

The Benton Record wants to know why we can't have a sane celebration of the Fourth of July and why it has degenerated into a Bacchanal revel.

WHAT NEXT? The first of the Equitable revelations were a surprise, later they reached the proportions of a scandal.

Now the public cries "Stop thief," and it is possible that the acts of men who have stood high in the public estimation may wreck a \$500,000,000 concern.

Is it any wonder that the common citizen with probity in his heart asks the question, "where shall I find an honest man?"

High finance has become the science of "get all you can, and never mind the method."

Men who possess fortunes, and and on whose honor you would have staked your very existence, have not scrupled to smirch themselves, in order to gather more dollars of which they had no need.

One wonders, if the Equitable is rotten to the core, if there are other big organizations of the same sort are in process of decay. If the senators, congressmen and capitalists who had their fingers close to the Equitable pot could not withstand the golden temptation, can it be expected that the situation has been reversed in other corporations?

Is the Equitable an exception? Do you wonder that the world cries "What next?"

When will the law cease chasing police sparrows and get after the big game that can be seen on every hand?—Star-Chronicle.

Fulfilling His Pledges.

Gov. Folk has succeeded in putting the lid on the gambling outfit in St. Louis, known as the Delmar race track. It took time to accomplish this end, but it was accomplished, nevertheless.

The owners of the race track attempted to defy the law-abiding element of the state, they imagined they were immune from the provisions of the law. They attempted to openly violate the authority of the state, but they have been squelched and will remain so.

To see the fine California dried fruit in the eastern markets one would hardly think they had gone thru what they have, and it is hard for one to imagine how appetizing they can look, after having seen the "modus operandi." In the first place the fruit is left on the trees until "dead" ripe; shook, knocked or picked off the trees, packed up, pitched into boxes as carefully as stove wood, hauled in big lumbering wagons—usually springless—to the "drying grounds" thru a cloud of dust, "gommied" over and cut up by a lot of women and children, then placed on "trays" and run into the sulphur house and bleached. The trays are then spread out on the drying ground, usually set flat on the ground, in the broiling hot sun where chickens, dogs etc., and a surplus of dust have access to them.

Gov. Folk has done his duty in closing the Delmar race track and has the support of all good citizens of the state irrespective of politics. —Fredericktown Democrat-News.

Some Crimes Compared.

Not including Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, who escaped on demurrer—three United States senators have lately been proved guilty of wrong-doing. Senator Burton of Kansas was convicted of practicing before the postoffice department; Senator Mitchell of Oregon was convicted of receiving money for legal services rendered before the departments, and Senator Depew was shown to have drawn a complimentary salary from the Equitable and to have voted for a doubtful loan to a corporation in which he was interested.

Mr. Depew was for years the lobbyist of the New York Central railroad and was finally made senator by the railroad influence. Outside of the senate and inside of the senate he has been the servile tool of the corporations. He has never been in a position to decide any question from the standpoint of the people. The facts have been known to all and yet he could move in polite society, sit in the directorate of Yale and pose as a moralist.

But the moment he is found guilty of petty pilfering he falls like a Lucifer. The evil he has been doing as lobbyist and corporate representative in the senate is immeasurably greater than the evil he has done as a director of the Equitable, but it was not so regarded by the public. Nor does Depew stand alone.

Aldrich, Platt, et al., are much more dangerous to the public than either Burton or Mitchell for their subservency to the corporations affects all the people. The conscience of the nation was shocked because Aldrich tried to buy a senatorship for himself and yet that conscience is not slightly disturbed when railroads and trusts buy seats for their paid representatives. Burton and Mitchell deserve the punishment that they now seem likely to receive, but the day of retributing will not come until the senate is rid of its big grafters as well as its little ones, and the best way to purify the senate is to make that body elective.

Missouri Minerals.

Missouri's resources are recognized as far away as the Pacific coast. The San Francisco Chronicle, in a recent issue, said: "Missouri is not a state which one would name of hand as rich in minerals, yet it produces 80 per cent of all the zinc and 90 per cent of all the nickel mined in the United States, while the percentage of lead taken from the mines is nearly as great. The demand for all of these metals is increasing rapidly, and new districts in Missouri are being developed each year. It may not be an idle boast that Missouri will ultimately produce as much treasure in these base metals as California has produced in gold and silver."

California Letter.

One of the most peculiar and significant facts in regard to fruit growing in California is the insignificant price the fruit grower often gets for his fruit. At this time, July, here in M. W. Colony there are aprums, or prunes, being sold to the drying plants for 85 per ton, and it costs the grower \$2.50 per ton to have them picked and hauled to the dryer; and then they are picked at starvation wages. Hundreds of barrels will never be picked at all; large, fine plums, the largest specimens as large as guinea eggs. What would a Missourian think about growing plums for 85 per ton or 125 cents per bushel, on land that costs, without improvements, \$50 to \$100 per acre?

Lots of orchards here belong to nonresidents and there are bearing orchards in the colony that I am satisfied don't pay the taxes on the land, say nothing about cultivating pruning etc., which is \$12.50 per acre. There is lots of eastern money invested in orchards at this place so far as an investment is concerned had about as well been thrown in the fire.

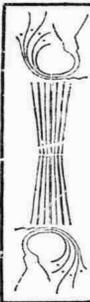
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One of the Corning papers says in regard to the Lewis "Peoples" bank of St. Louis that is reported to have failed or suspended: "It is believed from close estimates that between \$8,000 and \$10,000 has been invested in this bank by the good people of Corning."

It seems rather odd here in California where lemons are supposed to be grown that they are dearer this time of year than in Missouri. They are now selling in our local market at from 25 to 30 cents per dozen and there is an immense quantity of lemons used here.

Quite a lot of people from here are attending and will attend the fair at Portland. The distance from here is about 500 miles.

Attention!



Our entire Stock of Goods must be sold in 15 days. Sale will begin Friday, August 4-closes Saturday, August 19, at 7:00 o'clock p. m. All goods piled high on the counters and marked in plain figures.

The chance of a lifetime-take it! WARONKER BROS., LUTESVILLE, MISSOURI.

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At present we are having some delightful weather; mercury ranges from 58 to 90, July 7-8-9 and 19 however, was very hot, all the way up to 111 in the shade, and a hot wind that felt as tho it was off a furnace.

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Southeast News.

Hayti has a new bank; and so has Bonne Terre.

The Doe Run Lead company has recently optioned 7,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Libertyville and will drill the same at once. The option price is from \$50 to \$100 per acre.

A lady entered the depot this week said she wanted a ticket for St. Louis. The clerk, Linus O'Connor, asked, "Single?" "It ain't any of your business," she replied. "I might have been married a dozen times if I'd like providin' for some poor, shiftless man like you."

The Caruthersville Democrat says: "Our young hoodlums have been exceptionally quiet since our last issue. They've only destroyed one melon patch and stole a horse and buggy from the courthouse hitching rack." You mean your budding candidates for the institution at Jefferson city.

Donna Terre Register. Henry Revelle, 25 years old, an employe of the Federal Lead company and working in Central mill, lost his life last Saturday night. In some way he got caught in a belt and was thrown to the floor with such force as to crush his skull. He leaves a young wife, formerly Miss Musgrove of Fredericktown.

Breastdent Dearmont of the Cape Normal was assaulted by a man named Lowe last Saturday evening who struck Mr. Dearmont a blow in the face and broke his jaw. He and another gentleman were showing a third party, a stranger who was visiting the city, thru the Normal building. Lowe, it seems, is the janitor or watchman at the building and ordered President Dearmont and party away. It seems when the visitors paid no attention to the man's orders, he assaulted Mr. Dearmont. It appears to have been a brutal and uncalculated attack.

For Tale Bearers. A woman who has a great tale bearer happened to hear one neighbor speak slightly of another and immediately carried the word from the first to the second neighbor, claiming that she thought as a friend she ought to let the second one know what the first neighbor was saying. But instead of thinking the tale bearer the second neighbor said: "It makes no difference to me how many rotten eggs my neighbor has on his premises, but the person who carries the decayed bun from his house and breaks it under my nose is my enemy."—Ex.

Our Correspondents.

Bessville. Health is very bad in this vicinity. Miss Augusta Davis is still quite sick.

"Aunt" Ann Sitzes died last Sunday. She leaves a husband and many other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

J. M. Welker's boys worked a horse too hard while plowing last week and it died in a short time.

Judge Zimmerman of near Glen Allen was in this vicinity recently on business.

It is very hot here now but people are doing lots of work anyhow. Wilber Davis is at home now.

With good wishes to THE PRESS and it's many readers I will close. Ys.

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As I have seen nothing from our country in THE PRESS lately, I will try to get up a few items.

Health is very good now. We had a good rain Sunday night. Wheat threshing is the order of the day here.

Walter Crain of Booneville, Mo., is visiting relatives and friends here now.

W. A. Propst had the misfortune to get a colt's leg nearly cut off by a mower. But the animal is getting along nicely now.

Miss Bertha Propst has returned home from Millerville, where she has been during most of the summer.

John Hahn and family visited at the home of W. A. Propst last Sunday.

Miss Bertha Propst visited Miss Ruth and Myrtle Lambaugh Monday. News is scarce. THE ONLY SON.

Buchanan.

Well, everybody seems to be getting over the picnic all right. We had a good crowd and all had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carr visited at L. G. Spear's Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kinder of Cape Girardeau are paying an extended visit to their parents and relatives here.

We have had two deaths in our community recently. Mrs. Mary Edwards on July 31, and Emmett Sparks August 4. The bereaved families have the sympathies of all.

Miss Clem Kinder has resigned her position in the Gresham store and will take a few weeks vacation. She will enter school at the Cape when the Normal opens.

LITTLE JAKE.

Myrick & Schwearing are threshing our little crops of wheat. The yield is light and of an inferior quality. The late rains damaged the wheat, oats and hay crops and the corn will be nothing extra. Our peach crop is light and rotting before ripening. Apples are plentiful.

G. W. Stitts sold Walter Denman a car load of sheep last week.

Mrs. A. J. Bess and little daughters, Julia and Emma, returned to their home at Desloge last week after visiting relatives at Lodge and Bessville several days.

Miss Laura Moore of Paragould, Ark., visited "Grandma Mouser" last Saturday.

Rev. R. A. Moyers is visiting his father, Robert Moyers at Lodge. Mike McKevey, who has been clerking for Ernest Cameron quite awhile, will start to Texas this week to invest in some Texas land.

Mrs. Marion Yount is visiting the family of J. H. Chostner.

Last Saturday being Mrs. Margaret Mouser's 77th birthday, quite a number of her neighbors and friends gave her quite a pleasant surprise by calling on her, each carrying a well-filled basket of eatables which all enjoyed. Everybody had a good time. OBSERVER.

Scopus.

There is some sickness here now. William Brown, one of our industrious young men died July 31. His remains were laid to rest in the Hopkins cemetery August 1, in the presence of many relatives and friends. He will be missed in our community. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the writer and also of our community.

Prof. J. P. Salyer and wife of New Madrid are visiting at the home of Mrs. Salyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, near here.

Rev. John H. Yount of near Marble Hill attended services at Cole chapel last Saturday night.

The 11-months-old babe of James Lincoln and wife died July 28.

"Aunt Jane" Welker has been on the sick list, but I am glad to report her improving.

Rev. I. W. Jones has been very sick, but is some better at this writing.

Corn crops do not seem to have been as badly injured by the recent floods as was at first supposed.

The road overseers are doing the roads now. They are in mighty bad shape and much work will be required to put in even as good condition as they were before the rains.

The shooting matches are on the program now for Saturday evening, and they seem to be well attended. Come out to church, too, boys.

Hosea Seabaugh visited his father, Logan Seabaugh, near Sedgewickville last week.

Sam Cole's baby was very sick one day last week, but is better.

The threshing machines came into our community and threshed our wheat and got away and this writer never saw it. But the season was much like the crop, very short, and I was away from home.

Glen Allen.

There is still a great deal of sickness in this vicinity.

Miss Della Rhodes returned home Sunday, after a week's visit with relatives near Dry creek.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Richards and son, Master Clarence, returned to their home at Fredericktown Tuesday, after an extended visit to their many relatives and friends at Glen Allen and Lutesville.

J. H. Zimmerman, who has lived on a farm near town a number of years, moved his family to Glen Allen last week, where they will make their future home. We are glad to welcome them to our town. His son, Elery, will take charge of his farm.

Doc Limbaugh of Marquand was on our streets Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lincoln of Cape Girardeau are visiting relatives near Glen Allen this week.

Misses Rosa Rigdon and Statia Zimmerman went down to Lutesville on business last Friday.

Marshal Johnson was a visitor in our town last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Limbaugh is very sick at this writing.

Albert Lincoln and wife of Morley are visiting relatives and friends near this city this week.

Lewis Zimmerman of near town is recovering from a severe attack of malarial fever.

J. I. Kness, a former operator here was in town Sunday shaking hands with old friends.

Levi M. Lincoln died at his home near Glen Allen Saturday evening, August 5. His remains were interred in the Glen Allen cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of many relatives and a host of friends. He leaves a wife, four sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. William M. Limbaugh died at her home Tuesday morning, August 8, aged 81 years. On Sunday, July 30, her aged husband passed away. To the sad and heart broken, family the writer extends most heartfelt sympathy. A proper obituary of this aged couple will appear in next issue. LILLIPUT.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Missouri Sunday School Association (interdenominational) will be held at Booneville, Missouri, August 29-31. There will be three sessions daily. Marion Lustrate, General Secretary of the International Association, Dr. A. O. Brown, Field Secretary of the Presbyterian church, Dr. A. P. George, Field Secretary for the M. E. church, Mrs. Zillah Foster Stevens, Temperance Secretary for the Illinois Sunday school Association, Dr. W. H. Black, Rev. C. P. Goodson, Miss Mahel

Will Mayfield College

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Early and other Sunday school specialists are on the program. E. O. Exel, the famous leader of song will have charge of and lead the Convention music.

The Western Passenger Association has granted an open rate of one and one-third fare from all points in the state on the certificate plan. Get certificates from your agent when you get tickets. The churches at Booneville extend a hearty welcome and entertainment on the "Harvard Plan"—i. e., lodging and breakfast. Dinners and suppers will be served by the churches at reasonable rates.

Each school in the state is entitled to send its pastor and superintendent and one delegate for each fifty or fractional part of its enrollment. For blank credentials and for full program address "Missouri Sunday School Association, 27 Laclede Building, St. Louis, Mo."

The managing editor wheeled his chair around and pushed a button in the wall. The person wanted entered "Here," said the editor "are a number of directions from outsiders as to the best way to run a newspaper. See that they are all carried out." And the office boy, gathered them all into a large waste-basket, and did so.—Ex.

HAND-MADE LACE IN RUSSIA. Mr. A. H. Ford tells, in the New Idea Woman's Magazine for September, of the home industries by which the Russian koustari add to their scant incomes. The koustari are a kind of superior peasants who, during the long winter months, make by hand and sell immense quantities of wooden spoons, foms, and brass utensils. It seems that there is a dark time ahead of the koustari owing to the inevitable advance of the Juggernaut of machinery. As in other countries, however, the best of laces can never be imitated by mechanical processes, and Mr. Ford considers the lace-making industry almost the only line of the koustari work that will endure much longer. "This," he says, "is the one great koustari industry that is to be protected and encouraged. Patriotic societies have been formed among the fashionable to encourage the art, and instructors are sent into the country homes of the peasants to teach the children the first rudiments. The little ones begin their apprenticeship at the age of eight, and, after even years of unremunerative toil, must labor eighteen hours a day to make a profit of \$20 during the long winter season indoors. About a million yards of lace are made annually by the peasant women of Russia, and sell for as many dollars."

Sarah Louisa Winters Was born April 2, 1863, died July 2, 1905, aged 42 years and 3 months.

August 25, 1861, she married Henry W. Winters and lived with him a devoted, loving companion for almost 21 years. To this union was born seven children; two sons and five daughters. One infant daughter died at the age of ten days.

Her parents, "Uncle Jesse" and "Aunt Mary" Lutes as they were usually known, were devoted and active members of the M. E. Church South.

The home of her parents was known far and near as a "preachers' home."

Her mother was an active Sunday school worker and her father was a steward in the Methodist church for a number of years.

She being raised by those noble, Christian parents, became converted early in life and joined the Methodist church in which body she remained a faithful working member for twenty-five years. Saturday before Easter Sunday, 1904, she of her own free will and without the knowledge of her husband or children, joined the Baptist church at Marble Hill of which church her husband and four oldest children were members. She frequently expressed herself as being well pleased with this change.

Mother always enjoyed seeing her children attend church and Sunday school and always insisted on having family prayer Sunday nights. It can be truthfully said that she ruled her household with love and Christian patience.

On March 28, 1905, she took sick and was a patient sufferer for 3 months and 4 days, when the Lord called her home. A few minutes before she passed away she called her family to her bedside and bade them all goodbye. She had frequently said she was ready and prepared to meet her Saviour, a fact which was plainly shown by the quiet, peaceful manner in which she passed away.

EMERIE WINTERS.

The New Bridge Is Open

Cotton Belt Route trains now use the new bridge across the Mississippi River at Thebes, Ill., going 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 2 arrive St. Louis 6:35 a. m. No 4 arrive St. Louis 6:01 p. m. No 1 leave St. Louis 9:32 p. m. No 3 leave St. Louis 9:20 a. m.

Trains 3 and 4 carry buffet sleeper between Shreveport and St. Louis, Trains 1 and 2 carry sleeper between Texas and St. Louis. All trains carry chair cars.

For further information, ask the TICKET AGENT, Cotton Belt Route.