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**PRICE'S**  
CREAM  
BAKING POWDER  
Dr. Price's Baking Powder supplies a pure, wholesome leavening agent, which makes the biscuit and cake of highest healthfulness at medium cost, and protects the food from alum, which is the greatest dietary danger of the day.

**TORNADO, FOLLOWED BY FIRE.**  
WORK OF RESCUE IMPEDED BY ALMOST TOTAL DARKNESS—APPEALS MADE TO BIRMINGHAM TO HELP CHECK THE FLAMES.  
TELEPHONE ONLY NEWS CARRIER.  
Lighting Power Plant is Wrecked By Hurricane at 6:30 O'Clock and Nearly Every House On a Principal Street Demolished—May Bodies Believed to be in the Ruins.

**REPRESENTATIVE BURNH ANSWERS JUDGE KENNAN.**  
Says That Measure He Advocates is Constitutional—A Plea For Good Roads.  
Editor of Ledger: In your issue of the 28th inst. I find a communication addressed to me personally by my friend, General W. H. Kennan of this city, raising the question of whether the Legislature has the power under the Constitution to appropriate any sum for the improvement of the highways, and referring me to sections 43, 44, and 45 of Article Four of the Constitution, under the head of "Limitation of Legislative Power." Many laws enacted for a good purpose have been held unconstitutional, and it is well that this phase of the question should be considered. I did not deal with the legal arguments in my previous communication because of the space it would consume. I believe after a study of the Constitution that the Legislature has the power to appropriate money for the improvement of highways. In this view I am supported by a number of attorneys with whom I have had the pleasure of discussing the question. Let us examine the sections to which I was referred. Section 43 prescribes the order in which the various appropriations shall be made, establishing the precedence of certain appropriations. In the seventh and last subdivision of that section we find these words: "For the pay of the General Assembly and such other purposes not herein prohibited as it may deem necessary." I call attention to the words, "such other purposes not herein prohibited," and draw this conclusion, that unless there is some clause in the Constitution that expressly prohibits the State from making such appropriations, then it has the power, under this general grant of power, to improve its highways. The very fact that the words "not herein prohibited," were used, makes it a general grant of power. And since the public roads are public and not private property, it legally follows that the State has the right to use its own money in improving what belongs to it.

**Ayer's Cherry Pectoral**  
We know what all good doctors think of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor and find out. He will tell you how it quiets the tickling throat, heals the inflamed lungs, and controls the hardest of coughs.  
**Hard Coughs**  
One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will hasten recovery. Gently laxative.

**25, 20 and 10 Years Ago This Week.**  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.  
Prof Davault resigned his position in the public school.  
Mrs M F Gibbs moved her military store to the southwest corner of the public square.  
G D Ferris sold his stock of hardware to C H Rhoads, of Paris, for \$12,000.  
Died—Miss Nancy Hough, aged 22 years.  
W H Bruce died in Audrain county.  
J J Parks was running an express wagon.  
John C Tomlinson, well known in this city, was mayor of Atchison, Kansas.  
S T Davis was principal of the Sturgeon school.  
Rippey Brothers, of Laddonia, were building a hardware store.  
Adolphus L Strub of Ralls county, and Miss Lovina Hess, of Audrain, and Chas F Strub, of Ralls county, and Miss Julia Hess, of Audrain, were married.

**HOW TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ESCAPED PELVIC CATARRH BY AID OF PE-RU-NA.**

Female Weakness Is Usually Pelvic Catarrh. Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.

**Pe-ru-na, a Natural Beautifier.**  
Thousands of Women Cured Every Year by Correspondence—This is What Dr. Hartman Proposes to Do For You Without Charge.  
Women who suffer should read the evidence presented here. We have thousands of letters from grateful friends who tell the same story. Half the ills that are peculiarly woman's own are of a catarrhal character. Female weakness was not understood for many years. Dr. Hartman deserves the credit of having determined its real character. He has made catarrh and catarrhal diseases, including pelvic catarrh a life long study. Pelvic organ catarrh, whether of the pelvic organs or any other organ of the human body. Pe-ru-na, a Natural Beautifier. Pe-ru-na produces clean, mucous membranes, the basis of facial symmetry and a perfect complexion. The women have not been slow to discover that a course of Pe-ru-na will do more toward restoring youthful beauty than all the devices known to science. Many a girl has regained her faded beauty, many a matron has lengthened the days of her continued appearance by using Pe-ru-na.

**SCHOOL QUESTION.**  
The school building at...  
**A FIRE DEPARTMENT.**  
A fire cost of \$500 the city council of...  
**MEXICO CONTINUES WITH APPARATUS THAT IS CAPABLE OF EXTINGUISHING A SMALL BLAZE AS A CAN OF KEROSENE IN A BURNING POWDER FACTORY.**

**MOBILE, ALA., March 2.**—A tornado which struck Meridian, Miss., at 6:30 o'clock this evening, and a fire which followed it are believed to have killed 150 persons, and devastated a wide belt, extending through the center of the city.  
All telegraph wires out of Meridian are down, and the meager facts known here were sent out of the stricken city over the long-distance telephone. The lighting power plant of the city was wrecked, and the work of rescue has gone on under the greatest difficulties, the city being in total darkness, with the exception of illumination furnished by the flames and occasional lamps and lanterns.  
Giving of aid to the injured is necessarily slow. At least 150 bodies are believed to be in the ruins. At the time the last report came out of Meridian the fire was still raging despite a heavy rain.  
Desperate appeals for assistance had been made to Birmingham.  
The storm center was in the southern part of the city, and particularly heavy along Front street, one of the principal business streets.  
Nearly every house on Front street is reported to have been demolished. The Armour packing plant is the only building left standing, and the roof of that is gone.  
Three entire squares were leveled to the ground in the business district. The Northeastern freight depot was leveled to the ground, thousands of dollars of freight being ruined by water, and another large amount by fire.  
The Grand Avenue Hotel, one block from the business district, was badly damaged.  
Several fine residences in the East End were blown down, and many more were damaged at 10 o'clock.  
The East Mississippi Insane Asylum escaped the path of the cyclone.  
Among the reported killed are H. T. Singleton, Mrs. Singleton, her daughter and grandchild, and former Chief of Police W. B. Nelson.  
A large number of negroes are reported to have been killed in one of the buildings blown down.  
Meridian is in the eastern-central part of the Alabama line. The last census gave the population of the town as 14,050, but it has been fast growing, and the total today is probably several thousand more. It is the county seat of Lauderdale County and is interested chiefly in cotton and manufacturing. Its central position in a large lumber district gives it a great advantage.

**Section 44 merely prohibits the General Assembly from contracting debts on behalf of the State.** The law that I proposed does not contemplate the contraction of any debt on behalf of the State. Therefore that section cannot apply to the proposed measure.  
**Section 45 provides that the General Assembly shall not have power to lend or pledge the credit of the State.** The proposed measure does not contemplate that the State should pledge or lend its credit. Therefore section 45 does not apply to the bill proposed.  
**Section 46 provides:** "The General Assembly shall have no power to make any grant or to authorize the making of any grant of public money or thing of value to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation whatsoever." The proposed measure does not contemplate that any money shall be granted to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation. Therefore section 46 does not apply to the proposed measure. It is argued that some individuals would reap the benefit of such an appropriation. I reply that the offer would be open to public, and that if any set of citizens allow any other set of citizens to get the benefit, it would be through their own default.  
This is an elementary proposition of constitutional law. No money shall be appropriated except for a public purpose. The converse of the proposition is true, with a light qualification, to-wit: "The State may appropriate public money for any public purpose, unless prohibited by its Constitution." The ownership of the public roads being in the public, it necessarily follows that their improvement constitutes a public purpose, as that term is understood in constitutional law. It follows logically that

the state has the right to use public money in their improvement, and I believe this would be true, even in the absence of the general grant of power which we found in the seventh subdivision of section 43. I see nothing expressly prohibiting the General Assembly from doing so.  
In conclusion, permit me to state that I am wedded to no form of road legislation. The suggestions contained in my previous article were offered in an unfinished form, for the reason that I want the advice and suggestions of the people of the country. If this plan meets with their approval, I will push it with my best efforts. If other and further legislation is desired, I will gladly do what I can to assist in obtaining it, provided that the people of this county deem me worthy of reelection. In case the plan should meet with their approval, and the Constitution should prohibit such action, the same end could be accomplished by a Constitutional Amendment, submitted to a direct vote of the people. In case of any reasonable doubt as to the constitutionality of the proposed measure, this would be the best plan of procedure.  
I suggested that the State assist in the construction of permanent roads because it can do so without increasing taxation and by doing so it will demonstrate the feasibility and utility of such roads to the people of every county in the state. This may lead to their construction upon a larger scale at no very distant day. The farmers have borne their part of the burden of taxation for years and have received less immediate benefits than any other class; and now if they desire that any considerable portion of the revenue should be used for the permanent improvement of the public roads, I stand ready to assist. We have experimented in other lines; I believe that this experiment is worth while and may lead to substantial improvements in the future.  
Since the above lines were prepared for publication, I have been gratified to receive a letter from Mr. Kennan in regard to the above matter in which he most heartily approves of the general plan and suggests that the bill might properly be based upon the seventh subdivision of section 43 above mentioned, unless in conflict with other sections mentioned. I appreciate his co-operation in the matter, and quite agree with him that "a fair discussion will do no harm, but good."  
Very truly,  
WALTER BURNH.

**MORMONS WORKING IN ILLINOIS.**  
Missionaries Seek Votes to Control Western States, Says Lecturer  
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Mormon missionaries are at work in East St. Louis and St. Louis seeking votes to help them control two western states in the West and prevent the adoption of a constitutional amendment against polygamy, according to Miss Edith Hughes of Burton, Kan., for four years a missionary among the Utah Mormons. Miss Hughes is delivering addresses in St. Louis under the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.  
This work of Mormon missionaries, she said to-day, "is a menace to the nation. They come here to win converts, and to persuade them to emigrate to Utah or another of the group of states, which the Mormon church is trying to control."  
"A constitutional amendment is the only thing feared by the Mormons, who still advocate polygamy and expect ultimately to have it sanctioned by the legislatures of the states they can control."  
Fulton Wants Railroad Connection With Katy.  
FULTON, Mo., Feb. 28.—The newly organized Fulton Commercial Club has determined that its first work shall be the securing of railroad connections with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which is within fourteen miles of Fulton.  
An effort has already been made to interest the officials of the M. & K. T., and the General Welfare Committee of the Club has instructions to open negotiations with General Manager Allen, of the Katy system.  
Several surveys for a line between Mokane, on the Katy, and Fulton have been made. Fulton has but one railroad, and that a branch of the Chicago & Alton, on which not even a Sunday train is operated. The new road would open up a large coal and fire-wood field, and it is believed would pay from the time the first train was run.  
Hinton-Deerdorf.  
Baker Hinton and Miss Deerdorf, both living in the vicinity of Benton City, were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the bride's home, Rev. C. A. Mitchell performing the ceremony. The Lutheran extends congratulations.

**URGES A LAW FOR INCURABLES.**  
Solon Would Stop Even Advocacy of Legalizing Death Penalty.  
ALBANY, Feb. 28.—A bill to prohibit in this state even the advocacy of the suggestion that persons suffering from an incurable mental or physical ailment be put to death was introduced in the assembly to-day. The measure provides that "whosoever, by word of mouth or by written or printed circulars, pamphlets, newspaper or magazine articles, or publication of any kind made, issued or circulated by him or his authority, advocates or teaches the duty, necessity or propriety of putting to death by legal sanction or otherwise, persons afflicted with an incurable mental or physical disease, because of their said condition, is guilty of a felony." Assemblyman De Groot of Richmond Hill introduced the bill.

**GIRLS DON MALE ATTIRE.**  
Hoosier Fair Ones Give Stag Party Glad in Apparel of Brothers and Sweethearts.  
MARIION, Ind., Feb. 28.—A dozen society girls enjoyed a stag party at the home of Miss Viola Robbins and attempted to emulate their brothers. Male attire was worn. A game of leapfrog and other masculine acts were on the program.  
The affair would not have lacked out-bill for the brothers and gentlemanly friends of the girls, who missed their trousers and other haberdashery and thought they had been robbed. An investigation revealed the property in the possession of their sisters and sweethearts.  
Gentlemen were not admitted to the house, doors were securely locked, blinds drawn, and extra coverings placed over the windows. A Dutch lunch ended the entertainment and the girls said: "Gee but we did have a good time!"  
Those in the party besides Miss Robbins were Misses, Flossie Knepper, Wilma Steele, Della Watson, Anna Cameron, Myrtle Robinson, Mary Beahm, Lucille Klumman, Anna Broderick and Maud Bider of Kentland.

E. B. Keath and family are in Mendon, Mo., on a visit.  
The infant child of City Attorney John Baker and wife is seriously ill of pneumonia.  
Joseph Potts, Jr., is home from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in San Antonio, Texas.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Salice are home after several week's visit with relatives in Pilot Point, Texas.  
Dr. E. H. Tincher Homoeopath, stomach trouble and mal-assimilation a specialty. Office hours: 9-11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. Dec. 28-1915

**THE COLUMBIA (MO) HERALD IS IN FAVOR OF ELECTING THE UNITED STATES SENATOR BY PRIMARY ELECTION, AND EDITORIAL SAYS:** "There should be a general primary election law in Missouri providing that all primary elections should be held on the same day and for all offices. Particularly should the choice for United States senator be decided by popular vote. The people are given opportunity to declare their choice for other offices. Why not the United States senator, the most important, in many ways, of any office. Are not the people to be trusted?"  
This Salisbury (Mo) Press Spectator editorially says: Rev. Seelman closed his series of revival meetings here last Thursday night and left for his home in Mexico. Rev. Seelman is a young man of great ability and power, and a zealous and ardent laborer in his Master's vineyard. His sermons were logical and convincing, showing much thought and careful study, and in each was brought forth some lesson that all might follow with profit. The influence of his preaching will long be felt in Salisbury.  
As there are several people in Mexico who do not speak as they pass by, following from the Fulton Sun is of interest: "Some people go to church and sing, 'Shall we know each other there?' and then won't speak to the neighbor they meet on the way home. Will they know each other there?"

**THE MISSOURI HORSE SALE.**  
This is the last opportunity we will have to call the attention of our readers to the sale of horses at Mexico, Mo., March 21-23 as their entries will close March tenth. This Missouri Horse Sale Company which holds this sale informs us that they have consigned about 100 high class driving, coach and saddle horses, and have room for 40 head more. They are very anxious to make it an even 200 at this year's second sale, and parties living near this Missouri horse center cannot do better than to consign to it, if they have the "goods," as nothing but the "right stock" are wanted.  
This company held an excellent sale last year, and this one promises to be a better one. See their advertisement in this issue and write for further information and entry blanks to Rufus Jackson, Secretary, Mexico, Missouri.  
"Ray" Has Crop of January Grasshoppers.  
THE ADVANCE REVIEW SAYS:  
"Ray Vandiver, youngest son of John L. Vandiver, sends us a real live grasshopper, which he captured on his father's farm down in the Calwood hollow. The hopper was nicely done up in a small pin box and came through the mail in fine shape and when we opened the box Mr. Hopper hopped out as nimble as though he thought it was 'his good old summer time.' We placed him in a pint bottle and now have the jumper in our collection of curio and will try and have it placed on exhibition at our next street fair."

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A message was received here to-day, stating that Edward Frazier, formerly of this city was killed by a train Thursday morning at Springfield Illinois.  
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This is the second member of the family to meet death under a train, the deceased's father, William Frazier being killed near Pollock Mills, in this city, some years ago.

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