

THE MACHINE AT WORK

The appropriation machine shut down Tuesday until next Tuesday, when it will meet in special term to consider the saloon petition of J. J. Astor, of Chaffee, and on Wednesday an adjourned term begins. The show goes on without much intermission.

Say, tax-payers, if you caught a fellow stealing a chicken and you had been missing hogs, you might suspect that the same fellow got your hogs, mightn't you? Well, I am acquainted with the cost of printing, and I prove to you that there is 75 per cent graft in this, then is it not reasonable to suppose that a like amount of graft exists elsewhere? I am familiar with printing, but know nothing about the other bills. Hence I deal with that of which I KNOW—and can prove.

In Stoddard county the printing was let in accordance with law to the lowest bidder. There were 40,000 ballots and the vendor bid \$26 and not the job. The Stoddard county ballot was much larger than the Scott county ballot and was therefore worth more money to print. There were more than twice as many county candidates on the Democratic ticket. For instance, there were nine for recorder there and but one here. Yet your county court "appropriated" to the court house organ nearly twice as much money for printing less than half as many ballots—80 for 18,200 ballots. The work was worth \$12. But you don't put men in jail for little things like that.

The law requires that a sample ballot be sent to each candidate so that he may see that his name is on straight. About 100 of these are necessary. The difference between the regular ballot and the sample is that the regular ballot is printed on white paper and the sample on colored. The same type answers for both. You just feed red or blue paper into the press instead of white. To charge \$2 for this would be akin to charging a corn from a blind pig. Yet your county court "appropriated" to the court house organ \$9 for this. And we look upon you for stealing a little food or clothing.

The court house organ and the Twin City Republican (the twins) were allowed \$53 EACH for publishing the ballot in these papers. The Kicker has a larger circulation than both of these papers combined and did this same work two years ago, when all of the presidential elections and a full state ticket had to appear and, therefore, it was at least double the work and required double the space. FOR THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS! And my advertising rate is more than double that of either of these papers. To a merchant, or an individual, these papers would give similar space for \$10 or less. But they don't call this graft, do they?

The Missouri law on printing is very plain and reads: "Officers to Secure Best Rates. In procuring the publication of any law, proclamation, advertisement or notice, as in the next preceding section mentioned, THE PUBLIC OFFICER SHALL ACCEPT OF THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS RATES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED, not exceeding the rates limited in the next preceding section."

On July 11 the court appropriated \$225 to build a barn for the use of the sheriff. Evidently the court ought to have known what kind of barn it wanted—and the cost. Yet the court "appropriated" to Cannon \$330 for building this barn and \$20.15 to Wm. Kraft for painting it. It is a box barn about 14 by 30. In the same way the original appropriation for the sheriff's residence was \$2,600 and the court paid about \$3,000.

If the same ratio of extravagance applies to other "appropriations," can't a blind man see that the affairs of the court could be conducted on less than half of what the people must now pay? Is it any wonder that the assessor and board of equalization are continually screwing up the valuation of your property in order to get more taxes? And what do YOU get out of it?

Jno. Spaulding was appointed commissioner to sell to the Sillinger and Lambert lumber company all the lumber timber on the poor farm on north side of ditch at \$2.00 per thousand feet in the tree. Mr. Spaulding to collect and settle for same. The said company to have till October 1, to remove the timber.

The county surveyor was ordered to view a proposed road, petitioned for by Tony Williams et al and report at next term.

Petition of J. R. Lee et al for change of road granted, and road ordered at expense of petitioners.

Petition of Jno. Albrecht for change of road granted and road ordered at expense of petitioner.

L. P. Gober was appointed special commissioner to remodel the heating plant of the jail.

Marion Jewell et al granted a change of road.

E. M. Moore appointed deputy recorder.

V. L. Harris appointed special commissioner to convey to W. H. Stubbiefield the county's title to certain land in twp 28, range 13. If the landowners haven't got what they want, let them have to do as to ask for it.

The saloon petition of Jess Denbow, of Crowder, was dismissed for lack of signers. The court has not set on the attempt to revoke license of Rockview saloon.

J. L. Steward, Minnie Randolph and Alice Daugherty were admitted to the state sanitarium. Dramshop license granted to J. H. Biswenger, J. H. Barrett, and Joe Kelly, Illmo; C. J. Dannemann, Kelso; E. C. Smith, Edna, and J. A. Stike, New Hamburg and Wm. Wellman, Frank Emerson and Wm. Black appointed commis-

sioners to view private road for Mary Schaefer.

\$50 appropriated to work Heiserer hill on Kelso and New Hamburg road.

Sid Vanover relieved of road work account of disability.

Pauper allowances are omitted. Other allowances follow—

R. Cannon, screening and other work, \$7.50; W. A. Miller, for boots, \$10; Training School, \$6.12; B. A. Kingsbury, postage and etc., \$16.10; Dr. Haw, county physician, \$62.50; Joe Hutchason overseer, \$175.80; C. J. Anderson and Co., dynamite, \$10.08; Ambrose Blea, overseer, \$487.27; J. B. Goshe, overseer, \$188.95; J. L. Stehr, blacksmithing, \$4.45; W. A. Lee, lumber, \$27.18; W. R. Beardslee, overseer, \$12; James Hinkle, overseer, \$281.40; J. D. Steel, overseer, \$62; Jeff Slinkard, overseer, \$186.35; J. E. Warner, highway engineer, \$87.75; Brookville Bridge Co., for bridge across Ramsey creek, \$990; C. N. Mosley, prosecuting attorney, quarterly salary, \$175; Training school, \$20.84; Morrison Ice & Fuel Co., for coal, \$9; State Hospital for care of Mary Brentzell and John Bean, \$189.11; Jas. Eper, engineer on road roller, \$37; H. F. Emerson, overseer, \$59.15; Fairbanks Steam Shovel Co., for ditching, \$1,436.15; T. G. Dunn, engineer, \$60.25; H. J. Stolz, blacksmithing, \$49.45; Nick Dannemann, road work, \$12; Andrew Birnberger, road work, \$13.50; Chas. Bertrand, overseer, \$164.35; Jos. Utzage, overseer, \$36; Farmers, Mer. Co., dynamite, \$13.45; Illmo Concrete Machine Co., \$125; Seth Rapp for use of tank, force pump and hose, \$15; Good Roads Machine Co., tools, \$14; Ambrose Blea, \$12; Christ Heiserer, overseer, \$287.49; Sam Worley, hauling coal, \$4.50; J. H. Grant, Janitor, \$120; B. H. Smith, school supt., \$260.00; Underwood Telephone Co., stationery, \$13.83; Joel Dunn, engineer, \$174.31; Court House Organ, printing, \$118.75; Twin City Republican, printing, \$53; W. H. Heiserer, merchandise, \$219.64; T. F. Mitchell, roadman, \$8; T. W. Cleaveland, express, \$3; Morrel DeRein, roadman, \$4; L. P. Gober, board-prisoners, \$343.50; P. P. Marshall, treasurer Oran special road district, \$513.50.

The petition presented by the farmers demanding an election to abolish the office of highway engineer has not been acted upon. It may be taken up at the adjourned term.

HERE AND YONDER.

In Stoddard county there were nine candidates for the Democratic nomination for recorder. H. M. Flannery, the nominee, received less than one-fifth of the total Democratic vote cast. And they call this "majority rule."

The campaign over in Stoddard county got very warm toward the close—the "leaders" falling out among themselves and denouncing each other as crooks and rascals. If only a small part of what was printed is true of the leading Democrats of Stoddard county, all should be in the penitentiary.

Mr. Ben T. Rowland and little son of Sumner, Miss. are visiting Mrs. J. S. Freeling. Mrs. Rowland is a first cousin to the late Dr. Freeling.

Dr. Wade returned Tuesday from a trip to New Mexico. During his absence Mrs. Wade visited her brother Chas. Proffit, at Point Pleasant.

In this issue C. M. Weaver, the Socialist nominee for representative, challenges his opponents to debate. Next week A. Q. Miller, the Socialist nominee for prosecuting attorney, will invite his opponents to debate. If they refuse to accept then what must the people think of the defenders of capitalism?

It now appears that it will be a race between the Democrats and the Republicans in Scott county for second place—unless they get together. Wouldn't it jar you to see these old shell game operators doing business under the same tent?

For Sale.—My farm known as the Ladous Dannemann place, three-fourths of a mile south of Kelso, on Benton road, consisting of 114 acres, all cleared. Plenty springs; a large pond supplied by two strong springs; a good well that was never dry. Apply to or write K. Martin, Kelso, Mo., for particulars. 39-4t.

SOCIALIST SPEAKING.

A. Q. Miller, the Socialist nominee for prosecuting attorney, will lecture on Socialism at Oran on Saturday afternoon, August 20, at 2 o'clock, and at Bieda at 8 o'clock, p. m., same date. Let the people turn out to hear him—men and women alike.

Lecturers from the agricultural department at Washington will address the farmers at Oran Friday, August 22, at 10 a. m. at Sikeston at 2 p. m.

Fred Abbot of Oran, moved to near Cary last week and will teach the Lemmons school.

Blodgett will have a barbecue on Saturday, August 20, and judging from the preparations that are being made, it will be a whopper.

A. Q. Miller returned from his trip to the southwest Saturday.

Miss Patie Nelson, nee Freeling, is down from St. Louis.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, by request of the stockholder of the firm of Scherer & Co., of New Hamburg, Mo., dated July 30, '10, that all parties knowing themselves indebted to the above firm are hereby requested to make settlement of such accounts on or before September 1, 1910, in cash or by note with approved security. Any or all accounts remaining unpaid September 2, 1910, will be placed in the hands of the company's attorney for collection.

JOHN WILHELM, Manager.

FROM NEW HAMBURG

The recent primary showed that the court house ring could no longer control the German vote. They can no longer say that they can take a keg of beer and carry us any way they want.

Ed. Hahn has rented the Mary Schaefer place. He says there is no more monkey business, as he don't intend to batch. Any young lady may get him by paying for this ad.

The Misses Mary Dirnberger, Clara Dannemann, Clara Schlitt, Mary Schoen and Regina Kihafner returned from the convent at Ruma, Ill., to visit home folks.

Jacob Blattel, sr. and Alois Felter and family of Kelso, and Adam Essner and family, of Benton, attended church here Sunday.

Dennis and Frank Backfish of St. Louis attended the marriage of their brother and returned to St. Louis Friday.

Wendoline Heiserer, of Oran, and Miss Laura Gerst, of Bieda, were married by Rev. Moenig Tuesday.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brucker was buried here Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Frank Fry and Mrs. Joe Gotthier, of Cairo, are visiting at Schererville.

Miss Nora Lux entertained some of her young friends at her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welter, of McMullin, attended church here Sunday.

Miss Clara Mutch is here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Shindler, Arthur Vetter, who has been in the east, is home to stay.

There is talk of organizing an M. W. A. lodge here.

LONE ROCK.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robet, of Altonville, brought the remains of their infant here last Sunday for burial.

Miss Bertha Grice, Rushia Hayden, and Louie Shultz, of Oran, called on Beatrice Howell Sunday.

Wm. Howell and Earle Slinkard went to Morley Saturday to attend the Socialist gathering.

Johnie Heiserer moved to advance Monday to live with his sister Mrs. John Amerhein.

Cora Clay, Beatrice Howell, Mike Witt, and Fred Procter attended the Vanuser picnic.

Earle Slinkard's school started last week. He says measles are raging in the district.

Fred Procter ran a needle through his finger last week, causing him great pain.

Major Divine and Frankie Bechel visited in Cape Girardeau a few days last week.

Mr. Joe Witt and son Michael returned to their home in Onley, Ill. last Monday.

Batt Blocker has been down in Arkansas, visiting his sister Mrs. W. R. Howell.

Mrs. Joe Bechel spent a few days with her daughter in Chaffee last week.

Helen and Virgie Slinkard are recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria.

Alfred Pobst and Leslie Dennis attended the picnic at Dutchtown.

Mrs. Earnest Prindle is recovering from a long spell of sickness.

Mrs. Adel Witt, of Morley, visited Mrs. Loy Blocker last week.

Mrs. Wm. Procter and children have been visiting her sister, Wilburn Baker, of Ky., is visiting among us this week.

Mrs. Delphia Dennis's baby has bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner's baby is sick.

Little Steve Witt is sick.

FROM RUCKEYE.

After weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. Hilda Watkins, Miss Eva Finley returned to her home in Richwoods Sunday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luttrell died last week and was buried at Bright Prospect cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holden visited at Rootwad Sunday.

FROM SLAPOUT.

Mose Lamb has finished threshing and pulled his engine to the mill where he will begin sawing again.

Farmers are loading melons. They are selling from \$100 to \$150 per car.

The ice cream supper at Mr. Inman's was well attended.

FROM COMMERCE.

Mrs. F. E. Sibley and little son left Wednesday for their home after a few days with relatives here.

Misses Bess and Emma Ranney returned home last week after a few days visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowen and son Clyde, of Creal Springs, are here visiting relatives.

Miss Lee Blackburn, who has been visiting Miss Obeora Denton for a few days, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. Mathews and Miss Virgie Anderson left Thursday for St. Genevieve to visit Mrs. Emma Vogt.

Lucile Bell, of St. Louis, is here visiting friends.

Mrs. Emma Kendall and daughter, Miss Orene, returned to their home in Sikeston Friday.

Miss Sophie Stieknothe, of Jonesboro, Ark., who has been visiting Miss Berenice Johnson, left Friday and Miss Sadie DeWint, Miss Berenice Johnson, and C. D. Miles accompanied her as far as Illmo.

Miss Gertrude Belmar, of Jackson, left Saturday after a few days visit with Mrs. A. A. Lynch.

Mrs. Susie Mathews and daughter Bess left Friday for St. Genevieve to visit relatives.

Mrs. Kirby and children, of Morley, are the guests of Geo. Brundrett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hutson and little son left Sunday for a few days in St. Louis.

Miss Daisy Leedy, of Benton, Miss Ula Jane, of Los Angeles, Cal. Miss May Daugherty, of Ansel, and E. P. Ellis and daughter Marian spent Sunday in Commerce with Mrs. J. F. Ellis.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.

Mrs. Lena Leist visited at Frank Essner's on Monday.

Mrs. Harry Schmitz and children, of St. Louis, are visiting the family of John Vetter.

Misses Rosalia, Clementina, and Susana Ressel, of Kelso, visited the Misses Clara and Christina Essner and Lawrence Scherer, Joe and John Ressel were also there.

John Vetter and family and Mrs. Schmitz and children visited Mike Rapp Sunday.

Otto Vetter made his usual trip Sunday.

Mrs. George Arnold and daughter-in-law were at Commerce Monday.

Phillip Strack moved to his farm recently.

Miss Clara Essner is sick.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Johnie Glosser and his best girl attended the ice cream supper Saturday night but there wasn't any.

Tom Hawkins was at Illmo Sunday, and Will Hawkins is visiting in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, of Commerce, visited in our vicinity Sunday.

Miss Bertha Williams, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. N. Green this week.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Blodgett, was in our neighborhood Monday.

F. M. Sanders and family spent Sunday with his nephew Joe.

Mrs. Bertie Taylor, of Morley, visited her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sanders were in Illmo Sunday.

Libert Sewell was the guest of Fill Sanders Sunday.

Jesse Odom, of Illmo, was here Sunday.

Grace Lofton is having the chills.

FROM VANDUSER.

Robt. Gross and August Bohnhart had some misunderstanding over an account Saturday, and Gross became very angry. When Mr. Bohnhart started to leave Mr. Gross fired several shots which took effect in Mr. Bohnhart's hand and leg. Gross defied arrest and has not yet been taken.

Revs. Montgomery, Blackman and others here erected a tent for preaching. Miss Jessie Hudson, of Doniphan, delivered a recital at the tent Saturday evening. She is a beautiful singer.

Friends were surprised to learn of the marriage of Aubry Shipman and Miss Edith Schatz at the hotel Sunday. They left for a visit to Kentucky Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchem, daughter of J. R. Joyce, died Sunday afternoon of quick consumption. She was buried at the Carpenter cemetery.

L. P. Woodward and wife are off on a visit to Niagara Falls.

Jess Boyett returned from Hot Springs Tuesday.

Loyd Ferguson, of Chaffee, was here Monday.

J. R. Joyce is sick.

Be With us at the Grand BAR-BE-Q! At Blodgett, Saturday, Aug. 20.

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FROM PORTER'S SWITCH

Cullie Collins and Miss Julia Huey drove to Sikeston Sunday, and A. J. Grim and Levi Rollins and the Misses Bertie and Anna Wagoner drove over to the lake. J. S. Watts and Clarence Grockett were in Kentucky. Dick Sigler, of Charleston, was here Sunday.

A. Q. Miller, Attorney-at-Law, Benton, Mo.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale.—105-acre farm near Chaffee, about one half in cultivation and the remainder in timber—all under fence. Can be cut into two small farms and will sell 40 acres nearest Chaffee for \$1,000 or all at \$25 per acre. Also 113 acres on Caney creek, about two miles west of New Hamburg which I will sell at \$35 per acre, practically all in cultivation. If preferred, will sell 80 acres of this including good 2-story dwelling. A. J. Tohill, Chaffee, Mo., or apply to this office.

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As measures calculated to strengthening the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves, and our elected officers, to the following program—

1. The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting out-over and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such works shall be employed directly by the government under an eight-hour work-



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day and at the prevailing rate of union wages. The government shall also loan money to the states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

2. The collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steamboat lines and all other means of social transportation and communication.

There can be no absolute private title to land. All titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective possession, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those using it in a useful and bona fide manner without exploitation.

3. The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale, and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

4. The extension of the public domain to include mining, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.

5. The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands. The land so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6. The absolute freedom of the press, speech and assemblies.

INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS.

7. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.

By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half each week.

By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.

By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor, and of all uninspected factories.

By abolishing official charity, and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accident, invalidism, old age and death.

POLITICAL DEMANDS.

8. The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequests and to the nearness of kin.

A graduated income tax. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

The initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall.

The abolition of the Senate. The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress.

National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote.

The enactment of further measures of general education and the conservation of health. The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of public health.

The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.

That all judges be elected by the people for short terms and that the power to issue injunctions shall be curbed by immediate legislation.

The free administration of justice.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole power of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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