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IT is proposed by the ex Confederate Home association of Missouri to increase the fund now in hand to $100,000 and to erect a central building costing $20,000 to $30,000 where criples and invalids may receive the requisite nursing. Captain Barrow, who is secretary of the state association, estimates the number of ex-confederates in the state eligible for admission to the home at between 200 and 300.

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The legislature evidently streatched its law-making power a long ways in enacting such a law as this. It certainly is the duty of every hotel and boarding house keeper to look after their own interest, and if they allow any impecunious guest to get away without paying his or her board bill, it is their own fault and they should stand the loss. But under this law the state of Missouri, in nine cases out of ten prosecuted under it, will be mulced for the costs.

Too much legislating seems to be the ruling folly of the age.

SPORTING men in Missouri have just achieved quite a victory in the organization of a number of racing courses in different parts of the state for trotting horses. Purses aggregating $40,000 have been secured for the approaching meetings, which begin at Hannibal July 22nd, and terminates at Brunswick Sept. 4th. These purses distributed around the circuit will give the movement a grand send off, and guarantees a liberal patronage by horse men from all parts of the United States, especially from the western states. The places selected for these courses are Hannibal, Louisianna, Mexico, Moberly, Sedalia, Higginsville, and Brunswick, in the order in which they are here named. B. R. White, of Moberly, is president of the organization, and J. A. Glandon, of Mexico, the secretary. This organization has some advantages over similar ones, in allowing an entrance for the entire circuit. This arrangement will no doubt be a great convenience to the patrons of the turf.

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A Most Important Law.

Among the most important laws passed by the Thirty-sixth general assembly and signed by the governor is what is known as the institute law. Indeed it is the most important school legislation had in Missouri during the past twenty years. The central object of the law is to secure good work in the common branches in our 10,000 country schools and in the town schools not under good supervision. The second object of the law is to link all the educational interests together, the elementary schools to the secondary schools, and these latter to the state university.

This law provides for a state training school to train and license institute conductors and instructors, and for a summer normal institute in each county of the state to train and license our 12,000 common school teachers. The state training school will be in charge of a half a dozen distinguished educators, and will be one of the most memorable educational gatherings ever held in the state. It will be held at he close of the State Teachers' association, probably at the same place (Warransburg, Mo.), and will be in session two weeks.

THE LICENSE POWER.

This law takes the licensing of the 12,000 common school teachers from the county commissioner as an individual and entrusts it to a board of institute conductors and examiners, of which board the county commissioner is a member. These institute conductors and instructors are employed by a county institute board. This county institute board will consist of the county commissioner and two persons appointed by the county court.

It makes the $40,000 biennial examinaton fees heretofore paid by the teachers to the county commissioners and turns it into an institute fund to employ competent institute conductors and instructors (including the county commissioner, if competent). In addition to the $1 50 heretofore paid by the teacher for examination, the sum of $1.50 is paid by him; but this entitles him to a month's instruction in a good institute and to a certificate if qualified.

Under the old law a teacher could secure a certificate in the common branches for one year only and in one county. Under this law a certificate in common branches can be secured valid for three years in any county in the state, thus tending to make teaching more of a profession.

EXAMINATION.

Instead of requiring teachers to be examined in all the "ologies," as heretofore, this law confines the examination for the three grades of certificates to the common branches. Under the old law, in force for years, to obtain a first grade certificate, a teacher must be examined in 24 branches. The hundreds of thousands of patrons clamored for first-class teachers; that is, teachers bearing a first grade certificate, little comprehending that such a certificate meant an examination in a whole college course.

This demand on the part of patrons precipitated the teachers upon the county commissioners, urging an examination in these higher branches. The county commissioners yielded and sent out hundreds of smatterers bearing these higher grade certificates. These teachers, finding these higher branches on their certificates, made haste to experiment upon the pupils at the first opportunity.

CROWDING THE PUPILS.

It made no difference that the pupils were not ready for these higher branches; that they could not read, or spell, or write a decent letter. There seemed to be a "call" for the teacher to cross over into this inviting field of higher education and the "call" was promptly obeyed. Hence, the curse of our common school system is superficiality.

All certificates now in existence are valid until they expire. Teachers are not obliged to attend the institutes, but are encouraged to do so, especially if inexperienced or incompetent. But teachers are obliged to take their examinstion from this unbiased, competent board of examiners, unless prevented from doing so by good and sufficient reasons, in which case the county commissioner grants an examination and forwards the manuscripts to the conductor of the last institute for examination.

W. H. HALL, the "plug-hatted" horse buyer, of Lancaster, Mo., was in St. Louis, last week, on his way home from Peora, Ill. Mr. Hall is a young man, but within three years has come to the front as the greatest buyer and shipper in Missouri. Last year he bought and shipped to eastern markets 2,205 horses, and in the last three years he has bought and sold 4,219 head. The average price paid has been about $80, making $437,530 paid for horses in three years.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Springfield, Sedalia, Marshall and Northwestern Railway company were filed with the secretary of state one day last week and a certificate was issued thereon. The capital stock of the company is $1,500,000, and it is organized for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of standard-gauge railroad from Springfield in a northerly direction to the town of Miami, Saline county, a distance of 145 miles. The line will pass through the counties of Greene, Dallas, Hickory, Benton, Pettis and Saline.

SIGNS of prosperity are apparent on every hand in Chariton county. Substantial improvements on almost every farm, attest the thrift and enterprise of our farmers. Brush and brambles have disappeared and acres of the finest soil reward the industry of these sturdy sons of toil. Old houses and barns have given place to new ones, worm fences to the more durable post and wire. Improved implements of husbandry, show that manual labor, on the majority of farms is now directed by intelligence and skill, and the result is that the grand old county is rapidly becoming the abode of wealth, culture and refinement. We are proud of our county, proud of its people, and more especially proud of the success our farmers have achieved in the last few years.

THERE is now a movement on foot which will be of incalculable advantage to the farmers of Chariton Co. A Mr. Andrews, a large cattle owner of Western Texas, was in St. Louis last week representing a syndicate of cattle men in that state and western Kansas, and in conversation with some business men, in that city, stated that the syndicate had just bought 8,000 acres in Missouri to be used as feeding pens for cattle, driven in from Texas and Kansas, and to be fattened on corn raised in Missouri. These cattle will be taken from the range at two years old and shipped here to be fed for a year before they are shipped to eastern markets. This movement has been forced upon stockmen by the recent action of the government in expelling them from the Cherokee district. When this plan gets in full operation it will make Missouri, in the near future, one of the leading cattle states in the Union and will no doubt furnish a market for thousands of bushels of corn, much of which will have to be grown on the productive soil of Chariton county.

LOCAL papers throughout the state are claming for the seperation of the agricultural college from the state university. They argue that this institution will never amount to anything until this seperation is made. It must be confessed that this assertion is fully justified by the past experience of this branch of our great educational system. The college has been in operation almost twenty years, at an annual cost of thousands of dollars, and during all these years, if there has been half a dozen graduates from the school, they have never distinguished themselevs in developing any of the agricultural advantages of the state. Missouri is too grand a state, and contains too many bright and promising young men, to tolerate any longer, such an expensive failure as this. The curators of the state university, fully realizing this failure, have undertaken recently to remove these complaints by reorganizing the agricultural department. It remains, however, to be seen just how much these changes will improve the future condition of this branch of our public institutions. We agree, in the main, with our exchanges that a seperation is demanded, and that the agricultursl farm ought to be sold, but we differ with some of them how the proceeds should be re-invested. We think they should be re-invested in some of the rich alluvial soils in Chariton county, near some of our flourishing towns, if they really desire to see the college and farm succeed in after years.

ONE of the several physicians who were on the stand as an expert witness in the case of Ahalt against Townsend, on trial in the Shelby county circuit court at Shelbyville last week, was asked his opinion about the injury Ahalt had received, and he refused to give it, saying his opinion was his "stock in trade," and he would not give it unless he was paid for it. The bar and the judge seemed set back by the novelty of the case; the judge declared that it was the first time the question had been raised in his court, but, after some reasoning about the reserved rights of witnesses, decided that the doctor need not answer the question, so the doctor stood triumphant.

THE county courts of Carroll and Ray counties are considering a proposition to drain some of the numerous lakes on the border between the two counties. The enterprise is commendable, and if successful would reclaim some of the most valuable lands in the state at comparatively trivial cost.

ARTIE MCDANIEL, near Columbia, in Boone county, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday morning of last week. Indeed for a time it was feared that the little fellow would not recover. While at Mrs. Lackland's, a neighbor, about 11 o'clock with his mother, Artie, who is not three years old, was playing in the yard. His mother missed him and, with that keen instinct of mother love that detects danger at the slightest appearance, went in search of him. He could not be found for some time. A misplaced board on a well called attention to the danger there and on investigation the child was found floating on the water which nearly filled the well. He had fallen in but strangely and fortunately did not sink. Assistance was hurriedly summoned and the baby rescued. When taken out Artie was chilled almost lifeless. By the most strenuous efforts he was restored to consciousness and Thursday, barring his paleness, the boy was all right again. It was a close call from a watery grave, however, and frightened his relatives beyond expression.

LAST Thursday, sheriff Crigler, of Howard county, and sheriff Dameron of Randolph, in company with the sheriff of Carroll county, went to a hut a short distance from Carrollton to capture Turk Williams, the negro who murdered Ben Gooch last fall in Howard county. The cabin was adjacent to and separated from woods by a wire fence. Turk spied the officers as they went riding up through an opening and made a polite bow and took to his heels, he was hotly pursued by the officers, who fired several shots at him, but to no avail. He would have been captured had it not been for the wire fence, which obstructed the pursuit of the officers.

WEBSTER P. JACKSON was hanged in the court house yard at Herman, Gasconade county, Missouri, on Friday morning of last week. Early in the morning he received the holy sacrament of baptism from Rev. Father Ambrosius, of the Catholic Church at that place. He then took leave of his mother, who had been with him nearly every day during the last month, showing no emotion whatever. At their parting he handed her a letter, with the request that she should not read it until after his death. The death warrant was then read to him, and he listened to the reading in a quiet manner. When asked if he had anything to say, or if he desired to say anything while on the gallows, he said he had nothing more to say. He walked from the jail to the gallows, which was erected in an inclosure on the north side of the court house, with a firm step, and when the rope was adjusted moved forward to the proper place on the trap without any perceptible halting in his movements.

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THE Hon. J. T. Child, United States consul at Siam during Cleveland's administration, arrived at his home in Richmond last week, and was given a grand reception by his old friends and neighbors. Col. Childs was formerly editor of the Richmond *Conservator*, and was distinguished as a brilliant and elegant writer.

STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENT WOLFE is being severely lampooned through the public journals, and just at present, by many experienced teachers throughout the state. Their ire has been provoked, it seems, by his recent tampering with the school law. They are protesting vigorously against being required to employ their usual vacation in hard study at county institutes.

THE meeting of the Republican leagues at Cincinnati last week developed beyond peradventure that President Harrison is not in it. None was so poor as to do his name homage. How truly Ingalls spoke when he declared that it remained for Harrison to render Hayes' administration respectable by comparison. The name of James G. Blaine brought the house down.

A SCHEME is on foot to revive the St. Joseph *Ballot*. It is said in newspaper circles that Col. Wm. Hyde has interested $10,000 of St. Joseph capital into the revival enterprise and that the balance of the capital comes from St. Louis. Just what the amount of the capital stock is to be cannot be learned at this time. The men in St. Joseph, headed by ex-Senator R. T. Davis, have each subscribed $1,000. The *Ballot* will be a morning paper as formerly.

IN almost every daily paper can be heard the caw of the English free trade Cobden club making some snarl at the McKinley bill. The Cobden club has a proxy in this country which goes by the name of Democratic party by common consent.—*Carrollton Republican.*

Yes, the "consent" is so "common" that there are scarcely Republicans enough left to point out the seat disgraced by Czar Reed. Funny, too.

U. S. HALL, president of the Farmers' allance in Missouri, is opposed to the third party movement, and declares that he will not issue a call to send delegates from this state to Cincinnati in May. He believes that the alliance can make its influence more effective in controlling nominations and in confining its work to the several states than by attempting to run the government in the interest of a special class, and he is right.

THERE was another riot in the Pennsylvania coke region Tuesday and the Hungarians and Poles are thirsting for American blood. Several of them were shot down by the police regulators and the situation is serious.—*Carrollton Republican.*

Off wrong, the strikers are not after "American blood," but American dollars promised by Republican protective-tariff for the protection of American labor against the competition of these "pauper" "Hungarians and Poles." Is not the spectacle reassuring to the "protected" American laborer, Mr. *Republican?*

SECRETARY TRACY has seen fit to give a contract for armor plates, amounting to between three and four million dollars, to the firm of Carnegie, Phipps & Co. without advertising, without competition, and on private terms, except that the public has been informed in a general way that the terms are about the same as those fixed by the contract with the Bethlehem company, which contract was awarded after advertising for proposals and is now four years old. Whether the prices of 1887 are reasonable for 1891 is a point on which we trust that the house of represenatives next winter will insist on having some fuller information. We cannot conceive of a greater scandal than the giving of such a huge contract without competition, especially as the head of the firm is a gentleman who has conferred favors on Secretary Blaine, and is reputed to be a liberal contributor to the Republican campaign fund. The contract having been given to Carnegie, Phipps & Co., they have purchased the machinery required by it in Scotland, the country where Mr. Carnegie is wont to spend the money he makes in America by means of American tariff laws. On April 14, 130 tons of this Scotch machinery arrived in New York. The Pittsburgh *Post* of the 16th says: "The fact that it was necessary for the firm to go to Scotland for machinery when there are hundreds of machine shops in this country is exciting considerable comment."—*National Democrat.*

S. T. WEEDEN, a prosperous farmer living in the northern part of Monroe county, was found dead in his pasture early Tuesday morning of last week, where he had gone to look after some stock. He had evidently been dead several hours when his lifeless form was discovered. His death is supposed to have been caused by a stroke of apoloplexy, as he had been complaining of his head for several days.