

THE LACLEDE BLADE

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Spring is not quite here but The Blade dons a new dress today and is quite proud of its appearance.

Secretary Lansing might have known he would get in bad with his chief if he failed to come to Missouri and help put over the "legations" candidate in the third district.

"Note suggesting the internment of the ex-Kaiser," was the heading in a daily paper yesterday. We move to amend by striking out the middle "n" in the word "internment" and then put the suggestion into effect.

The president seems to find ample opportunity and strength to meet the railroad autocrats, but no inclination to attend to the affairs of government. Anybody who attempts to do it for him promptly gets the axe.

An English firm has issued a pocket edition of the aeroplane. It has folding wings that when spread are no longer than a man's outstretched arms. It has a speed of 95 miles per hour. This machine will probably be known as the "flivver of the air."

Radical labor leaders announce their determination to secure the election of only their friends to congress. Now if they could just find some way to disfranchise the farmers, the business and professional men and women of the country they might be able to get a congress they could control.

Why Bite Off Too Much

In a western state the new labor-farmer party organized with its two main planks to take over banking and insurance.

If these political movements made up of discontented and inexperienced voters would tackle smaller matters they would get farther.

Banking and insurance underlie all business enterprises, property values and credits on which business generally is transacted.

No state in the west would have the surplus capital necessary nor could sell bonds enough to handle insurance alone, say nothing about banking.

Why do not the reformers tackle something like fighting cattle ticks or the mange on sheep or getting cheaper gunny-sack?

There is plenty for those in the mood of reform to tackle without attempting things that would unsettle all business and credits.

Chances are not one of these reformers would be willing to entrust his deposits or risk his insurance in a politically managed enterprise.

College To Give Course in Tractors

The fact that the tractor is slowly but surely taking the place of the horse on Missouri farms has been recognized by college of agriculture of the University of Missouri, which will offer a special short course in tractor farming after the close of the regular short course in agriculture, which will be completed on Friday, February 27. E. W. Lehmann, professor of agricultural engineering, will have charge of the course. Tractors have been lent to the college

by the manufacturers. The purpose of the course will be to train students in operating the tractors and in other mechanical work on the farm.

A Lame Excuse From Mr. Hines

Director of Railroads Hines asserts that deficits were not due to increased cost of running the railroads under government management but to the inadequacy of revenue. Inasmuch as the records show that under government operation the railroads are not handling as much traffic per man as they did under private management, Mr. Hines' assertion is of doubtful accuracy. In any event, it might be pertinent to suggest to Mr. Hines that any joy-riding bank clerk who ran short in his accounts might as safely allege that his shortage was not due to his expenditure but to the inadequacy of his income. The truth of the matter, in the case of the railroads, is that both causes have contributed to the deficits. When politics began determining policies, and the cost of operation mounted higher and higher, even the increased rates established by Director McAdoo were not sufficient to cover cost of operation. When the roads are returned to their owners, with many of the increased costs permanently affixed like barnacles on a ship, there will still be the need of increased rates—and then the McAdoo gang of politicians will assert that the increase is due to return to private ownership. And there may be several people who will believe such an explanation. But not many.

A man is apt to take affront if requested to take a back seat. Hash is the ghost of a square meal.

Public Sale

Having rented out my farm and going to move to town, I will sell at auction at my farm 4 miles southwest of LACLEDE and 3 miles northwest of FORKER on

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1920

Horses

Pair black horses wt. 1200, smooth mouth
Pair black mares wt. 1200, 10 years old with foal by Jack.
Pair mules, coming 4, wt. 1100, broke.
Horse mule, coming 3, wt. 1100, been worked.
Horse mule, coming 2, will make 1200 pound mule.
Black horse coming 6, wt. 1400. Fat.

Cattle

Red cow 6 years old, calf by side.
Red cow 4 years old, fresh last Nov.
Red cow 3 years old, calf by side.
Four year old cow with calf by side.
Four year old cow, fresh by day of sale.
Seven year old cow, fresh in March.
Five year old cow, fresh in March.
One 5 year old cow.
These cows are all good milkers.
Two yearling steers
One 2 year old heifer

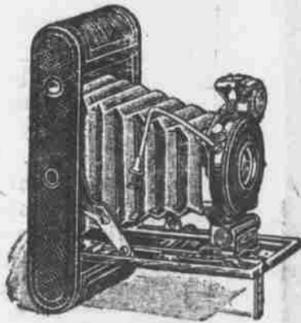
500 bushels of corn in crib, 50 shocks of corn, 8 tons clover hay in stack, 3 tons Timothy hay in barn, 4 tons millet and cow-pea hay cut with binder. 100 pure bred Rhode Island Red pullets, 150 laying hens. All good ones. Two pet lambs.

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