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Around About the State.

DeSoto and East Prairie are talking up an annual fair.

Missouri raised over 7000 lbs of ginseng last year, valued at \$35,000.

The Red Men lodge at Edna, Mo., are building a handsome new hall.

Mrs. Sarah A. Shook died at Winthrop Monday at the age of 107 years.

The Carter County Bank in Van Buren is now located in its new building.

Bismarck is entertaining a proposition to light the town with acetylene.

The Home for Aged Women at Mexico, founded by the King's Daughters, was dedicated last week.

The barn of John P. Rogers, near Mexico, was burned last week and 13 horses were cremated.

The Kings' Sons and Daughters at Mexico decided last week to meet in Kansas City next November.

New Madrid county will soon vote on a proposition to build a \$80,000 court house and a \$15,000 jail.

Governor Folk has taken out a hunter's license and will take a trip into Boone county with Gen. N. T. Lee.

Sylvester Holt was caught under the cage in the Denby shaft at Elvins recently and his life crushed out.

Miss Ida Ferling suicided by taking carbolic acid last week at Elvins. Disappointment in love is the cause assigned.

Mrs. J. L. Sanders, of Rich Hill, while despondent last week, drank laudanum with suicidal intent, but will recover.

Illmo will soon be connected with the outside world by telephone. Local capital will build and control the system.

Pilot Knob, formerly a prosperous village, is dying, having only one store, and it will soon close for want of patronage.

Cleveland Stotts, 20 years old, fell 35 feet from an elevator at Butler Saturday and escaped death, but was seriously injured.

The Missouri Pacific has appealed against the verdict of \$50,000 recently rendered against it in the Pangle damage case at Nevada.

Ambrose Cox, who killed Elkanah Shreves at Excelsior Springs a year ago, has been sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Sikeston has a pumpkin weighing 111 pounds. So far it is entitled to the belt. Wouldn't it furnish material for "a few" pies, though?

The farmers around Lee's Summit have decided to prohibit hunting on Sunday. We suppose they mean "hunting game," not "hunting stock."

Howell county has completed her first bridge, according to the Gazette, which probably intended to say first iron bridge. It spans the South Fork.

John Albus, of St. Joseph, was the only man who attended the Warner banquet who had the nerve to acknowledge he was was after a job more than anything else.

James Hall, at Lexington last week, the gown worn by her daughter, Miss Florence, caught fire from a candle and she was badly burned.

Mrs. Edward McKinney, of Centertown, heard burglars in the store of her husband Wednesday night and gave the alarm. Henry Hast and Edward Brock were captured.

Only 53 out of 163 cases on docket in the circuit court of New Madrid county when the court house burned were ready for trial, owing to the papers being burned.

The merchants and citizens of Clarkton are offering a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties that burglarized the postoffice on the night of November 6, 1905.

On account of diphtheria, it is stated that the public schools at Jackson, county seat of Cape Girardeau county, have been closed and will remain closed until the epidemic abates.

Mr. Vandiver overlooked a foxy point when he did not enjoin the New York Life from enjoining him, as he might have expected it would do when he attempted to oust it from the state.

The body of Mrs. Carl Hurford, nee Durbin, of Unionville, who is supposed to have killed herself after killing her husband at Newberg, Ore., will be brought brought back to her home for burial.

The apple season has closed at Utica and the crop of Greene township was 18,000 barrels. Only trees that were sprayed yielded crops, which proves that the careful farmer is the one who makes the money.

Miss Jennie Moye was struck by an Iron Mountain train at Morehouse on the 9th inst. and was killed. She undertook to cross in front of the passenger train and was knocked several yards by the engine.

Pemiscot county has a county seat removal fight on its hands. Hayti, an ambitious little city in the center of the county and having better railroad connections, wants the court house moved from Caruthersville.

St. Joseph is tickled to death with the report that Harriman has secured control of the company projecting an electric road between that city and Des Moines, Ia., and the town looks for a new steam railroad north.

Vine Hovey has been agent for the Burlington at Forrest City for 40 years and is now taking his first vacation. He is said to have never missed a day and the company has told him to take two years on full pay, if he wants to.

At meeting of Group No. 12 of the Bankers' Association in Popular Bluff last week, S. J. Albert, of Cape Girardeau, was elected president, and A. O. Carter, of Dexter, secretary. The next meeting will be held in Kennett next May.

A scientist has declared that "the bite of a pretty girl is more deadly than that of a snake." Fortunately many of our young men are immune to such bites. We can't see why the bite of a pretty girl is any more deadly than the bite of an ugly one?

The license tax of \$500 per annum imposed on druggists selling whiskey on prescription by the city of Fredericktown, has been knocked out by an injunction, the ordinance being de-

clared invalid by the circuit court in several important features.

It is said that Sheriff Watkins, of Scott county, is having a hard time in securing new bondsmen to take the place of those who petitioned to be released. It is thought that his office will be declared vacant by the county court.

John Williams and Ed Crow, two farmers, became angry at each other in Stoddard county, on the 5th inst., and had a fight. Williams stabbed Crow in the right side with a knife, for which he received an unmerciful beating by Crow.

St. Francis county teachers ask the prosecuting attorney to go after merchants who sell school children tobacco, in view of the harmful effect it has upon their studies. We presume cigarettes, the most insidious and harmful form of tobacco, is what is referred to.

Wheat is coming up well in all parts of the county and a good stand is secured everywhere in the county. The cold weather has prevented the insect pests from getting a start. The prospects for a good wheat crop in 1906 are certainly very good.—Bloomfield Courier.

The board of aldermen at Senath, Dunklin county are sure free-born American citizens, and believe the liberties granted by the constitution should be upheld. Last week they met and passed an ordinance granting the small boys the privilege to shoot fireworks on Christmas eve and Christmas day; also, on January 1. All patriots are not yet dead.

Those persons exempt from jury service in Missouri are as follows: Women, members of military and fire companies, those unable to read and write English, those suffering from infirmities, clergymen, doctors, druggists, attorneys, ferry keepers, mill superintendents, professors, teachers, navigators of the Mississippi, men 65 years and under 21 years of age, railroad employes, state and federal officeholders, drunkards, persons of ill repute, vagrants, and those who have served as jurors within a year.

An item going the rounds to the effect that there will be 53 Sundays in 1905, and that this will not happen again in a great many years, is incorrect. Our almanacical and calendrical editor has figured that 17 different years of the present century will contain 53 Sundays. Any year where January 1 comes on Sunday will contain 53 Sundays, and in leap years when January 1 falls on Saturday the first day of the week—Sunday—will be represented 53 times. There are 52 weeks and 1 day in a common year, and one day extra in a leap year.

Rumors are in circulation that several new railroads will cross the Mississippi on the Illmo bridge in the near future. The Williamsville road has extensions that way, and the Mobile & Ohio, soon to build into Chicago, is casting a wistful eye in this direction, and so is the Burlington. A direct route to Kansas City is still another probability. In the next ten years it is possible that Scott county will have as many railroad connections as St. Louis now has. What a blunder not to have provided trolley, wagon and foot accommodations when the bridge was building.—Charleston Courier.

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Circuit court convened in Dunklin county on Monday of this week, and is billed to hold off and on until January 5, 1906, or 38 court days. The docket contains about 600 cases. Of these 74 are divorce cases. The only murder case is that against Warren Stanley. There are a great many local option cases, generally old ones, on the docket. These, with the land and equity cases, will furnish the court with plenty of business to keep it busy until January, and Judge Fort, having recovered his health, will likely stay with it. But two counties—Dunklin and Stoddard—now compose his district.

Here are some of the truths about Missouri: Missouri has 23 state institutions; it never had a general crop failure; it is the leading clover state in the union; it has more stock farms than any other state; it has the largest acreage of blue grass of any state; it has the largest permanent school fund in the United States; it raises 1-10 of all the corn raised in the world; it produces 80 per cent of all the zinc mined in the world; it has 1-3 more apple trees than any other state; its farm land has advanced 40 per cent in the last four years; it has the largest yield of cotton per acre of any other state in the union; it has the lowest rate of taxation of any state.

Mr. Vandiver has been enjoined from interfering with the New York Life until the case can be heard at length in the federal district court at Jefferson City.

Mr. Vandiver emphatically denies that he acted with undue haste or without being fully advised in the matter, as he has a copy of the stenographic report of the investigation in New York. He says that this investigation has shown by the testimony of the officials themselves that not only hundreds of thousands but millions of dollars of the policy holders' money was used to buy elections; to control legislation, and in other corrupt ways, so as to endanger the stability of the concern, and that he was forced to protect policy holders by excluding the company from writing new business in Missouri until the business is done according to business principles. The truly good company even threatened to sue Mr. Vandiver for damages.—Charleston Courier.

This is an age of opportunity for young people—bright young people who want to make something of themselves. Nine-tenths of the present day opportunities for success are in the broad world of business and commerce, and it is a generally accepted fact that the sooner the young people brush up against the world in the effort to earn their own livelihood, the sooner they will arrive at the much striven for goal—success. The young people who enter Memphis Business College are learning self-reliance, and are acquiring business ability. When you enroll with us you enter a practical school of experience, and do the actual work of a business man or woman under the supervision of expert and experienced teachers. Former students of our school are today holding positions of influence and responsibility. Year after year we send efficient pupils into the thick of business life, and they have invariably won because they have been thoroughly and personally taught every principle of a

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