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ROUNDOABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Butler County farmers are being troubled considerably by wolves.

The annual convention of the Southeast Missouri Odd Fellows was held at Sikeston this week.

A big gray wolf was killed by Frank Hopkins last week at a point near Brownwood in Stoddard county.

The law to abolish the death penalty for crimes committed will become effective in this state after June 30th.

The carpenters at Dexter organized a union recently with 20 charter members. It is known as Carpenters Union No. 1532.

It is said that the general superintendent's office of the Cotton Belt railroad will shortly be moved from Pine Bluff, Ark., to Illinois.

It is now reported that Ozark peach crop appears to be safe up to the present. The buds have bloomed and the section is a picture.

A man at Puxico was recently arrested and fined \$50 for appearing on the streets while he had the smallpox. He has appealed the case.

Scott county is to hold a special election soon to vote on a proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$350,000 to build 100 miles of hard road.

The Ferguson Brothers Handle Co., at Puxico, recently shipped 1000 sledge hammer handles to the Ford Motor Co., at Detroit, Michigan.

Friday, April 13, has been designated as Arbor Day by Governor Gardner. Each school child and also every citizen should plant a tree on this day.

A man in Sullivan county had a thoroughbred cattle sale recently and sold 144 cattle for \$184,000. That is certainly some money under these hard Democratic times.

The question of whether or not a new court house shall be erected in Caruthersville, the county seat of Pemiscot county, has revived the old rivalry between that city and Hayti.

Hon. Joe J. Russell is the largest stockholder in the new \$50,000 fire-proof hotel to be erected at Charleston. He and one other citizen of Charleston take the stock, and the hotel is to be called "The Joe Russell."

Hon. M. B. Peters, an ex-member of the legislature from Howell county, and a prominent farmer of that county, died at his home at West Plains, on March 22d. He was a prominent Farmers Union and Grange official.

An Indian mound near Waken-da is in danger of being scratched to pieces, says the Carrollton Republican-Record. While out walking the other day Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamblen sat down on the mound to rest. While sitting there Mrs. Hamblen picked up a stick and began to dig into the ground to see how far it was to the frost. About three inches under the ground Mrs. Hamblen unearthed a man's solid gold finger ring. On the top part of the ring is the figure of an Indian pony. It is not known whether the ring once belonged to an Indian or to some pioneer white man.

Returns from all of the counties of the state as received by the state auditor, show the total assessed valuation of the state as fixed by the county assessors, in their assessment of real and personal property, for the taxes of 1917, to be \$1,771,568,076. The total of these assessment returns for 1916 was \$1,701,937,523, which would make the increase for this year \$69,630,553, and this is a little above the normal rate of increase for the ten year average.

With the assessment of the railroad, bridge, telegraph, telephone and other property of that kind, which is to be fixed by the state board of equalization, which was in session the past week, the total taxable wealth of the state, this year, will go well above the two billion dollars. Realty is valued at \$1,345,778,641, and personal property at a total of \$425,777,135. Town lots are valued at \$540,096,619 and farm lands at \$505,682,025. The totals of the personal property are: Horses, \$30,537,233; mules, \$14,235,334; asses and jennets, \$808,050; cattle, \$33,426,979; sheep, \$1,033,685; hogs, \$5,189,611; all other live stock, \$170,173; moneys, notes and bonds, \$118,620,692; corporate companies, \$120,496,420, and all other personal property, \$101,458,958. And all this property value makes old Missouri some rich, don't it?

At the request of Governor Gardner the state bear department has brought the number and locations of dramshops in the state up to the present time. The statement shows there are 3,504 saloons in the state, and more than half of them are in the city of St. Louis. There are 26 wet counties in the state, out of 114, 88 being dry. The new law increasing dramshop licenses will produce a fund of \$2,993,330 for this year and next, if all of the saloons now doing business continue, as against \$1,616,100 for the past two years. With but few exceptions the wet counties follow the lines of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and those counties granting dramshop licenses, and the number granted in each are given, viz: Buchanan, 164; Butler, 17; Cape Girardeau, 21; Clay, 7; Cole, 29; Cooper, 7; Franklin, 31; Gasconade, 18; Greene, 30; Jackson, 519; Jasper, 71; Jefferson, 40; Lafayette, 20; Linn, 5; Marion, 41; Osage, 13; Pike, 9; Platte, 9; Pemiscot, 13; Perry, 21; Pettis, 26; Randolph, 13; St. Charles, 46; Ste. Genevieve, 18; St. Louis, 156; Warren, 13; City of St. Louis, 2,152. Total, 3,504.

Cape Girardeau is to have a free swimming pool erected thru the efforts of the Civic Improvement Association. It will cost \$6,000, half of which is donated by the city, the other half to be raised by the association through popular subscription. A recent meeting of the Council authorized its establishment and it is thought work will be started on it in about two weeks.

There will be six constitutional amendment propositions submitted to the voters of Missouri, by act of the legislature at its recent session, at the election in 1918—next year. Other propositions may be submitted by referendum.

Cabool had a \$36,500 fire March 24, and a bank was included in the destruction.

J. T. Roark, of Dexter, broke both bones of his right arm, a few days ago, while cranking a Ford car.

A little boy named Casey had both legs broken, one day last week, at Dexter, by falling out of a toy wagon that another little boy was hauling. They were playing "horsey" and the wagon came uncoupled.

Ripley county has been placed in the Fifth (Springfield) district of the state, by the new State Highway Commission, and a Supervisor will be appointed for each district to see that the state road drag money is properly expended.

In Bollinger county hog thieves are applying modern methods in their business, using chloroform on the hogs. In one case recently, eight hogs so treated, were carried 100 feet from the pen to a wagon without the utterance of a single squeal.

There was a gentleman at the Arcade Clothing store Saturday demonstrating a clever device for holding up your trousers without galuses. If old high-price keeps on much longer we can keep ours up by hooking 'em over our hip bones.—Louisiana Times.

E. L. Sanford, who has been elected chairman of the State Highway Commission, is one of the greatest road boosters in the whole Ozark region. He has taken an active part in all civic improvements in his home town of Springfield and will be a big factor in road building in the state.

Earl Stover, foreman of the Dillman Egg Case Factory, at Caruthersville, is in jail at Benton, Scott county. He is charged with bigamy. Last December he married Miss Lily Langley of Caruthersville. At that time he had a wife and three babies, the oldest being in its fifth year, living at Sikeston. The wife with the children caused his arrest.

The Poplar Bluff high school debating team won over that of Sikeston at Cape Girardeau a few days ago, winning the championship of southeast Missouri and the right to participate in the state contest to be held at Columbia in near future. The Poplar Bluff team won the state championship last year, one of the members being the same this year as last.

W. J. Johnson, aged 40 years, was drowned in Ditch No. 68, of the Little River Drainage district in Dunklin county, Sunday, March 25. He was on his way home in a duck boat with two sons, they having been at work at Clay Root, and on reaching the intersection of New river and the ditch ran into a swift, treacherous current that threw the boat into a drift, and it was overturned, the two boys being thrown onto the drift, while the boat and the man went under it.

All soft drinks sold in the state must pay a tax after June 18th. "Bevo" a so called non-intoxicating beverage, manufactured by a St. Louis brewery, is included in the bill. Some of the dry states are fighting the importation of brewery made drinks on the ground that they are not what they purport to be. The Missouri legislature comes along and declares "Bevo" is a non-alcoholic beverage, by naming it as such. It is said the soda water people and perhaps other manufacturers of soft drinks are intending to resist the enforcement of the law.

Mrs. Sarah Daniel, 73 years of age, who has lived in Wayne county all her life, took her first ride on a railroad train on Sunday, March 25, going to Bismarck. She has never been out of Wayne county but twice in her life, the first time going to Pilot Knob by wagon, before the civil war and before the I. M. road was built, and then this recent trip.

Farmington News: Sheriff Chas. Adams raided Bill Montgomery's restaurant in the old Wade Hampton building at Elvins shortly after noon on last Sunday and secured two barrels of bottled beer also a barrel of empty beer bottles. While he found no whiskey he said there were about 75 empty Old Crow bottles on the floor.

When Elva Diestelhorst, 13 years old, came into court at Kansas City, with her mother, to explain why she did not attend school, the mother announced that the daughter was engaged to marry four years from now a young multi-millionaire and that the girl was being given special training at home for that event.

Hon. J. F. Fulbright, Representative from Ripley county in the state legislature, is being booked at this early date for Speaker of the next House. He has served three terms in the lower body and was Speaker pro tem during the session just closed, and has been rated as one of the most popular members of the House.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Potosi Journal: There was a hailstorm here last Sunday and those in the north end of town who witnessed it say that chunks of ice as large as goose eggs fell. The fact that some thirty or forty window lights in the school house were broken attest to the severity of the storm. The hail stones that fell in the east end of town were scattered and not larger than small hickory nuts.

Advance New Era: As we go to press, Friday, Frank Hopkins brings into Brownwood a gray wolf hide measuring over six feet from tail to tip of nose and about two feet across the back to belly. While out hunting in Iowa bottoms across the river from Brownwood Mr. Hopkins heard a pig squealing as though in trouble, and going towards the noise he encountered the wolf, jumping behind a tree, the wolf came close enough for him to kill it the second shot.

Illmo Jimlicute. Developments that have come to light this week appears to make the building of Iron Mountain terminals in this city a certainty and that the Iron Mountain will build a line from this city to Delta to connect with the Belmont branch of this road. The break between the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt is widening every day. Should this line be put in, the Belmont branch would be used from Delta to Poplar Bluff via Charleston. It is also reported that the Iron Mountain will soon inaugurate a through passenger train between Chicago and San Antonio, using the rails of the C. & E. I., from Thebes to Chicago and coming and going by way of Illmo. That many changes of importance are now under way cannot be doubted.

Stop Left Over Coughs.
Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. This soothing pine balsam loosens the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist to day. Formula on the bottle. 25c. 23 &

PROBLEM YET TO BE SOLVED

Housing of City's Population Calls for the Best Thought That Can Be Called Upon.

That housing the people still lacks facts to make it a science was shown in a late discussion by Prof. S. M. Gunn of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Among the recently acquired bits of knowledge is that consumption is not a house disease, as even Koch—the discoverer of its active agent—thought, but is one that is transmitted by the sick man himself. Infant disease, too, is not due to the house, chief causes being ignorance of the parents, economic conditions and racial factors. Considerations of sunlight and ventilation complicate the problem of housing reform. Long exposure to sunlight has effected cures, but just what is its special influence in homes is yet to be made known. Professor Gunn is inclined to credit it with psychological value, as the well-lighted house offers such health factors as cheerfulness, absence of dirt and inspiration to effort. The actual value of outdoor air is a matter of like uncertainty. Fresh air is best for man when it can be had, but experiments have shown that there is not the real danger in breathed-over air we were once taught. In crowded factory districts, where the supply of outdoor air is restricted, feelings of oppression may be prevented by such measures as controlling circulation, temperature and humidity. In the control of winter heating, education is needed. Houses are notoriously overheated and the air from furnaces is not properly fed with moisture. With air dampened without taking its moisture from the human body and the furniture, comfort is reached at a lower temperature than with dry air, coal being saved.

FINALLY OVERTAKEN BY FATE

Next Comment Made by Brother Officer When Informed of Illness of Well-Known Looter.

Lieut. Ben L. Maloney, who is a well-known figure on auto row and who directed a government motor-truck company in Texas last summer, tells a story of the famous Chinese Boxer campaign.

"A certain officer in the American forces failed to preserve the high reputation of his corps in the matter of looting," said Lieutenant Maloney. "Whereas most American soldiers earned the respect and gratitude of the Chinese by the way in which they refrained from robbing the natives, this one officer vied with the Europeans in gathering loot. He was especially partial to ancient brass and bronze vases and jars, which in this country would be of inestimable value, and he literally grabbed up every such curio he could lay his hands on."

"One day the star looter of the Yankee contingent fell ill and was sent to the field hospital. Two fellow officers were discussing his case."

"What's the matter with Captain —?" inquired one.

"Oh, suppose he's finally fallen a victim to verdigris poisoning," said the other."

Ventilation Overdone.

American people have a very high appreciation of the humor of Englishmen, and have been specially tickled by a story Colonel Cody used to tell. He said that some years ago an Englishman who had never been in the West before was his guest. They were riding through a Rocky mountain canyon one day, when suddenly a tremendous gust of wind came swooping down upon them and actually carried the Englishman clean off the wagon-seat. After he had been picked up he combed the sand and gravel out of his whiskers and said:

"I say! I think you overdo ventilation in this country!"—London Tit-Bits.

Exploration of New Guinea.

A few years ago elaborate plans were laid in Germany to explore the hitherto inaccessible interior of New Guinea by means of balloons, which were expected to drift over the island in the prevailing winds. The project was much discussed in the magazines and subscriptions were solicited in its behalf, but it was never carried out. It is now reported in the newspapers that Dr. Eric Mjoberg, a Swede, is planning to make use of an airplane to explore the interior of New Guinea, and is in the United States investigating the latest improvements in aviation.

High Cost of Art.

"Many great composers died poor." "Yet they had their chance to economize. Think of the money they saved by being able to hear their own music without paying!"

Young Artist.

Among the paintings displayed last month in a Fifth avenue art gallery were the water colors of a ten-year-old girl artist.

NOW DANCE IN BIG HOTELS

"Society" No Longer Bothers to Take Trouble Which the Giving of a Ball Entails on Hostess.

Where social pleasure reigns and day after day is given to entertainment, in such surroundings "only the trouble of living" is left to disturb the equanimity of the pleasure-seekers. The social correspondent of a newspaper in a large American city, writing of balls and ball-giving, says: "It is a most convenient way to give a ball at an hotel, now that so many people live in the country the greater part of the winter. The guests can defy the elements, blizzards and cyclones alike. They motor to town in the morning and take their time to get their hair dressed, their face massaged and their hands manicured. Their dainty person once thoroughly attended to, after lunching at a friend's and getting in full dancing trim they give a dinner party at the hotel, go to the opera or hear 'Siegfried'—the soothing music of which induces cat-naps of beauty sleep while the lights are down—the acts are long you know, and there are four of them in 'Siegfried'. So they arrive freshened up for the ball about midnight. It is all so easy. No hustling about anything only the trouble of living. No anxiety as to everything being in good shape. If it is not—sometimes it is not, you know—well, it is not your affair. Your guests blame it on the house, and you do, too."

DO YOU MAKE \$1,500 A YEAR?

If Not, It Will Be Quite Useless to Ask One of These Girls to Marry You.

If any of our gay young Lotharios or Romeos of this bustling and enterprising village have designs on the charming co-eds at the University of Omaha, they are warned to look to their checkbooks. Big, black eyes, pompadour locks, glistening white teeth and neatly manicured nails don't cut any ice with the Omaha co-eds.

An income of at least \$1,500 annually is the first inducement bachelors with an inclination to leap into the matrimonial sea with an Omaha co-ed must make. So the co-eds answered Prof. Harry De Lamatre, instructor in economics, when he asked them what they considered a suitable salary for a man who is going to be married.

When De Lamatre said he believed an income of \$1,000 a year was quite sufficient from an economical standpoint, the fair young things burst forth with a simultaneous shout of protest and incredulity: "Who would want to live on that?" they demanded.

The Omaha co-eds don't demand luxurious limousines, birds of paradise for their hats, ermine coats or bejeweled shoes, but they insist it takes \$1,500 a year to keep a home going.

"Wait and See" in French.

The phrase "wait and see" has bothered the French newspaper correspondents in London lately. No account of the crisis, of course, would have been complete without it, yet only one correspondent, M. Coudurier, of the Journal de Geneve, has attempted to translate it. His version is: "Attendez, et vous verrez ou qui arrivera." Thirteen syllables against three! It is a curious fact, always brought out, for instance, by the polyglot versions of the resolutions of international societies, that English is the tersest language in Europe. The English version on such occasions is always much shorter than the French or Italian. At the beginning of the war, when all cables had to be in English or French, the Italian and Russian correspondents in London chose English, and found their cabling expenses much reduced.—Manchester Guardian.

May Recover Priceless Books.

When the Turks seized Constantinople they put an end to that section of western learning. Their theory was that anything not taught in the Koran was false and if it was taught in the Koran other books were unnecessary. Many precious books were destroyed, but it is believed that immense stores of manuscripts remain buried deep in the vaults of Saint Sophia and elsewhere. Some modern scholars have made investigations and doubt that such treasures really exist, but recent reports give some hope of recovering books which would be priceless.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Won Horse Race at Seven.

Mr. G. S. Thompson of Kirby, Knowle, Thirsk, has died at York, England, aged eighty-three. Mr. Thompson rode his first winner when seven years old. His father, having backed his horse against another man's without any stipulation as to weight, found to his surprise that a boy from a racing stable and the rider of winners was put up on the other horse. Young George Thompson was sent for, told to "hold tight, and when they say 'Go' gallop as fast as you can for home." He obeyed the instructions, won the race, and was handed back to his mother through the window of the family carriage.