

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Try to Forget, Canada. Never mind, Canada. Neither you nor our people will care where that boundary line is 20 years from now.

Where Life Is Cheap. Life in Serbia is very cheap. The highest sum paid to any of the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga was only \$10,000.

The Properties Valored. If Dan Patch and Major Delmar had any idea of property and courtesy they would not persist in their efforts to snatch the blue ribbon from Lou Dillon.

Cleveland's Boy. Grover Cleveland wants his boy to be a bridge builder, rather than a politician. A politician may be all right, however, until he acquires a taste for the machine business.

The Army and Yellow Fever. We found no difficulty in stamping out yellow fever in Cuba, but can't do it among ourselves. This is because we let the army do it for Cuba. Military government has many good points.

Evolution of the Farmer. It is estimated that 500,000 farmers have telephones in their houses. The old idea of the farmer as a man who whittled pine sticks and chewed tobacco is disappearing. The successful farmer to-day must be a business man.

Bubbles and Things. The water in a soap bubble one foot in diameter is about one drop. A financial bubble of \$100,000,000 may contain \$99,000,000 water, and \$250,000,000 may contain \$250,000,000 water. It is possible, however, to dispense with everything but the first if a little assurance is mixed with the water.

Too Many Freak Professors. While the other universities and colleges of the country show a healthy increase of attendance this fall, it is reported from the University of Chicago that the enrollment there is 25 per cent below that of last year at this time. Standard Old money and freak professors seem to be working together to place Chicago university in a class by itself.

More Trouble for the Poor. It is said that Edison is about to put on the market a charging machine which will enable anyone of ordinary means to run an automobile. Hitherto it has been a godsend to the poor that they could not own an automobile. Only the rich were killed or maimed. Now it seems as if discrimination will no longer be made and the opportunity for self-destruction is to be open to all.

Good Policy to Follow. Benjamin L. Winchell, the new traffic manager of the great Rock Island-Frisco railroad interests, and Howard Elliott, the new president of the Northern Pacific, came up from the ranks on merit. They pursued the policy of always doing a little more than they were actually required to do, and of doing it well. No boy who adopts that policy will have to hunt for a job; the jobs will always be hunting him.

Not Sure of Decent Burial. During the last ten months no less than 44 trusts with New Jersey charters have been placed in the hands of receivers, and, though they had an aggregate "authorized" capital of over \$80,000,000 and had contrived to get trusted for more than \$17,250,000, diligent search has so far been able to discover among them all scarcely more than \$1,600,000 of assets, which makes the lawyers and receivers wonder where they are going to get the money decently to lay out and bury the corpses.

Yielding to Temptation. One of the saddest instances of yielding to temptation known for many a day is the fall of the superintendent of the foreign mail branch of the New York post office. He had been in the service for almost 30 years and had worked his way up to an important and responsible position. After so extended a term of loyal and valuable labors he was detected in stealing money from letters. He was trusted so thoroughly that the evidence of his guilt amazed everybody who knew him.

Mr. Ware is Unfeeling. That was a cold, hard dictum of Pension Commissioner Ware that "no man can be loaded on to this office because he can't make a living on the outside." Col. Ware's careless disregard of practical politics is shocking. It is really distressing. If his ideas should gain a foothold and finally prevail, it will be compulsory on thousands of persons—totally unfitted for it, too—to go to work. This will be nothing less than a personal disaster. Col. Ware may be persuaded to modify this dictum.

Average Marriage Age. The average marriage age for men does not differ materially in countries which keep accurate marriage records. It is highest, 31 years, in Sweden, and lowest in the United States, 26 1/2. Among women it is also highest in Sweden, 28 years, and lowest in Russia, 22 years. Some countries fix a minimum marriage age, below which a marriage cannot be lawfully performed. In most parts of Germany it is fixed at 21 for the bridegroom and 18 for the bride. In England it is 16 and 15 respectively.

Wonderful Postal Service. The postal service of Alaska in embryo is a wonder. Mail steamers leave the Pacific coast daily, bringing bags from Sitka, Skagway, Nome and other points by all manner of means—wagons, dog sleds, etc. Russian reindeer carry the mails over frozen lakes and snow-covered hills with remarkable rapidity. The highest salaried postal official in the world serves in Alaska. He is paid \$25,000 a year for carrying the mail fortnightly to Fort Yukon, providing his own dogs and sleds for the purpose.

DEAD IN A WRECK.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker, of Salvation Army Fame, One of Victims.

Santa Fe Train Ran Into an Open Switch at Dean Lake, Mo., 85 Miles from Kansas City—The Injured Number 16.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29.—The east-bound train No. 2 from California on the Santa Fe railway which left Kansas City at six o'clock last night was wrecked at 9:10 o'clock at Dean Lake, Mo., 85 miles east of Kansas City and about midway between Carrollton and Marcelline. Information given by officials of the company at Topeka said that two coaches were in the ditch and 16 persons badly injured. The train ran into an open switch.

Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, consul in America of the Salvation Army, wife of Commander Booth-Tucker and second daughter of William Booth, founder of the army, was reported to have been so badly injured in the wreck that she died one-half hour later. She was a passenger on the train, having taken passage from Kansas City last night for Chicago, where she was to meet Commander Booth-Tucker, her husband. The wreck occurred at the big steel water tank and the train struck the structure with such force as to move it five feet from its foundation and throw five cars from the track, completely wrecking them. The only cars escaping were the mail, express and day coaches.

AN EXCITING CHASE.

Two Convicts at Jefferson City Make a Bold Dash for Liberty but Are Soon Caught.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 29.—An exciting chase was had here yesterday on the main thoroughfare of the state capitol in an effort to capture two escaped convicts from the Missouri penitentiary. The men were taken half way between the penitentiary and the state capitol after a dozen shots had been fired at the fugitives by pursuing guards. The convicts who made the bold dash for liberty right under the noses of the guards were Bert Dawson, sent up from Kansas City last May to serve five years for grand larceny, and Harry Hammond, sent up from Greene county for 92 years for several offenses. Both men are desperate criminals, Dawson having tried to escape but a few weeks ago.

Famous Cattle-Breeder Embarrassed. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29.—Clouds of financial ruin and disaster have been hovering around the beautiful stock farm of T. F. B. Sotham, at Chillicothe, Mo., some time past but yesterday they broke and the famous breeder of white-face cattle is apparently a ruined man. The news came as a thunder clap from a fair sky that immediate payment had been demanded on \$99,000 worth of indebtedness.

May Open Another Blockade. Washington, Oct. 29.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling has sent orders to the Norfolk navy yard for the cruiser Baltimore to proceed forthwith to Puerto Plata, San Domingo, to look after American interests at that blockaded port. The Baltimore should arrive at her destination by Tuesday.

Boers to Have Military Display at Fair. Johannesburg, Oct. 29.—The Boers in South Africa and their late enemies, the English residents, have formed a syndicate to exploit a spectacular military display at the St. Louis exposition next year. The plan, as outlined, is to show many of the picturesque features of the late war.

\$12,000,000 Depot for Chicago. Chicago, Oct. 29.—Chicago will have a new 12,000,000 passenger station on the west side to take the place of the infant depot as soon as the site for the gigantic structure can be cleared by workmen. It is to be built by the Pennsylvania railroad.

Doctor's Mistake Killed Child. Mattoon, Ill., Oct. 29.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Chester Welch died in this city as the result of a mistake in medicine. Dr. O. W. Ferguson, one of the oldest practitioners, administered bichloride of mercury where calomel was intended.

Sold Team and Wife for \$150. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 29.—A queer deal was consummated here when William Razer purchased a team of mules from Peter Williams for \$150 and in addition to the engine purchase Razer secured Williams's wife to boot. Razer is said to be an ex-convict.

St. Louis Express Drivers Strike. St. Louis, Oct. 28.—Drivers of all express companies to the number of 400, went out on strike yesterday because the demands of the Pacific Express company's employes for a wage increase of ten per cent. has not been granted.

\$150,000 Fire at Aberdeen, Wash. Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 29.—Fire at Aberdeen destroyed the Commercial block, containing seven stores and the post office. The fire was confined to that block. Loss, \$150,000.

A Mob Shoots a Negro. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 29.—While attempting to secure her husband, who lived near Jennings, Fla., a mob shot to death Jennie McCall, a negro, Tuesday night. A posse is reported to be in pursuit of the assassins.

How the Top of His Head Off. Lawton, Ok., Oct. 29.—D. D. Downing, townsite manager at Manitow, committed suicide at that place early yesterday morning by blowing the top of his head off with a revolver. The deed is attributed to drinking.

Troops Killed Hibian Strikers. Bilbao, Spain, Oct. 29.—During fighting which took place in the streets here five strikers were killed and a large number were wounded. The troops are guarding the banks and public buildings and are occupying strategic positions throughout the city, in order to prevent the massing of strikers.

Universalists' Convention Adjourns. Washington, Oct. 29.—The general convention of the Universalist church adjourned yesterday. The main features of the session were a praise meeting and a number of addresses.

PANIC IN ST. LOUIS.

Thousands of Depositors, Apparently Without Reason, Withdrew Money from Trust Companies—Aid from Uncle Sam.

St. Louis, Oct. 29.—Long before ten o'clock a. m., the hour of opening, lines of depositors stretched away from the closed doors of the Mississippi Valley Trust company, the Lincoln Trust company, and the Mercantile Trust company. Small crowds were assembled before the doors of the other savings institutions. It was observed that most of those in line were working people and many of them women, whose savings were not heavy.

The greatest crush was before the doors of the Mercantile Trust company, on Eighth and Locust streets. At nine o'clock the doors were opened and the crowd surged in with a force that swept aside the lines of police and bank employes formed to preserve a regular line to the windows of the paying-tellers of the time and open accounts. At noon the withdrawal of daily balances from the trust companies by small depositors was decreasing and uneasiness had somewhat subsided. Nearly \$2,000,000 sent from New York. New York, Oct. 29.—St. Louis continues to make demands on this center for cash. The sum of \$600,000 was sent by telegraphic transfer from the sub-treasury and direct shipments of about the same amount were made by local banks. Another installment of \$615,000 was transferred by the sub-treasury to St. Louis in the early afternoon. Probably \$500,000 more went by direct shipment.

WILL CATTLEMEN INVEST?

New Packing Plant to Be Erected at Kansas City to Be a Co-Operative Concern.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29.—The American Dressed Beef company has been granted a charter at Guthrie, Ok., and it is announced that the company intends to erect and operate a \$250,000 dollar packing house in Kansas City for slaughtering cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry. The incorporators named in the charter are Charles E. McSweeney, William J. Thomson, both of Wyandotte, Kan., and G. V. Pattison, of Guthrie. Charles E. McSweeney was formerly a salesman for the Armour Packing company. He said he could not disclose the names of the real promoters of the packing enterprise.

"For some time," he said, "plans have been under consideration to interest heavy cattle-raisers west of the 100th meridian in a plant where their stock can be slaughtered by some company of which they form a part and from which they will derive some of the benefits now accruing to the great packers. It is believed, too, that we can afterward interest jobbers who will find it good policy to handle our products. We expect, by introducing modern methods and new ideas, to make the packing more economical than it now is."

SOLDIER SAVED HIS LIFE.

Three Natives Made Marducous Assault Upon Prince Galtzin, Governor General of Russian Transcaucasia.

Tiflis, Oct. 29.—Prince Galtzin, governor general of the Caucasus, had a narrow escape from assassination on the outskirts of the town. Three natives stabbed the governor general three times. They fled but were subsequently shot down by Cossacks. Prince Galtzin was driving with his wife when the would-be assassins rushed upon the carriage, daggers in hand. Two seized the governor general and attempted to drag him from the vehicle, while the third man inflicted two ugly wounds in the prince's head and a third cut on the hand. A Cossack who was in attendance on the prince threw himself upon the assailants. While a hand-to-hand fight was in progress the carriage was driven off at a gallop.

On Same Farm 75 Years.

Shelbyville, Ill., Oct. 29.—Joseph Monroe, a lineal descendant of President James Monroe, and the oldest resident of Shelbyville, is dead, at the age of 98 years. The farm on which he died was purchased by him from the government 75 years ago. Monroe has been married three times, on each occasion espousing sisters.

In Quest of English Fortune. Fort Scott, Kan., Oct. 29.—Harry Vain, a carpenter of this city, left for the old home of his parents in England, where, he has been informed, there is a fortune of \$50,000,000 awaiting him and his relatives. There are about 40 heirs to the estate, most of whom are residents of England.

Taken from Jail and Flogged. Excelsior Springs, Mo., Oct. 29.—"Bill" Evans and Preston McCorkle, two prisoners in the city jail here, were taken out last night and flogged by whites. Evans had been stealing from his grandmother.

800 World's Fair Workers Quit. St. Louis, Oct. 29.—Eight hundred laborers, members of the Laborers' Protective union, have quit work at the world's fair in response to an order from union leaders.

A Factory Gutted by Fire. Leominster, Mass., Oct. 29.—Four women received serious burns and bruises and 60 other employes narrowly escaped with their lives yesterday from a fire that gutted the factory of the Columbia Comb company, manufacturers of celluloid goods.

A Schooner Goss on the Rocks. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29.—The schooner Wempe Brothers, of San Francisco, went on the rocks off Vancouver island in a dense fog and is reported to be a complete loss. The crew was picked up by the tug Wanderer.

Wanted to Lynch the Man. Newton, N. J., Oct. 29.—George Jaggers was lodged in jail yesterday charged with the murder of Mrs. Victor E. Evans at Peter's Valley last Friday. Twenty deputy sheriffs guarded the jail to prevent a threatened lynching. Over 1,000 persons surrounded the jail last night.

Erie Railroad Boilermakers Strike. Susquehanna, Pa., Oct. 29.—The boilermakers in the entire system of the Erie railroad struck yesterday because of the discharge of men in all the shops of the company.

BURNED A "JOINT."

Anger of Dodson, Mo., Citizens Found Vent in the Torch.

Mob of 25 Composing the Law and Order League Surrounded and Poured Kerosene Liberally on the Building and Applied the Fire.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28.—A mob of 25 or 30 persons, supposed to be members of a Law and Order league of Washington township and anti-saloon sympathizers, burned to the ground a "joint" at Dodson, Mo., between two and three o'clock Tuesday morning. The building was occupied by F. F. McReynolds. The mob believed he was in the building. Its members surrounded the "joint," armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols. They poured kerosene liberally on the frame structure and applied a torch to it. The building and its contents were totally destroyed. The burning of the building follows a bitter fight which the Law and Order league has been making on the "joints" of Washington township. McReynolds was not in the building at the time. Several days ago his wife was warned that the building was to be burned. They lived in the upper story and she became frightened and moved to Kansas City. McReynolds locked up the place and followed her last Saturday.

Several "joints" in the township have been closed and their keepers arrested. McReynolds' "joint" was opposite the dummy line station at Dodson. He sold "hop tea," which is a low grade of beer, containing about two per cent. of alcohol.

UNIVERSALISTS' CONVENTION.

Strong Action Taken on the Divorce Question—A Uniform National Law Recommended.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The general convention of the Universalist church yesterday chose Minneapolis for the meeting in 1905. Strong action was taken by the convention on the divorce question. It unanimously passed a resolution recording its unqualified belief in the sacred relation of marriage; condemning the evil of hasty and ill-considered marriages and expressing its grave concern over the multiplication of divorces and the breaking down of the home life. The resolution enjoined on the ministers of the church the utmost care in performing the marriage ceremony and ordered rigid investigation into the case of the re-marriage of any divorced person "in order that none but the innocent should have the service of the ministry." It also strongly recommended a uniform national divorce law.

MONEY SCARE IN ST. LOUIS.

A Run Made on the Savings Departments of Three Banks Without Visible Effect.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—From shortly before one o'clock until the closing hour, three o'clock, yesterday, runs were made in the savings departments of three banks in St. Louis and at the same time more than the ordinary amount of withdrawals by savings depositors were noticeable in the other banking institutions. The run, so far as it can be traced, was started by a disquieting rumor from the outside that seemed to strike St. Louis shortly after noon, to the effect that the savings institutions here were unsound, and, like a prairie fire, it spread in a flash through the streets and different mercantile establishments, whose employes represent the majority of savings depositors.

SELLING THE BLAIR HORSES.

His Stables the Finest in St. Louis—The Accused Man Said to Be Near Death's Door.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—James L. Blair's physicians continue their desperate fight for his life. With all the chances against his recovery, three doctors are working with him constantly, encouraging every faint spark of returning vitality and battling grimly against every discouraging symptom. President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, states that all relations between James L. Blair, former general counsel of the corporation and the exposition were at an end. Mrs. Blair has begun the sale of the magnificent horses and carriages which made the Blair stables the finest in the vicinity.

SALIDA HAS A PROTEST.

Colorado City Thinks Private Interests Are Behind the Setting Aside of Public Lands There.

Salida, Col., Oct. 28.—At a mass meeting of citizens of this, Chaffee county, resolutions were adopted protesting against the general land office at Washington setting aside public lands adjacent to this city as a part of the San Isabel forest reserve. The land in question is rich mineral and agricultural land and the charge is made that private interests are seeking to have the land reserved to their own gain.

Dan Patch's Wonderful Half Mile. Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Dan Patch (1:56 1/4), champion of the world, Tuesday afternoon set a new record for half a mile pacing, making the distance in 56 flat, thus clipping a second and a half from the best previous record made by Prince Alert at the Providence, R. I., track last Saturday.

Dead from Eating Canned Meats. Arapahoe, Ok., Oct. 28.—H. O. Monk, aged 59, was killed as the result of eating "embalmed" beef. Mrs. Cisse Bland is supposed to be fatally poisoned by eating canned salmon.

Too Sick to Get Away. Wichita, Kan., Oct. 28.—Ralph and Roy Martin, federal prisoners, convicted of cutting open a mailsack, escaped from the county jail here by digging through the wall. They were recaptured within a few hours, one of them being too sick to get away.

Two Blocks Burned in Kingsbridge. New York, Oct. 28.—Twenty houses, including stores and private residences, were destroyed last night in a fire that swept over two city blocks in Kingsbridge, at the upper end of Manhattan island.

RESULTS OF IRRIGATION.

Experiment Station at Columbia Has Been Demonstrating the Value of Artificial Moisture.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 22.—The result of experiments in irrigation carried on by the Missouri experiment station shows that irrigation can be carried on with as much profit in Missouri by orchardists and gardeners as in the western states, where irrigation is necessary to profitable farming. The results of irrigation on strawberries was so remarkable that a special report of the experiments is making by H. J. Waters, dean of the agricultural department of the University of Missouri and director of the Missouri experiment station. The experiments were carried on in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture.

A comparison of the fruit production of the strawberry plants on irrigated and unirrigated plots showed that the production of irrigated plants was far superior to the unirrigated plants, the per cent. of increase varied from 151 to 874 per cent., several varieties of plants being used, which are affected in different degrees by moisture or drought.

As Missouri now produces a large amount of strawberries, last year's crop, amounting to \$849,258, the effect of irrigation, if put into general use in the state, would be to place it in the lead among states which grow the strawberry. The increased production with irrigation would amount to more than \$5,000,000 annually.

In making these experiments great pains were taken to insure a normal condition and, with the exception of irrigation, the irrigated and unirrigated plants received exactly the same treatment. The soil on which the experiments were made was a fertile, heavy clay, about 12 inches deep, underlaid with a stiff retentive clay subsoil. This land is inclined to bake after a rain and is very retentive of moisture, but does not yield it readily beyond a certain limit to growing crops. Both the irrigated and unirrigated plots had good surface drainage.

The matted row system of growing strawberries is the common one in Missouri, and the berries used in this experiment were grown in this manner. The rows were four feet apart and originally the plants were approximately 14 inches apart in the row, but had been allowed to fill the space between so as to form a solid band of plants from 12 to 18 inches wide, leaving a vacant space between the rows about 30 inches wide. In these vacant spaces water was run under a uniform flow about six inches deep. At the lower end of the irrigated plot a cross-ditch carried the surface water away, preventing the wetting of the check plots.

The portion of the strawberry field of the station under experiment embraced six rows about 200 feet in length, each row being a separate variety and including some of the leading varieties grown in this state. The irrigated plot was the central section of these rows, the check plots being at each end. As soon after the application of water as the ground was dry enough all the plots were thoroughly cultivated. Thus, in every respect except irrigation, the plots received precisely the same treatment throughout the season.

With a thrifty growth of plants in the latter part of the season the strawberry grower is generally assured of a good crop the following spring. The experiments were to ascertain whether or not this growth could be produced by irrigation. The results show that the good late season growth may be secured.

The percentage of increase on irrigated plants was very high. The Gandy showed the greatest increase, the per cent. being 874, the irrigated plant producing 276 crates to the acre, while the unirrigated plant produced only 28 crates. This represents an increased value of \$434.52.

The Burbank, by watering, was caused to make an increase in yield of 205 crates an acre, representing a value of \$359.62. The Aroma—the leading commercial variety in Missouri—responded to the watering with an increased growth of 237 crates per acre, valued at \$435.72. The Clyde made an increased yield under irrigation of 189 crates per acre, amounting to \$331.45.

The Ridgeway is regarded as being a great drought resistant, but while this variety produced a paying crop—25 crates per acre where not irrigated—yet it was caused to yield 221 crates per acre by being watered, this increased yield representing a cash value of \$387.63.

Dr. Waters in his report to the United States department of agriculture says: "These results were due to water being applied at the right time; in mid and late summer when the crowns are storing up food material and the fruiting buds are being matured preparatory to opening out early the next season. It is the habit of the strawberry to form its fruit buds on season and thus be ready to open them and ripen the fruit quickly the following season."

Sentenced to Fifty Years for Murder. St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 24.—William Matzinger, aged 23, member of a good family, was last night sentenced to prison for 50 years for the murder of Miss Alta May Gallimore two months ago. The couple had been seen together and quarreled.

Kirkville Federal Building. Kirkville, Mo., Oct. 24.—The contract for constructing the federal post office here, including plumbing, heating, lighting and conditua, was awarded to a St. Louis firm for \$29,880.

Missouri Stockmen Want \$100,000. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24.—At a meeting of live stock breeders of Missouri at the Midland hotel it was decided to ask the Missouri world's fair commission for \$100,000 to be expended in awards for Missouri live stock at the world's fair.

Cholera at Bethlehem Stamped Out. Jerusalem, Oct. 24.—The outbreak of cholera at Bethlehem, which was reported October 17, has been stamped out and the cordon of troops which has been drawn around the city has been removed.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Cole Younger has quit the show business for good and is in Texas.

At a special election in Montgomery county the "six-mile" road law was adopted. Elijah Pryor, aged 68, is dead at Metz, Vernon county. He was born in that county.

Hotel facilities in Kansas City are wholly inadequate for the crowds and the newspapers are urging that a few more big structures be erected. An indignation meeting was held in the chapel of William Jewell college at Liberty over the treatment received by the college football team at Fulton.

At Blackburn, Saline county, "Hunch" Lewis and Charles Wright, negroes, were paying attention to the same girl. Lewis became jealous and put a permanent "quietus" on his rival by shooting him.

William Ware, a farmer of Livingston county, is dead from injuries received by being thrown from a bucking broncho. Ware struck the ground in such a manner as to bring on paralysis, which resulted in his death 20 days after the accident.

Mrs. Ed Mead and Mrs. Bert Coffman, wives of the Frisco engineers who lost their lives in a wreck at Everton, Mo., have settled with the company for \$2,500 each in cash. The lawyers advised them to sue for damages. They conducted their own negotiations with the claim agent.

Excelsior Springs visitors who drive out to the Samuels farm say that Frank James has turned farmer in earnest. He is living on the farm with Mrs. Samuels, his mother, and a few days ago a party that drove out to the farm, about eight miles west of Excelsior Springs, found the former bandit plowing.

Circuit Attorney Folk addressed the students of Missouri university at Columbia the other night. He was introduced by Walter Williams, the well-known editor, as one "who, making the noble motto of the state his own in public service, unswayed by passion, undeterred by fear, careless of personal consequence," had done his duty.

The board of home and foreign missions of the Baptist General Association of Missouri last year raised \$24,500. The board of state missions reports 3,900 baptisms by its missionaries. It has 130 men employed, and has spent \$19,000. The next meeting will be held in Chillicothe in October, 1904. The amount secured for ministerial education at William Jewell college was \$1,565. The Baptist orphans' home secured \$1,450.

Homer Goldstein, of Joplin, fell into the earth while driving near Belleville last Sunday. As he was driving near an open mine shaft he observed that the earth was cracking about him. It was too late for him to turn back, and he gave his horse the whip. In a moment he, his horse and his buggy, were at the bottom of a cave-in 40 feet deep and 100 feet in diameter. Goldstein received a sprained ankle. His horse was not hurt, but he lost his buggy.

Rev. David Hogan, of Vernon county, must pretty nearly hold the belt in Missouri as a marrying parson. He wedded his 1,007th couple near Deerfield last week. Rev. Hogan is 92 years old. He first came from Tennessee to Missouri in 1832, and has lived in this state constantly since 1859. He has been a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church since 1835, and delivered the first sermon ever preached in Vernon county in an old building which was used for several years as a schoolhouse, church and courthouse.

For many years ex-Senator George G. Vest has spent his summers at West Springs. He was talking a few days before he recently left that place for St. Louis of the way in which he happened to select it for his summer home. "Fifty-eight years ago," he said, "I came here deer hunting. At that time the forest was undergrowth with chaparral, traversed with paths of deer which came here for salt. In three days I, with two companions, killed 24 deer in this vicinity. The forest abounded in game of all sorts and many hunters and settlers camped about here. I got into the habit of coming here and built the first cottage in this park."

Word comes from St. Louis that James L. Blair finds his troubles in "undigested securities" and in this he is not alone, as many of his neighbors are. The Blair fortune of \$300,000 is said to have gone up in speculative smoke, and in addition the grand jury is making inquiries. It is guessed off-hand that St. Louis has been hit harder than any city in the country. The exposition boom, the Frisco, Rock Island merger and a few local things, whetted the speculative appetite and real nice men, "goody goody things," got far from Sunday school and have been trimmed up quite proper. Suicides, failures, defalcations and all sorts of trouble are predicted for St. Louis owing to this condition.

The big battleship Missouri, which made a new speed record for the world in its class last week, is Missourian in more than name. A large percentage of the men who manned the celebrated ship during its speed trial were recruited from the state.

Representative Hubert S. Kronck, of St. Louis, is making a vigorous campaign for the democratic nomination for attorney general, to succeed E. C. Crow.

Mathew Clarkin, an employe of the Kansas City fire department, had his young son sent to the workhouse for incorrigibility.

The government is to construct a dam at the head of the Bay de Charles, north of Hannibal, so as to cut off the water in the bay while the river levee is in progress.

Abner Stagner, 70 years of age, an old settler of Vernon county and fox hunting sport, with a state reputation, was taken ill while on a chase and died in less than an hour. Seventy years ago last week the Missouri state temperance convention met in Columbia and elected Edward Bates, afterwards Lincoln's attorney general, its president and David Todd its secretary.

Enterprise and Caution.

"I shall get there," quoth Enterprise, confidently. "Where?" asked Caution. "Here Enterprise bestowed a withering look upon her inquiring friend. "As to that I know nothing," she replied, haughtily, "further than that when get there it will be somewhere else."—Detroit Free Press.

Neggy—"Aren't those baggage men destructive cusses?" Waggy—"I should say so. They treat a trunk as if it were a promise and they were the sultan of Turkey."—Baltimore American.

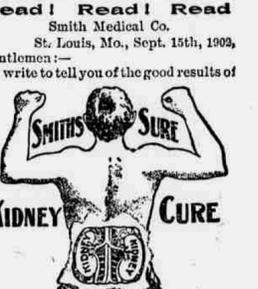


Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., escaped the surgeon's knife, by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life. I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation. I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for two weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now."

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