

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Preliminary Work is Being Pushed as Rapidly as Possible.

The surveys of the proposed electric line between Springfield and Carthage is being pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit. The traction company seems to feel that the line is sure to be built and signify a readiness to spend \$1,500,000 on the same. If it should be built on the southern route it will be of great benefit to Monett and vicinity.

It will be convenient for the farmers to come to town to do their trading and will also be of help to them in bringing their produce to market. They can use the line in getting their tomatoes and other fruits to the factory when it is built and will be helpful to them in many ways.

The entrance of the road into our city will doubtless solve the vexing electric light problem, especially to the day current portion of it. Let the road come. We need it.

Experiment Farm Site Selected

Prof. M. F. Miller of the state agricultural college at Columbia, has decided on a tract of land to be used as an experiment farm. The land found satisfactory was a twenty acre tract of the J. H. Downs farm, located four and a half miles southwest of Carthage.

This land is half a mile south of the Kralley Crossing of the Southwest Missouri Electric railway and is land of superior quality and richness. Mr. Downs has been secured to do the planting and tending of crops for the first year. This tract will be utilized for crop testing purposes and the land promises to meet the needs for which it is desired. A smaller tract will be selected for exemplifying methods of building up soils. Prof. Miller will remain in the city for a few days making arrangements for beginning work for this year's experiments. The work on this farm will be watched with more than usual interest by the farmers of Jasper County.—Carthage Democrat.

Bible Circle Meeting

The High School Bible Circle met with Miss Grace Johnson on Monday evening March 8. On account of the inclement weather the number present was not very large, but the interest in the meeting did not drag in the least. The able leader, Mr. Edgar Price made a splendid talk on "The Sources of Power in the Christian Life." The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Grace Whitlatch on Fifth Street, Monday evening, March 15, with Mr. John Farrow as leader.

Electric Light Rates.

At Independence, Kan., the electric light rate is to be reduced. The city has a municipal plant. The proposed new rate will be a minimum charge of 25 cents per month for service. A customer using less than 250 kilowatts will be charged 6 cents a kilowatt. Above that amount the charge will be 5 cents per kilowatt. An average rate of 10 cents has heretofore been charged.

Died.

The nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Thomas died Tuesday morning of brain fever. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Liberty church, by Rev. Qualls; interment in the Cox cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas live near Mendon.

The Missouri Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Fulton, May 12, 13 and 14.

The Baptist Aid Society met with Mrs. W. R. Bear Wednesday afternoon. A lunch was served.

Mrs. Tritton, who has been ill for some time is improving, but is still confined to her bed.

FRUIT GROWERS MEETING

The Ozark Fruit Growers Association Met in Monett Tuesday

The Ozark Fruit Growers Association held its regular quarterly meeting in this city Tuesday. Local associations from Verona, Peirce City, Granby, Belfast, Exeter, Purdy, Seymour and Monett were represented.

T. C. Love, one of the directors, who resides at Seymour, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Manager P. A. Rogers of Gravett, Ark., reported that the outlook for business was extremely good for the coming season. Twenty-two local associations will ship with the Ozark this season and perhaps others will join at the meeting to be held in Springdale later.

Mr. Rogers will go to Chicago to appear before the inter-state commerce commission on the 16th at which time a hearing on refrigeration will be had. He will also attend a hearing on transportation at Washington, April 10.

The Association did not take up the matter of amount to be paid for picking strawberries, but it is understood that the usual cent and a half per quart will be maintained.

The reports show that the peach crop will be practically a failure this year but that the outlook for apples and strawberries is good.

It was estimated that between 500 and 600 car loads of strawberries would be shipped from Southwest Missouri this season.

Fire Follows Hurricane.

Little Rock, Ark., March 8.—A tornado swept through the section four miles southwest of here tonight. Two are reported dead and several injured.

To southern and eastern Arkansas all communication is cut off because of the prostration of both telephone and telegraph wires isolating Hot Springs, Pine Bluff and a number of smaller towns. Near Baguecum, a Cotton Belt passenger train an hour late is reported swept from the tracks.

The tornado crossed the Arkansas river within five miles of Little Rock, causing a waterspout several hundred feet in height.

A number of small towns along Arkansas river were almost wiped out by the wild winds. Houses were blown down, trees uprooted and out-buildings picked up and carried for a distance of a quarter of a mile. No deaths are reported in the vicinity of Little Rock, but a large number of persons are reported to have been injured.

A cloudburst followed the tornado and the downpour caused much damage. Streams were swollen, streets washed out and a number of buildings in the low lands near the river were carried down stream. It is probable that the property loss will reach up into the thousands, practically the entire town of Brinkley being destroyed by flames that followed the gale.

Miss Jessie Wilson of Peirce City, is visiting Monett friends.

Mrs. Jack Harvey is ill with grip.

Herschel Montgomery is visiting his parents at Marionville.

Mrs. Joe Buffington, of Peirce City, spent Wednesday morning in Monett.

Ned DeWitt, of Fayetteville, Ark. visited in the city Monday evening.

L. C. Ferguson was trading in Monett Tuesday.

Mrs. L. S. Bayville, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is the city for a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. A. I. Patterson.

Passenger brakeman Alvis Woolsey of the Oklahoma Division returned to work this morning after a short lay-off.

The W. O. W. state convention convened at Cape Girardeau Tuesday. W. H. Floreth and Thos. McGirr went as delegates from the Monett camp.

TWO DIFFERENT BREEDS OF PUP



As Seen by the President. As Seen by Congress.

Engine 157 Loses a Driver

Tuesday afternoon about 4:45 as train No 14 was leaving Monett for Springfield, the east yard office employes noticed the train make a very sudden stop about a train length west of the office, and hurrying to the scene discovered the cause. They met Conductor Goodwin hurrying to the telegraph office and asked him what he stopped at such an unusual place for. "Oh! we lost a driver is all," and proceeded to wire a report of the accident to the train dispatcher at Springfield.

On examination it was found that the left back driving wheel on engine 157 had broken off from the journal, taking part of the side rod with it. No one was injured and the delay to the train was only about 50 minutes. Engineer Frank Davis did some quick work getting the engine in shape to be returned to the round house at Monett.

Engine 691 was run out and got in readiness to proceed with the train.

Cassville News

From The Republican.
At the February term of the Barry county county circuit court John Strobel of Washburn took the oath of allegiance and was naturalized as an American citizen. Mr. Strobel is a native of Germany and came to this county in 1896, landing at Baltimore. John Bartalot of Monett, a native of Italy, made application for naturalization. Mr. Bartalot arrived in this county in 1896, having landed at New York.

Mrs. Clendenning and daughter Miss Mabel of Siloam Springs, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clendenning.

Mrs. H. C. Kepner and Miss Grace Crawford went to St. Louis Monday night to attend the Paderewski concert and spend a few days.

The L. T. L. held a silver medal contest at the Marshall Hill school Tuesday evening. There was a good audience considering the bad weather. The little folks all performed their parts well and the medal was awarded Jessie Wilson. Several older people assisted with the entertainment.

A new gallery has been built in the Christian church which can be curtained to make five Sunday School rooms. A room has also been made in the belfry to accommodate a class. This is a great advantage to the Sunday School.

A large reduction in the clerical force of the Frisco has been made. The Springfield papers say that a number of mechanics have left there to find work with other railroads.

B. E. Merwin of the Merwin Construction Company, of Kansas City, arrived in the city Wednesday to look after the construction of the Catholic church, which the company is building.

That Kansas City man who is making such a fuss because the police made him stay at church until the services were over may be entitled to more sympathy than ordinary people give him credit for.—Carthage Press.

County Court Proceedings.

March 3 and 4.
S. P. Hailey filed contract and bond as county farm superintendent.

Petition F. S. Moore et al, for change of road. Change ordered. Order made at this term of court concerning pedler's licenses rescinded.

O. P. Murphy appointed road overseer of Dist. No. 13. Henry King appointed overseer of Dist. No. 12. J. E. Couch, Dist. No. 6, vice A. M. Farewell, resigned.

Collector ordered to take credit taxes for 1905 and 1906 on 20-100 acres pt. s.w. nw. 23-21-28, same being public highway and belonging to J. C. Fawver.

Warrants:

E. E. Meadow, postage and office exp. \$5.97

Gardner Sup. Cosup to circ clk 2.6-

J. M. Neely, taking windows out of courthouse 1.00

P. E. Horne, burial poor per 23.70

Sam'l Dodsworth, sup to eo officers 51.12

Geo. D. Barnard & Co, marriage record, J. P. 1.90

P. H. Duncan, per diem 20.00

C. C. Veltou 20.00

G. W. Henson 50.00

M. E. Newman, sheriff 8.00

Bond of Lemon Hilton road overseer Dist. 23, approved

Appointment of W. A. Ware deputy assessor by W. M. Houston, approved.

J. M. Davidson filed annual settlement for year ending March 1, 1909, same approved.

J. M. Davidson filed personal delinquent list. Same approved.

School fund loan of \$250 made to R. M. Brandon.

Bond of O. P. Murphy, road overseer approved.

School fund bond and mortgage of L. G. Sherman filed and approved.

Court ordered that sealed bids will be received by county clerk up to noon the 8th day of April, 1909, or the purchase of the court house of Barry county which will be sold on that day. Purchase to remove building within 90 days from date of bond and contract.

Court adjourned to April 8.

Getting Ready For Dry Territory.

"I am drinking four quarts of water a day."

"For your health?"

"No."

"Because you like it?"

"Not exactly. Just in training for my trip south."

Springfield Court Bill Will Pass

Jefferson City, March 10.—The bill for establishing a third court of appeals at Springfield is meeting with favorable progress and so certain seems to be its passage that friends of various lawyers are already lining up for candidates. If the bill becomes a law Governor Hadley will appoint three judges. The chances of Howard Gray of Jasper county, Judge Argus Cox of Bolivar and Judge J. T. Neville of Springfield are thought to be good.

When you are contemplating having a monument erected on the grave of your beloved deceased will save you money and annoyance if you avoid unreliable agents and deal direct with me. My work and prices have always given satisfaction. Drop me a postal card and I will visit you.

A. CRAMER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Several Matters of Importance Attended to.

Council met in regular session Tuesday night Mayor Short in the chair and all members except Councilman Moses present.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The mayor announced that as some doubt appeared to exist as to the office of Superintendent of water works being legally filled, he would appoint the present incumbent Chas. J. Lauderdale to fill the unexpired term.

On motion the appointment was approved by the Aldermen by a vote of five to two.

Mr. Lauderdale then gave approved bond and was sworn into office by the clerk.

J. E. Sater and F. A. Wightman appeared before the Council as a committee of the Commercial Club and reported that a tract of land a half block in length and 50 feet in width between Nordin's business house and the old Stone Mill Site could be purchased for street purposes. They reported that A. J. Nordin would sell his strip of ground for the small sum of \$125 and that Davis & Chapell, the owners of the mill site, would deed their ground to the city for \$1.00. The city voted to purchase the two tracts thus opening Front street to traffic.

The council heard report of fire chief on second hand fire wagon for sale by Joplin, and same was ordered purchased.

The Electric light franchise question was brought up but nothing was done except that on request the city Attorney read from the statutes section showing that the council could not grant a new franchise or renew an old one except by vote of a majority of the qualified voters at an Election held for that purpose.

A World Wave of Extravagance

Three of the great powers, the United States, Great Britain and Germany, are about to wrestle with the deficit question. The British Liberals estimate the gap between revenues and expenditures which Parliament must make good by new taxation as \$50,000,000, while the Conservatives, after the manner of opposition, put it at \$70,000,000. The German government wants \$118,000,000 more revenue at once, and here in the United States we know that when the books are closed at the end of the current fiscal year there will be a deficit of more than \$100,000,000. Congress keeps right on as if there was no such thing as inadequate revenues. In all three countries big military and naval appropriations are largely responsible for the excess of expenditures, though in neither Great Britain nor Germany is the proportion of the tax payers' money devoted to fleets, pensions, and armies as great as in our own.—Boston Transcript.

Take a Guess.

If the Panama canal cost \$140,000,000 three years ago, \$300,000,000 one year ago and \$500,000,000 today, what will be its cost by 1915?—St. Louis Republic.

If franchises cannot be granted except by the voice of a majority of the qualified voters of Monett then the chances of franchise donations in this city in the future has gone glimmering. If a franchise is a good thing let the company pay for the same. There is a valuable franchise held here by the Ozark-Bell and the city paying for phone service for city purposes. This is not just to the taxpayers. The city should be getting a good revenue from the franchise.

Mrs. J. W. Bingham spent Wednesday in Purdy visiting with her sister.

Mr. Moore, of Clinton, Okla., has taken a run as postal clerk out of Monett.

COUNTY SUPERVISION.

House Passes Measure Advocated Fifteen Years, After a Hard Fight.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—The county supervision bill, which insures a uniform system of education throughout the state, requires but the signature of Governor Hadley to become a law. It passed the House this afternoon by a vote of 81 to 36, after a spirited debate consuming the afternoon.

The bill has passed the Senate, having been introduced in that body by Senator F. M. M. David, of Greene County. It is identical with the bill offered in the House by Speaker pro tem. Ford and received his support today.

The enactment of this law will be received with enthusiasm by the educators of the State. It has been the subject of contention in the Legislature for fifteen years, each session up to the present witnessing its defeat on one pretext or another. The opposition to the measure has always come from the ruralites. Many of them fought it again this year, but enough were won over to aid the progressionists to force its passage.

Engineer's Reunion.

The 21st Anniversary of the Burlington strike was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wade six miles south east of Monett, on February 27 '09. This strike occurred on February 27 1888. At that time Mr. Wade was a member of Division No. 62 at Galesburg Illinois. The dinner was in five courses. Mrs. Wade was assisted by her son Harry, and as the guests proceeded to the dining room little Miss Elsa Wade presented each with a beautiful souvenir fitted for the occasion. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Davis, Monett, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. White, Monett, J. D. Carter, Monett; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Higby, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wade and daughter Miss Elsa, Joplin. The guests departed for their homes feeling that the day was well spent and Mr. and Mrs. Wade were Royal Entertainers. It is the intention to hold these Reunions every year. The next will be with H. D. Higby, at Oklahoma City, February 27, 1910. All Burlington strikers invited.

Benton County Diamonds.

There are diamonds in Benton county and one of our subscribers has recently received an expert opinion upon some stones which were sent to New York for examination. The expert states that the stones submitted are a medium grade diamond, and the probabilities are, that the pure carbon diamond exists within a radius of ten miles from where this pebble was found, especially, if there is any volcanic formation in the neighborhood.—Rogers (Ark.) Journal.

Bill Names Train Schedule

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—Railroads of Missouri are required to serve the traveling public as their charters contemplate in a bill introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Sonderman. It provides that two trains shall be run in each direction every twenty-four hours, not more than eight hours apart. It forces the trains to run on schedule time and to stop at the various stations. Penalty is fixed at not less than \$1,000 fine for every day the company shall fail to comply with the law.

Mrs. V. B. Clendenning and daughter Mabel, who had been visiting in the city for the past week, returned to their home in Siloam Springs, Thursday.

J. L. Jenks and Earl Wainright spent Thursday in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peters entertained a few friends Wednesday afternoon in honor of their little daughter Quinn it being her sixth birthday. The little folks spent a most happy hour and the older ones enjoyed hearing the laughter and seeing the frolic of the little ones.

Those present were Ruth Cox, Isabelle Miller, Frances Newman, Olive Todd, Ethel King, Mildred Todd, Rose Todd, Fred King, Sol Newman Jr, Junior Hawkins, Edgar Callaway, Robert Hawkins, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. McCrory, Meadames Callaway, Cox, Todd and Miss Ethel Ennis.

Mrs. Peters served just such refreshments as delighted the little ones, and the children departed wishing their birthdays would come oftener.