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'ROUNDABOUT 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.

Dunklin county enrolled 3499 men on registration day, Cape Girardeau county 2461, and Pemisacot county 2263.

Charleston has taken up street paving and last week the council authorized the improvement of forty-eight blocks, estimated to cost about \$150,000.

The extreme southeastern counties have suffered from overflows in the bottoms the last week and much damage has been done to the growing crops.

Caruthersville last week placed her order with the International Harvester Company for a \$3,000 fire truck. The truck will be put into service about October 1st.

Six hundred and twenty pupils have enlisted in the Cape Girardeau Normal for summer term, many of them being teachers whose terms of school have recently closed.

Sikeston is just recovering from a siege of smallpox. For about three weeks few public meetings of any kind were held on account of the prevalence of the loathsome disease.

While two men were racing on the public road near Sikeston recently, one of the cars collided with the other, taking off a wheel and causing it to turn over, while the driver's right thigh was broken in two places. The opposing driver never stopped, but hurried away, leaving the injured man on the ground.

Phillip Welch, a farmer of near Fredericktown, this year planted eighteen acres in garden peas, a good many of which will be sold locally and the remainder left to ripen for seed. He raised a crop of peas last year, which is said to have produced 12 bushels to the acre, for which he received \$7.50 a bushel, thus realizing \$90 per acre for his labor.

The proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$800,000 for the construction and maintenance of good roads in Scott county, was defeated by 311 votes Saturday, June 9th. The good roads boosters are circulating petitions among the voters for signers and will present them to the county court asking that the proposition be re-submitted at an early date.

Charleston, Mo., June 18.—The contracts for the construction of the main ditches and laterals which will drain the Big Lake basin in Scott and Mississippi counties, was awarded to Sternberg Bros. The work will begin in a few days. The project, when completed, will reclaim 20,000 acres of fertile land and will cost approximately \$200,000.

Portageville Southeast Missouri: A mule, not because it is a mule, of the feminine gender, has this week been attracting a good deal of attention and amazement, but because the animal gave birth to a horse colt, out at the logging camp on Little River. The event is a very rare one, the colt was sold by Colum DeLisle, who worked the mule awhile and which was owned by Oscar Fuller, was born with its head resembling that of a horse while its body has all the appearance of a mule, and it is quite a curiosity to all who have seen it.

Enough eggs to make a yellow lake one hundred feet in circumference filled the intersection of two streets in Higginsville from curb to curb when 420 dozen were scrambled in a collision between a truck and a motor car.—St. Joseph Observer.

Benton Democrat: With wheat harvest only about a week off, several thousand acres of fine wheat on Big Island near Commerce has been overflooded and the crop is a total loss. Don Waggoner, Simon Well and Mrs. Crowder are the big losers.

Benton Democrat: Crop conditions in Scott county are more promising at present. The weather the last few weeks has brought the corn out wonderfully and wheat will probably go three-fourths of a crop. The fruit crop promises to be good in this county.

Herbert S. Hadley, former governor of Missouri, has accepted a professorship in the Colorado State University Law School. He will move his home from Kansas city to Boulder at once. Since his retirement as governor of Missouri, Mr. Hadley has been practicing law in Kansas City.

Ironton Register: A correspondent at Bixby, in the west end of the county, writes us under date of June 1st, "Jack and Archie Miner were struck by lightning and killed Sunday. Ivory Miner was knocked from the barn loft, where they were playing, but was not hurt badly. Jack was fifteen and Archie twelve years of age."

Several hundred people assembled in Ironton Tuesday afternoon to attend the flag raising exercises. Speeches were made, songs sung and the "spirit of '76" was rampant. Rev. N. B. Henry presided, addresses were made by Messrs. Edgar, Daugherty, Stanforth, Keith and others. Mr. Kanouse played the fife and Jake Grandhomme and Albert Schultz beat the drums.—Ironton Register.

A "friend and subscriber" writes Ed P. Crowe, of the Dexter Statesman, that a copy of his paper was found after the cyclone had passed through the Charleston, Ill., district, on a fence in that locality, the writer with a party of associates from a show car that had been obliged to stop for a few hours there, making the discovery. It had "lived through the storm," which is but natural. Any sheet emanating from so windy a source as the Statesman ought to withstand a little blow like an Illinois cyclone.—Twice-a-Week Democrat, Caruthersville.

Benton Democrat: Tuesday afternoon the citizens of Sikeston were startled by the contents of a note found pinned on the city water tank. The note said the body of Pearl Clark would be found in the tank and that she wished her body burned and the ashes sent to sea. Painters at work on the tank discovered the note. One report was to the effect the body had been located, was in a badly decomposed condition and some of the citizens were sick because they used the water. Yesterday it developed that a boy had placed the note on

the tank. It strikes us this is a mighty strange way to play a joke.

When a pupil of the public schools of Nevada lost three fingers after he had thrown a dynamite cap in a stove at his home, parents and the teacher began to investigate. One of the boys had found a box of the caps and had distributed them among his playmates. Six girls in one room were found each to have a dynamite cap attached to their lead pencils.

The young men that signed up with the N. G. M. company here but failed to pass the physical examination are being given badges that read as follows: "I Wanted To Go and Tried But Was Rejected. Have You Done As Much?" Those that are accepted also are given a badge it being a red, white and blue ribbon with the words, "The Fighting Sixth" printed on the white in the center.—Poplar Bluff Citizen

The News has reproduced a number of articles from other papers recently of some high-priced loads of corn which have been delivered in their respective towns. Thursday of last week John Morgan, residing south of Richmond, delivered a load at the Hamacher mill in this city which brought him \$130. This holds the record for a high priced load of corn so far and other papers will have to look around some if they find a load that beats the one delivered by Mr. Morgan.—Richmond News.

De Soto Republican: A very speedy Ford load of man dashed through town Monday evening about dusk, evidently in charge of John Barleycorn. The sheriff gave chase and found they had run into a telephone pole and one man was badly hurt. They were put under arrest after Dr. Meekbee dressed their wounds. The trial came off Tuesday but the jury acquitted them. They were bound for Flat River and are said to be some of the carnival people who infest the eastern part of the county and the Lead Belt.

Dr. W. P. Howie of Charleston is one of the seven heirs who will share in an estate of approximately \$1,000,000, according to press dispatches from Herrington, Kas., were Dr. Howie's sister, Mrs. Prude Creech, recently died. Mrs. Creech, who formerly lived in Ballard County, Ky., leaves two brothers and sisters there and two sisters in Kansas. The Kentucky heirs are Mrs. Edward Pollock and Mrs. Annie Shively of Slater, George W. Howie of Slater and Gen. B. Howie of Barlow.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

Henry Thiele and part of his family of near Drum were in town last Saturday and his son spent half an hour or more in this office. Young Thiele came in to register, on account of the fact that the registrar down there failed to have enough of one kind of the necessary papers. He was one of the unfortunates in the storm May 30, and was hardly able to make the trip up here. He was at the home of his father when the storm came, along with six other members of the family. He said his father's house was built of logs with a frame addition and the family was in the log end of it when the storm broke upon them in all its terrible fury. The frame end of the building was swept away like chaff, but the end occupied by the folks was whirled and twisted about and left about where it was, and

just how this could have been done without killing or maiming every one of the family is hard to understand. But they all got out alive—most of them more or less bruised and badly shaken up but alive. Fritz Elfrink of the same neighborhood lost his house and everything they had except what they had on their backs, but they are no doubt thankful that they made the almost miraculous escape with their lives. These are only two incidents. In most cases where the families lost all they had some of the families were either killed outright or suffered injuries.—Marble Hill Press.

The old fair grounds in the north part of Dexter which was sold by Chas. Miller to Hayes Realty Co. recently was divided into town lots and sold at auction Tuesday. 289 lots were sold at an average price of about \$25. The sale was well attended and the promoters were well pleased with the way the lots sold. Two lots and \$50 in gold were given away Mrs. Mary Hanks and Miss Oma Werenridt each drew a free lot and Ed. Moore, Miss Lena Shaw, W. T. McKee, Mettie Thomasson and M. T. Minton each drew \$10 in gold. Messrs. Hayes and Proctor went from here to West Plains, where they are putting on a similar lot sale.—Dexter Messenger.

The total registration of Missouri was 299,946, which includes 200,046 white citizens, 18,915 colored citizens, 1010 alien enemies and 10,975 other aliens. Of the whites subject to military law 170,753 claimed exemption, and of the negroes 3742. The percentages of exemption or probable exemption is 60 per cent. The War Department's estimate of the number of registrations in Missouri, which was fixed at 326,000, was more than 26,000 too high. However, the discrepancy between the expected and the actual registration is not so great when it is considered that Missouri has furnished between 12,000 and 14,000 to the national guard, regular army, Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Marine Corps and the navy.

Star Simmons, 17 years old, living in the Lone Hill Community, was accidentally killed on Decoration Day by the discharge of a shot gun. He and his father and another lad were out cutting timber. Young Simmons had leaned his gun against a log they were working on. Just before cutting off the tie he reached over to change the gun from the leaning position. When he hauled the gun across the log the hammer caught and was pulled back and fell again firing the gun. The load of shot took effect in the boy's groin and he lived but 20 minutes. He talked to his father before he died and told him how it happened. They were working near Harvell when the accident occurred.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Scott County Democrat: A photo was found on the Willie farm near Macedonia church that had been dropped there by the recent cyclone. The picture is 10x12 and represents a family reunion of 36 persons of three generations. The photo was taken in front of a residence with a brick wall extending to the gate. The house had a porch extending across one side, bungalow style. There are four small children in the front row in the center. One old man with a crutch under his left arm was at the right of the front row. The photo was wrapped between pieces of cardboard in paper from The Bloomfield Merc. Co. It is in good condition and was probably picked up in Stoddard county by the tornado. Owner can have same by notifying Ed Garvey, Commerce, Mo.,

SEEK ANTIDOTE FOR SUBMARINE

Inventors Strive for Means to Rid Sea of Menace to Shipping.

EARLY ACTION IN AMERICA

Thousands of Letters Received by Boards of Inventions in England and United States but Few Practical Ideas Advanced.

London.—The New York Herald's naval correspondent writes:

A development of the war which will receive special attention from the historian is that which is connected with the mobilizing of inventions for fighting purposes. In Germany science was harnessed to the Moloch of destruction before hostilities began, and all the resources of technical knowledge were brought to bear for the purpose of devising new methods of killing. It was the use by the Huns of poison gas and similar contrivances which awakened the allies to the necessity for mobilizing inventions and the imaginative enterprise of thoughtful men and painstaking investigators.

As a result there were established in France and England boards of invention connected with the naval and military departments, for the examination and trial of such plans and proposals as seemed to be of value. By these measures the flow of invention was directed to channels from which it was hoped might issue a provision of new weapons and new kinds of munitions helpful to the forces by land and sea.

Early Action by America.

With ready forethought America, while yet at peace, provided her own bureau of invention. She should be, therefore, more ready to utilize her natural inventive genius now that she has become a participant in the war.

It is comparatively easy to find men of expert judgment and experience to inquire into or advise upon the feasibility of schemes and proposals, many of which are only rough hewn but may contain the germ of improvements; but what is less simple is to detach and detail the right kind of officers from the naval and military services to carry forward the work of experiment and investigation to a point of usefulness.

Just at present the attention of inventors is directed particularly toward finding an antidote for the submarine. It is said that the consulting board of the United States navy received in one week more than two thousand letters, each containing what the writer believed to be a solution of the submarine menace. How many letters the British board of inventions has received on this subject has not been made public, and yet it is manifest that no device has been discovered the practical application of which is an assured success. The explanation of this unsatisfactory state of affairs seems to rest mainly in the inability of the inventor to grasp rightly the factors in the problem.

The principal obstacle to effective dealing with the U-boat is its invisibility. Its quality of submergence for a considerable length of time, during which it can travel comparatively long distances under water and change its position without discovery by the watchers on the surface. It is true that it must come up at times to recharge its electric accumulators or to give its crew fresh air. It must more often put its periscope above water, and the circumstances in which its attack is made may oblige it to emerge for the purpose of bringing its gun into action.

The Real Solution.

In these conditions it may be treated as a surface boat, and proposals for dealing with it, whether from the air or the sea, have already attained a high degree of efficiency. Again, where the U-boat is forced to operate or to reach the scene of its activity through narrow channels or constricted waters, the value of nets and mines as a deterrent has, as official records show, been proved up to a point.

Nevertheless, to overcome the submarine, it is not sufficient to be able to obstruct its passage in certain limited areas, or merely to be prepared to deal with it during its brief intervals of emergence. Something more is wanted than this. The real solution of the problem will depend upon the possibility of discovering its whereabouts under water and making that discovery either on the surface or in the air. This is the fruitful field for investigation, and this is clearly the direction indicated to inventors as the line along which to devote their thought and study if they are seeking an antidote to the submarine peril. The Militia thus set up not only narrows the scope for suggestion but the number

of persons whose equipment by training and experience is likely to be them for the task. In order to save themselves from an inundation of useless or impracticable schemes, it is surely worth the while of the various investigating boards to issue to would-be correspondents some rules by which the latter might be guided in making suggestions. Much disappointment would thereby be prevented and much waste of time and trouble.

TRUSTS HIS FOE; IS SHOT IN BACK

St. Louis Man's Generosity to Enemy Costs Him His Life.

IS VICTIM OF TREACHERY

"Fighting Jimmy" Paul, First in Front Line of Enemy, is Mourned by French Foreign Legion—Even Wounded Attend Funeral.

Paris.—Generosity toward the enemy cost the life of James Paul of St. Louis, a member of the famous French Foreign Legion. Paul was known as "Fighting Jimmy," and he never failed to live up to his name. To be called one of the bravest men in the legion is a great honor, and that was an honor held by "Fighting Jimmy."

Twenty-four hours before one of the general attacks by the French in their recent offensive in Champagne, Paul was sent out with a body of picked men to "worry" the Germans' first line with bombs.

Paul was the first man over the parapet and got safely through, together with several other Americans. After trying in vain to keep off the attackers with machine guns, the Germans scuttled into their dugouts. Paul, who was in advance, threw a dozen grenades into a dugout and called upon the skulkers to come out.

Victim of Treachery.

Only one German appeared. He threw up his arms, shouting "Comrade," assuring Paul the rest of the men inside were dead. Without taking the trouble to search the man for hidden weapons, Paul turned to another dugout. The instant his back was turned the German drew an automatic pistol and fired. Paul fell backward, just as his fellow legion members followed.

The German fell with bayonet wounds in his body. Two of Paul's best friends, Arthur Berry of Boston and Christopher Charles of Brooklyn, knelt beside him. Paul lay on his back and there was a smile on his lips.

"You are not badly hurt, are you, Jimmy?" asked his friends.

There was no reply, and they turned the body over. The bullet had penetrated the heart and death must have been instantaneous.

Wounded Attend Funeral.

After that, any German showing fight was ruthlessly bayoneted. Those who surrendered were spared, although their trip from the front to the rear was far from pleasant.

After the position had been thoroughly cleared out, the legion members retired, bearing with them Paul's body. Every man who could attend the simple funeral. Even wounded men hobbled out to the improvised cemetery.

Paul had been decorated for bravery at the battle of Belleau-En-Sautures, on the Somme, in July, 1916. At that time, single-handed, he held a sector of a trench after his seven companions had been killed.

Someone once referred to St. Louis as a German city.

"That's not true," exclaimed Paul. "It is no more a German city than Paris. True, there are Germans there, but you find Germans everywhere. You will find that St. Louis will send over some mighty good soldiers."

WIVES TO SPLIT HIS PAY

Court Directs Man to Turn Over Envelope to Wife No. 1, Who Will Divide With No. 2.

Chicago.—When Adam Brodowski appeared in court with his two wives and their five children, did the rival mates sit apart and glare at each other? They did not.

While the husband and father looked on indulgently they chatted pleasantly and the children played together.

They were in court to arrange for support. The judge directed the husband to turn his pay envelope over to Wife No. 1 each week and Wife No. 2 to give Wife No. 2 \$5 a week. At the end of a year Brodowski will pay Wife No. 2 \$550 and she will officially depart from his life.