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A GOOD SHOW
It is equal to going to a good show to watch the politicians fool the masses. They always spring some harmless, meaningless "ishoo" to set the people to quarrelling.

Just now the "ishoo" in this Just now the "ishoo" in the congressional campaign of this law. That seems to have stirred up as much trouble as the tariff ever did.

The Ward men claim that Joe Russell sat idle and let the game law pass without protest. And you never heard so much talk of the crows and birds eating up crops.

Of course the birds are just now all our troubles. The two and a half billion dollars that we have to dig up each year to pay the interest on dividends on stocks and bonds that are three-fourths water don't bother us in the least. But go after the birds. Can you beat it?

And in the face of such blimflam we pretend to be denying the Filipinos their independence because of the ignorance of the masses.

MORE WAR
Capitalism is such a splendid thing for humanity. When we get out of a job we can fight. Two weeks ago revolution broke out in Russia. This week we are told that a war involving all of the principal nations of Europe is on the bill boards. Here are a few press dispatches:

Paris, July 28.—A dispatch from Vienna officially announces that Austria will open hostilities at daybreak this morning.

Paris, July 27.—Violent antiwar demonstrations occurred on the boulevard tonight, accompanied by the singing of revolutionary songs. Large forces of police and mounted guards charged the mob. Many persons were injured.

Edytukhen, Germany, July 27.—Shots were fired this morning by a Cossack patrol across the German frontier on the alleged ground that an attempt was being made to cross the border at a wrong place. Germans say that the group fired upon by the Russians were army officers.

London, July 27.—An engagement between Austrians and Serbians is reported to have occurred on the Danube.

Berlin, July 28.—Twenty-six Socialist mass meetings today in the workmen's quarters of the city were crowded to the doors and overflow meetings were held. A resolution was adopted denouncing the "brutal policy of Austria" and demanding the governments to restrain their war fury.

Police were massed around the meeting places, but the meetings were orderly. Later the Socialists went in processions to the center of the city, singing the "Workmen's Marseillaise" and shouting "Down with war!"

The latest advices say that war has been declared in Europe that will involve all the leading powers. As a result the price of wheat rose 7-8 cents per bushel in St. Louis Tuesday.

TROUBLE IN IRELAND.
Rebellion is threatened in Ireland, and in a clash Sunday three men and a woman were killed and sixty wounded.

It is the adoption by the English parliament of what they call "home rule for Ireland" that has started the trouble.

You can never tell what a law means by its label, and I have been watching the daily press to see if I could unravel what is meant by "home rule for Ireland." But I can't. The daily papers are a splendid medium for keeping the people in the dark.

As near as I can make out, the trouble is, as is too often the case, religion. Ireland is Catholic—except the northern portion, and is governed by England, which is a protestant country. To give Ireland home rule means a Catholic government with parochial instead of public schools, and the protestants say they will not stand for this and have taken up arms against the protestant king and his government.

This is the best guess I can make out of the rubbish that appears in the daily press which, as usual, conceals the most important facts in the matter.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.
The teachers' examination for county certificates to teach in the schools of Scott county, Missouri, will be held in the public school house in Benton, August 7 and 8, 1914, beginning at 8:30 each morning.

The same conditions govern this examination that governed former examinations. All first grade papers are sent to the state board for grading. The subjects will be arranged the same as in previous examinations. Remember the date and hour of examination. It would be best for you to come the evening before so you will have time on the subjects. The order of subjects will be sent to anyone on request. CHAS. D. HARRIS, County Superintendent. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

ELECTION ORDERED.
County court met Monday and the petition asking for a local option election was offered. Had there been no lawyers in the case the petition could have been passed on in a very short time, for it contained 480 signatures of voters outside of Sikeston and Chaffee. But with one lawyer showing the court that the law meant this, and another lawyer showing the court that the law meant just the opposite, the whole day was consumed.

The opposition to the petition, it seems, did not come from the saloon keepers, but from local politicians represented by Albert DeReign and Prosecuting Attorney McWilliams. The representatives of the petitioners had no attorney in the forenoon, and C. F. Britton gave the two lawyers a merry chase. Mr. DeReign soon retired and at the noon hour Mr. Britton seemed to have the prosecuting attorney up a tree.

The contention of the lawyers was that the census of 1910 showed Chaffee to have only 2,080 population and that the court had no "official knowledge" that it had any more now, and that unless they had such knowledge, they could not exclude Chaffee from the voting.

Now, if there is anything that the lawyers and officials are strong on, it is "official knowledge." But I guess this is well-to-do men to be very short on other kind of knowledge, and since nobody can clearly define just what is meant by "official knowledge," or since its possession can be easily denied, it makes a mighty handy foot-ball to be kicked about.

At the outset it appeared as if the politicians, who blow, both hot and cold, had "put one over" on the dregs. When the dregs came here on July 6 to present the petition they were persuaded not to interfere in the primary and were agreed to adjourn the court to July 27, when the election should be called for September 1. But politicians are as slippery as eels, and when the court met Monday an effort was made to stave it off until after the general election in November.

Just what is wrong I am not prepared to say, but the patriots have ceased to regard the nomination as equivalent to an election. They seem to regard the primary as only a preliminary skirmish for position, and that the real fight will come in the general election. And that is a mighty long time to roost on the top rail of a high fence.

The petitioners contended that the court was not governed by the census of 1910, but that the law required the exclusion of towns containing 2,500 at the time the petition was filed. They claimed over the required amount for Chaffee, but that if the court held that it had not, then there was nothing to do but to include Chaffee and order the election.

To this the opposition replied that the petition called for the exclusion of Chaffee and that the petitioners who signed so understood it, and that to include Chaffee would be illegal—insinuating that it would be unfair to the petitioners. And I couldn't help but recall the petition to audit the books—not one signer in twelve understood what he was signing.

Court adjourned for noon. After dinner Attorney Mozley appeared for the petitioners and the wrangle was kept up for several hours, when after hearing evidence as to the probable population of Chaffee, the election was ordered for September 1. It is said that Judges Frazer and Bowman voted to grant the election while Judge Thomas opposed.

Hence we will all be given another lesson in the art of confiscation that the plutes so much favor. The people reserve the right to confiscate any property or business that they regard as detrimental to the public good. When they include the banks, the landlords, the railroads, the trusts, and so on, you will find me on the side of confiscation.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
For Sale.—A good, fresh milk cow. Apply to John P. Schoen, Oran Mo., R. F. D. 1, 28-st.
For Sale.—Dry cypress boards 30 inches long. W. A. Lee, Oran, 28-3t.

For Sale.—A 9-year-old mare, a year-old past mare colt, a 7-year-old large work horse, a 5-year-old mare. Joe Mackley, four miles east of Blodgett. 28-48
For Rent.—Forty acre farm a mile south of Fornfelt. Good wheat or corn land ready for cultivation. Six acres in meadow. Benter can have possession at once. Mrs. Louisa Hilleman, Illinois, Mo. 20-4t

For Sale.—A dwelling house and lot in Benton. For particulars apply to R. M. TIRMENSTEIN, at Postoffice, Benton. 20-tr.
For Sale.—A large, two-story frame building opposite Court Square—the property of Miss Cleo Freeling. Suitable for residence or hotel. In good condition. S. J. Wade, Benton, Mo.

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FROM FORNFELT.
Mrs. Charles Reynolds and son, Joe Francis, have returned from Texarkana where they accompanied Mr. Reynolds to the hospital there.

Elmer Kinder has bought the interest of his brother Wm. in the store here and will continue the business.
Mrs. A. J. McAllister and children went to Texarkana last week on a visit.
Miss Annie Rahmiller is home from the Cape to spend the summer.

W. B. Finch went to St. Louis last week to visit his mother. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

HERE AND YONDER.
Wm. Essner of Chaffee was here Tuesday and told of a serious cutting affray at Chaffee the night before. According to the story, Mr. Rice, a barber from Sikeston was sitting in front of Armor George's barber shop when Joe Smoke, said to be a gambler, walked up, struck Rice in the face and slashed him in the side with a knife, cutting to the hollow. Smoke escaped and it is believed he was mistaken in the man, as Mrs. Rice was notified and went to her husband, who is said to be dangerously hurt.

Sunday morning a 10x12 hole in the wall of the jail announced that some prisoners had escaped. On investigation it was found that Clyde Bosten, charged with holding up Mark Dunn at Oran; Edmonds, charged with stealing a horn at Fornfelt and a negro charged with carrying a pistol, were missing. Edmonds has been caught at Grand Tower, Ill., but refuses to return without a requisition.

Next Tuesday is the primary election and you will have the usual opportunity of choosing between two or more evils. Sometimes a fellow finds it difficult to decide between two, but when there are more, he ought to provide himself with a set of dice. For the "Hons." are very much alike.

Last week the Oran correspondent told of the buggy of a Democratic candidate being wrecked between here and Oran, and that his literature was scattered along the road. As a rule the "literature" of a Democratic candidate is easily gathered up if the cork don't come out.

Quite a number of people from Sandyland township were here Wednesday as witnesses in a case in which R. D. Puckett and son are charged with felonious assault. The case was continued to August 28.

Joe Mackley of Blodgett called on the Kicker Tuesday and reported the condition of the people around Blodgett as next to bankrupt owing to the drought.

J. O. Hess, who says he works between showders since he bought an automobile, was here Monday. He is agent for a high grade of iron fencing.

J. C. Wilson, of Piggott, Ark. is here on his annual visit and called on the Kicker Tuesday. He says the drought struck his section also.

Robert Wade and niece, Miss Cleo Freeling, and Miss Esther Peabody, left for Mississippi Tuesday with Johnnie Friend as chauffeur.

John P. Schoen, who lives between here and Oran was here Tuesday and reports the prospects for corn and pea hay very bad.

John Stike and children of New Hamburg were here Tuesday. Mr. Stike will give one of his famous balls at his hall Monday night.

W. W. Bray has been appointed postmaster at Morley to succeed J. E. Conington.
Adam Walter and Alva Hayden of Oran were in Benton Monday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
A great many people from here Keleso and surrounding country went out on Hubble creek fishing Tuesday. While the fish caught were not so many, yet all enjoyed the outing.

Sol Diebold and son, Jacob, and Mrs. Lena Littlefield and nephew, John Cooney spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Phil A. Hafner at Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamm and baby visited the family of Sol Diebold Sunday.

Will Halter and family of Bleda visited the family of Joe Pfefferkorn Sunday.

Mrs. A. Dobogoe left for Indiana last week to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Trapp.
John and Leo Gosche, Leo Glaus and Ladanes Schmidt were fishing Saturday.

Phillip Westrich and his crew of carpenters are building a house for Jos. Klippel.
John Hamm and Chas. Diebold were at the Cape Thursday last week.

George Dumei and family of Sal's creek were Oran shoppers Saturday.
Mrs. Mary Heisserer of Oran spent a pleasant day with her sister, Mrs. Louis Klippel.

Miss Mary Miederhoff, who is staying at Chaffee with the family of Will Essner visited her mother a few days.
Miss Theresia Legrand is staying with her brother, Frank at Caney.

Mrs. Martin Biescher's sister has returned to her home at St. Louis. Willie Miller of Chaffee was in this week ending straw.
Leo Compas and Clara Diebold were married here Tuesday.

John Stike will give another of his balls Monday night.
FROM MORLEY.
Miss Claud Hulin of Morehouse visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Lafleur, who has been visiting relatives at Sikeston, returned.
Mack Hunter is visiting at Sikeston.

FROM ORAN.
There seems to be a very pronounced sentiment among the farmers that the county's books should be added to cover the past ten years. They say that any officer who opposes investigation ought not to be retained.

No well regulated business concern allows it's affairs to run on from year to year without knowing where it is at, and the management of a county is a matter of business. Let's "see the books."

Andy Patterson, while digging a well at the Frank Klippel farm, at a depth of 84 feet, struck pieces of a decayed log. As this farm is in the hills midway between Oran and New Hamburg, the question is, how did the log get there? (Get one of the "what always has been always is" yawpers to explain it.)—Editor.

Russell's friends here circulated a petition asking him to speak at Oran Saturday. Since Ward was at Sikeston the first of the week, why not have a joint debate. (That wouldn't work. It would expose the emptiness of the contentions of both.)—Editor.

The special sale advertised by Emory Heisserer is not attracting as large crowds as is usual at this time of the year. Whether it is the drought or Wilson prosperity that makes the farmers timid is a question. Perhaps it is a mixture of both.

The young voters here will demand recognition. They are opposed to life-tenures in office. They say they believe it best to put new life and new energy in the affairs of government, as it will inure to the benefit of all the people.

Since the county court ordered the local option election, some of the county candidates that wear the white ribbon in the south end of the county and a red nose in the north end, will be placed in an awkward position.

While fishing, George Halter was bitten on the finger by a fish, which is causing him considerable pain. Fearing that the fish would break the hook he grabbed it by the mouth.

Mrs. Curd Allen died Tuesday. She had been bed-fast for some time and leaves five children. The whereabouts of her husband is unknown—he having left her some ten years ago.

G. W. Palmer has moved here from Cape and occupies the Leo Stehr property. He is a machinist, and may open up a machine shop later.

Adelbert Blattel, who has been farming on the Jake Stehr place, has rented the Moran place east of town.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burge of Cape Girardeau last week and Grandpa Barry Finley smiles.
Nearly all of the wheat straw is being baled by the farmers and will be fed this winter.
Wm. Newberry, who lately married Miss Mier, has gone to house-keeping.
John O'Connor of Georgia is visiting his brother, J. D., near Vanduser.
Notwithstanding the drought, many farmers are breaking for wheat.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews of Sikeston are temporarily in Oran. Rev. Finley and wife are at Arcadia for the heat term.
Mrs. J. W. McCord and children are in Kentucky on a visit to old friends.
Farmers complain that the soil is very hard for stubble breaking.
Louis Pfefferkorn went to Portageville Monday.
The young folks had a fishing picnic Tuesday.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
August Elfert and family of Illinois and Miss Nellie Bates spent Monday with the family of Henry Elfert, helping Miss Marie celebrate her birthday anniversary. Ice cream and lemonade were served. All had a good time.

Miss Augusta Elfert and her cousin, Anna, of the Cape visited the Misses Bertha Bodenschatz and Minnie Freeling of Vitenburg last week.
Geo. Roth and family and Miss Emma Roth, T. J. Elfert and Miss Lola Weaver visited at Casper Elfert's Sunday.

Miss Alvine, Fred and Henry Sanders spent Sunday with their cousin, Miss Emma and John Sander, of Illinois.
Mrs. Henry Elfert and daughter Miss Augusta, visited at the Cape a few days last week.

The Misses Lilliamay and Celia Hollenbeck of Portageville are visiting here.
Hy Elfert and wife Sundayed with the family of Dan Elfert of Fornfelt.
Wm. Roth and family spent Sunday with the family of John Roth.

David Heid and family visited the family of Fritz Sanders Sunday.
Charles McPherson visited in this neighborhood Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. August Muebach were at the Cape Saturday.
Louis Albrecht and John Roth were at the Cape Saturday.

FROM COMMERCER.
The Misses Bessie and Addie Bondurant returned to St. Louis Tuesday after a month's visit with their grand parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Heuchan, Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate, Reese Applegate and Ralph Anderson of Sikeston spent Friday evening with Mrs. Clara Anderson.

Harry DeWint and family and Carter Shero of St. Louis are visiting the C. F. DeWint family.
Mary Lois Heuchan spent the week end with Robbie and Catherine Stroud on the island.
Mrs. Susie Matthews and son Ed and wife are visiting Mrs. Emma Vaughn at St. Genevieve.

Miss Zerna Daily, assistant postmaster, visited at the Cape Monday and Tuesday.
Miss Elizabeth Halstead of Blodgett is visiting her sister, Miss Colossie King.
Mr. and Mrs. Mart Stroud and daughter, Miss Nellie, are visiting in St. Louis.

Dr. W. S. Hutton and family are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hutton.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moecheby July 24. Ed. Daily returned from St. Louis Tuesday with a new boat.

F. D. Marshall and Miss Lucy Brundett were in Cairo Friday.
Mrs. Clara Anderson and son Paul are visiting in Memphis.
N. O. Ellis of Cape is visiting his son, Joe F., and family.
Miss Belle Gaither is visiting relatives at the Cape.

Miss Ruth Reynolds is visiting at Perryville, Mo.
Mrs. Chas. Heuchan was slightly ill last week.
W. N. Post returned from Milwaukee Thursday.
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FROM REDMAN.
Warren Hency and family, Byrd Turner and family of Chewing's chapel visited the family of Hy-Loflin Sunday.
John Darnell and Miss Jessie Wade of Benton were in this community Sunday.

Miss Jessie Wade of Benton visited Miss Fannie Lofton Monday and Tuesday.
Jim and Floyd Simmons and John Webb were at Commerce Sunday.

A large crowd from here attended church at Unity Sunday night.
Charlie Spaulding and Miss Fannie Loftin were at the Cape Sunday.
The dance at A. H. Adams Thursday night was well attended.

John Spaulding visited Isaac and Warren Inman Sunday.
Sunday school at the Chapel was well attended Sunday.
Mrs. Ruth Beshiere is visiting her parents in St. Louis.
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FROM HICKORY GROVE.
The ice cream supper Saturday night was a success. There was some good speaking, but owing to the rain the crowd was not so large.
Walter Ward of Caruthersville Mo. visited friends here last week. McKinley Butterfield is visiting his father in Illinois.

Miss Irene Thompson of Brooks Junction attended the ice cream supper here Saturday night.
Mrs. Sophia Hodgkiss was called to Sikeston to visit her son, who is very sick.
Thos. Dickerson of near Blodgett was a visitor in our vicinity Sunday.

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There will be preaching Saturday night and Sunday by Rev. W. D. Butler.
Murry Powell visited his brother, Robert, near Perkins last week. Several from here attended the big meeting at Unity this week.
Leslie Darby is visiting his sister at Crowder.
George Sutton has a very sick child.
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