

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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HAVING exhausted the criminal calendar, Pat Crowe has now turned temperance lecturer and preacher and will work the confidence game for a change.

THE old familiar headline, "Drowned While Skating," has made its annual appearance in the newspapers and will be on duty every day now for about three months.

THE Brookfield newspaper that boasted of the value of its advertising space over the papers of Laclede, Linneus and Meadville ought not to have run that half column dead ad. in the same issue. It looked bad.

THE man who has the "mon" doesn't always get there in politics these days. It cost John C. McKinley only \$1,905.78 to win the republican nomination for United States senator over Col. R. C. Kerns who put up \$20,000.

THE republicans who were so anxious to see Folk beat Stone that they not only voted for Folk but voted for democratic candidates for the legislature now have time to reflect on the evil of following false gods while Bill Stone walks off with the plum.

FOR many years Missouri has been, politically, out of line with Washington, and the result has not been satisfactory. The plumb line hangs clear now and Missouri and Washington will stand together for for years, at least, and for many more years probably.

CARRIE NATION is a harmless crank when compared with the gang of religious fanatics who undertook to exterminate the police force of Kansas City last Monday. Just how far to allow anarchists and other criminals to go under the cloak of religion and temperance is becoming a serious question in this country.

MISSOURI needs the industrial protection which will develop her mines, build factories in her cities and towns, keep the wheels going round and keep labor employed and make the plow pay. Democratic free trade ideas will never accomplish such results, and Champ Clark might just as well take notice now as later on.

THE crumbling and decay of the democratic party was never more forcibly demonstrated than in the position it occupies in Missouri at this time. A few years ago when the democratic ticket was nominated it was only a question as to how far the majority would go above 50,000. Today they are bending every effort to count in a candidate for lieutenant governor on "amended" return.

THE forty-seventh annual meeting of the Missouri state teachers' association will be held at Kansas City, December 29, 30, 31. An excellent program has been prepared and in this program the rural teacher, the grade teacher, the high school teacher and principal, the superintendent, the normal teacher, the college and university professor—in fact, all teachers of every rank in the state—will find something of vital interest and importance.

### A Good Time to Come In

The republican party has a glorious record in the past and a golden opportunity in the future. It never grows old because it is always in touch with new ideas, new impulses and new conditions. It keeps

young by keeping busy.

That party is now leading in Missouri. It will not retreat. It will stay at the front. Young men who want to see their state go forward, and older men who are weary of the political conditions created by the defeated democracy, have opportunity now to become active and useful in the new order of things. They can join our young governor and his aggressive lieutenants in setting Missouri forward. They can be, like him, more patriotic than partisan; more devoted to development than to democracy; more concerned about the weal of the people than the welfare of politicians.

That is the spirit of the incoming state administration. It is to be a republican administration because the governor is a republican and because his official appointees will be republicans; but it will be a clean, fair and honest administration because he is clean, fair and honest, and will have none but clean, fair and honest men under him as the chief executive. As his party is in power in the national government, his state will be in line with the policies of the national administration, and in position to share in the prestige of that administration.

### After the Battle

BY M. A. GUILLES.

A soldier of free silver  
Lay dying on the plains;  
The crimson tide was ebbing  
From his populist veins.  
A comrade knelt beside him  
To wipe the gore away,  
And also, incidentally,  
To hear what he might say.  
This modern warrior blubbered  
As he said in accents low:  
"Like all my former issues,  
From this land I soon shall go;  
"But I would send a message  
To distant friends of mine,  
For I was born at Salem,  
Near the Indiana line.  
"I hoped to beat Bill Taft—  
Of that there is no doubt;  
But alas! I wasn't in it,  
When the votes were counted out.  
"Tell Mack I hope his railroad bonds  
May comfort his old age,  
For I was but a 'molly-coddle'  
Who thought himself a rage.  
"Tell him that his predictions,  
Which gave me so much hope,  
Were just the thinnest coating  
O'er a mammoth lump of dope.  
"Tell Gompers that the labor vote  
He promised to deliver  
Has sent a chill all through my  
spine  
And landed in my liver.  
"And my bank guarantee  
That I thought was a-winning  
Has taken from me  
My last underpinning.  
"I tackled Taft's injunction;  
I thought it just the trick;  
But now I understand  
'Twas his solar plexus lick.  
"Send word to Hearst and Haskell  
I to them this message send,  
That h—l is lit with coal oil  
And is ready now for them.  
"It makes me feel so gloomy,  
With all that I have said,  
For Taft to go to Washington  
With grand and noble tread.  
"The people have commissioned me,  
Yes, with a mighty boost,  
To eat old crow and 'possum  
'Way up in Buzzards' Roost.  
"And now, dear brother demies,  
You who've long been wanting  
pie,  
There is nothing you will get  
And I guess you know the why.  
"And now, my dear old donkey,  
Don't you utter once a bray,  
For the people—they do rule—  
And we're landed here to stay."  
A stitch in time saves nine, and  
nine stitches save the whole sock.

# TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Do you want a nice farm or city property. See Jones & Rankin.

That new stock of jewelry at Love's is going fast. Better drop in and make your purchase for Christmas right away.

The high school is rehearsing a play to be given at the opera house in the near future, the exact date to be announced in THE BLADE next week.

Rev. L. C. Truex will preach Sunday morning and evening at Baptist church. Morning subject: "How to be Happy in Him;" evening: "Fire from Heaven." All are invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander, who now lives on a farm northeast of Laclede, are to enter the hotel business again, having traded a piece of residence property in Brookfield for the "Q" hotel. They expect to take charge of the hotel in March.

An oyster supper and social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Frazier on route three last Saturday night complimentary to their son Bert, who was absent from home during the summer, being employed in the paint department of the Burlington. A number of young people of the neighborhood were present and a delightful evening was spent.

J. Q. Lewis and C. E. Goosey will hold a joint public sale at Mr. Goosey's home three miles southwest of Laclede next Tuesday. They were in Kansas last week and while there Mr. Lewis bought two farms near Walnut. After returning home Mr. Goosey sold the 80 acre farm where he now lives to L. Eichman and returned to Kansas Tuesday with the expectation of buying near Walnut.

More than half a hundred Woodmen were out to the regular meeting of Laclede camp last Wednesday night and an unusual amount of important business was transacted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Emil Brandahl, consul; Harry Landree, advisor; J. Clair Lomax, clerk; J. Q. Aber, banker; W. S. Gates, escort; Carlos C. Anderson, watchman; E. B. Skulley, sentry; A. J. Caywood, member of board of managers; Drs. Z. T. Standly and F. W. Burke, physicians. The new officers will be installed the first meeting in January. A committee was appointed to work in connection with a committee from the Royal Neighbor camp to arrange for an oyster supper to be given at the hall on next Friday night, December 18. The supper is to be a public affair and everybody is invited and will be welcome.

Margaret Ann Moss was born in Lee county, Virginia, November 30, 1835, and died at the home of her sister in Laclede December 5, 1908. She moved with her parents to Missouri in early childhood and was married to Chrisman Lewis June 3, 1859. To this union were born three daughters, two of whom died in childhood; one, Mrs. Oeta A. Runyon, of Fairmount Park, Kansas City, survives her. She and her husband settled and lived on their farm two and one-half miles northeast of Brookfield. Mr. Lewis died May 5, 1893, and about one year later Mrs. Lewis moved to Brookfield and made her home with her daughter until 1906, since which time she has made her home with her sister, Miss Sarah Moss. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Powell at the M. E. church and her remains laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery December 7, 1908.

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