

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

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A GRAND STAND PLAY.

Leut.-Gov. Lee's grand stand play was nothing short of ridiculous. At a time when he saw the jig was up he rolled in to defend the honor of the Democratic "party" by admitting that he had a \$1,000 baking powder check.

The lieutenant-governor said the agent of the trust tried to bribe him. Funny, isn't it?

The check was written at the Planters' House, St. Louis, and dated March 20—the day after Mr. Lee's vote defeated the repeal of the "pure food law." And yet it never occurred to Mr. Lee that the trust agent was trying to bribe him until last week!

When the lieutenant-governor and the trust agent met at the Planters' some of the by-standers wondered at their close friendship. The trust agent greeted Mr. Lee as "Hello, John," and Mr. Lee returned the greeting with "Hello, Dan."

Mr. Lee admits that he was on very friendly terms with Kelley, the trust agent. In telling his story to Mr. Folk and Mr. Crow the lieutenant-governor said that Kelley had confided to him that he was going to distribute \$15,000 among the senators—a wonderful amount of confidence to place in the presiding officer of the senate.

But we've got Lee's word for it. And the lieutenant-governor only makes himself ridiculous in trying to crawl out of a hole that is closed at both ends.

SEE'S A BACK NUMBER.

The old must give way to the new. For many years the St. Louis Republic has held the proud distinction of being the state organ of the Democratic party. But the Old Girl seems to have lost her grip. Today we find the St. Louis World—Ed. Butler's paper—the organ of the "triumphant Democracy of Missouri."

In the recent St. Louis election the Republic opposed such eminent Democrats as "Snake" Kinney of the 4th ward; Johnnie Fontana, of the 22d, and so on. The World supported them vigorously, with the result that Kinney got 8122 votes in the 4th ward, while his Republican opponent, evidently through an oversight, was allowed to walk off with 164 votes.

In 1900 Dockery's majority in the 4th ward was 273. Last week "Snake" Kinney carried it by 2,958!

It would have been just as easy to have made the figures 2,958,859, 858,000.

Everything "goes" in St. Louis—so long as it is in the interest of the "party."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Say, Mr. Voter, do you call to mind the fellows who toddled over the county last fall to meet you at your voting precinct to tell you about Missouri being "the best governed state in the Union—with the lowest tax rate," etc.?

You do? Well, circuit court meets here next week, and it would only be proper in you to take these fellows out behind the house and ask them why so many \$1,000 bills are necessary in the government of Missouri?

Of course it would be better if you could get them to make a long-winded speech in the court house explaining things, but this is out of the question.

Take 'em around behind the house—and don't let 'em know what you want, else they won't go!

THINGS MAY CHANGE.

"The Scott County Kicker wants Circuit Attorney Folk for Governor, but the Kicker is only indulging in day dreams. It would be just as hard for an honest man to be elected Governor of Missouri as it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven."—Missouri Sharp-shooter.

Just at this time, yes. But conditions may change within the next eighteen months.

Things are getting so hot for the State House Ring that it would scorch your clothes to get near one of the gang.

J. A. Wayland writes: "I recently read an account of the kitchens of the rulers of Europe. The emperor of Austria spends \$5,000 a day on his table and has some 150 cooks and servants in that department, while millions of his subjects, the working class, never have as much as they want to eat. Think of the idocy of giving one man \$5,000 a day to feed with and millions who furnish it going ragged and hungry. The Austrians are nearly as foolish as the Americans, who vote millions a year to the trust owners and go ragged and hungry themselves. I say nearly as foolish, for the Austrians have no vote or voice in the matter, while the Americans have. This is a great old world."

Albert Wammack, mail carrier between the Genevieve and Farmington, has been robbing registered letters, and was arrested by government authorities last week.

FOLK FOR GOVERNOR.

The St. Louis World, the organ of the "triumphant Democracy of Missouri," is authority for it that there is a movement on foot in St. Louis to form a new Democratic organization in that city, with Joe Folk at the top.

The organization is to be called the "Jackson Club," but the World styles it the "Knockers Club."

The World says the organization is to be composed of "crucifying Democrats," and speaks of Joe Folk as the "chief of crucifiers."

The World doesn't like the way Joe Folk is wading into the "triumphant Democracy of Missouri."

Let the Jackson Club, or any other club with Joe Folk in the lead, come on. We of the woods want the opportunity of voting one honest man into state office.

And with Joe Folk in the governor's chair you'd find that the Missouri population in Mexico would swell rapidly.

THE OLD, OLD SONG.

"Phil Hafner seems to gloat over the comments of Democratic papers on the last legislature, taking it for true that because a majority of that body were Democrats that the party is responsible for legislation enacted, or not enacted, rather. Now, as a matter of fact, and the records of the legislature will prove it, all matters of interest to the people were opposed by a solid vote of the Republicans in the legislature, assisted by a few disloyal and 'approachable' Democrats. Mr. Hafner doesn't want to give the Democratic party credit with anything."—Southeast Missourian.

There it goes again. Those blamed Republicans are responsible! And yet the Democratic majority is three to one in the senate.

Say, Bro. Waters, were those \$1,000 bill gentlemen Republicans?

You just go 'way back and squat down.

Governor Dockery appointed F. M. Wells, a big, fat, sleek Marble Hill banker, as Bollinger county's delegate to the good roads convention, to be held in St. Louis this month. Gov. Dockery is mighty good to the bankers. But, then, the governor is a banker himself. And, of course, bankers are the men to build roads for farmers.

Making a living is important, but there are other things. Living a happy life and striving to make others happy should be counted important. If each individual would strive to do what could be done to make those with whom he is brought in contact happy, this old world of ours would be greatly improved.

The Macedonia (Ia.) News asks "why it is that a two-months' old baby is heavier at 1 a. m. than its mother used to be at the same hour?" The Creston Advertiser invites "young married editors of the state to contribute opinions on this question."

It is estimated that the boodle transactions of the late legislature amounted to something like \$200,000. This may explain why a candidate for the state senate can afford to spend \$10,000 to get a \$200-a-year job.

Well, well. We have been promised that decision by the supreme court in the Ed. Butler case for a long time. What's the use to hold it back? Everybody knows what it will be.

"Democrats carry city by more than 18,000," say the Republic headlines, and then follow the returns something like this: "Fourth ward—Snake Kinney, Dem., 8,122. C. T. Case, Rep., 164."

The Jackson Cash-Book and the Charleston Enterprise are discussing the presidential possibility of Dave Francis just as if they really thought he had the ghost of a show.

James Smith, a patient from Mississippi county, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at the Farmington Insane Asylum last week.

Wonder if the next machine convention of the state will "point with pride" to any changing of \$1,000 bills by Missouri senators?

Prof. John S. McGhee and William Regenhart, two highly respected citizens of Cape Girardeau, died last week.

Spectacle for the Gods.

Our legislators have seen fit in the fulness of their wisdom(?) and virtue(?) to submit a constitutional amendment to a vote of the people providing that the railroads of the state shall furnish free passes to certain state and county officers, including, of course, members of the legislature who are the movers in this wholesale legalized dead-head enterprise. The only excuse they can give for such a law as they are trying to adopt is that they will and do violate the present law by accepting passes from the railroad companies, and in order to keep from being criminals the provisions of the law which make it a crime to accept the passes must be knocked out. Now isn't that a spectacle for the gods?

Some Facts Regarding Irish Land Tenure.

The present legislation in the English Commons with regard to Irish land purchase is receiving quite an amount of attention in the press of this country, and a few words on the subject of Irish tenant right and the conditions under which the Irish farmer has been living may not be inappropriate.

The legislation referred to is with regard to the selling of Irish lands to the Irish farmers, in conjunction with the appropriation of a certain sum of money to be loaned out by the government at a very low rate of interest to all not able to pay the purchase price.

Thus the occupier, by repaying this loan to the government in the form of rent, will after a time own his own farm free of incumbrance.

It is only within recent years that the Irish farmer had any chance whatever to own his own farm, not because he could not pay for it, but because it was not for sale. When a man "bought" a farm in Ireland he merely received the improvements and the right to raise crops, provided he paid a stated yearly rent to the "head landlord," or owner of that section of country. This queer arrangement of the entire population of a country being merely tenants on their own soil did not strike the English people as ridiculous and unfair, and, in fact, many of the Irish themselves had become so used to the arrangement that they thought it entirely just and natural.

Such Irish reformers as Isaac Pitt, Robert Emmett, C. S. Parnell, and others impressed upon the people the necessity of owning the soil whereon their forefathers had lived for hundreds of years, and an incessant political war was kept up against the English landlord class.

The wholesale evicting of tenant farmers, which has been criticized and condemned by all humane people, was not always the result of unpaid rent, but was in many instances for the purpose of clearing off the native peasantry and turning the lands into private hunting grounds and game preserves. These were very popular with the English aristocracy and were guarded from trespass with the utmost care. Woe, indeed, to the unfortunate man found within the limits of "My Lord's" preserves—that is, if he had the double misfortune to be a native. All others had a chance to explain their presence, but the Irishman found there was, in the eyes of the gamekeepers, a dangerous poacher and would-be assassin, and no explanation which he might make would be listened to. He was hustled off, and, as he generally resisted, his sentence was from five to twenty years' penal servitude. That was years ago, but "My Lord" would cheerfully do it now were it not for public sentiment.

Ireland is in many places most beautiful and would doubtless be a veritable earthly paradise if turned into a private park wherein the English aristocracy might hunt and fish and while away their leisure hours. The only real obstacle is the Irish people—they alone fail to see the artistic side of the matter. With them it is merely the vulgar problem of filling the stomach. Although naturally proud, and, perhaps, even romantic to a degree, yet in a matter of this kind they would cheerfully trade off the best deer in the country for a good work horse, or the finest brace of pheasants in "My Lord's" demesne for a couple of good servicable pullets. But then it is rather difficult to appreciate art or cultivate sentiment when the stomach is empty and the landlord howling for rent.

It is recorded in history that during the great mutiny of India the British soldiers rammed the natives into the cannons and shot them into the ranks of the oncoming foe, and I have sometimes thought that this would be an excellent treatment for "My Lord's" swellhead when he claims the right to exclude a race of people from their own country.

The above is given merely to show Scott county farmers what they may expect in future when they can't buy land at any price and must become either tenants or hired laborers.

So much for the land question. Now, there is another thing in which Ireland is far and away ahead of this state, and that is in the matter of public roads. All the county roads of Ireland are built—that is, they are not just simply wagon tracks or trails across the moor or through the woods, but have foundations and are built after the manner of the city streets. They are fenced on each side by hedges, mostly hawthorns, and are kept in repair by men stationed so many miles apart. These roadmen, as they are called, are employed all the year round and receive a stated salary from the county.

Thus the greater part of Ireland is supplied with roads that are never flooded, never sloppy and on which the wagon rut is seldom a half-inch deep and in many cases not noticeable. There are hundreds of miles of these roads that are level as a city street and so wide that three wagons can pass abreast, among which may

be mentioned the one connecting Belfast and Dublin, the two principal cities of Ireland.

Of course the age of a country accounts in some measure for the solidity of its roads, and of course, also, the first laying of good roads is quite expensive, but the amount of satisfaction derived therefrom will repay for all outlay.

One thing is certain, and the Irish roads prove it, money spent in making good roads is never lost, but on the contrary, is decidedly well invested capital.

J. H. F.

And Still It Grow.

The following is a pretty good story that is going the rounds, which you need not believe if you don't want to:

A farmer in Indiana had a novel experience. A few years ago he built a small barn and in its construction used green willow posts at the corners and along the sides. For some time nothing unusual was noticed, but after a year he saw that whereas he had laid the floor near the ground, it was now three feet above the soil. He discovered that the willow posts, instead of being dead, were alive, had taken root and were growing. In their upward movement they had carried the barn along. Last spring the barn was on stilts nine feet high and he put in a new floor and surrounded the posts with siding, thereby making a two-story affair.

There is now a space of seven inches between the new floor and the ground and the owner expects to have a three-story barn in the course of time.

Building Lots for Sale.

Miller's addition to Oran contains some elegant building lots. The location is attractive and the soil fertile and level. Good water easily obtainable. Streets sixty feet wide divide the blocks and the lots are 50x148 feet in size and can be bought at \$75 and \$80 each. For particulars apply to Ed. L. Miller, Oran, or to this office.

FARMERS!

The business and the circulation of the KICKER just keeps on growing. Keep talking it over with your neighbor, let him read your paper occasionally, and urge him to subscribe.

A Word to Farmers.

I have blooded and registered stock for sale. English Berkshire boars. Pigs of December last. Also a short horn bull six months old. Pedigree furnished on application.

W. V. MILLER,

4t. NEW HAMBURG, Mo.

Steam Engine For Sale.

I have a 10-horse power upright engine for sale. For further information call on or write

GEORGE STEER,

Oran, Mo.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, Frank Hinkle, by his certain deed of trust dated the 14th day of February, 1902, and recorded in the office of the recorder for Scott county, Missouri, in book No. 16, page 58, conveyed to W. H. Tanner, trustee, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Scott and state of Missouri, to-wit:

Lot one and two, or more correctly described, the south half of block five in six of first addition to Silveston, Mo. and known as the Barber house and lot.

Which conveyance was made in trust, to secure the payment of a certain note in said deed of trust described, and

Whereas, W. H. Tanner, trustee, refuses to act; and whereas said note is now past due and remains unpaid.

Now, Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the conditions of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned sheriff of said county will sell the above described property, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house, in Benton, Scott county, Mo., on

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1902, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

JOE F. WATKINS,

Sheriff Scott Co., Mo.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Helena Rebold, deceased, have been granted by the probate court of the County of Benton, Missouri, to the undersigned, and that all persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

FRANK MCGRAW,

Executor.



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A. BLES,

KELSO, MO.

D. H. HARPER,
BENTON, MO.,
Real Estate Agent

Farms bought and sold on commission. If you want a home in Scott county or any where in the state on easy terms, apply to me.

CHAS. D. MESSMER
Contractor and Builder
KELSO, MO.

Will do straight or contract work. All work guaranteed.

Go to R. H. McLean, Oran, for bright post hay.

EASTER IS ALL OVER.

And the Farmer Must go to Work.

He will need supplies of various kinds, and these we are prepared to furnish to him at the lowest cost.

During the season our store will be open early and late to accommodate those who have not the time to come to town during the day.

We have just received a large line of Blount Plows, one, two and three horse.

We are constantly adding to our already large stock of merchandise, and will promptly order anything the farmer may need that we do not carry in stock.

RUSH & DRURY,

KELSO, MO.

And Still it Goes on!

The Great Cut-Price Sale at Hinkle & Chitty's.

We have already begun building to Enlarge Our Store. Our Spring Goods are arriving and will be opened only in such quantities as will supply the trade. For the new and enlarged building we want an entirely new and fresh stock. That is why we continue selling off the present stock at such low prices.

FARMERS' SUPPLIES!

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Notions, Everything!

Come and see what we can do for you. We want your produce and will pay the top price.

Most Respectfully Yours,

HINKLE & CHITTY,

Dealers in Everything, - Oran, Mo.

HANDLE the celebrated Osborne machines, Hay-rakes, Harrows, Twines, and attend to all repairs for same.

The farmers of this county know too well the merits of the Osborne machines for them to need any special mention in this advertisement. A look at the machines will be a sale if you need a machine. Get my prices and favor me with your order if you need a machine or rake.

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A. BLES, KELSO, MO.

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