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TIME TABLE

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CORRECTED MAY 7, 1916

NORTH
No. 208 K. C. Passgr. 8:15 a. m.
No. 208 K. C. & St. Louis Passgr. 11:00 a. m.
No. 210 K. C. & St. Louis Passgr. 10:45 p. m.

SOUTH
No. 201 Joplin Passenger 3:30 a. m.
No. 207 Joplin Passenger 1:10 p. m.
No. 205 Nevada Passenger 8:00 p. m.

INTERSTATE (Arrive)
No. 66 Butler Passenger 10:25 a. m.
No. 64 Local Freight 4:15 p. m.

WEST (Leave)
No. 65 Madison Local 7:05 a. m.
No. 67 Madison Passenger 1:30 p. m.
All freight for forwarding must be at depot not later than 10:00 o'clock a. m. or will be held for following day's forwarding. Freight for Interstate Division must be delivered before 5 o'clock p. m. No freight billed for this train in morning. Madison and local freights carry passengers.

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A Youthful Bible Student.

"Which one of the Ten Commandments did Adam break when he ate the apple?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"He didn't break any," replied one little fellow.

"Why not?"
"Cause there wasn't any then."—From Answers, London.

SHORT STORIES

Of Local Interest, Clipped from Our Exchanges.

A local company has been formed at Hume to build a suitable building in which to instal a moving picture show.

The new M. E. church at Hume will be dedicated June 1. Dr. M. M. Gray of the Grand Avenue Temple of Kansas City, will preach the sermon.

The total amount paid for eggs, poultry, etc., at Hume from March 1st to May 17 was \$20,771.90 according to figures compiled by the Border Telephone.

Several fine dogs have been poisoned in Appleton City lately, says the Journal. One must be pretty low down in the human scale to deliberately poison a good dog.

Capt. J. W. Prowell, one of the pioneer residents of Cedar county, died at his home near El Dorado Springs, Sunday. He had lived on the farm on which he died since 1853.

Miss Stella Baldwin left last week for New Orleans, La., to be in attendance at the marriage of a friend, Miss Hazel Russell, and to act in the capacity of bride's maid.—Appleton City Journal.

A lady living near Drexel while gathering eggs recently found in one nest, a turkey egg, a hen egg, a guinea egg and a quail's egg, says the Star. Some what of a duke's mixture. Who can beat it?

Prof. E. W. Stevens, who has been with the Hume schools for the past three years has accepted a position as superintendent of the Gibbon, Nebraska, public schools says the Border Telephone.

At an election held in Ulrich May 16 to vote bonds for a new school house the proposition was defeated. Another election has been called for June 5, when they will try it again. The amount of the bonds is to be \$9,500.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hamilton entertained a number of friends for Mrs. Philip Barnhouse who was to leave the first of the week for her new home at Somerset, Colo. About twenty invited guests were present to enjoy the Hamilton hospitality.—Amoret Leader.

The School Board met in the bank building Friday night and hired a principal and a teacher for room 2, both from Warrensburg. Miss Pharis of Spruce, for the primary room and Miss Pauline Houtz for West Point.—Merwin Items in Amsterdam Enterprise.

Lee W. Putnam, Riley Putnam and W. S. Steele left on the 11:18 train today for New York to spend the summer. The Putnam brothers go to Elmira, Mr. Steele to Ithica. Mr. Riley Putnam has not visited his boyhood home for thirty-eight years.—Adrian Journal.

Rev. Faurot, pastor of the M. E. church here, baptized several of the young folks of his flock Sunday evening, at the Vinton ford, east of town. Ruth Armentrout, Beth Hall, Vena and May Howe, and Cyril Thornbrugh were the ones receiving the rite.—Amsterdam Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thornbrugh are mourning the death of their little son, aged 1 year, 1 month, and 22 days, who passed away Thursday night, May 18, and was laid to rest in the Scott Cemetery Friday afternoon. Rev. E. E. Hughes conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Thornbrugh is still quite sick with the measles.—Amsterdam Enterprise.

J. H. Strait, the blacksmith, while at work in his shop, last Tuesday evening, was struck in the left eye with a piece of iron from a plow share. He went to Nevada Thursday to consult an eye specialist, with the result that the eyeball was removed Friday morning. It was a very painful operation and he suffered a great deal. The entire community sympathizes with him in his afflictions.—Border Telephone.

C. H. Bryant and daughters, Mary and Margaret and son, Edwin, expect to leave this week for the west, stopping in Montana and other places. They will make the trip in their Ford car. Mr. Bryant expected to make this trip about a month ago, but the cyclone damaged his property in

the Ohio vicinity to such an extent that he decided to delay his trip until he could fix up his place again. They expect to be away all summer.—Appleton City Journal.

Next Tuesday is Memorial Day and the birthday of the first baby born in Merwin. Twenty-four years ago sweet little chubby May, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Yingst, first saw the light of day here, when the town was new. What changes have taken place here, and there were many, we will not attempt to say, and many folks have come and gone, and many of the old residents are sleeping in the surrounding cemeteries. But today, May, in the prime of life, is living at 616 Garfield Avenue, K. C., Kansas, and is Mrs. May Weiden.—Merwin Sun.

Villista Cache of Guns Unearthed by Pershing.

Field Headquarters, Near Namiquipa, May 28 (Via Wireless to Columbus, N. M.).—A Villista cache of machine guns, rifles and ammunition was unearthed today in a canon near here by townspeople working under American direction. The find, which was officially reported to Gen. J. J. Pershing, is regarded as important, not merely because of the quantity of the armament discovered, but because it reveals a change in the spirit manifested toward the American troops by the natives.

It is being pointed out that friendly Mexicans now feel free to disclose secrets which, before the death of Cervantes, they have kept under threats of death. This feeling of security is being augmented by the relentlessness with which the cavalry pursuit of Cervantes' band is being pushed.

Land Bill Passes House.

Washington, May 26.—The Oregon and California land grant bill, designed to restore to the federal government about 3,200,000 acres of land, valued at about \$30,000,000 passed the house without substantial amendment yesterday by a vote of 196 to 6. It now goes to the senate.

The bill was introduced to straighten out a long legal fight between the government and the California & Oregon Railroad Company over a land grant made more than a half century ago.

The government averred the company had failed to carry out the terms of this agreement regarding the disposition of the land to settlers.

Volunteers to Build Road.

Springfield, Mo., May 28.—The Business Men's League of Ozark last night designated June 15 as "good roads day" when every business house and office will be closed to enable employer and employe to devote the entire day to the completing of the Ozark-Forsyth highway through Christian County. It is expected that 900 persons will volunteer their services.

The workers will be scattered over the 24-mile route and complete the few unimproved links remaining in the automobile road leading from Springfield to the White River.

Swallows Frog; Fined \$25.

Kansas City, Mo., May 27.—A man who will get drunk, lie around in the woods, drink spring water and swallow frogs is getting mighty worthless, Judge J. H. Brady said in fining John Arnold \$25 in police court on the Kansas side.

Arnold, who is 45 years old and lives at Sixty-third street and Lydia avenue, slept all night in a shed near the Quindaro pumping station. Awakened by his thirst he drank greedily from a spring near by. A police surgeon used a pump in extracting a frog Arnold had swallowed.

Big Cattle Sale.

Col. J. Harlan Porter was in town Monday having bills printed for the big Holstein cattle sale which is to be held Saturday, June 3, at Priestly's feed yard on West Dakota street.

There will be 20 head of cows and heifers and four bulls from the well known herd of A. J. King. A majority of the cows and heifers were sired by Sarcastic Lad, the grand champion of the St. Louis World's fair.

The Holstein cattle are great milkers and are large enough for beef, making the ideal breed of cattle for the farmer.

MISSOURI NOTES

Over in Henry county a fisherman caught a 5 1-4 pound bass. Immediately Cass county reports the catching of a 6 1-2 pound bass. Next.

J. W. Cox, former business manager of the Shelbina Democrat and for 15 years proprietor of the Monroe City News, has bought the Shelbina Torchlight from M. E. Williams, secretary to Gov. Major.

A sick parole was granted by Gov. Major Saturday to Andrew Randals, negro, sent from Ste. Genevieve County, under sentence of two years for burglary. Randals was paroled to John Randals of St. Marys, Mo.

Adair County, Missouri, by a majority of 600, Saturday voted to remain dry for four years more. The county was voted dry four years ago by a majority of 132. On June 12, Chillicothe, now wet, will vote on local option.

While former secretary of state Sam B. Cook, who now lives in Jefferson City, was out of town the other day his friends circulated a petition and filed his name as a candidate for the nomination for State Senator from the 27th district.

A five-inch rain fell at Windsor in 10 hours Saturday night and Sunday, doing heavy damage to farm lands and bridges. Lightning struck the barn of Abe Ford, in the east part of Windsor, setting it afire. Its contents also were destroyed.

Col. W. L. Morse, a Republican, former candidate for Congress against Speaker Champ Clark, has been appointed Clerk of the Probate Court of Warren County by Judge J. W. Hukriede, who is temporarily absent, acting as State chairman of the Republican Committee.

Ex-Congressman Nathan Frank, a corporation attorney of St. Louis, Saturday announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. In discussing issues Mr. Frank said he was for adequate preparedness and that there is no danger of militarism in this country.

The county court of Newton county recently gave an attorney authority to represent the county in the presentation of the claims of the county for caring for Federal prisoners. The court did not know that Uncle Sam owed the county anything, but the lawyer wanted a job and they thought there might be something coming.

To register their demands for a ballot, 20,000 Suffragists are planning to stand in line at St. Louis during the Democratic National Convention and maintain absolute silence for one whole hour. Whenever this takes place, we may expect the tooting of horns that will usher in the millennium.—Henry County Democrat.

The Missouri University easily won the Missouri Valley championship at the track meet at Columbia last week. The contestants were: Missouri, Kansas, Ames, Drake, Nebraska, Kansas Agricultural College, Grinnell, Simpson and Fairmount. Robt. Simpson, of Missouri, broke his own world's record 14 4-5 over the high hurdles.

Testimony that the Brass and Metal Manufacturing Co. of Kansas City is making 100,000,000 11-centimeter cartridges for the Italian Government was brought out in the Circuit Court at Kansas City Saturday. Attorneys told of the working of the plant in a suit for a receiver for the company, brought by Louis A. Sherman, a former director. The court denied the application. It was disclosed that two Italian Government inspectors and an inspector for the English Government are at present supervising the work.

Christian Science Services

Christian Science Services and Sunday school will be held each Sunday in the Probate Court room at the court house. Sunday school 10 a. m. Services 11 a. m. Subject, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

All are cordially invited to attend.

Missouri.

Missouri, the patriarch of states west of the Mississippi, is a big state with real boundary lines. When you get out of it you can notice the difference without looking at the map. It has temperament, history, pride and a sense of humor. Missouri people get more fun out of talking about Missouri than they do by going to comic opera. Missouri is one of our national pleasantries and helps make life happier in this commercial and busy nation.

Missouri is a plain, downright old-fashioned state, and proud of it. It has almost three and a half million people, divided into two classes—those who call the state "Mizzoury" and love it and those who call it "Missouria" and wish it had more society and less mules. It is the seventh state in population, the third in corn, ninth in railroads, sixth in number of school children, first in mules and first in incredulity. Owing to the passion which Missourians have for "being shown" and for showing each other up, politics in the state has been an earnest and wakeful operation for the last 70 years.

Missouri is modern at the eastern end in St. Louis and at its western end in Kansas City. It is also being modernized in the legislature at Jefferson City, the capital. It is historic along the Mississippi with a French accent, unconstructed in Clay county, and primitive in the Ozarks, where the locomotive is less familiar to the children than the Ozarks. It is drilled into two parts by the restless Missouri river and by the local option fight. It has produced Mark Twain, the James boys, Joseph Folk, Adolphus Bush, the science of osteopathy and the Democratic hymn, "They gotta quit kickin' my dog aroun'." Missouri is so backward that antebellum picnics are still held in some parts and is so advanced that when an octopus reaches a tenacle across the state line, said tenacle is cut off and hung up in the state as a trophy.

Missouri was settled 150 years ago, but has remained unsettled ever since. It fought itself vigorously in the Civil War, and has been revolving politically of late with extreme rapidity. It was once the fifth state in population in the union, but has been passed by Massachusetts and Texas, owing to the vast number of Missourians who have strayed across the state line at Kansas City and St. Louis and have settled on sub-urban lawless soil. Missouri man can create as much interest and excitement as two ordinary men, and the state will never be unimportant.—Boston (Mass.) Paper.

Sausage Hoppers May Await Dogs.

Bucharest, May 27.—Purchases by the belligerent nations of both sides have produced high prices and much discontent in Roumania. The British have contracted for 500,000 tons of wheat and the central powers for 1,500,000 tons. An enormous contraband traffic in cattle, fowls and foodstuffs is carried on at the border with the connivance of grafting officials.

Meat is so scarce that the slaughter of cattle has been prohibited and the sale of meat is forbidden two days of the week, as in Austria and Germany.

German agents have bought great numbers of dogs. Their stated purpose is to provide machine gun traction, but it is suspected canines will go into the sausage hopper.

Wounded, He Slew Bandits

Field Headquarters, near Namiquipa, Chihuahua (via wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 27).—The bravery of George A. Hullett, a private in the Seventeenth Infantry, who although himself wounded shot and instantly killed Candelario Cervantes and Juan Beaucone in Thursdays engagement near Las Cruces, was commended by Gen. John J. Pershing in dispatches today. The expeditionary commander described the feat as ranking in importance almost as would the death of Villa himself, removing as it did two bandits who have constantly annoyed the American columns.

Brandeis Vote on Thursday

Washington, May 27.—The Senate will act next Thursday on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court with confirmation virtually assured. Even Republican opponents of Brandeis think he will be confirmed.