even better than among men of the same class and the same physical equipment in the days of peace.

A French army surgeon has recently written about experiences at the front during 1916, with the troops under his immediate observation. It shows that notwithstanding the fatigue, the overcrowding, the exposure and the unfavorable climate conditions, the total of contagious diseases among this army was less than two-fifths the peace average. In 1915 there were 823 cases of contagious disease, as compared with 2,157 cases in a small force before the war.

In spite of the extreme contagiousness of measles and scarlet fever, he writes, they did not spread among troops bivouacked or camping in the war zone in makeshift shelters, where there was at times the utmost overcrowding. He attributes this entirely to the life in the open air and to the hyper-oxygenation. It seemed to him that repeated contact did not possess the importance previously attributed to it in the communication of contagious diseases.

MUSIC ROLLS QUICKLY MADE

Useful Machine Designed Especially for the Use of Retail Dealers Recently Put on the Market.

Designed especially for the use of retail dealers, a compact machine that perforates music rolls for use in player pianos is being introduced. The apparatus is described in the Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is capable of making from one to 15 records at a time from sheet music, and will also turn out copies of any standard roll. Its operation is said to be so simple that satisfactory work can be done by persons who are not musicians. The particular advantage of the machine seems to be that it enables a small dealer to fill his customers' orders promptly without having to carry a large, expensive stock. It also obviates the inconveniences that confront patrons when special orders have to be mailed to a factory before their wants can be supplied. Since 16 sheets can be perforated simultaneously, a dealer in making a roll to order has an opportunity to add 15 records to his stock with no expense other than the bare cost of the paper and spools.

It is easy to get anything you want - if it happens to be something nobody else wants.

There is something wrong with a girl who can't blush.

A Pleasant Healthful Habit

A daily ration of Grape-Nuts and cream is a splendid food for those who want vigor and energy.

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is a concentrated health-food made from choice whole wheat and malted barley. It retains the vital mineral elements of the grain so essential to thorough nourishment of body and brain, but lacking in many other cereal foods.

Every table should have its daily ration of Grape-Nuts.

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No change in price, quality or size of package.