A STEAL of $500,000 is what an official of the Carnegie Trust company was indicted for the other day. And yet they're "all honorable men!"

DOWN in Penniscot county Judge Faris sent a lot of pistol toters to the pen for two years each—and no parole attachment. The sheriff has already landed them.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON will probably be the minority leader of the next house. He is entitled to the honor and it will give old Joe a chance to hand Champ Clark an occasional raspberry in return for the many he received from the gentleman from Pike.

THE War department has ordered Missouri's quota of National Guard officers invited to participate in the Texas maneuvers to report at San Antonio April 3. The first group of Missouri officers will consist of one field officer, three company officers of infantry, one battalion officer of artillery and one officer of the medical corps.

THE Supreme court of the United States last Tuesday refused to consider the appeal of the Globe-Democrat from the decision of the Supreme court of this state awarding Sam B. Cook $50,000 damages for libellous articles published in the Globe. The interest since the rendition of judgment will run the amount the Globe will have to pay up to about $75,000.

CHAMP CLARK, the next speaker of the national house of representatives, returned to Washington the other day after an extensive lecture tour. Asked if he had found any new tendency among the people, Mr. Clark said: "Decidedly all over the country is toward democracy. The republicans are split into so many pieces that Aunt Jemima's sticking plaster wouldn't hold them together. I got this from republicans, as well as democrats."

THE democratic platform adopted by the National convention in Chicago in 1906 declared that "We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and regard this reform as the gateway to other reforms." In the last republican convention the proposition was rejected by a vote of seven to one. But no reform is more popular, and there is every probability that the next congress will submit the necessary amendment to the constitution. The national fight for reform was begun by the democratic party [illegible] and it is so important that [illegible] will be waged all [illegible] by the party in [illegible].

FRANCIS J. HILLER, commissioner of [illegible] is suggesting that he be made Missouri's next immigration commissioner. The splendid work he has done for the state as the head of the Bureau of Labor statistics is the chief reason advanced why he should be appointed to that position, says the Jefferson City Democrat-Tribune. "There is no official who has done more during the past four years in widely calling attention to Missouri's wonderful resources and advantages and the golden opportunities it constantly holds out to settlers, manufacturers and capitalists who are looking for a section in which to locate. Under the law just passed a board of immigration is created, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and attorney general, which appoints a commissioner to do the actual work."

IN California the initiative, referendum and recall for all cities and towns will soon become a law. Governor Johnson has approved the measure enacted by the legislature. It provides that "all elective municipal officers may be recalled four months after they assume office upon petition of twenty-five per cent of the registered voters of the town. The official sought to be recalled will be subject to an election and must leave office immediately if another man receives the majority of votes. The initiative and referendum can be invoked upon petition of 25 per cent of the legislators. Unless the governing body passes or vetoes the measures desired within thirty days an election will be held to enable the people to pass upon the measures. If the petition carries only 10 per cent of the voters and the governing body refuses to act, the measure come up for a vote of the people at the next regular municipal election."

Passing of the Old Guard

When congress adjourned there disappeared from the roster a few men who have stood consistently for the interests of the people, says The Commoner, and a large number who closed their public careers by voting to retain William Lorimer in the senatorial seat he occupies.

To the "old guard" the sound of the gavel of the vice president striking his desk as the hands of the clock pointed to mid day resembled the thud of earth falling upon the political coffins of their departed leaders and comrades. The list of men relegated to oblivion includes:

Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island.
Morgan C. Bulkeley of Connecticut.
Julius C. Burrows of Michigan.
Thomas H. Carter of Montana.
Chauncey M. Depew of New York.
Charles Dick of Ohio.
Frank P. Flint of California.
Eugene Hale of Maine.
John Kean of New Jersey.
Samuel H. Piles of Washington.
Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia.

With the exception of Aldrich all of the above men voted for Lorimer's retention in the senate. Aldrich would have done so had he been in Washington, being Lorimer's "bellwether."

Another batch or bunch or group will retire next year.

An Excuse That Is Farcical

Gov. Hadley vetoed the police home rule bill Friday, presumably on the theory that the citizenship of St. Louis is of such a low order that the city is not capable of self-government, says the Macon Times-Democrat. Ostensibly his objections were that it would put the police into politics and thus cripple its effectiveness as a law enforcing and order preserving body. In the face of the fact that the police is now and always has been in politics in St. Louis, the governor's contention is farcical. What Hadley really objects to is the taking of the police force out of his political machine and placing it in the hands of the city of St. Louis, where it belongs. In denying to the people of St. Louis the right of local self-government the governor repudiated all of his campaign speeches and pledges in behalf of home rule.

The Governor also vetoed the bill giving to each party an equal number of supervisors and election booths in St. Louis. Not only does Hadley refuse to make good his home rule pledges, but he cuts all of his pretty words about fair elections and a square deal for all parties at the polls. In order that his political machine may retain control of all the election machinery in St. Louis he puts the stamp of his disapproval upon a bill that provides that each party may name its own watchers and supervisors at the polls. Could there be anything fairer than this? And yet in order to permit the Hadley machine to manipulate the elections he vetoes a bipartisan bill giving to each party the right to name its own election officials.

A Cowardly Attack on Democrats

Under the above heading the St. Joseph Observer administers a well deserved rebuke to the Globe-Democrat. It says:

"From the day that it issued its first paper the St. Louis Globe-Democrat has been unfair, unjust, unreliable, and deficient in decency. It has done more to harm Missouri than all of the lawless element which at an earlier day, helped to bring the state into the wrong sort of noroiety, and to the Globe-Democrat alone is chargeable the odium of that well known phrase 'Poor Old Missouri.' All of the bandits, robbers, thieves and guerrillas, who at one time infested Missouri, never did as much harm for the state as has the Globe-Democrat—and it made the harm.

"The most cowardly of its attacks was that of last Monday when it stated that the Democratic members of the state legislature indulged in a Sunday morning drunken carnival. It stated under a flaming headline that it was Democrats alone who were responsible for this situation and that it was in its entirety a disgraceful proceeding.

"If the charges were true it would be newsworthy but luckily they are not. On Monday, just prior to adjournment, when both houses met, they passed resolutions without a dissenting voice disclaiming the slander and condemning the Globe-Democrat. These resolutions, which appear on another page were voted for by the Republicans as well as the Democrats, the former fully realizing the cowardly method of partisan attack.

"The people of Missouri are proud of their state, but they are not proud of that assassin of character which spews out its venom in the greatest city of the state. As a filth promotor and a disease breeder, and a purveyor of falsehood, it is a notable and shining success."

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Official Statement of the Financial Condition

of the Bank of Zalma, at Zalma, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 7th day of March, 1911, published in THE MARBLE HILL PRESS, a newspaper printed and published at Marble Hill, state of Missouri, on the 30th day of March, 1911.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral	$18,506.80
Loans, real estate	10,086.19
Overdrafts	556.41
Real estate (banking house)	2,600.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,795.31
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check	3,908.12
Cash items	2,052.13
Currency	1,424.00
Specie	261.28
Other resources, as follows	317.00
Total	$41,507.24

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	$12,000.00
Surplus fund	2,228.32
Undivided profits, net	1,333.85
Individual deposits subject to check	16,761.10
Time certificates of deposit	9,183.88
Total	$41,507.24

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We, B. H. Bollinger as vice president and Daniel Fish as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solmnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

B. H. BOLLINGER, Vice President
DANIEL FISH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

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And bears his burdens as best he can
He's a cheerful neighbor, a faithful friend,
And will fight for him to the latest end
The [illegible] God could plan
On earth today is the average man.

[illegible]
Humanity's [illegible] is always a spotless white,
And as the wrongs of the world I scan,
I thank the Lord for the average man.

—Detroit Free Press.

Rescue of John Sevier

In the old days before the Revolutionary War, the great State of Tennessee was a part of the State of North Carolina.

John Sevier was foremost among the pioneers of the territory, and arose to a honored leadership, through his bravery, his daring, and his valor in Indian Wars.

But once the Governor of Carolina picked a quarrel with Sevier, and he was arrested—unjustly, as it now appears—and taken to Morgantown to be tried for treason and outlawry.

The comrades of Sevier did not sit idly by while their chief was being condemned. One night a party of four men—James Crosby, Major Evans and Sevier's two sons—John and James—rode up over the mountains, through the green, fertile valleys, and arrived at the edge of the village of Morgantown.

James Crosby and Evans left the party, and, disguised as poor farmers, rode to the court house, leading one of the swiftest horses in the country. Court was in session, and through the open door they could hear the busy hum of the voices within.

Crosby alighted, and the amused spectators of the trial saw him slouch through the door. And then Crosby did an unprecedented thing. He stepped close up to the judge's bench, and looked him squarely in the face.

"Are you not about through with this man?" he thundered in a stern voice, as he indicated Sevier.

The judge sank into speechless amazement. The jailers, the spectators, the lawyers, all looked at Crosby. But the daring backwoodsman had cast one significant glance at Sevier and then at the door. Sevier looked and saw his own horse pawing the earth expectantly.

But all eyes were on Crosby, and in the confusion, Sevier quietly arose and walked out of the room, the bewildered crowd giving way to form a lane where he could walk. Once at the door, he gave one bound, landed on his horse, and with the speed of a post rider dashed away in a cloud of dust.

"He's gone!" at last gasped the judge, in a dazed way, and looked askance at the Sheriff. The confusion deepened, and everyone forgot to consider the newcomer who had planned the coup. But this was exactly what Crosby had counted upon. He slipped away in the excitement, found his horse again at the edge of the village, and overtook his comrades on the road back to Tennessee.

Sevier continued his services in the cause of his colony, and years later was made military governor of the territory of Tennessee by General Washington.

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