

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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## THE VOICE OF THE PRESS.

The Herald favors the building of the new state capitol. Let's vote right in August—DeKalb Co. Herald.

This paper thinks that \$3,500,000 is enough to erect and furnish a new capitol, hence favors voting aye on August 1st.—St. Clair Democrat.

The proposition of rebuilding the state capitol at Jefferson City is to be voted upon in August and should carry by a handsome majority.—Columbia Daily Tribune.

The state is now entirely without a capitol building and it has to have one. Every voter should feel a pride in sanctioning the proposition to erect a state house in keeping with the full requirement and dignity of "Imperial Missouri." The proposition to be submitted in August ought to easily carry—Missouri Cash Book.

Voters throughout the state should organize and carry the three and a half million dollar proposition for a new capitol.—Mexico Ledger.

Let's rebuild the state capitol at Jefferson City and issue three and a half million dollars in bonds therefor.—Mexico Intelligencer.

Nearly all the leading men of both political parties, including public officials, believe that the permanent seat of government should and must remain at Jefferson City, and they are favorable to the pending three and a half million dollar bond proposition.—Monett Daily Star.

A better proposition in business has never been put up to the people of Missouri than that to expend \$3,500,000 upon a new capitol building, its equipment and additional grounds.—St. Joseph Gazette.

The people almost without exception are agreed that the capitol should be rebuilt as speedily as possible.—Poplar Bluff Citizen-Democrat.

This is a movement of state-wide interest in which all voters should unite regardless of politics, and thereby do an act really of credit to the state.—Cowgill Chief.

The new capitol will be worth to the state ten times as much as it will cost.—Cape County Herald.

The people of this state, on Tuesday, August 1st, will by their votes give the new capitol proposition their universal approval.—Excelsior Springs Standard.

The true citizen of Missouri can not afford to vote against the issue of bonds on August 1st for the erection of a new state capitol.—Buncheon Tribune.

In these days of progress in Missouri the people can well afford to incur a debt of \$3,500,000 for a new capitol.—Gasconade Republican.

This paper is heartily in favor of the three and a half million dollar bond issue to build a new capitol and will work to that end.—Deepwater World.

Vote for the three and a half million dollar bond issue to rebuild the state capitol.—De Soto Press.

Missourians will hardly hesitate to vote three and a half million dollars to rebuild and furnish a new capitol.—Johnson County Star.

As for us and ours we are going to support the three and a half million dollar new capitol proposition.—Doniphan Prospect-News.

Let's get in line for the August election and settle the matter then, and settle it right.—Caruthersville Twice-a-Week Democrat.

There is no valid reason why this proposition to rebuild the state capitol should not be heartily supported August 1st.—Clifton Hill Rustler.

The state is able to build and equip a suitable state house and the sooner it is done the better.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

## THE SHORT AND LONG HAUL.

Remember, boys, that the tax rate is just the same in the five million and three and one-half million new capitol proposition. The question is, do you prefer to pay a state capitol tax of 2 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation for a long time or a short time? If you prefer the short tax period, get into the fight to carry the smaller bond issue at the special August election. It will take two-thirds of the votes cast to do it, but we can find them.

## Good Old Missouri

Occasionally a good man grows dissatisfied with Missouri. The milk is too yellow or the honey's too sweet and he don't like them to flow over his land anyway. So he parts with his farm, sells his live stock and moves to Kansas. Then he takes his good Missouri money and buys a farm which today is and tomorrow is not because the wind has blown it away. Or he tries Colorado and slushes around in the mud irrigating a strip of bottom that his cow cannot jump in because she jumps over it. Or perhaps he tries dusty, drouthy Oklahoma. Then he hears of Texas and goes down there to hunt the bag of gold at the end of the rainbow. In the day time he scratches sandbars out of his ears and at night the tarantulas nibble at his feet and the centipedes crawl over his face. When his money is all gone he begins to feel like he did the first evening he stayed away from home. He yearns for good old Missouri and the yearn sticks in his throat and chokes him until the tears come into his eyes. He would give a month's work to again see the cows standing at the bars on the old Missouri farm and hear the horn blow for supper.

Memory is a marvelous painter and paints best those things we have lost. It pictures to the wanderer the fields he once owned, the wheat yellow for harvest, the clover stretching away in a carpet of red and green richer than the rugs of the Persians. It shows him the elms as they whisper to his children at play beneath them, points to the roses blooming in the corner of the old rail fence and with infinite detail points to a thousand little things to touch the heart and make it sad.—Bogard Dispatch.

## Advice for Farmers

Advice which should be worth millions of dollars to the farmers of Missouri, is given by Mr. Jordan, the corn expert of the state board of agriculture. The hay crop is a practical failure, and the oats crop also. Feed for stock will be scarce and high this winter. There is time to add largely to it by planting forage crops. Mr. Jordan says:

"There is not a moment to lose in planting cow peas, millet, sorghum and sweet corn for forage, on the oat and wheat stubble fields. A good combination is 20 pounds of sorghum and 40 pounds of New Era cow peas to the acre. With the moisture in the ground today, a fairly good yield of cow peas and sorghum for forage can be secured by acting at once.

"The average for the state for 10 years for corn is 28.8 bushels an acre. As there was little early corn planted, I think there is yet a fighting chance of making 25 bushels to the acre this year. Get into the corn with a mower wheel and break up the clods between the rows, thus re-establishing the dust blanket to retain the moisture."

Here is advice, both as to forage crops to take the place of hay and oats, and as to protection of the corn crop against a continuation of the dry weather. The latter advice is merely an elaboration of the "dry farming" principle, and if it had been followed from the beginning of the dry period, corn would have passed through the drought much better.

Dry farming is merely conservation of the moisture in the ground, preventing evaporation by a coating of dust on the surface. Farmers should understand the principle involved and when they do, they will be able to prevent much of the loss of moisture in the ground in seasons of unusual dryness, such as this.

## Death of James J. Morgan

James J. Morgan, a former well known citizen and business man of Laclede, who left here about eight years ago, died at the home of his brother, C. S. Morgan, at Plainview, Ill., Sunday, July 2, aged 68 years, 9 months and 2 days.

James J. Morgan was born in Antioch, Monroe county, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1842. He was the son of Samuel A. and Louisa P. Morgan, the eldest of ten children, of whom six survive him.

At the opening of the civil war he twice tried to enlist as a union soldier, but was rejected on account of his size, being very small for his age, after which he served nine months as cook for Capt. O'Neill of the Second Virginia cavalry.

In 1865 he started to clerk in a store at Glencoe, Ohio, for the late J. M. Welsh. He came to Laclede with Mr. Welsh in 1867 and was engaged in business in various capacities here until 1893, when he became so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he had to retire. He then went to Plainview and had since made his home with his brother, C. S. Morgan.

He was converted and joined the Methodist church in Laclede in 1872. He was superintendent of the Sunday school and class leader for twelve years and until he became so afflicted that he could not attend church he took a very active interest in church affairs. He was a member of the Methodist church at Plainview but during the last few years of his life his hearing was defective and he was so crippled that he seldom attended church, though he was deeply interested in church affairs to the last.

During his last years he was a constant sufferer, but was always kind and cheery, with a kind word for all. The many old friends who knew him in Laclede extend their sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

## Farm School for the Girls

The college of agriculture of the University of Missouri, beginning next fall, will educate women for life on a farm. Courses covering a woman's duties will be started, and for the first time, the degree in agriculture will be at the disposal of the women.

It will not be necessary for the women to learn to plant corn, harvest wheat or acquire the more technical knowledge that her husband is supposed to have. It is a course wholly for farmers' wives, in which she will learn about poultry raising, dairy work, house-keeping, home economics and similar things.

"There has been need of such a course for years," said Dean F. B. Munford, "so we have planned the course especially for women who want to study agriculture and equip themselves for life on the farm. Girls heretofore have taken the course in home economics, but that is as far as they have gone in the matter.

"There are certainly other things they ought to know if they are going to live on a farm. They have received no credit for that work in agriculture, but from now on they will get the degree the same as the men. They will not, however, have to learn the details of crop raising and other things in which the farmers' wives have a direct interest."

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## BUILD THE CAPITOL NOW.

Across the bridge of "Do it now" lies the state of "get there." Missouri is a great commonwealth, a magnificent empire within herself. She is capable of the largest and best in every line of growth and development. In the absence of a capitol building, shall this mighty people procrastinate and fiddle along for years before taking favorable action in the matter? It would be a shame to make a football out of the capitol question and kick it about over the gridiron of state politics through the next campaign. It would be a disgrace to keep the issue before the people for a decade. Why not rise up like men of action and settle the matter on August 1st for all time to come by carrying the \$3,500,000 proposition?

## REBUILD CAPITOL AT ONCE.

The burning of the state capitol February 5 created an emergency which the legislature recognized. Acting under the constitution of the state, provisions were made for a special election to be held August 1 to meet this emergency by providing funds to rebuild the capitol at once. Public-spirited citizens all over Missouri are rallying to the support of the plan submitted by the legislature. Missourians generally have pride enough in the state to want to see a splendid new capitol building erected without needless delay, and it is very gratifying to know that the \$3,500,000 proposition is meeting with great favor at the hands of the people in every section of Missouri.