

FOR BENTON STATUE

Admirers of Former Missouri Senator Organize at Kansas City.

TO ASK \$50,000 FROM STATE

General Public Also Will be Asked to Subscribe to Fund—J. M. Lowe, President.

Persons interested in the proposition of erecting a statue in Kansas City to the memory of Thomas H. Benton...

The purpose of the organization is to unite with the members of Elizabeth Benton chapter, D. A. R., in petitioning the state legislature to appropriate \$50,000 for a monument.

The work of erecting a Benton memorial has been agitated in Kansas City before. Several years ago the state legislature appropriated \$25,000 for a monument but it was later canceled and the funds diverted to other use.

The monument association and the D. A. R. society will unite in efforts for the monument from now on.

Mr. Lowe was elected president of the association, and Miss Theresa Murrel, a representative of the D. A. R., secretary.

AURORA WILL TAKE A CHANCE

Citizens in Mass Meeting Raise Fund to Prospect for Lead and Zinc.

The citizens of Aurora decided at a mass meeting the other night to gamble. The plunge is in the mining game.

Former Congressman Dies.—J. R. Bodine, for many years conspicuous in politics of Northeast Missouri, is dead in Paris of apoplexy.

College Press Organizes.—Representatives of college and university publications met at Fulton and organized the Missouri Collegiate Press Association.

Sedalia Veteran Dies.—James O'Farrell, born in Virginia 72 years ago, but a resident of Missouri since 1869, a veteran of the Civil War, is dead at Sedalia.

Train Kills Baby.—The 2-year-old son of Frank R. Halenni, a farmer, was killed by a Chicago Great Western train near Savannah the other afternoon.

Car Robbers Sentenced.—The four men taken to Liberty from Kansas City charged with larceny from cars were sentenced to two years each in the Missouri state penitentiary.

Back in New Home.—The Citizens' Bank at Liberty opened its doors for business in its new \$40,000 home the other day.

SELLS OLD MISSOURI RELIC

Sheriff of Johnson County Disposes at Auction of Courthouse Built in 1836.

Warrensburg's old court house, which was the seat of justice in Johnson county from 1836 until a few years ago, was sold at public auction the other day by the sheriff.

It was in this court house that George G. Vest, former United States senator from Missouri, delivered his oration on the dog's faithfulness to his master, which has since become a classic.

In 1861 Francis M. Cockrell, afterwards thirty years in the United States senate, with a captain's commission in his pocket, hurled defiance at the North from the court house steps and delivered the speech which made him for so many years the idol of Southern sympathizers.

OLDEST MISSOURIAN IS DEAD

Henry Dorman, of Liberal, Had Lived for 115 Years—Was a Civil War Veteran.

Henry Dorman, 115 years old, and believed to be the oldest man in America, died at his home in Liberal recently.

Henry Dorman was born in New York January 10, 1799. He married in 1823 and was the father of ten children. At the age of 64 he enlisted in Troop F, Seventh Michigan Cavalry.

Owing to "Uncle" Henry's advanced age Congress granted him an increase of pension to \$50 a month six years ago. His pension was the only support of him and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Dorman, with whom he lived forty-four years.

"Wife-Driver" Weds Again.—A marriage license has been granted at Liberty to Lafayette Choate of Birmingham and Bessie Evans of Kansas City. The ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace.

Land Valuation Closes.—The assessed value of real estate and personal property in Missouri is \$1,662,738,932, according to the tax figures for 1914.

Fall Kills Aged Woman.—Miss Creta Carlson, 98 years old, died at Carthage the other day as the result of a fall. The shock produced an attack of heart trouble.

Catholic Editor Dies.—T. J. Casey, editor and founder of the Kansas City Catholic Register, is dead after a long illness. Sixteen years ago Mr. Casey established The Register, and perhaps he was the most widely known Catholic east of the Rocky mountains at the time of his death.

Dr. Rubey's Mother Dies.—Mrs. P. J. Gaiter, 83 years old, is dead in Warrensburg. Mrs. Gaiter was the mother of the wife of Dr. S. C. A. Rubey, secretary of the Missouri Dental Association.

Scale Damaging Trees.—The San Jose scale is causing much damage to orchards in many counties of the Ozark country, according to Thomas J. Talbert, deputy state nursery inspector, who is making a tour of the fruit belt to ascertain conditions.

Dies in Bath Room.—Annie Laurie Y. Orff, editor of a woman's magazine, was found dead in a bath room by her husband in St. Louis. Death was due to a paralytic stroke.

STATE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

Missouri to Have Colonial Mansion at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

LIKE HOME OF WASHINGTON

Structure to be of Stucco and Cost \$42,000 Including Furnishings—Commission Names Heads for Various Departments.

Jefferson City.—Plans for the Missouri building at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next year have been finally approved at a conference between Governor Major and John L. McNatt and W. A. Dallmeyer, members of the state commission.

The building will be constructed of stucco, and its cost, including furnishings will be \$42,000. One front will face the exposition grounds and the other San Francisco bay.

There will be nothing in the building in the way of an exhibit except a library by Missouri authors. This will be gathered under the direction of the Missouri library commission.

The plans have yet to be approved by the exposition authorities. They will be forwarded at once.

While here, Mr. McNatt, who is chairman of the commission, announced the selection of these persons to head the several departments of exhibits of Missouri products: Live stock and poultry, Colonel W. A. Dallmeyer of Jefferson City; education and art, Norman M. Vaughan of St. Louis; agriculture, J. A. Cunningham of Caruthersville; horticulture, W. D. Smith of Princeton; mining, J. L. McNatt of Aurora.

A special committee yet to be named will have charge of securing the moving picture films that are to show the scenery and resources of Missouri at the exposition.

Didn't Indorse Shackelford Bill.

William Hirth, president of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs, has given out a statement referring to the action of the federation at its meeting in Jefferson City on the Shackelford Road Bill. Mr. Hirth says Governor Major and many others appear to believe that the convention indorsed the road bill.

Gass Files Declaration.

Howard A. Gass of Jefferson City has filed with Secretary of State Roach his declaration of candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state superintendent of public schools.

Club Women in Clean-up.

The inspection of grocery stores, candy shops, bakeries and restaurants by a volunteer force of inspectors furnished by the women's clubs of Kansas City has commenced under the direction of State Food Commissioner F. H. Fricke.

Plan Ocean-to-Ocean Road.

The various organizations of good roads workers handling campaigns for permanent highway improvement in the Middle West under the leadership of the National Old Trails Roads Association are to have the co-operation of a newly organized ocean-to-ocean highway association.

Will Not Probe Lynching.

There will be no state investigation of the recent lynching of a negro at Fayette, Howard county, Governor Major said the circuit court and prosecuting attorney of that county are clothed with ample authority to sift the matter.

Want Bingham Paintings.

The Panama-Pacific Exposition has requested the use of the General Bingham paintings to adorn the walls of the reception room in the Missouri building at San Francisco.

WARNS AGAINST POOR CORN

State Board of Agriculture Says All Seed Should be Subjected to Test Before Planting.

Do you think your seed corn will do to plant? Can you risk a "think so" proposition? Why not know? There is a way to know. Test it, says the Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

See what per cent of the kernels on each ear of your seed corn will germinate and show strong and vigorous plants. Some stalks outgrow others under the same conditions—the difference is vitality.

- 1. Get well-bred seed that has been stored in the right way. 2. Give preference to medium smooth ears, and buy in the ear. 3. Never buy corn grown on strong bottom land to use as seed on upland. 4. If you must buy away from home, do not go too far north or to far south. 5. Don't put too much faith in the corn you buy—it needs testing, too.

Missouri Valuations Increase.

A comparison of the total assessment of the real and personal property in Missouri for the year ending June 1, 1912, and June 1, 1913, as made by the county assessors and certified to the office of State Auditor John P. Gordon by the various county clerks, shows an increase of \$53,872,959 for the assessment of the latter year.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 1912, 1913. Rows include Buchanan, Greene, Jasper, Jackson, St. Louis Co., and St. Louis City.

Board Protects Public.

The Missouri State Board of Agriculture recently filed a complaint or inquiry with the United States Postal Department at Washington, D. C., asking if the "land opening" of the "Railroads Unimproved Land Association of Chicago" was legal and regular.

Must Pay Tax on Tax.

A bank has no right to deduct from its federal corporation tax return the portion of its income which it pays as a state tax, according to a decision of the United States district court at St. Louis.

New Office at University.

Dr. A. C. True, national director of experiment stations, has been appointed dean of the graduate school of agriculture, to be held at the University of Missouri this summer.

Takes Up the Ford Plan.

Profits of the Majestic Range Company of St. Louis are to be shared with five hundred employees, similar to the plan of the Ford Motor Company.

Must File by June.

All declarations of political candidates for state offices must be filed with Secretary of State Roach sixty days before the state primary, which makes June 4 the last day for filing.

New Indian Animal Stories. How the Hawk Set the Sun in the Sky. By JOHN M. OSKISON.



Get Out Your Paint Boxes and Color the Animals.

Long time ago, all of the animals lived up in the world above the arch of the sky. They lived there so long that it was hard to find room for all of them, and so the water beetle was sent down to the water earth beneath.

The water beetle didn't find another earth, but only a wide, wide sea of water, so she dived to the bottom of the water and brought up a tiny bit of mud which grew and grew until it became the earth.

"Who will go for the sun?" asked the Great Beaver. No one was anxious to go, for the sun was so full of light that it would almost make anyone blind to get close.

"Let the fat possum go—he spends nearly all of his time anyway with his eyes shut," said the rabbit. "No," said the possum, "I will not go and get half melted!"

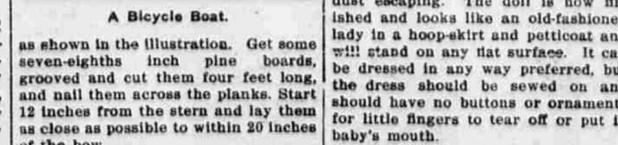
"Go and get the sun and set it in a track one hand's breadth above the earth." But though a hand's breadth in those days was very much greater than it is today, it was too close; the sun gave too much light, and was hot—so hot that it scorched the shell of the crawfish red and spoiled its flesh for food.

So the Great Hawk raised the sun higher by one hand's breadth. Still it was too hot, and the Great Hawk went on raising the sun until it was seven hand breadths above the earth. And that was just right—there is where it has stayed to this day.

BUILDING A BICYCLE BOAT

Directions and Illustration Given Will Assist Materially in Construction of Craft.

Get two pine planks four inches thick by eight inches wide, and fourteen and a half feet long. Plane all four sides smoothly, and round off edges. Then measure back 15 inches from the bow and shape the bow end, as in the illustration.



A Bicycle Boat.

As shown in the illustration. Get some seven-eighths inch pine boards, grooved and cut them four feet long, and nail them across the planks. Start 12 inches from the stern and lay them as close as possible to within 20 inches of the bow.

A Standing Doll.

For a creeping baby who spends a good deal of his time on the floor, big sister can make a pretty plaything. Cut a round out of stiff pasteboard, about four inches across, and cover with velveteen on one side.

Put doll's legs into the bag and fill up round them with sawdust, or bran; pack it tight and draw in the gathering-cord closely around the doll's waist and fasten securely to prevent any sawdust escaping. The doll is now finished and looks like an old-fashioned lady in a hoop-skirt and petticoat.

Joyousness of Reunion.

"Were you glad to get back to school and see your dear teacher?" "Well," replied the very observant boy, "I guess I was just about as glad as dear teacher was to get back and see me."

'Twill Not Be Always Thus.

Old Gentleman—I wouldn't make such faces if I were you, little man. Small Boy (with difficulty)—You would if you knew this durn woman was goin' t' kiss you.—Judge.