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1800 BEER CASES.

Montgomery County Doing a Little Prosecuting.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 4.—Morton Jordan, attorney for the Anheuser Busch Brewing Co. and the William J. Lemp Brewing Co. secured from Judge Marshall of the Supreme Court today writs of prohibition prohibiting Judge E. M. Hughes from trying 1,800 prosecutions in Montgomery County for alleged violations of the beer law. This proceeding will involve the construction of the so-called "compromise act," and whether a prosecuting attorney shall be permitted to institute such an enormous number of prosecutions charging the same alleged offense.

Claude R. Ball instituted these 1,800 cases. These writs are returnable to court en banc Jan. 27.

Worcester news letter to late for publication last week.

Joe Ringo and family, of near Worcester, moved to St. Louis last week.

E. M. Rowland and family have moved back to this city from the Indian Territory.

This is the week of prayer, and is being observed by the church people of this city.

A St. Louis preacher wants a wedding a week in his congregation. Is it the fees he's after?

Dr. J. J. Porter urges Mexico young men to insure their lives and more of them to get married.

W. J. Bryan is living in his barn out at Lincoln, Nebraska—until his new \$20,000 farm house is completed.

The many friends of D. A. Murphy would be glad to see him nominated to succeed himself as Police Judge. He makes a splendid official.

Governor Dockery has refused to commute the death sentences of J. L. Craft and Albert Garth, accused of murder. They are sentenced to hang January 21.

The World's Fair Company at St. Louis will offer a \$200,000 prize for the best dirigible airship. A great aerial tournament. Hope it will be a success and something to speak of.

Harry Wolff, who died a few days ago in this city, had \$2,000 life insurance. A short time before his death he expressed a desire to become a Catholic. The funeral was preached by Father J. J. Dillon.

Religious circles at College Mound, Mo., are torn up over the charge made by members of the Holiness church that the devil, in person, was present at a Christmas-tree celebration held in a church by the Cumberland Presbyterians.

At the handkerchief bazaar held at Burlington Junction recently, a handkerchief donated by Mrs. Mark A. Hanna sold for \$10, the highest price received. One given by Mrs. Roosevelt brought \$7.75, and one by W. J. Bryan \$7. Booker T. Washington's gift sold for \$2.45.

The Louisiana Press says that \$5,000 in 4 per cent city bonds caught fire and were totally destroyed at the Court House in that town the other night and no one made any effort whatever to extinguish the flame. A new year's gift in the shape of the extinction of \$5,000 of the city's indebtedness.

Cattle Dying of Blackleg. Kingston, Mo., Jan. 3.—The blackleg disease among cattle has made its appearance in Clinton county, northwest of this place, and alarms farmers. Will Evering lost eighteen head of calves in two days from the disease.

Some Candidates.

A great many persons are being talked for county offices, says the Vandalia Leader. Some of them will be candidates and some of them probably will not be.

For county clerk A. D. Bledsoe has already served notice on the people that he will be a candidate. Other persons spoken of are P. E. Locke, Jim Barnes, Price Cunningham, J. N. Cross and J. J. Alexander. Mr. Barnes, it will be remembered, made the race five years ago against J. S. Snidow.

For circuit clerk Capt. Buckner probably will be a candidate for reelection. Renfro Gibbs, A. J. Winscott and Will Morris will be candidates for the place.

Albert Harrison, present incumbent, will be opposed for collector by Joe Sisk and Wm. Vivion.

So far only two persons have been mentioned for Recorder—J. T. Williams and Judge S. E. Kendall.

Harvey Tapley, of Vandalia, thinks he would like to handle the county funds. If elected treasurer he will move to Mexico.

There are only two persons in the race for probate judge. They are Judge Edwards, present incumbent, and Capt. Allen, who has already begun a canvass of the county.

Among those spoken of for county judge, Eastern district, are Guy McCune, James Heaton, Dick Ball, W. O. Hostetter, W. S. Barbee, Dick Shell and others.

So far, Rhodes Clay is the only person mentioned for Representative.

Work Him.

Sheriff Whitmore went to Laddonia last week and brought a negro named Clay back with him. The negro had been convicted of a misdemeanor in this county and was out on bond, when he "lit out" for another county to escape the penalty of his crime. He is now in jail at this place.—Ralls County Times.

"Speet that 'nigger' doesn't care much to have good meals and a nice fire at the expense of Ralls county citizens this wintry weather. Ought to have a rock pile over there, Bro. Times, and make the fellow earn his grub and comfort at hard labor.

A Call to Kendall.

Molino, Mo., Dec. 20, 1901.—We, the undersigned, old neighbors and friends of Judge S. E. Kendall, believe that he, by his upright and public spirited life and intelligent performance of public duties, merits recognition at the hands of the people of Audrain county. We further believe that had it not been for mistakes made in voting at the primary in 1898, he might have been the nominee of the Democratic party for recorder that year. We further believe that Judge Kendall should have this office and we hereby call upon him to make the race for recorder at the next election, and we pledge him our cordial support:

W H McCue	R P Elliott
G Coleman Elliott	G Berry
W W Mundy	R H Dudley
A G Wilson	E M Beamer
J P Cauthorn	H C Fisher
M M Beamer	D J Atkins
J W Umstead	Gray Wilson
J E Mundy	Fred Doebelin
Theo Cauthorn	D S Beam
P S Schneider	H D Fisher
W O Wilkerson	T C Botts
A O Schneider	O F Hafner
J F Cauthorn	J F Beam
T Cauthorn	S C Clutter
J W Weaver	W C Atkins
C Slaughter	Ira A Ellis
R H Stuart	G W Kerr
W C Bridgford	J J Tally
G F Sneider	W C Hagen
E M Settle	W H Hill
Josiah Martin	L G Gentry
Frank B Beck	R H Beamer
W W Wilson	M J Jones
D E Williams	J H Botts
W W Wilson, Jr	J A Botts
	B G Umstead.

The Courier-Journal (Henry Waterson's paper) and the MESSAGE one year, \$1.50.

Pike county has a lady candidate for recorder of deeds.

Dr. Cornett and M. Hendrix, of Worcester, are in Oklahoma.

Miss Cina Azdell, of Worcester, was reported very ill of appendicitis last week.

Mexico Odd Fellows enjoyed an oyster supper at the Windsor Hotel last Thursday night.

D. M. Roberts, southwest of Mexico, has sold his 367 acre farm. An Illinois party gets it at \$37 per acre.

J. T. Baker will be a candidate for City Attorney. A worthy fellow and he would make a capable official.

That old issue, the Eldon railroad, which may be built thru Mexico "some sweet day," is showing signs of life again.

Wm. Ball, of near Rush Hill, is going to move to Pueblo, Colorado. In Mr. Ball Audrain loses another valuable citizen.

Rev. G. W. Petty, of near Rush Hill, having sold his farm, will move to Nevada, Mo. Another good citizen Audrain loses.

The date for Congressional primary in this district is set for Saturday, April 26. Champ Clark will be nominated without opposition.

M. T. Warden, who has been freight agent for the Wabash here for a number of years, accepts a like position at Kirksville and will leave Mexico.

A Macon City man drew a screwdriver on a burglar in his store the other night and Mr. Burglar thought it was a gun and threw up his hands and surrendered.

E. F. Middleton, city marshal of New Franklin, Mo., who was killed at that place last week by Walter Les, while the latter was drunk, had relatives at Centraja, being a nephew of I. Boulware of that place.

There was to have been a new year's ball at Macon City last week, but it was called off. The chairman of the committee on arrangements, W. A. Seldon, was killed by the cars a day or two before the dance was to be.

According to the Martinsburg Enterprise, Carl Hamilton, late manager of that paper, will shortly move to Washington State. The MESSAGE regrets to lose Mr. Hamilton from Audrain, but we wish him good luck in the West.

If your sidewalk is torn up and not yet replaced, Mayor Potts requests that you put down cinders at once, until such time that walks can be constructed according to the law and city ordinance. Property owners should heed this request as far as possible.

J. M. Nickles, of the Black Flag, has bought the entire hardware stock of W. B. McIntire, getting it at a great sacrifice, and will close the stock out at cost. See advertisement in another column. Chance for you if you need anything in the hardware line.

Capt. Dimberline, of the Salvation Army, who was once located in Mexico, has been traveling of recent months with a singing brigade. Open meetings have been held in different towns of the West which have resulted in about 400 confessions of Christianity in the past few weeks.

And Mr. Ernest Burch, of Castle Gate, Utah, was after a marriage license was why he was "moseying" around the Court House in this city last week. He has been married to Miss Katherine McCarty, of near Laddonia. We have known the couple since their childhood. Splendid young people. Our heartiest congratulations.

Concerning Audrain.

The 23d annual report, of the Bureau of Statistics of Missouri, has just been issued. Following are some figures concerning Audrain county:

POPULATION OF TOWNS.

Benton City, 116.
Farber, 247.
Laddonia, 619.
Martinsburg, 345.
Mexico, 5,099.
Rush Hill, 181.
Vandalia, 1,168.

PRODUCTS SHIPPED IN 1900.

Cattle, head, 12,169.
Hogs, head, 40,532.
Horses and mules, head, 3,340.
Sheep, head, 7,800.
Wheat, bushels, 633.
Corn, bushels, 66,044.
Oats, bushels, 333,928.
Rye, bushels, 345.
Flax seed, bushels, 4,824.
Hay, pounds, 12,320,000.
Flour, pounds, 4,256,000.
Corn meal, pounds, 49,310.
Ship stuff, pounds, 120,000.
Timothy and clover seed, pounds, 255,110.

Hardwood lumber, feet, 18,000.
Cooperage, cars, 2.
Coal, tons, 14,520.
Brick, 630,000.
Fire clay, car, 1.
Stone, cars, 14.
Junk, cars, 12.
Poultry, dressed, pounds, 243,919.

Poultry, live, pounds, 335,567.
Eggs, dozens, 280,620.
Butter, pounds, 68,418.
Milk, gallons, 400.
Peanches, baskets, 205.
Strawberries, crates, 71.

AVERAGE WAGES PAID.

Carpenters, \$2 per day.
Plasterers, \$2.25 per day.
Painters, \$2 per day.
Brick and Stone Masons, \$3.25 per day.
Blacksmiths, \$2 per day.
Printers, \$1.50 per day.
Farm hands, \$17 per month.
Household help, \$2 per week.

Odd Fellows Install.

District Deputy Grant Bent, of Laddonia, installed the following officers of the Mexico order of Odd Fellows last Thursday night: J. N. Cross, P. G.
A. B. Renie, N. G.
Claude Mansfield, V. G.
P. W. Treloar, Rec. Secy.
G. N. Steinmon, Fin. Secy.
J. S. Offutt, Treasurer.
J. D. Pratt, R. S. N. G.
H. A. Precht, L. S. N. G.
Clark Mansfield, R. S. V. G.
S. J. Sanford, L. S. V. G.
Dr. H. P. Bachman, Warden.
A. C. Hulen, Cond.
A. W. Hulen, R. S. S.
G. P. Gregory, L. S. S.
P. A. St. Vrain, I. G.
M. C. Martin, O. G.
J. W. Trimble, Chaplain.
W. M. Treloar, L. Philip, A. J. Wincsoett, trustees.

Dr. M. E. Crawford, L. M. Saunders, J. N. Cross, finance committee.

Missouri's Progress—

Dockery's Review.

"The books of the State are correctly kept, and the accounting is honest."

"The bonded debt has been reduced and will be fully paid during the coming year."

"The tax levy for State purposes proper is the lowest of any State of the Union, and the levy to meet the requirements of the public debt will be greatly reduced if the existing system of school certificates is continued by the people."

"The largest apportionment of school moneys in the history of Missouri has been made."

"The credit of the State is unsurpassed by the credit of the national Government itself."

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobb's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ailments. We free. Add. S. C. Hobb's Kidney Pills, Chicago, Ill.

W. J. BRYAN

Jabs His Pen Into the Heart of Gov. Shaw.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Bryan disapproves of Roosevelt's selection of Shaw for a place in the Cabinet. The Commoner today says: "The appointment of Gov. Shaw to the place made vacant by the resignation of Secretary Gage is evidence of Roosevelt's purpose to let financiers have their way in conducting the Treasury Department. If there is anything bad in finance that Shaw has not endorsed it is because the matter was not brought to his attention. He has been an ultra-gold man and an ultra-advocate of the doctrine that the Treasury Department should be run according to the wishes of Wall street. On the trust question he is entirely in harmony with the corporations."

Watched the Robbers.

Morley, Mo., Jan. 4.—The Scott county bank was robbed this morning at 2 o'clock. The robbers escaped with about \$5,000.

Four explosions followed in rapid succession, blowing the safe wide open, wrecking the big glass front and all the office fixtures. Fragments of the safe and some currency were found on the floor. The section tool house was broken open and tools and lanterns secured by the bandits. Nitro glycerin was used. Three men directed the work inside, and a fourth guarded the residence of Cashier Hunter.

The occupants of the Boyce house were awakened by the heavy explosion, and Mrs. Tille Bucklin called Cashier Hunter to come quickly. The robber answered instead, saying: "All right, I am coming." Maj. W. W. Ward, vice president of the bank, was at the Boyce house and watched the robbers gather up the money and leave. Several others had seen them, and not a firearm of any kind was to be had. The robbers are supposed to have escaped on horses.

Babies 25 Cents.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—Each baby born in Cook County being born today is worth at least 25c, according to the State Legislature, which passed a law at the last session giving this sum to the person recording each birth.

A Chicago coroner recently decided the contention between divorced parents over the burial of their six year old child by permitting the father to have a funeral and bury the body and then allowing the mother to disinter it, hold another funeral and re-bury it.

Jimmie on the 'Possum.

The possum is the most curious beast that walks the earth, and unkel Jak says here a karker. The possum romps the earth in search of what he can devour and he is partikler fond of persimmons and poppouse. He can etc enneting that comes in his way for his tette are pretty sharp and his appetite is always good. He likes poakberries and warm chicken blud and when he etes them his face is mity red.

Mi natriil histerree saze that the liun is the king ov beasts, but unkel Jak, and hese bin to Kalifornee, saze that aint so. He saze a grisee bare kan whip ennee animal in the world, and that a grizee kan stand strate up like a man and boks with his four pause just like a prize fiter.

I ast unkel Jak how a possum kum into the world and he said he

SOME FACINATING SPECULATION.

When These Times Come What About Audrain County's Towns?

"I see by the papers that a business firm in Topeka has ordered twenty five automobiles for its traveling salesmen and that hereafter they will not go from town to town by rail, but will travel in automobiles," said T. A. Witten, in Kansas City the other day.

"That suggests a train of thought that the sociologists seem to have overlooked entirely," he continued. "I believe that it is entirely probable that within the next ten or fifteen years the automobile will revolutionize social conditions, the systems and methods of transportation and will make throuth the whole country a network of almost perfect roads built of macadam, asphalt and perhaps steel."

"The general use of the automobile for carrying passengers, mails, freight, farm products and parcels will certainly make good roads a necessity and will force them upon the country. With good roads all local traffic, that is, trips of 200 or 300 miles, will be made by automobile, for within the next year or two automobiles in common use will travel from twenty to forty miles an hour. The increased demand for automobiles will cheapen them, just as the sewing machine has been cheapened, so that any man of moderate means may own one. Those who cannot have their own automobiles will use public ones, because they can be used when required instead of awaiting the regular time of railway trains, and this because they can go to any desired point, while the train must follow its track. All this will apply equally to local freighting."

FARMER MAY MARKET HIS OWN CROPS.

"With good roads and the automobile, the farmer can haul his own crops to market, even 100 or 200 miles, as quickly as the railway would take them, loading at his own fields or bins, unloading at such points in the city as he may wish, carrying his family along if he chooses, and bringing back such goods as he needs. This he will do either with his own conveyance or by the public freighter, but either way much more cheaply than by railroad, because of the numerous carriers, and the small expense of operating the vehicles. Local traffic thus being taken from the railway, all local lines of railroad will be abandoned. Only trunk lines will remain and they will be used only for very heavy freight, on long hauls and for travel and the mails. This will force the railroads eventually into the hands of the government."

"Country towns will then cease to have any business houses, except small grocery stores and drug stores, like the city suburbs. Here now, because the people can go twenty-five or 100 miles to the large city store at any hour of the day, and all goods will be promptly delivered by automobile in the country and country towns. All business will be centered in the larger cities, and the country towns will become residence suburbs of the city.

"When we have these great and perfect highways gridironing the country, which will come as a result of the general use of automobiles, there will be a revival of the wayside inn of our forefathers and all the romance that went with it."

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When poakberries, poppouse and persimmons are ripe the possum gits orful plud and then a nigger will ete the possum. A possum makes a trak in the snow like a bird and he lives in a hollow tre and only goes owt at nite. Unkel Jak saze that a possum kan whip a buttergate in a face fite and mi pap saze that a possum is wonderfully and ferfully moid, and how he propperguts himself is a mystery past fludin' owt, and i gess that is awl that i no about possums.

Daughters Present Father's Portrait. The daughters of the late William P. Wingate of Bangor, Me., have presented the University of Maine with a portrait of their father. Mr. Wingate was a member of the board of trustees of the university for many years, retiring on account of the statutory limitation as to age, and was its president for a considerable time.

THE WEALTHY WILL LIVE IN THE COUNTRY.

"When people can live many miles out and come into the city with speed and comfort at any hour of the day or night, living in the city will become unpopular and the wealthy classes will cease to do so. Country houses can have their own water, gas and heating plants and telephones; in short, every comfort and convenience of the city house, and the best paved and most popular roads will be lined with palatial homes, having spacious grounds. People of moderate means will live on the side roads, but yet with ample room, and in much greater comfort than they can have in the city. Only the poor will live in the large cities, as the poorer classes now occupy the downtown districts, in tenements and flats while the rich live in suburban homes.

"Agriculture will become more popular on account of the changed social conditions, and the increased comforts of country life, and many will be attracted from the city to engage in it. The city will cease to be congested, and will diminish rather than increase in population, but the country will become semi-urban in character.

HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE DRUMMER.

"The automobile will also revolutionize the method of selling goods by sample. The greatest inconvenience and expense to a salesman who travels by rail is the time he loses waiting for trains. Most of the smaller interior towns have only one or two trains a day. The salesman must have only one or two customers in that town and he may get thru his business there in an hour, but he must wait for hours, perhaps a whole day for a train to take him to the next town. And most of the salesmen who visit the small towns spend hundreds of dollars a year for livery service. The salesman with an automobile would leave a town as soon as he was thru, his machine would travel as fast as an ordinary railway train, and he would make nearly twice as many towns in a year, and at much less expense than he does now by rail.

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