

COL. DANIEL S. LAMONT, secretary of war during the second Cleveland administration, died suddenly of heart disease last Sunday night at his country home at Millbrook, N. Y.

ABOUT as good a bill of health as some people could desire is what some others have to say in their efforts to injure them. The more a good man is criticised and abused the better he tries to live.

SENATOR STONE disclaims any intention of going on the stump to skin Governor Folk or his administration. This is entirely superfluous on his part. Even the most bitter enemy of the gun shoe statesman has never accused him of being a fool.—Centerville Reformer.

If a man who has been nominated and elected to office by a certain political party, can fail or refuse to discharge his official duties without injury to the party that has thus honored him with an important public trust, then how in the name of common sense can anybody injure his party by making an effort to get him to discharge his duty?

THE annual meeting of the Missouri Old Settlers Association will be held in connection with the State Fair at Sedalia, Tuesday, August 22. This is to be an interesting meeting and old settlers of the state are urged to attend and become members. Thirty years residence in the state is the qualification of membership. All public spirited people of our grand old state should take an interest in and make this move advantageous to the State Fair as well as profitable to ourselves. A premium of \$15 will be given to the oldest man present; also, \$10 to the oldest lady present. Also, \$10 each to the second oldest man and lady.

Some Big Gratters.

One week's happenings pertaining to "graft" are presented by the New York World in this way, says the Ironton Register:

"Tuesday, June 20.—President Roosevelt dismisses Minister Bowen for "graft" in connection with Venezuelan mission, but refuses to remove Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, involved in the same transaction.

Wednesday, June 21.—President Roosevelt, in an open letter, lauds Secretary of the Navy Morton, a self-confessed violator of the law, and the new head of the Equitable Life Assurance society.

Wednesday, June 21.—New York State legislature convened in special session to investigate charges of "graft" against Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooper.

Wednesday, June 21.—Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks reported that the charges of "graft" made against the Equitable directors and officials had been established and sent the evidence to the attorney general of the state and the district attorney of New York county.

Thursday, June 22.—Attorney General Mayer announced proceedings against Equitable officials and directors to compel restitution of the company's money illegally diverted to personal uses.

Friday, June 23.—President Roosevelt dispatches Assistant Secretary of State Loomis on a confidential foreign mission, altho the latter had been reprimanded for his connection with the Venezuelan "graft" by Secretary Taft, the executive head of his department.

Attracts Favorable Attention.

The St. Joseph News-Press has this to say of the boys of the Sixth: "The Sixth unattached battalion, which hails from Southeast Missouri is attracting favorable attention from brigade officers. Promptness in administration and in responding to calls for details has been particularly noticeable.

"The Sixth is commanded by Maj. A. L. Oliver of Caruthersville, Pemiscon county. First Lieut. R. B. Oliver, Jr., is battalion adjutant. These officers have discharged their duties in the camp with seriousness and earnestness.

"Usually a battalion is made a part of some regiment, but Major Oliver's command is a separate organization. It was started by a number of officers and men who served in the Sixth Missouri volunteer regiment during the Spanish-American war. As the companies are located in a distant part of the state and as the officers and men desire to perpetuate the name of their old regiment, it is the Sixth unattached battalion."

Education and Character. Does education make character? Not entirely, but it can help. A president of the Hesperian district.

ment of the University of Missouri in summing up the effects of his course in an article for the University paper declares that character growth is one of the first important results of the training.

"Probably the first thing the Engineering student of the University has impressed upon him," he says, "is the absolute necessity of being straightforward and honest as essential to his success in the engineering profession, and this is truer of this line of professional effort than of any other. The doctor's failures die and are forgotten; but those of the engineer live to reproach him."

State Fair Poultry Show.

The poultry show at the Missouri State Fair, at Sedalia, August 21-25, promises to be the greatest within the history of the state. At the last exhibition, the magnificent poultry building, erected to accommodate 2,500 birds, was filled far beyond its capacity. Four thousand birds were on exhibition, and when in place, the aisles were made so narrow that it was difficult for the public to pass thru and view the exhibit. This season a new poultry building is being erected, 80 feet by 160 feet, with ample room for 5,000 birds, and the indications are that this commodious structure will be filled to the extent of its capacity. The union of the two State Poultry Associations and the harmonious action which has followed, assures a grand display of Missouri birds. Extensive breeders from other states have spoken for space. Expert judges have been employed. Mr. Miller, the superintendent will have assistants who will care for all birds whose owners are not present. Feed will be furnished free of charge. Express companies will deliver all consignments to the poultry building. The best breeders in the United States will be represented. The poultry show alone will pay for a visit to the State Fair.

California Letter.

Like "Pontie de Alion" the aged Spaniard who searched Florida for a "fountain of perpetual youth," many come to California in quest of health and a great many are disappointed in the object of their search. Last fall or early winter an old gentleman with an invalid wife came here from Travers City, Mich. The old lady, who was over 70, seemed to improve but little, if any, and on July 7, she died. Her body was embalmed, placed in a casket; the casket was then placed in a zinc lined box, hermetically sealed by soldering on a zinc top and a wooden top placed over this. The body was then started on its long journey to Travers City alone. I was one of the pall bearers and it seemed to me to be an extraordinarily sad sight to see this old couple parted for the last time in this manner—as the long bearded patriarch husband with no relative except a 19-year-old granddaughter was compelled to remain here to dispose of his property before returning east. The railroad charged what would seem an extortionate price for transporting dead bodies; in this case the express charge was \$135.

IN THE PRESS OF June 22, in my letter in regard to the "Imperial Valley" you make me say: "there are said to be 5,000,000 acres of government land, etc. It should read 500,000.

Harvest here in the Valley begins early in June. The first grain cut is barley. Most of the grain is left standing until "dead ripe" then cut and threshed as they go with a huge machine, drawn by 30 or more horses. I have seen only one small separator running by horse power. Everything is so dry in the wheat fields that engines would be dangerous. In leaving wheat standing till ripe enough to thresh, much of the richness of the grain is destroyed. A woman may be a good bread (loaf) maker in the east and with this California wheat and climate may not be able to make a loaf fit for a dog to eat, until she learns how from the "natives." Even in the baker shop one often gets bread that is not fit to eat.

"Sunday afternoon about 3:30 fire broke out in the Beaumont grain field one-fourth mile west of the Moon schoolhouse and threatened to destroy the entire field. Rev. J. U. Simmons was preparing to hold services at the schoolhouse when the fire was discovered. The congregation was dismissed and hurried to the scene and with wet sacks succeeded in checking the flames and saved the grain. The fire is said to have been started by some one throwing a cigar stump into the field."—Corning paper.

A few days later Beaumont's residence burned down here in Corning. The fire is said to have origi-

nated from the electric lights. California probably has more houses burned up; grain fields, hay stacks etc., than any other state; and no wonder, when everything is dry as powder for several months. This is a great state for fire insurance companies to operate in. But it would seem to me that the rate would necessarily be higher than in most states.

Some of the good W. C. T. U. women of Marble Hill would probably like to know something of the organization here in M. W. colony. Soon after we arrived here in July Mrs. Wallace hunted around and found a little band of "struggling sisters." About the first meeting she attended, being short of material, they elected her secretary and in October she was elected a delegate to the state convention, which she attended. The president of the local union here found out that Mrs. Wallace had had a little experience in medal contest work; so that feature was introduced and three contests have been held and another class is in preparation. Mrs. Harford of Oregon, one of the national lecturers, has lately been here and spent several days and worked up some little interest in the order. The president of the Cornish union has lately moved away, so "Elijah's mantle" has fallen on Mrs. Wallace. Another member has taken the place of secretary. I would say in the language of "Samantha," I am writing this "unknown" to Mrs. W., and it may be that I will get into trouble over it. There are plenty of able, educated church women here to carry on reform work, but most of them prefer to employ their talent in "club work." There is the "Maywood Women's Club," with their comfortable clubhouse; the "Tuesday Club," the "Scattered Club," etc. So they have nearly "clubbed" the W. C. T. U. to death. Not long since the Presbyterian minister here gave some of his people quite a rebuke along that line and as his wife attends the club and don't attend the meetings of the union, she came for a share of the rebuke.

Not long since the residents of M. W. colony that formerly lived at Hancock, N. Y., held a picnic near Corning. I asked one of them later how many of the former residents of Hancock were at the picnic; he said he did not know, as he did not attend. But he informed me there were 56 Hancockers in Maywood colony. A good turnout from one town. There are lots of New Yorkers from other parts of the state. There are not many Missourians in this colony; at least I have met but few. But there are a great many Missouri people in California who came here years ago, some in 1849 and '50—during the great gold excitement.

Women riding "astride" wonder what the good, precise grandmothers of our land think of the "modern, tomboyish" style of riding astride! Only yesterday a very popular young lady, an equestrian, was at our house. When she went to leave I offered my service to assist her on her pony, which was declined. I noticed what I took to be a man's saddle on the pony and inquired of her if that was her saddle. She answered me rather sarcastically, that it was. "Whose else would it be?" She unlatched the pony, mounted and rode away like a "sure enough" man. I must confess that I have some scruples against women riding in this manner. I have frequently noticed girls from 12 to 15, riding astride here, but this is the first, "grown woman" I had noticed.

Roses—I have never been anywhere where roses grow and bloom in such great profusion as here in California. Some of them bloom almost the entire year out-doors; in April they bloom most profusely. Here on "Fig Lane," near our home there is a rose hedge along the road side several hundred feet long that has been covered with its various colored flowers for several weeks. Near this is a 14-story cottage the whole gable-end of which is covered by a white climbing rose, with thousands of blooms on it. The winters are so mild here that rose vines grow to be very large and are seldom, if ever damaged by the cold. Many of the Hybrid Perpetuals and Hybrid Teas are trained up in the form of trees. One thing I notice, however, that "mildew" is worse here than in the "east," where rose bushes are frozen or out back near the ground every year. Rose bushes here need thorough spraying every year with white oil soap or some other insecticide. M. A. WALLACE, Corning, Cal., July 11, 1905.

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A Midsummer Prayer. O for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, O for an iceberg or two at control; O for the use of a Santos Dumont, To carry me straight to the frigid north pole.

O for a job in a mint julep factory, O for a cot in a cold storage chest; O for a touch of that rumored northwester To cool off the air and to give us a rest.

O for a cave 'neath the cool, briny ocean, O for a day with the mermaids so fair; O for one hour of those days after 'lection When candidates give you the cold, icy stare.

O for some spot where the sun cannot enter, O for a rest from this calorie whirl; O for a chance just once more to be chilly O for an hour with a real Boston girl. —ST. LOUIS POST-DESCRIPTOR.

Southeast News.

Bloomfield Vindicator. A ride into the country Tuesday verified to us the fact that the corn crop is late, but usually in a fine condition and of splendid color. Cotton promises well and is squaring and blooming.

Centerville Reformer. The "card of thanks" business is being worked to the limit these days. Not long ago a Wayne county man thanked the public for attending the exercises on decoration day, and now a Ray county man "thanks" his friends for their tender soliloquy while he was sick.

Charleston Enterprise. M. G. Gresham was in East Prairie a few days ago and submitted a proposition to the people there looking to the construction of the railroad from Sikeston to Hickman. The Eagle says the Prairie folks were favorably impressed with Gresham's scheme.

Centerville Reformer. A barber in a neighboring town advertises as follows: If you want your soap strainers pruned, we will block them out in any pattern—lip-tickler, fantail, bully-goat pattern penicillins. Hair-cuts of all kinds from woolly wiggles to ring around rosies. Ears washed without extra charge.

Ironton Register. No. 5, the south-bound passenger train, due here at 11:22 p. m., jumped the track near Vulcan, this county, last Wednesday night. The train was pulled by two large engines which were badly wrecked and several coaches were demolished. It is fortunate that no one was killed and the injured were few.

Farmington Eagle. Hon. M. R. Smith left last Monday morning for St. Louis, and Mrs. Smith went up Wednesday with the two younger children. They will leave for the lakes or the mountains of East Tennessee for rest and recuperation of Mr. Smith's health. One of his objects in going to St. Louis was to consult his physician there as to which point would be the better for him.

Ironton Register. About ten thousand acres of land in this county, belonging to the Big Muddy Coal and Iron Company, will probably soon pass into the hands of the Southern Hungary Land and Colonization Company. We understand that as soon as the deeds can be made out and signed the transfer will be made. H. S. Whitener of St. Francois county is president of the colonization company.

Charleston Enterprise. A letter was received in this city Wednesday that had traveled 25, 232 miles, 232 miles more than the distance around the world. It was written from Marshall, Mo., to Miss Margaret Moore, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Paul B. Moore of this city; went from here to the Philippine Islands, then to Nassau, Bahama Islands, then to Washington, D. C., then to Marshall, Mo., and finally came to Charleston. It had been across the continent twice, across the Pacific ocean twice and upon the Atlantic ocean several hundred miles. And a 2-cent stamp paid its fare the entire distance. It was originally mailed February 10, and reached here finally on July 12. The envelope is postmarked and directed and redirected all over both sides.

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Floods Devastate Crops and Property

Fertile Valley of Crooked Creek, Hurricane and Other Streams in Bollinger County Swept by the Worst Flood Ever Known Here.

High Waters Destroy Much Property in Other Parts of the Country.

The heaviest rain that has visited this part of the country in many years fell here last Thursday night and Friday morning and the destruction wrought by the awful floods, which covered the valleys from hill to hill, will never be estimated. The crops of wheat, oats and hay, which had been harvested with the exception of a portion of the hay crop, have been swept away, and much of the fine corn crop is also lost. Thousands of dollars will be required to replace the fences, and hundreds of acres of fine lands have been so badly washed as to be almost worthless for some time to come, and some of it will probably never be of value again.

Much stock is reported lost also, but so far we have not heard of any loss of human life, altho many, and most, miserable escapes are reported. In Lutesville many of the residents in the valley were hurriedly driven from their homes. Some were taken out by sack-conveyances as could be procured, while others being unable to procure assistance waded out as best they could, in water from 18 inches to 2 feet or more in depth. Many ladies were required to hurriedly leave their homes in this flood of water, waist deep.

The heavy part of the storm seemed to strike this part of the country about 4 o'clock or probably a little later, Friday morning. It had been raining since the evening before and the streams were already bank-full, and by 5 o'clock the waters began to spread over the valleys and coming on in great waves, the mad, rushing, devastating flood soon covered the valleys from hill to hill, and the rain kept falling, at times, in perfect torrents. By 6 o'clock it looked as though everything east of the railroad in Lutesville would be swept away and most of the residents had already abandoned their homes. A number were taken out by conveyances of one kind and another, when the water was as deep as could be forded and in some instances the undertaking was dangerous.

Crooked creek is said to have been higher in '83, but Hurricane was two or three feet higher than it was ever known to be, and had Crooked creek been as high in proportion to size, there is no doubt but that much of Lutesville would have been swept away. The railroad was washed away from a half-mile below Lutesville to the vicinity of Allenville, with the exception of the bridges across Crooked creek and a few short stretches of track, and it will probably be several days before it can be replaced and put in condition to run trains over it with anything like safety.

From reports that have reached here large numbers of cattle and other stock, mostly hogs, were drowned and it is feared that the decaying carcasses will endanger the health and lives of the people who live near the streams, unless they are buried or burned. The telephone and telegraph wires were down in almost every direction and news from other parts of the county has been hard to get, but from what we have learned the valleys along all the streams have been flooded and crops, fences and other property swept away. The losses will bear heavily upon many of our people and the picture is a gloomy one, but we should remember that it might have been worse, and be thankful that no lives have been taken.

From the reports given by the daily papers, the destruction of property by high waters has been great in many other parts of Missouri and adjoining states.

Our Correspondents. Leopold. We had a very heavy rain Thursday night and Friday. Crooked creek was out of banks and the flood of waters covered all the valley and defiantly started up the hill sides. The farmers along Crooked creek lost heavily of their crops, stock and fencing. The railroad between Lutesville and Ladin was badly washed out. Several of our people went to see the high water Friday after it quit raining, and on Sunday a stream went over to see the construction gang at work on the railroad. Died—At her home two miles west of Leopold, Mrs. H. Sondern after an illness of short duration. She was 88 years old, and leaves a large number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Miss Mary Tenholder returned from St. Louis last Saturday. Mrs. G. Larry from St. Louis is here visiting relatives and friends. BELLA.

Grassy. After a little recreation, work seems a pleasure. Health is reasonably good in this locality. We have not heard any grumbling about dusty roads or dry weather lately. Rev. T. W. Cooper filled his regular appointment at Flatwoods Sunday. A protracted meeting will be begun at the Gregory schoolhouse the first Sunday in August. We would be glad to hear of Prof. A. P. Moore being employed as teacher at Grassy this year. We notice as the Buchanan "skinners" pass thru our "burg," that they are accompanied by a new team "boss." Henry Smith and wife attended the funeral services of the wife and infant child of William Day, which was conducted by Rev. Henry George at Cane creek church Sunday. We find that the farmers on our creek are not so badly damaged by the recent high waters as some on other streams. We have seen dollar wheat and expect to see dollar corn and ninety cent hay before spring. Our merchant, Jasper Cooper, is doing a good business now and we understand that proper steps are being taken to organize a M. B. A. lodge at Grassy. X.

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Zalma. One of the worst floods for years swept thru our country last Saturday. All the bottom land was covered from one to six feet with water; fences, hay, wheat, oats and corn were swept away and ruined. The railroad was washed away from the valley to the river bridge. All the families in the lower part of town had to move to higher ground; the water coming into their houses several feet deep. The foundation of the Company store now owned by King & Bollinger, gave way and the building fell into the water. It is feared that a good deal of stock was drowned below this place.

Louis Mayer is painting John King's new house. J. V. Slinkard went to Marble Hill Monday. Laban Green treated his horse to a coat of paint recently. Frank Corbin's new dwelling is nearing completion. We have had no mail since Thursday owing to the high water. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Cargle a fine girl baby, July 19. Bart Corbin and wife returned from Cape Girardeau, where Mr. Corbin had been employed since spring. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Myers July 18, a fine girl baby. Several of our citizens attended the corner stone laying ceremony of the new Presbyterian church at

Will Mayfield College

Marble Hill, Mo. Session for 1905-6 will open Tuesday, September 5. Complete courses better than ever: Latin, English, German, Scientific, Commercial, Theological, Music Preparatory, Academic, and Collegiate departments. Seven teachers and instructors. School week Tuesday to Saturday. Write for Catalog. F. J. HENDERSHOT, President.

Lutesville the first of last week. C. Cook. Mayfield. As I failed to write last week, I will try to let the readers of THE PRESS know what is going on in this vicinity. Most of all the people are busy trying to save their hay. We have been having rain and plenty of it. E. R. Mayfield and wife of near Sedgewickville visited relatives in our burg recently. Messrs. George Green and John and Johnson Mayfield had business at Jackson a few days ago. Elsie Fulton visited relatives at Hurricane last Saturday night. He was visiting Sunday, too, his said. The people of this community would like to see a threshing machine pull in and thresh their wheat as the stacks are getting green. W. H. Mayfield had business at Patton last Saturday. P. H. Seabugh and wife visited relatives in this vicinity Sunday. J. F. Mayfield and wife visited their son near Sedgewickville Tuesday night. T. A. Filton visited relatives at Hurricane Friday night. Little Whitewater was higher last Friday than it had been in 15 years. Much damage was done to crops, fences and other property. Mr. and Mrs. George Green went to Farmington last Saturday and expect to be there several days, as the object of their visit is to have Mrs. Green's eyes treated by a specialist. SALLY.

Scopus. Health is good. The flood of last Thursday night and Friday did an immense amount of damage to the farmers all along the water courses. Fences, wheat, oats, and hay swept away, and much of the corn crop is ruined. Farmers are behind with their work on account of the continued wet weather. Wheat and oats are still in the shock and much of the hay crop is yet to be harvested. Doctor Chostner seems to have a very good practice around our burg. H. B. Cole, our merchant has erected a new front to his store house lately. A. J. Lincoln is erecting a dwelling house on Whitewater for Wilson Cobble, F. M. Hartle's son-in-law. H. J. Lincoln and son are building a new dwelling house for W. D. Limbaugh near Sedgewickville. "Grandma" DeWitt is visiting near Jackson this week. We have not heard the hum of any threshing machine yet. The new game law seems to be a stunner to most of us. Reva and Laura Lincoln attended services at Mount Zion last Sunday. William Flaves seems to think the postmaster sleeps too late these mornings. You see, Wm. carries the mail. W. N. Nanney made a trip up in the neighborhood of Hurricane last week. Judge Gladish of Huxie was in these parts last week. Henry Tallent, our blacksmith, is doing lots of work these days. There was several stock buyers in this vicinity last week. Elder W. H. George will hold a series of meetings at Cole's chapel commencing on Sunday night before the second Sunday in August. A good meeting is expected. Big CHIEF.

They Sleep, But Not Forever. Anderson Gobble was born November 24, 1855; died February 19, 1902, aged 46 years, 5 months and 24 days. Gency Gobble was born January 18, 1840; departed this life July 12, 1905, aged 65 years, 5 months and 24 days. They professed Christ and joined the Methodist church in Tennessee, and for more than 45 years they lived consistent members of the church of their choice. Theirs was a house of prayer. To the union was born 39 children, 5 boys and 5 girls, one of the boys has passed over the river; 9 children still survive them, together with a number

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For further information, ask the TICKET AGENT, Cotton Belt Route. of relatives and friends who mourn their departure. Rev. Fred Eaker of Advance, a former pastor, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Coburn, conducted the funeral services on July 13, 1905. There was a large, attentive congregation present, who could not be accommodated indoors, lined up as near as possible, giving close attention to Bro. Eaker who eloquently discoursed on the subject of the resurrection. Sister Gobble was then laid to rest in the Abernathy cemetery to await the final resurrection. J. W. COBURN, P. C. Zaimo, Mo., July 15, 1905.

The New Bridge Is Open Cotton Belt Route trains now use the new bridge across the Mississippi River at Thibodaux, La., doing away with the ferry transfer and shortening schedules about an hour. The new bridge is one of the finest pieces of engineering work in the country, giving the Cotton Belt an unbroken track of solid steel, between St. Louis and Southeast Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Two daily trains are operated to and from St. Louis, as follows: No. 200 to St. Louis 6:35 a. m. No. 140 to St. Louis 6:01 p. m. No. 140 to St. Louis 9:32 p. m. No. 140 to St. Louis 9:20 a. m. Trains 1 and 2 carry buffet sleeper between Shreveport and St. Louis, Trains 1 and 2 carry sleeper between Texas and St. Louis. All trains carry chair cars.

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