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administration of the city of New York gets in the way and stands for the gas trust he would not be in the neck as quickly as he would the republicans, and that's why he is so strong with the people and why he is so obnoxious to the politicians who try to run things over there. He is also persona non grata to the criminal trusts. He is not a candidate for anything on the face of the earth; he is a free lance and the gang that would loot the people cannot use him—hence these tears: Keep your eyes on the map of the railroad, with interest and development.

The question of railroad rate legislation is one of the biggest that has confronted the people of the country for many years, and too much cannot be said about it. Before it is settled the people ought to be thoroughly familiar with every phase of it, and there are always two sides to every question. Every good democrat is in favor of some sort of legislation that will safe-guard the interest of the people and prevent extortion on the part of the railroads, without impoverishing the roads. I was in favor of the Hearst bill, which did this thing, but I am not in favor of the Esch-Townsend bill or anything like it that gives to the interstate commerce commission arbitrary powers without providing for men on the commission who have sense enough to know what rates are. Simply to ascertain how many people in this country are directly interested in this rate question that more or less will affect the condition of the roads I went to the interstate commerce commission and gathered some interesting figures.

Insurance companies hold of railroad investments, \$845,889,038; saving banks, \$525,555,167, and educational institutions \$47,468,327. There are 5,239,952 saving bank depositors and 18,147,000 insurance policy holders, a total of 23,447,000 people interested in the prosperity of the railroads of the United States. Thirty per cent of the holdings of these institutions are in railroad securities, which is one-sixth in value of all the railroad securities of this country. There are 327,000 individual railroad stockholders in this country and 1,345,000 men at work on the railroads, and at least 5,500,000 people dependent for their income upon the railroads. I also ascertained that the rate of transportation has been increased less than 5 per cent, taken as a whole, in the past four years, and that railroad rates have dropped 40 per cent since the creation of the commission. These figures are interesting because they are taken from the statistics, and every body is interested in knowing the truth.

#### Washington Letter.

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**"Life."**  
Life means despair or bliss,  
As we partake of it,  
Life is a bit or miss  
Which e'er we make of it.  
Life is a fleeting breath,  
Who knows the trend of it?  
Walks hand-in-hand with death—  
Is death the end of it?  
We can but hope and plod,  
— Making the best of it,—  
Unto the love of God,—  
Leaving the rest of it.  
—Western Publisher.

#### Our Correspondents.

**W. M. College.**  
Three new pupils entered school Monday: Misses Metta and Hetta Murray and John Drum.  
Most of our pupils who have been out looking for schools, are back in school again.  
The students are preparing for commencement.  
There will be no prayer meeting at the College Wednesday night on account of the protracted meeting at the Baptist church this week.  
Claude Bair and Harvey Grant made a trip to Zalma last week.  
As news is scarce this week I will close.  
J. W. JONSON.

**Sedgewickville.**  
Webster Welker of Bessville was in this vicinity in search of a school. Bernie Seabough, who has been attending College at Marble Hill, spent a few days at home the latter part of the week.  
Eli J. Seabough will teach in what is known as the Roe district the ensuing year.  
School meeting passed off quietly here. Isaac Staller was elected director. Having but one candidate for school commissioner, there wasn't much interest manifested in the race. Prof. Davault received two votes here.

Mr. Jackson, the grocery drummer of Fredericktown, was in our town recently.  
**Gipsy.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stilts of Hog Eye visited V. S. Fox Saturday night. Mr. Erbin and Miss Norah Gibbs visited their sister, Mrs. Francis Lacy Saturday night and Sunday. Jonas Fish and family visited on Bear creek Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilliland visited their daughter, Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Sunday.  
The school board at this place has employed Mrs. Oscar Yount to teach our next term of school.  
Jos. Grant of Zalma was in this vicinity Wednesday and bought a fine young mule from V. S. Fox. Mrs. Julia Schrader and children were guests of Mrs. Andrew Jackson Sunday.  
Rev. Jos. Schrader will preach at the Hall schoolhouse next Sunday.  
DESPERONA.

**Union Ridge.**  
News is scarce this week.  
Judge J. A. Yount visited his kinsman, W. B. Yount, one night last week.  
Robert Allen has moved to C. M. Johnson's place.  
Mrs. J. H. Yount and children visited Bee Yount and family last Sunday.  
Miss Ethel Mabree who is attending Will Mayfield College, was the guest of Misses Bertha and Landa Yount last Friday.  
Mrs. C. M. Johnson and daughter Mrs. Bee Yount, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barks Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Tuner were visiting E. N. Barks and family Sunday.  
David Brown and family visited Robert Estes Sunday.  
Marion Yount and wife of Bessville visited at W. B. Yount's Saturday night and Sunday.  
Otto Reutz of Huskey attended Sunday school here Sunday.  
TWO PANSIES.

Chicago's dollar a year daily, the Chicago Daily Review, is making wonderful strides in public favor. The Daily Review condenses all the news into a four page paper, and includes a brilliant magazine article by a good author every day, also fine editorials, much choice miscellany, and a complete and carefully edited market report. It publishes nothing which cannot be read aloud in the family circle, hence is a splendid paper for women and children, as well as a great favorite with busy farmers, workmen, merchants, lawyers, ministers, physicians, teachers, etc. The subscription price is \$1 a year, 15 cents for six months 50 cents for three months. Send one dollar to-day for a year's subscription. Address, Chicago Review Co., 539 Coca Cola Building, Chicago, Ill.

**Parallel Cases.**  
Not long ago there lived a man in New Jersey who always drank 30 glasses of beer a day. He was injured in a railroad accident and when he recovered he was only able to put away 18 glasses per diem. He brought suit for damages sustained.

one important item in the charges being his decreased capacity as a beer reservoir. He was awarded \$2,500 damages, principally on this account, the jury deciding that his material happiness had been diminished by 12 glasses a day! In view of the foregoing, how would this do to tramp up a damage suit on? When we were a small lad we crawled thru a hedge fence into a farmer's orchard and swiped some apples. The farmer chasing to see us, gave chase and caught up, inflicting sundry violent and painful injuries on our anatomy (rear view), which, together with the package of scratches we drew from the hedge, has effectively prevented our entering farmers' orchards ever since, thus diminishing our material happiness—well, say \$1500 dollars worth. Does some learned lawyer wish to speculate on our case.—Owensville Argus.

**Memorial.**  
Little Edward Caldwell, son of Morris and Marnad Caldwell, of Burlington, Mo., went to his home in the skies March 28, 1905.  
He had never been a strong boy but was carefully cared for by his parents, who loved him seemingly the more because of his delicate constitution.  
He was converted at a Lent meeting in May, 1902, and no one ever saw a brighter conversion. The writer of this article has heard him testify time and again always telling how well he loved God and how God had so wonderfully saved and filled his soul with his glory. When called upon to lead in prayer, which was the case very often, he would lead in the most expressive and beautiful words ever uttered by mortal tongue. Many boys his age would try to get him to turn back, but he would say: "No! no! I love Jesus and am going to live for Him!"

This should be a great lesson of faithfulness for all, for if ever a soul was tried, his was. But he held out faithful and true and during his last illness said to his parents: "I am going to be with the angels soon; meet me there!"  
While we miss his smiling face and earnest life we say: "God's will be done." His work was finished here and God called him up higher, where we are determined to meet him when Jesus comes back to gather His own to Himself and amid the beauty and glory of a new Heaven and a new earth, we will again greet and walk with him forever. We miss him now but we will wait until the shadows flee away and the dead in Christ shall come forth then we will meet never to part again. A RELATIVE.

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#### Southeast News.

**Oran Citizen.**  
The grand jury was in session at Bloomfield last week, so the Courier said, and in the same issue of the paper we notice that the editor was having a collar-dog.  
**Scott County Citizen.**  
Over at Cairo, Ill., it is said that owing to the number of womans' clubs babies have to be born in the night in order to find their mother's at home.  
**Charleston Star.**  
The M. E. Church South members have purchased the Simpson lot on South Main street, opposite the Baptist church, as a site for the new \$20,000 church. They paid \$2,000 for the lot.  
**New Madrid Record.**  
Hon. Jas. D. Fox, judge of the Supreme court, division No. 2, arrived from Jefferson City Tuesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. K. Robbins. The judge, who has been appointed one of the commissioners on the erection of a new Supreme court building, was in New Madrid and dined with ex-State Auditor A. O. Allen Thursday.

**New Madrid Record.**  
Early Friday morning the government steamer, Mississippi, arrived here with the river commission on board on their annual tour of inspection of the river and harbors. The boat slowly ran up and down the river along the harbor work here giving the commission a chance to view the same and the needed extension work, and then passed on down the river. At a meeting in St. Louis the commission decided on great improvement of the river and the accomplishment of maintaining a 9-foot channel from St. Louis to Cairo is assured, with other work from Cairo on down.

**Cape Democrat.**  
This morning Samuel F. McClatchey of Egypt Mills drove to this city for the purpose of buying supplies for his business house, and hitched his team in front of the Albert Grocery company here. While purchasing groceries, wall paper, etc., which he loaded into the wagon, a passing railroad train frightened the horses and with a surge they broke the hitching rein and started on a run. Diverted from a straight line they ran over a pile of sand and into the river and were lost to view. An effort was made to save them, without avail, and horses, wagon and contents were a total loss. Mr. McClatchey says he paid \$225 for the team, outside the wagon, and estimates his entire loss at about \$300.  
**Elvins Labor Herald.**  
The organization of a Lead Belt telephone system is a foregone conclusion. Every business man thus far approached by the promoters has taken at least \$50 worth of stock. People are resenting the forced increase of price for telephone service in a forcible manner. They have ordered out their phones and are clamoring for the control of the St. Francois County Telephone system or the immediate organization of a new company. They argue that when the Farmington Telephone company was at a great expense of building and improving the company paid expenses and made money at the old rate, now, since it has a monopoly on the telephone business, the company wishes to oppress the people. There is positive indignation and effective opposition. The Lead Belt will not be without 'phone service long, but will have a 'phone system of its own.

The old saying that he who makes two ears of corn or two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is a real benefactor of mankind is as true of the modern agricultural editor as of any other class of public servants. A paper like The Farmer and Stockman, of Kansas City, Mo., actually enables the farmer who follows its precepts to increase very largely the product of his farm, whether it be grain, hay, live stock or dairy products. It is not necessary to travel beyond the limits of Bollinger county to observe the good effects of first-class farm literature. The circulation of The Farmer and Stockman has greatly increased in this vicinity in the past few years and the results are visible in better methods of farming everywhere. Farm improvements are of a better grade, agricultural implements are more intelligently selected and used; more judgment is used in regard to seed planting, cultivation and breeding. If any reader of THE PRESS is now taking The Farmer and Stockman, we shall be glad to forward his subscription.

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

St. Louis.  
Grants four Competitive Scholarships to young men graduates of secondary schools in Missouri, outside of St. Louis. Examinations will be held in St. Louis and Kansas City, and new terms if necessary, for the 2nd and 3rd years. Examinations will cover high school courses usually required for admission to college or school of engineering and architecture. Applications sent names now.

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### Change of Time and Service

Effective Sunday, February 26, 1905, trains 5 and 6 were discontinued.  
Trains 3 and 4 now run thru to and from St. Louis, and carry buffet sleeper between St. Louis and Shreveport, and sleeper between Memphis and Texarkana. Thru chair cars.  
No. 4 arrives St. Louis, 6:51 p. m.; No. 3 leaves St. Louis, 8:30 a. m.  
This gives a day service in and out of St. Louis, which will be appreciated by those who do not like night traveling.  
There have been no important changes made in time of trains 1 and 2.

### TICKET AGENT,

Cotton Belt Route.

**ROLLA WELLS** was reelected mayor of St. Louis and old man Butler can begin to prepare for the next round. He was knocked clean out in the last round or two.

Now brethren, let's come to some understanding about the matter, get up a program and have a good meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press Association some time in May. What say you?

It looks like that Russian admiral—we can't spell his name—in charge of the Baltic fleet might get a chance to shoot at something besides fishing snags, and they'll know it, too. There won't be any job for a commission.

**Governor Folk** did another good job when he vetoed that bill requiring certain county officers to keep their offices in towns where the depositories are located. Some people will quit playing the governor for a sucker after awhile, maybe.

**MILLIONAIRE N. O. Nelson** of St. Louis says: "It is the hardest work in the world to live up to a big income." His assertion may be true, but he ought to be a little more prudent about where he makes it, because there are people who might doubt it.

These programs are out for the spring meeting of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association, which will be held at Charleston May 2, 3 and 4. We notice the names of both our physicians, C. M. Witmer and C. A. Sander, on the program, Dr. J. J. Chandler of Lutesville is in the list of counselors.

Bollinger county court refused to send an insane woman to the asylum, because she formerly lived in Cape county.—Fredericktown Tribune.

Now, where did you get that, Bro. Bowman? The fact is, she formerly resided in Bollinger, but at the time her case was brought before the court it was shown that she was a resident of Cape county.

Now an astronomer tells us that Mars is inhabited and has a large number of canals. The president may yet be forced to draw upon Mars for a man to do that Panama job.—Puxico Index.  
Why not just get a few of their canals? But then J. P. Morgan, Mr. Rockefeller or some of that outfit would have an option on them before they could be landed.  
The democrats elected Judge Dunne mayor of Chicago on a public ownership platform, and a practical test is to be made along this line in that great city. If it proves to be practicable for the city of Chicago to take over and operate the street railways and other public utilities there, then it will be tried by other cities and municipalities,

and the experiment will attract considerable interest.

**HON. W. D. VANDIVER** has been appointed insurance commissioner by Governor Folk, contrary to the predictions of some of his admirers (?) down in the Fourteenth district, who have been saying that Mr. Vandiver would be in the race for congress again next year. His enemies can say things about him, but they can't rub out the fact that he took mighty good care of the interests of his people while in congress and he would be a hard man to beat if he should conclude to make the race.

#### Folk Has Done His Duty by St. Louis.

Governor Folk, in vetoing the Hilderbaumer police bill, has not only confounded his enemies and detractors, but has vindicated his wisdom and courage as the governor of the great state of Missouri. The Hilderbaumer bill was passed during the last week of the legislature—a measure dishonestly masked as a home-rule bill for St. Louis. It was in reality an illogical, unwise and rapacious attempt on the part of the two parties to jointly divide the \$2,000,000 patronage of the police department, now exclusively in the hands of the democrats. The bill was drawn carelessly and in utter ignorance of constitutional requirements, a manner in keeping with its selfish aim. It purported to give to St. Louis a municipal police which, in the absence of safeguards, would have resulted almost instantly in complete demoralization of the department.

No one who has given any study to the science of government and to the experience of our larger municipalities could fail to detect in the Hilderbaumer bill the grossest loopholes for the vilest partisan and spoliation. Yet the Globe-Democrat, with customary blind insanity and pusillanimous bigotry, a paper presumably lacking by brains, not only refused to recognize the defects of this bill but had the consummate disregard for St. Louis to pronounce the measure a boon to the city. In keeping with this partisan zealotry it editorialized menacingly upon Governor Folk and the probability of his veto. A dispassionate review of all the conditions cannot but impress one with the suspicion that the Globe-Democrat sought to trap Governor Folk into signing a bill which would be his own undoing as well as that of his party; a bill which would have enthroned anarchy in St. Louis and officially stigmatized the governor as guilty of criminal ignorance and moral cowardice. Surely, if there is any fairness in the Globe-Democrat it cannot help but admit, to itself, at least that this legislation exhibits the special ignorance and reckless land-

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