

WOMEN'S SALARIES SHOW AN INCREASE

Higher Cost of Living Causes Raise in Pay, Says State Bulletin.

CLERKS GET MOST BENEFIT

Are Paid as Much as School Teachers and Stenographers—Average in State Now is About \$43 Per Month.

Jefferson City.—The increase in the cost of living between 1908 and 1914, a period of six years, has brought about an increase in salaries for women managers and superintendents, forewomen, bookkeepers, clerks, stenographers and others in Missouri's 11,029 factories and workshops, which in the last fiscal year turned out manufactured products worth \$654,613,838, according to advance information for the "1914 Red Book" announced recently.

With the state taken as a whole, 1,788 women stenographers employed in factories and workshops drew an average of \$43 a month each, an increase in wages over 1908 of about 5 per cent. In St. Louis women stenographers average \$51 a month; Kansas City, \$46; St. Joseph, \$49. The salary about corresponds with what is paid the average women school teachers throughout Missouri, but is more than women employed in factories earn. Women stenographers holding state positions averaged about \$83 a month. Factories and workshops of the state reported employing 1,735 women clerks with salaries which averaged \$43 a month. The similarity in salaries of clerks and stenographers indicates that a good woman clerk is worth as much to a manufacturer as the average stenographer. In 1908 women clerks averaged only \$29 a month.

Women bookkeepers employed by the factories and workshops in the thirty-one leading cities and towns averaged \$48 a month, the average was \$39 a month. Saleswomen, solicitors and buyers to the number of 157 averaged \$52 a month each; forewomen to the number of 185, \$64 each, and 109 women managers, \$78. There were also 311 women owners, actually performing clerical or manual work, who averaged \$57 a month, either as a regular salary or as profits after business expenses had been deducted. In 1908, saleswomen averaged \$35; forewomen, \$57, and managers and superintendents, \$40.

Sedalia Water Rate Too Low.

The Sedalia Water Company has filed an application with the state public service commission for authority to increase its rates sufficiently to make the investment earn 7 per cent. The value of the plant and its holdings is stated to be \$1,082,506 and its net earnings for the year ending November 1, 1913, are placed at \$28,400. The company has been in trouble for some time over the water it supplies the city. The water has been condemned by the state board of health, but the company has failed to remedy the matter.

Major After Reed's Place.

It is believed here that immediately following the election, or at least within a few days thereafter, Governor Major will tell his friends that he would like to go to the United States Senate as a successor to James A. Reed.

To Drain 22,000 Acres.

Objections to the assessment of benefits and damages to the land in the Fabius drainage district, embracing about 22,000 acres of swamp and overflow land along the Mississippi river in Lewis and Marion counties, have been disposed of at Palmyra, according to John M. Nolan, commissioner of land reclamation for Missouri. The benefits that will accrue to the land from the construction of the drains and levees, according to the commissioner's report, amount to more than \$1,000,000, while the cost of constructing the improvements is less than \$400,000.

Much Missouri Wheat In.

An estimate based on various sources of information available here indicate that there is now sown in Missouri fully one-third more acreage of wheat than the average. This heavy increase is due to several causes, the chief factors being that there is fine prospects for much higher prices next year, and the other being the unusually fine conditions for sowing that prevailed.

Peter R. O'Brien, sheriff of Chariton county and Democratic nominee for re-election, died recently at his home at Keyteville, and there was some question raised as to how a successor could be placed on the ticket. An opinion prepared by Assistant Attorney General W. T. Rutherford was forwarded to the Chariton county authorities. In this it is held that the county court can appoint a sheriff to hold until one is elected and is qualified. As to vacancy on the ticket it is held that the county committee can nominate a man to fill the vacancy.

AGAINST BLANKET BALLOT

State Supreme Court Decides the Orr Measure Failed to Receive Majority in House.

Jefferson City.—The Blanket Ballot Law, enacted by the last legislature has been declared invalid by the supreme court. Ballots for the approaching November election will be printed under the old law, which provided that each party ticket should be printed separately. The act of 1913 provided for all the names of candidates appearing upon a single sheet, each under a party heading.

Chief Justice Lamm filed the ruling opinion of the court and it was concurred in by Judge Walker, Judge Harris, Judge Bond and Judge Brown. Judge Woodson and Judge Graves dissented. The ruling will apply to every part of the state, as the Blanket Ballot Law was general in its scope. The secretary of state's office and the clerk of the supreme court worked late at night apprising election officials generally of the invalidity of the law and notifying them that ballots for the approaching election must be printed under the old law.

HARD BLOW FOR LID CLUBS

A Decision by State Supreme Court Puts Them on Same Basis as Saloons.

Jefferson City.—Clubs organized and chartered as benevolent, social, religious and educational, cannot sell liquors to their own members, or to anyone else, or even get a dramshop license, is the gist of an opinion filed in the supreme court by Judge Walker and concurred in by Judges Lamm, Woodson, Ferris and Brown. Judge Graves dissented, but did not file any opinion.

The opinion was filed in the quo warranto proceedings instituted last spring by Circuit Attorney Harvey of St. Louis against the St. Louis and Missouri Athletic clubs of that city because they sold liquor to their members without having taken out dramshop licenses, but provides in the opinion that if the clubs in question obey the law, their charters may stand.

The effect of this ruling will undoubtedly be to close thousands of these clubs where members could procure liquor after the dramshops were closed, and particularly so on Saturday nights and Sundays and Sunday nights.

In Handcuffs to a Funeral.

Edgar Bailey, a lifetime convict in the penitentiary, was recently taken to La Porte, Ia., to attend the funeral of his aged father. The dead parent had expressed a wish that his son should attend the funeral. He left the prison securely handcuffed and in the custody of a prison officer, who will be with him constantly and return him here. Bailey was convicted in Kansas City of killing a non-union hack driver named Ferguson in a hack drivers' strike there. That was in 1904. The State Federation of Labor and the national organization, aided by Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders, repeatedly tried to get him paroled.

Extends Time on Police Case.

The supreme court has granted a request for an extension of time in which Special Commissioner Fred A. Boxley of Kansas City is to submit a report on the issues involved between the board of police commissioners of Kansas City and the mayor and common council, fixing the final date at November 5. The matter at issue is the power of the police commissioners to enforce the appropriation of their estimate for support of the police force for the fiscal year between April 1914 and 1915, calling for \$725,000.

Wightman an Arbitrator.

Frank A. Wightman, member of the Missouri public service commission, has been selected as a member of an arbitration committee to settle the differences that have existed for so long time between the management of the Joplin & Pittsburg interurban railway and its employes over the wage scale. The men have been on the verge of a strike because of the difference on the wage scale and the agreement to arbitrate has averted a walkout and tieup of traffic.

Report on Burlington Filed.

Frank P. Wightman, member of the public service commission, assigned to make an inspection of the physical condition of the steam railroads operating in Missouri, has recently filed his report of the lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The road in Missouri has 1,132.20 miles of single and 116.60 miles of double track, or a total mileage of 1,248.80. Commissioner Wightman says that he found the entire property in fine condition.

The management and clerical force of rural Missouri manufacturing plants, that portion of the state which is outside of the thirty-one cities and towns of larger size, consisted of 6,833 males and 285 females, with monthly salaries which averaged: Working owners, male, \$57, and female, \$48; managers, superintendents, male \$112, female \$63; foremen and women, overseers, male \$93, female \$52; salesmen, solicitors, buyers, male \$95; bookkeepers, male \$66, female \$36; clerks, male \$60, female \$38; clerks, male \$57, female \$44.

SIX RACE FOR LAND

Last Tillable Tract in Missouri Goes to Owner of Fastest Auto.

A SPRINGFIELD MAN WINS

Homestead in Christian County Had Just Been Turned Back to United States Government.

A spectacular race by six contestants for 120 acres of government land fifteen miles east of Oldfield, Christian county, was won by H. B. Wann, a Springfield real estate dealer, when he raced up to the United States land office there in an automobile and made affidavit that he had complied with the federal requirements by personally visiting the tract. He was permitted to "cash enter" the land at \$1.25 an acre. Wann said the land is worth easily \$10 an acre.

The land, which had been homesteaded, had just been relinquished. Three men applied for plats of the tract and left to inspect it, two going by train and one afoot. Wann and two others secured plats early the next morning and each with his witnesses started in automobiles. Wann's high-powered machine soon distanced his competitors. He met them again several miles from the tract on his way back to Springfield.

The round trip of 120 miles was made in six hours, a large part of the distance over roads that had never been traveled by an automobile before. This was the only tillable tract left in the public domain in Missouri.

MISSOURI GOODS TO EUROPE

Provisions, Flour, Shoes and Horses Being Bought in St. Louis For Warring Nations.

Twenty thousand additional head of horses are to be bought in Missouri and Southern Illinois by agents of the British, French and Russian governments, according to reports to live stock circles at St. Louis. It is said that the agents of the various governments have been instructed to make the purchases. A uniform price of \$270 is being paid for each horse.

The French agents, also, it is said, have bought one hundred thousand barrels of flour and great quantities of other provisions here; and orders have been placed with local shoe factories for thousands of pairs of shoes.

Heads St. Louis Bank.

Rolla Wells, former mayor of St. Louis, and present treasurer of the Democratic national committee has been chosen governor of the federal reserve bank of St. Louis at the first business meeting of the board of directors. The choice must be approved by the Washington administration before Mr. Wells can assume office. The salary attached to the position has not been announced, but it is believed here it will not be less than \$25,000 a year.

Identification Was Wrong.

The man and woman whose bodies were taken from the Mississippi river near St. Louis several weeks ago were not Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washam of Fargo, N. D., who camped on an island in the river, according to undertakers who buried the bodies. This judgment was formed after photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Washam had been shown to the undertakers.

Killed in Wreck.—T. A. Snelling, a real estate dealer of West Plains was killed when a motor car he was driving overturned.

C. E. Elected Officers.—These officers were elected by the twenty-seventh annual convention of the Missouri Christian Endeavor Union at Springfield: Frank M. Lowe, jr., Kansas City, president; Fred Strudell, St. Louis, vice-president; T. B. Prescott, Kansas City, secretary; Anne Fleming, Columbia, statistical secretary; Ben F. Dickson, Canton, treasurer. Canton was selected as next place of meeting.

Stockman Killed by Train.—John H. Hamilton of Salisbury, 23 years old, was struck by a Wabash train at Moberly and killed. He was on the way to St. Louis with a shipment of cattle.

Shot His Father.—Arthur Biggs, 21 years old, shot and seriously wounded his father, James Biggs, as the latter was opening a door at the Biggs home in St. Louis. The son mistook his father for a burglar.

Doctor Found Dead.—Dr. M. D. Lewis, 69 years old, was found dead from apoplexy in his office at Columbia recently.

Was Bound to Die.—George Hutchinson, about 20 years old, was struck by a freight train near Forestell recently and died there of his injuries. He drank poison before he was struck by the engine, probably for the purpose of being doubly sure of suicide.

Ozark Apples Moving.—Apples from orchards in the Ozark country are being moved by the railroads at the rate of sixty carloads a day, the fruit being consigned to markets in practically every state in the Union.

TO ENJOIN ST. LOUIS MAYOR

But City Executive Declares His Intention to Sign Bill Killing Street Car Franchise.

Despite threat of being enjoined, Mayor Henry W. Kiel announced that he would sign the ordinance which was passed recently for the repeal of the 50-year franchise to the Southern Traction Company to operate street cars over the unfinished free bridge and to build a loop in the downtown district of St. Louis. The house of delegates voted for the repeal 26 to 1. It was repealed by the council early in the week.

The bill goes to the mayor for signature after it has been signed by the speaker of the house of delegates and the president of the city council. The special election on the 2.34 million dollar bond issue to complete the bridge will be held November 6. It is expected that the mayor will have signed the bill by that time.

While this, more than anything else, probably predicts the passage of the bond issue, it will make virtually worthless the \$330,000 worth of the traction company's bonds that Jephtha D. Howse received for the passage of the franchise and which he lent to the Lorimer-Gallagher Construction Company which borrowed \$180,000 on the bonds from the Lorimer bank.

BAD YEAR FOR HOGS AHEAD

Dr. Luckey, State Veterinarian, Believes Missouri is on Verge of Cholera Epidemic.

The "most jumped on man in the state" was in Kansas City recently and spoke out in his own defense. Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian of Missouri, is the man who gives himself that title.

"Missouri is on the verge of a wide-spread outbreak of hog cholera," he said, "and I am getting the blame for it, because I am doing nothing to check it. It is true the condition is very serious and it is also true that I am doing very little, but I am not at fault.

"I saw all the trouble coming, but was powerless to aid. Last August there was hog cholera in widely scattered parts of the state. A vigorous campaign then would have stopped it. Then came the rains that washed the hog cholera germs down the draws and streams, and we shipped in a lot of infected hogs to feed, and now the state is just about to experience tremendous losses.

"The reason my office can do nothing is that we have no money. We get only \$25,000 for two years, with which we are supposed to pay salaries and traveling expenses and buy serum and prevent the spread of Texas fever, blackleg, glanders and tuberculosis, and hog cholera and sheep scabies. With millions at stake, we can't get enough money to do anything with."

A NEW CHAMPION MILK COW

Pontiac Lady Josephine at State University Gave 11,193 Quarts of Milk in a Year.

Missouri proclaims a new champion cow, Pontiac Lady Josephine, one of the prize dairy herd of the College of Agriculture. Her record for the year, ending October 18, gives her first rank in the state in milk production and second in butter. In that time she produced 23,493 pounds, or 11,193 quarts of milk, and 953 pounds of butter.

Her record for milk is thirty-nine pounds higher than that made by the famous Chief Josephine in 1910. When she was last fresh she gave twelve gallons of milk a day. The college has been offered \$700 for Pontiac Lady Josephine, but it is doubtful if \$1,000 would buy her.

Confederate Veteran Dies.—Captain William Eiler, 81 years old, who served as an officer in General Price's army in the Confederacy, is dead at his home in Aux Vasse. He was a native of West Virginia, but came to Callaway county many years ago. He took part in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge and Big Black and was a prisoner of war for many months.

Ship Hogs to Argentina.—N. H. Gentry of Wooddale Farm, Pettis county, shipped a registered Berkshire hog to a purchaser at Buenos Aires, Argentina. To gain admission to the country the animal had to be tuberculin tested and accompanied by the state veterinarian's certificate of immunity from this ailment.

Killed by Nitroglycerin.—Elmer Overby, 30 years old, was killed when several thousand pounds of nitroglycerin in the separator house of the Hercules Powder Company's plant near Carthage, exploded. The property damage is estimated at about \$5,000.

Christian Endeavors Meet.—The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Missouri Christian Endeavor Union was held at Springfield recently. The largest delegations were from Kansas City and St. Louis. The Kansas City workers, numbering 100, arrived by special train.

A Wealthy Suicide.—Jasper Gaines, Brunswick, 72 years old, a wealthy pioneer resident of Chariton county, committed suicide recently at his home. He shot himself with a revolver.

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DIFFERENT THINGS IN MIND

Tom's Supposed Indorsement of What Lurlina Disapproved of Nearly Led to a Quarrel.

They were in the lure of the cabaret, and she—Tom and Lurlina. The contrato was singing. Positive nonindorsement was in Lurlina's voice as she said: "Entirely too low! Entirely!" Surprise and unmistakable admiration mingled in Tom's reply. "Ah, not! It's exquisite!" A catch in her breath, amazement in her wideopen blue eyes. "Why, Tom! How can you?" There was almost tears in her voice.

"How can I?" he replied enthusiastically. "Indeed, how can I not?" Amazement fled from indignation in her eyes. The chill of ice was in her tone and manner. "Then I will thank you to take me home?" "Why, Lurlina?" And now the amazement was in his eyes and painful eagerness in his voice. "What do you mean?" "I mean her gown!" A beam of light. Tom saw it all. "Oh, Jupiter!" Could joy have better uttered? "I meant her voice!" Thereupon the waiter came and all was forgotten.

Rainy Days.

"Are you saving up something for a rainy day?" "No," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "What we're troubled with out this way is an annual drought. If we had more rainy days, everybody would have money."—Washington Star.

Or His Heirs.

Alive—What is your favorite air? Betty—The millionaire. — Boston Transcript.

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