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SHALL CAPE GIRARDEAU HAVE A ZOO?

The suggestion made by The Tribune a few days ago to establish a zoo in the Fairgrounds park, should the city buy that site, has been taken up by the most influential men in this city.

While the plan to purchase the Fairgrounds is only in the state of incubation, it is nevertheless time to agitate a movement to create a city zoo. There is no entertainment that surpasses a zoological garden.

It is the animals, and not the acrobatic gyrations, that make a circus fascinating. Who would not rather feed peanuts to the monkeys or elephants than watch men clad in tight riding dray horses? The growl of the Bengal tiger or the roar of a man-eating lion arouses more curiosity than the most skilled jugglers. And what amuses the people of St. Louis will interest them here.

The zoo in Forest Park in St. Louis is the feature that makes that great preserve the most popular outing place in the metropolis of Missouri. During the summer months thousands of children gather about the animal cages daily, and the weather is never too cold to keep the people from visiting the St. Louis zoo during the winter months.

The Lincoln Park zoo in Chicago attracts more attention from visitors than the skyscraping buildings, and the great collection of wild animals in the Bronx of New York City is viewed by more people than any Broadway.

A zoo in the Fairgrounds of Cape Girardeau would bring people to this city who never came here before. It would advertise this city from Memphis to St. Louis and from the swamps that skirt the Ozarks on the East to the fertile stretches of Southern Illinois.

A better site for a collection of wild animals could be found nowhere than the natural beauty of the Fairgrounds. Its streams are fed by springs with water as cold as those that rush down from the mountain tops. The natural advantages of the Fairgrounds excel those in beautiful Forest Park in St. Louis.

With an insignificant expense the lagoons in the Fairgrounds could be made the comfortable home of rainbow trout, crappie, bass and pike. Swans, pelicans and other wildfowl would thrive in these ideal surroundings.

A zoo in Cape Girardeau could be established for a minimum cost and it would be an attraction that would never grow old. The Tribune would be glad to hear from its readers, whether they favor it or not. If you have a suggestion to make, send it to the editor of The Tribune.

THE CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT.

The analysis of the city water as contained in the report which the City Council sent to the Public Service Commission at Jefferson City, is about as bad as it could possibly be. Ammonia, as the analysis shows, is not due to chemicals injected into the water for the purpose of purification, but was created by the natural condition of the water.

According to the chemist who made the report, sewage in the water is responsible for the high percentage of ammonia.

The Missouri Public Utilities Company is responsible for this polluted condition. According to the statement made in the City Council last night by Mr. Fowler, the water company has been pumping from Sloan's creek, which is nothing less than a sewer, all summer. The Tribune called the public's attention to this fact last summer, and had the water company considered the health of this city in the slightest degree, it would have attempted to remedy the conditions then.

But it did not, and the people can expect no improvement in the future, unless the company is forced to act. The Public Service Commission should have been summoned to Cape Girardeau last summer, because it is empowered to compel a public service corporation to be honest with the people, if the company is unwilling to be of its own accord.

The water condition in this city must not be permitted to continue. The public is entitled to protection, and it looks to the city officials for it.

It is a crying shame that a prosperous community, located on the most valuable stream in the western hemisphere, must buy poisoned water dipped from a cesspool resting beside an almost bottomless current of pure water.

The people of this city must be grateful that the state officials have been asked to give some relief. This action should have been taken months ago, but on theory that it is better late than never, that is a time for city-wide thanksgiving.

THE VOICE OF THE INTERESTS.

The local afternoon paper, which is bound and gagged by the interests, attempted to carry water—sewer water at that—on both shoulders yesterday.

In a labored article, intended to convince the people that the water is not as bad as it seems to be, our contemporary flopped back on the side of the Missouri Public Utilities Company and against the people.

But we extend congratulations to that muzzled journal for snapping at one of its masters at least one time. One week ago it acted as if it had grown a new set of teeth and might bite, but it proved no more vicious than the jay which growls furiously while hiding under a porch.

Our contemporary devoted the greater part of its story in an attempt to belittle Mayor Kage and Councilman Black for taking a stand for the people. It attempted to convince its readers that the water now sold to this city is not sewer water, but it failed miserably.

When a newspaper helps a law-breaking corporation to throttle the people, its virtue vanishes and it becomes a menace. There is not a successful newspaper in any state in the Union that panders to the interests and enjoys the confidence of the people.

A newspaper is somewhat like the man who holds an office of public trust. If it deserts its constituents to defend a corporation which robs the people, it sacrifices its self-respect as well as its influence.

The Tribune will not surrender to any man or institution which attempts to take an advantage of the people. Our fight on the Missouri Public Utilities Company will not terminate until that corporation has kept its promises.

In keeping with its policy, we expect our evening contemporary to support any city officials who may turn down the people in favor of the Missouri Public Utilities Company. The Tribune expects to oppose every official who indorses the Utilities company's service, and we should like to go before the people with the bitter opposition of our contemporary, if it is possible to make a monopoly organ bitter.

BOUQUETS AND MISSOURI HISTORY.

The new history of Missouri, a part of which was compiled by Walter E. Stevens, the well-known writer, is valuable to the state only in a measure. The historical facts, as presented by Mr. Stevens, possesses actual worth, but his pen produced only two of the four volumes.

Two large books are made up of biographies of men in every section of the state, including almost a hundred from Cape Girardeau County. As these "write ups" were paid for, it is unnecessary to say that no one was criticized. The compliments paid to some of the male residents of this state are almost mushy.

But the biographies proved the truth of the old adage, which says: "Nothing is too bad to contain some good." The good in the last half of the new history of Missouri must be the fact that it shows that all men hold themselves in high esteem. The men whose "obituaries" appear in the new works had an opportunity to toss a few bouquets at themselves, and a casual perusal of the books indicates that every man "written up" is pretty well pleased with himself.

We do not desire to criticize those whose names appear in the new books. Perish the thought! But before they again attempt to chide the members of the gentler sex for vanity, they should first gaze calmly into Stevens' new history of little old Missouri.

MAN OF MYSTERY HAUNTS HOMES, SCARES WOMEN

Appears at Three Residences, Prowls in Rear Yards, Then Vanishes.

CALLS WHILE WIVES ARE ALONE IN HOME

Once Represented Self as Physician and Inquired Way to Policeman's Home.

Considerable excitement has prevailed for the past few days in the neighborhood of South Benton street between Jefferson avenue and Bloomfield street, on account of the strange fictions of a mysterious party who appears every evening at about 6 o'clock, and calls at the houses in that particular vicinity.

Three evenings in succession last week this same individual appeared at the home of Henry Ulrich, on South Benton street, and on one occasion represented himself to be Dr. Williams in order to persuade Mrs. Ulrich to come to the door. When she opened the door, the stranger mumbled incoherently in an undertone, and was still standing on the porch when Mrs. Ulrich closed and locked the door.

On the other two occasions, he was seen passing around the house to the rear door, and when he knocked, no attention was paid to him and after waiting for several minutes he left. On one of these occasions, however, Mrs. Ulrich called and asked him what he wanted, and he inquired the way to Policeman Jeff Hutson's.

This same stranger has visited on numerous occasions, the homes of Mr. Smooty, and H. P. Lund, who live in the same community. He never gives any intelligent account of himself, but never displays any tendencies toward violence.

He always makes his appearance shortly after dark, and just before the men reach home from their work. He is described as being tall and slender, wears a dark overcoat, a gray cap, a white collar and red tie.

While his actions have never indicated a disposition to do harm, he is believed to be insane, and a careful watch is being maintained for him in the hopes of effecting his capture.

MRS. MARY MASTERSON, OLD RESIDENT, DIES

Mrs. Mary Masterson, an old resident of Cape County, died at St. Francis Hospital, in this city yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, after an illness of about three weeks. Her death was due to typhoid fever.

Mrs. Masterson was born Feb. 29, 1856, on a farm a few miles north of this city, and most of her life has been spent there and in the Cape.

Sometime ago she rented her property in this city, and moved to Commerce, where she could be with her daughter, Miss Lucy Masterson, who is teaching school in Commerce.

Mrs. Masterson was the widow of William E. Masterson who died several years ago.

Of her immediate relatives, she is survived by one child, Miss Lucy Masterson, and four sisters: Mrs. Ernest Hobbs, Mrs. W. H. Minton, and Mrs. T. C. Collins, of this city, and Mrs. Margaret Stratton of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Stratton will arrive here today.

The funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Minton, 123 South Pacific street, this afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. F. Y. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial will be at the Lorimer cemetery.

AUTO HITS STREET CAR

A street car in charge of motorman Clarence Hinkle was struck Sunday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, by an automobile driven by Dr. John Porterfield, Jr., at the corner of Ellis street and Broadway, and was derailed and had the front axle broken.

The automobile was also badly wrecked, having one wheel reduced to splinters, and an axle broken.

No one was hurt, and the damages were confined to the wrecking of the cars.

C. L. Soderstrom of Jackson, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

E. C. Groover of Kansas City, was in the Cape yesterday looking after some business interests.

R. W. Taylor of Commerce, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

S. P. Gideon of Burdettville, was in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

W. G. Anderson of Commerce, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Tribune's Suggestion For A City Zoo Is Approved By Horde Of Influential Men.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The Tribune is in favor of the city establishing a zoo in the Fairgrounds, should the Fairgrounds be purchased by the city. We should like to have our readers express themselves, whether they are in favor of a zoo or opposed to it. Write the Editor of The Tribune a letter, giving your opinion, and if you want a zoo, state what kind of animals you prefer to have in it.

The suggestion made by The Tribune to establish a zoo in the Fairgrounds, should that tract of ground become the property of the city, has met with enthusiastic approval by the substantial business men of this city.

Charles W. Stehr, the well-known Good Hope street merchant, informed The Tribune yesterday that he would personally furnish some wild animals for the zoo. "I am mighty glad the suggestion has been made," he said. "It is an excellent one, and I believe the city will get behind it. I will gladly contribute something to it in the way of animals."

"If a zoo were to be created by this city, the town would not have to buy a single animal. They would all be contributed. It would be just a matter of accommodating all that would be donated."

William H. Bohnsack, Jr., president of Bohnsack's Store, said he considered it the best idea that had been brought forth in a long time. "I have heard a great many people discuss the plan for a zoo since The Tribune suggested it," said Mr. Bohnsack, "and everyone seems to be enthusiastic over it. It certainly would be a splendid thing for the city, and would afford enjoyment to the men and women as well as the children."

"A customer who was in my store today was particularly enthused over the suggestion. He said he would contribute a bear, if the city established the animal park. The only cost of such a project would be the erection of suitable houses for the animals. These would be inexpensive, and the good that would result is easily worth the money. I have heard nothing but favorable comment, and personally I should be delighted to see the idea develop into something tangible."

Prof. H. L. Roberts, instructor of Zoology in the Normal school, yesterday expressed himself as being heartily in favor of a city zoo. "I was glad to see The Tribune take up the matter," he said yesterday. "It is something that we have needed badly for a long, long time."

"It is invaluable as an educational feature, and I sincerely hope it will be approved by the city officials who are empowered to act upon it."

"The Tribune's suggestion that we install every animal that lives in this section of the state, is good, but I favor a more general plan. I want the Missouri animals first, but we should not stop there. To make the zoo complete, we should have as many animals as we could possibly get. We should not be limited to the animals of any state."

"If the zoo is established, I believe it should contain an aquarium, and a lagoon for swans and other waterfowl. Snakes, too, should be included. The cost of acquiring beasts, reptiles and birds would be insignificant. The zoo idea is a great proposition and nothing could be more easily done."

Dr. Paul R. Williams expressed himself similar to Prof. Roberts. "There is no attraction that appeals more to the people than a zoo. Wherever you find a zoological garden, you will always find a crowd of interested people. In cities of this size, amusements are naturally limited, and if Cape Girardeau establishes a zoo in the Fairgrounds, the city will soon find that it will not only appeal to those who live here, but it will attract people from the surrounding neighborhoods."

"If Cape Girardeau will build the houses, they will be filled without expense to the city," said John L. Miller. "If such an institution is established, there ought to be fish ponds. The lagoons should be re-arranged so that rain water could not flow into them. If they were fed exclusively by the springs which abound in the Fairgrounds, game fish could thrive in these lagoons."

Judge William B. Schaefer, President of the First National Bank, is an enthusiastic advocate of a city zoo. "It is a capital idea," he said. "The animals, which are ninety per cent of a zoo, can be obtained without any expense. There could not be a more suitable site for a zoological garden than the Fairgrounds. I hope the suggestion is adopted by the city. It would be an attraction that would bring genuine joy to everyone, and especially the children."

"I don't suppose there is anyone, whether little or big, old or young, who does not find delight in watching animals. Almost every large city in the United States maintains a zoo, and I have never heard of one of them being disbanded because of lack of interest."

J. M. Allison, President of the Allison Toggery, last night made the following statement: "The Tribune's zoo suggestion interested me immensely. We have been in need of such a project for many years, and I hope the city will take advantage of its opportunity. It is certainly a live idea and The Tribune is to be congratulated."

"A zoo would bring people to this city that are now going elsewhere. A zoo, as has been stated, is a stationary circus, and nothing gets the crowds like a circus. Cape Girardeau is growing rapidly and is destined to become a city, and we ought to do everything possible to please our own people and to attract others here. A zoo is an advertisement and a splendid one at that."

Walter D. Black, a member of the City Council, stated yesterday that he would be heartily in favor of the city establishing a zoo. "Of course we can't take this matter up until we learn whether the city is going to buy the Fairgrounds. But if the city buys the site, I will do all I can to help get a zoo. A zoological garden is always popular and appeals to the people of all classes and all ages."

This place and contaminate so many innocent souls. I will notify the Warden that you are pardoned."

STE. GENEVIEVE MAN DEAD

St. Louis, Jan. 4—Martin V. Sexauer, formerly of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., was found dead in bed at the Illinois Hotel, East St. Louis, today. Two empty bottles that had contained carbolic acid were found beside him. He registered at the hotel Sunday.

The dead man has a wife in Bonne Terre, Mo., a message from Ste. Genevieve said Monday afternoon, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sexauer, and three brothers in Ste. Genevieve. He was about 30 years old. He visited Ste. Genevieve Saturday, and attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Henry Ganahl. He has been working in East St. Louis recently.

Geo. E. Kottmeier of St. Louis, a cash and door salesman, is a business visitor in this city.



News From The County Seat

Jackson, Jan. 6.

The Ladies Aid of the Lutheran church meets with Mrs. Louise Milde this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Milde entertained about a dozen of their young married friends at cards last night.

Miss Franken, who taught the teachers' course in our High School last year, is this year teaching in the Hot Springs, Ark., schools.

J. E. Schmueke has gone to Benton to attend the funeral of his uncle, Wm. Spalding, who died yesterday, and will be buried in Benton today. Mr. Spalding was well known to a number of Jackson people as he frequently visited the family of his sister, Mrs. Kate Schmueke. Mr. Spalding leaves besides his widow and several children, two sisters, Mrs. Kate Schmueke, of Jackson, and Miss Annie Spalding of near the Cape, and two brothers, Dick and John Spalding of near the Cape.

The Cemetery Association meets with Mrs. Nettie Howard this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goyert entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Sibley and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams at dinner Monday, in honor of Mrs. Goyert's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carman and Milton, of Kennett, who have been visiting relatives here, leave for their home tomorrow.

The Misses Mary Dell Caldwell and Virginia Morton left this morning for Fredericktown, where they will visit Miss Virginia La Brot.

Aubuchon et al. vs. Aubuchon was ordered placed on the docket for Jan. 14.

Several colored men of the Cape appeared at the jail yesterday to visit Curley Smith, colored, indicted for first degree murder. George Summers, the sheriff, told them they would have to be searched before being admitted, to which one of them agreed, the other, St. Sheppard, residing Summers at the point of a revolver forced him to submit to be searched and found a 38-caliber pistol which the negro had concealed about his person. Summers then locked the man into a cell, while he went to Squire John Putz and swore out a warrant. The negro after furnishing \$200 bond was bound over to the May term of Circuit Court. Frank Swartz, O. D. Snorley, white, and Geo. Williams, colored, all of the Cape, are the bondsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gockel entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hoffmeister and Messrs. Troy Gladish and Harold Mabrey Sunday evening.

Those receiving prizes at the 500 party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Milde last night were Mrs. Henry Gockel, first; Mrs. E. Milde, booby; Mr. A. M. Robertson, first; Mr. Henry Gockel, booby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCombs are entertaining Rev. Jenkins and wife, Messames Lon McCombs, Ed. Russell, Miss Roena Shaner and J. W. McCombs, Sr., at dinner today.

The Misses Grace Vinyard and Emma Hoffmeister left yesterday for Stevens College, Columbia. Robert Vinyard returned to St. Louis to resume his work at the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium.

Prof. Miller of the High School, took his class in agriculture down to Mill "A" this morning, where they studied the wheat question, that is the different grades of wheat selected for the different grades of flour, the milling process, etc.

Henry James is moving into the new house he recently purchased of Mrs. Josie Hogner, and Will Koehler is moving into the house vacated by Mr. James, which belongs to the Quimms estate. Joe Wolters is also moving into his new home in Cherry street today.

Miss Bernice Williams will entertain the Bachelor Girls and their young men friends at her home south of town tonight.

Mrs. C. A. Macom, entertained her Sunday School Class with a bill of fare luncheon last Saturday afternoon. Each number on the bill of fare was a conundrum, and when some one expected dainty viands, and found when their order was filled they had selected toothpicks and cheese, they were so amazed and amused that they joined in the laugh at their own expense. Mrs. Vera Taylor, who was Miss Talley until a week ago, a member of the class, was given a miscellaneous shower on this occasion. The young ladies know it is customary to give

showers before the wedding, but as Mrs. Taylor had not let them into the secret of her coming marriage, the shower had to be after the wedding.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church will meet with Mrs. A. Kuehmer, Thursday at noon.

Mrs. Oliver Graef, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Foe, will return to her home in Wythville, Va., tomorrow.

Mr. Strong of West Jackson, is very sick. Mr. Strong has been an invalid for years.

At the Council meeting last night, only the general routine business was transacted.

The Circuit Court proceedings today were as follows:

State of Mo. vs. Gustave Goehmann for wounding and killing others; hog; plea guilty to malicious mischief and the court fixed his punishment at \$5 and costs.

John Stidham vs. Dr. Morgan on account. The plaintiff is required to make a deposit of \$75 on or before Friday, Jan. 8.

MacMaster vs. White; damage suit. It was dismissed by request and at the cost of Harry Alexander.

State of Mo. against F. A. Kain for assault. He pled guilty to common assault and the court fixed his fine at \$1.

Zeller et al. vs. Zeller et al. A. M. Spradling was appointed guardian ad litem for Walter Zeller, a minor, and he accepts the appointment.

State of Mo. vs. Ernest Foster for making false affidavits; entered plea of not guilty and judgment for defendant. Defendant was discharged.

On motion of Ed. B. Hays, it was ordered by the court that Oscar A. Knehan be enrolled as a member of this bar.

Wolteke vs. Gladish; City of Jackson is granted leave to become a party defendant and file answer.

The divorce suit of Ben Towell against Myrtle Towell was continued by the plaintiff.

Richard vs. Merritt was dismissed upon payment of costs by defendant.

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The committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Judge W. H. Miller, was given until the next term of court to report.

Henry Denckel of Tibet, Wm. Wissman of Oriole, J. C. Davis of Fruitland, are in town on business.

Miss Tod Wright of New Madrid, who has been visiting relatives here, left yesterday for Portageville, where she is employed as a teacher in the public school.

Mrs. Henry, who has been visiting the family of her son, Marvin, near the Cape, returned yesterday.

J. C. Clippard has gone to Langford, Ark., to his farm.

Circuit Court opened today. The following is a report of the proceedings: The sheriff and his deputies were called and sworn, and the deputies were sent after the three prisoners to jail.

While they were gone Louis Whitelaw, who is under parole, was called up and made proof of good behavior, and was permitted to go until next term.

State vs. Harve Dalton, carrying concealed weapons, continued.

State vs. Curley Smith, murder first degree. Comes the defendant and court appoints Russell Dearmont and David B. Hays attorneys to defend him.

State vs. J. M. Blotz, false pretenses; J. H. Doris appointed to defend him.

State vs. A. Morris, carrying concealed weapons; T. D. Hines appointed attorney for defense.

Jurors called to jury box. H. H. Kirchhoff, James Clingman and O. E. Eggmann absent; Kirchhoff and Eggmann excused for good reason. E. E. McDowell and Charles Loves called as jurors.