

MISSOURI SCHOOLS

State Making Big Strides Along Educational Lines, Says Prof. Melcher.

SOME GRATIFYING FIGURES

Amount Annually Spent Has More Than Doubled Within Ten Years—Large Attendance.

The fifth annual convention of the county superintendents of the state was held in Jefferson City with about one hundred counties represented.

Professor Melcher's address was the feature of the first day. He produced figures to show that Missouri has been making tremendous strides along educational lines.

ROBS GIRL OF HER TRESSES

Fourteen-Year-Old Warrensburg Girl Attacked by Strange Man While Gathering Wild Flowers.

C. R. Loomis, father of Delca Loomis, 14 years old, reported to the Warrensburg police that his daughter had been attacked by a strange man and her long flaxen locks shorn to her scalp.

Annual Fox Hunt.—Officers of the Central Missouri Fox and Wolf Hunters' Association met recently in Sedalia and selected Merchant Springs, two and one-half miles northeast of Florence, Morgan county, as the place for the annual hunt the week commencing June 1.

Find Robbers' Loot.—With the finding of \$400 in gold and silver at the spot where the gang of yeggmen were captured, all the loot taken when the safe in the Farmers' State Bank at Phillipsburg was blown the morning of April 20 has been recovered.

Osteopaths Elect.—Dr. A. Still Craig of Kansas City, was chosen president of the Missouri Osteopathic Association, succeeding Dr. A. B. King of St. Louis, at the concluding session of a two days' convention of the society at Springfield.

Wedded Sixty Years.—Mr. and Mrs. William Monroe Gilbreath of Boonville have just celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

"Blue" Laws for Moberly.—The Ministers' Alliance has presented a request to the city council to close all classes of business on Sunday, which was adopted.

Voted Rural High School.—The town of Centerville, in Johnson county, by a vote of 108 to 88, established the first rural high school in the county.

TO HAVE AN ORCHARD ROAD

Peach Trees Are to Be Planted Along Blue Book Route From River to River.

The German plan of setting out fruit trees along public highways and selling the crop for the benefit of the road fund is to be tried in Missouri.

The experiment first will be tried on what is known, or will be known, as the Elberta Route, partly because it is intended to make it a peach of a road and partly because it will be lined from river to river with Elberta peach trees.

The route selected will follow the Blue Book Route from Kansas City to Marshall and from Marshall will go through Howard, Boone, Audrain and Pike counties to Louisiana.

The Blue Book Route enters Jackson County at Oak Grove. From Oak Grove to Grain Valley it follows the existing rock road.

JEALOUS YOUTH KILLS GIRL

When Marionville Boy Saw Sweetheart With Another, He Shot Her—Caught at Aurora.

Marion Branstetter, aged 23, who is charged with killing his 16-year-old sweetheart, Miss Gertrude Griffith, near Marionville when he found the girl in the company of another man, was arrested near Aurora after two passes spent the entire night in scouring the country for the alleged murderer.

The shooting occurred as the party was returning from church. Branstetter, who was taken to Mount Vernon, the county seat, was about to board a train at Aurora when apprehended.

Hail Injures Woman.—A hail, wind and rain storm visited Sturgeon recently and destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property.

New Pettis County Road.—At a good roads meeting at Smithton, Pettis county, plans were formulated for constructing a rock road from Smithton, three miles south to Flat Creek.

Job for Teacher.—P. B. Burnet of the faculty of Manual Training High School has been asked to spend the next four months traveling in South America in the interest of the Carnegie Board of Conciliation.

Missouri Normal Wins.—Warrensburg won in the interstate normal debate between Kansas and Warrensburg normals at the Auditorium in Warrensburg.

Transfer Insane Woman.—Mrs. Carrie Rohan, who has been confined in the Kansas hospital for the insane for many years, was brought to Warrensburg by A. M. Craig, her guardian.

Honored Mayor's Bridge.—Fielding Kelley, the mayor, invited the whole town of Kearney to a reception in the Odd Fellows' hall to meet his bride, who was Miss Emma Preston Henry of St. Louis.

Woman Pioneer Dies.—Mrs. Nancy Peyton, 88 years old, one of the old residents of Hannibal, is dead. She had lived here since 1863.

Sedalia to Clean Up.—Mayor J. L. Babcock issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 4 as "cleanup week" in Sedalia.

Out for State Senate.—E. L. Moore of Barton County has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the state senate from the district comprising the counties of Vernon, Barton, Dade and Greene.

New Indian Animal Stories

How the Redbird Became the Daughter of the Sun

By JOHN M. OSKISON



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Long time ago, in the days when the clouds hung over the sky from the time the people got up until they went to bed, and the rain came pattering down on the roofs hour after hour, the old men would gather the little boys who wanted to go out in the wet woods to play, and tell them that they must wait until the sun had stopped crying over the death of her daughter.

And while the little boys listened, the old men would tell them about how the wise medicine men got word from the Yuwli Tsundsi (the little people of the woods) to send the rattlesnake to kill the sun.

The old men would tell about how the rattlesnake went up to the house of the daughter of the sun, in the middle of the sky, and made a mistake. It was the daughter of the sun he killed instead of the sun herself!

"So," the old men would say, "the sun began to weep as soon as she found out that her daughter had been killed, staying up in her daughter's house so long that the people grew cold and afraid because it was dark all the time."

"Then came the chief of the Little People and told the wise medicine men that they would have to send messengers to Tsunginal (the Ghost Country) in Ushunhlyl (the Darkening Land in the West) to bring back the daughter of the sun."

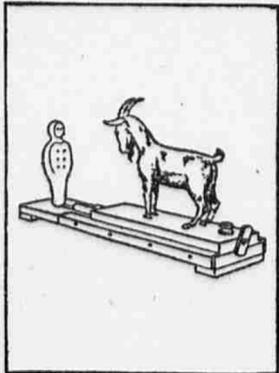
"So the wise medicine men chose seven hunters to go to the Ghost Country, and they set out carrying a box to bring the daughter of the sun back in. When they got to that country, they found all the ghosts at a big dance, just as the chief of the Yuwli Tsundsi said they would."

"And just as they had been told to do, they stood close by the circle of dancers, and, whenever the daughter of the sun came round in the dance, each one of the seven messengers struck her with a stick which they carried. And when the seventh man had struck her, he stepped out of the circle of dancers and fell down as if dead."

BUCKING GOAT TOY AMUSES

Billy Raises on Forelegs and Butts the Manikin Flat—Figure is Elasticity Mounted.

An amusing toy for children has been invented by a Georgia man. It is a rearing, tearing billygoat that butts a manikin flat in its charge.



Bucking Goat Toy.

A blow in the chest will flop over backward and spring back when the pressure is released. Facing this figure a goat is mounted on a platform, through which the animal's forefeet pass to a slide, which is also elastically operated.

each one of the seven messengers struck her with a stick which they carried. And when the seventh man had struck her, he stepped out of the circle of dancers and fell down as if dead.

"Then the seven messengers took her up, as they had been told to do, and put her in the box they had brought. And they started eastward toward the country from which they had come."

"In a little while, the daughter of the sun came back to life and begged the man to let her out of the box. But they remembered what the chief of the Little People had told the wise medicine men, and they would not let her out."

"After they had gone a long way, the girl in the box said that she was hungry and begged the seven men to let her out to eat; but they refused and went on."

"When they were near home, the daughter of the sun begged the men who carried her to lift the lid of the box just a little, for she said she was smothering. And so pitifully did she beg that the men decided that it would do no harm to lift the lid just a crack."

"And just as they raised up the lid of the box a tiny bit to let in some air to the daughter of the sun, something flew swiftly past them into the bushes and they heard a redbird cry, 'Kwih! Kwih! Kwih!' from the limb of a tall tree. Then they shut down the lid of the box and went on to where the wise medicine men were waiting."

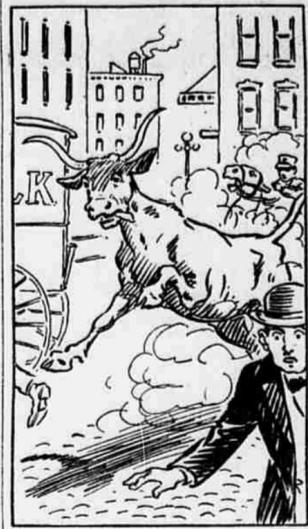
"When the seven messengers got to the council house and opened the box they found that it was empty. It was the daughter of the sun who had flown out of the box when they lifted the lid—she had taken the shape of the redbird; and so we know today that the redbird is the daughter of the sun."

And when the boys would ask what made the sun stop crying for her daughter, the old men would only say: "Oh, that is another story. If it is raining tomorrow I will tell it to you."

ANGRY STEER AMUCK WREAKS MUCH HAVOC

Knocks Several People Down, Stops a Ball Game and Paralyzes Traffic.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Breaking the chain with which it was bound to another steer, a large red steer, being driven the other afternoon down Thirty-third street to the Herr's Island stock yards by George Jacobs, a butcher, started to ramble about the town.



Started Down 39th Street.

a street car and paralyzed traffic in the district.

The animal darted down Thirty-ninth street to Butler street, and there gored James Kane, aged twenty-eight. From Butler street it headed out South street, and in Charlotte street, a negro boy, Earl Clark, aged thirteen, was knocked down. Running down Thirty-seventh street to Foster, it crossed a vacant lot, and dispersed a crowd of Lawrenceville high school boys playing ball, throwing six down.

The big steer bumped into a milk wagon at Thirty-sixth and Butler streets. The horses took fright and bolted into a Sharsburg and Aspinwall street car on Butler street. Both horses were bruised and the wagon was wrecked. Finally the policemen forced the steer up against the Arsenal wall in Butler street, and Policeman Cryser shot it four times, felling it. Harry E. Wible stepped up with a long butcher knife and plunged it into the steer's heart, ending its career.

MONKEY ROUTS GIRL IN BATH

It Also Causes Other Mischief While on Board a Big Ocean Liner.

New York.—Chasing a young woman passenger out of the bath tub and taking possession of the tub himself, putting the wireless apparatus out of commission for six hours, and a few other unpropitious stunts were performed by an ungrateful monkey which arrived on board the liner Prinz Simsimund from Central America.

The second mate of the ship picked up the monkey in Colombia, intending to make a pet of him. When the ship got under way the monkey darted for the wireless room, climbed up and down the wall, scared the operator to the deck and then proceeded to put the apparatus out of commission.

The crew failed to trap him because the monkey escaped through a ventilator, and found his way into a bathroom occupied by a young woman, who immediately fled. When the pursuers broke into the bathroom they found the monkey lying lazily in the well-filled tub. He was made a prisoner for the rest of the trip.

SHAW WANTS MOTHERS PAID

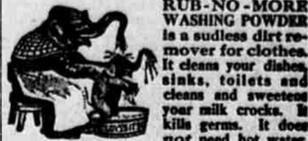
English Playwright Suggests \$10,000 Fee for Women Who Give Birth to Children.

London.—George Bernard Shaw thinks that child bearing ought to be a paid profession. He told a meeting of the Fabian society that if he were a woman his fee for becoming a mother would be \$10,000. Mr. Shaw said a woman ought resolutely to refuse to have children unless she was paid for so doing.

Going to School.

Before the Boer war took place there were no country schools in the Transvaal or the Orange Free State, and very few in the towns. Now they have been established everywhere, but the trouble is to get scholars. The Boer father holds that if his boy can ride a horse and shoot a rifle he has all the education he needs, and many of them have been sent to jail for encouraging their sons to keep away from schoolhouses. A Boer mother holds that when her daughter can make bread she is as good as any young lady in the world.

It's ODD to see one woman rub away for dear life—working hard—wasting time—while another takes it easy—makes dirt fall away more rapidly and "worklessly" with RUB-NO-MORE.



RUB-NO-MORE RUB-NO-MORE Washing Powder Carbo Naphtha Soap Five Cents—All Grocers The Rub-No-More Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas Shoes, featuring a portrait of the inventor and a list of shoe prices for men, women, and children.

To cure constipation the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.

Tutt's Pills

possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural peristaltic motion, so essential to regularity.

More than 2,000,000 men have been killed in battle in the last fifty years.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take. Adv.

Beyond the Scope of Women.

The judges of the imperial supreme court at Leipzig have defined what constitutes "sincere resistance" to a kiss.

As no expert testimony seems to have been demanded, the learned judge's own knowledge of the subject was evidently sufficient.

African Boers.

The Transvaal colony is now a part of the British empire, in the same way that Canada or Australia, or Rhodesia is. The Boers are treated precisely as the other people of the empire are treated, and unless the Canadians, and Australians and others are slaves, it cannot be said that the Boers are. The Transvaal colony has local self-government, subject to the imperial parliament in federal matters, and the same may be said of all the other British colonies.

Lucky Thirteenth Man.

"Frederick, I'm sure you will forgive me," said the beautiful girl, bowing her head, "when you know the true reason of my breaking our engagement so soon. But when I became engaged to you I forgot—"

"What is it, Gladys," he murmured sadly. "Be not afraid. Is it that you love another?"

"No, indeed," responded the girl indignantly, her eyes flashing at his through a veil of tears. "But you know how superstitious I am—I forgot that you would be exactly the thirteenth man I've been engaged to."

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Good Digestion Follows Right Food.

Indigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improper food.

Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that, as dropping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause loss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are thoughtful enough to study themselves and note the principle of cause and effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus:

"Sometime ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless.

"A friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food, praising it highly and as a last resort, I tried it. I am thankful to say that Grape-Nuts not only relieved me of my trouble, but built me up and strengthened my digestive organs so that I can now eat anything I desire. But I stick to Grape-Nuts."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.