

## STOCKS GREATLY DEPRESSED

**A Drop of Five Points in Union Pacific and Four in Southern Pacific**

New York, Sept. 7.—An opening break of 5½ points in Union Pacific, 3½ in Southern Pacific, 3½ in New York Central, 2½ in Reading and 1 to 1½ in most other active speculative stocks showed the great anxiety caused in stock market circles of the reports of a relapse suffered by E. H. Harriman while the stock exchange was closed for three days.

The market was without any official announcement from Mr. Harriman's business associates when trading began and was confronted with reports of heavy selling and severe declines in the London market for American account before the opening here. The sales here were not in as large amount as on many similar occasions but the tone at first was semi-demoralized.

After the opening vigorous support was exerted and prices rallied immediately. Within a few minutes an announcement was forthcoming from the Union Pacific that Mr. Harriman was much better and the appearance of the market became quieter, though later in the day prices fell back to the low level, after which trading almost ceased.

### WORST HABIT

It would be hard to name the greatest evil of the times. Salamander. Although Merry Widow hats, salmon salad, intemperance, gossip and gooseberry pie are entitled to serious consideration, we are inclined to rate the joke habit as the most demoralizing thing of the age. We joke about life and we joke about death. We joke about heaven and joke about hell. We joke if it is hot and joke if it is cool. We joke at success and joke about failure—anywhere and everywhere we joke and josh and jolly, mocking at things we cannot appreciate and making light of things that merit respect. It is the jocular age of the world, with the cap and bells and jester's grin holding sway on every hand. Never before was there so much nonsense and monkey business, so much levity in the pulpit, so much lack of dignity in the courts so much time for laughter, so little time for serious thought. It is the paramount evil of the day, and should be remedied. Not that a little laughter now and then is not entirely worth while, but, rather, that a plethora of levity is demoralizing, distracting and debating. Let's quit our joshing.—Monroe County Appeal.

### WHAT BOTHERED HIM

A peculiar instance of connubial affection occurred some time ago in Vermont. An aged couple, who through half a century of married life had wrangled with each other, were in all probability soon to be separated. The husband was taken sick and was believed to be near his end. The old wife came to his bedside, and after carefully examining and taking stock of his condition, exclaimed: "Why, daddy, your feet are cold, your hands are cold, and your nose is cold!"

"Wa'al, let 'em be cold."  
"W'y, daddy, you're goin' to die."  
"Wa'al, I guess I know what I'm 'bout."  
"Daddy, w't's to becom of me if you die?"  
"I dunno, and I don't care. What I want to know is w't's to becom of me?"

### FATAL COLLISION

Joplin, Sept. 6.—Bryan West, the twelve year old son of W. P. West, was fatally injured at the corner of Seventh street and Byers avenue at 6:15 o'clock this evening, when a "dinky" car on the Heim electric line crashed into the rear end of the automobile driven by the boy's father.

The boy died about 11:15 o'clock tonight. Mr. West was seriously injured but the physicians say he will recover.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**The Attendance Exceeds that of Previous Years**

The Monett schools opened Monday with an enrollment of 888 pupils. The high school proper has 161 pupils, which is an increase over previous years. Several young people who stopped school several years ago have seen their mistake and are again taking up school duties.

Prof. H. E. Blaine is superintendent of schools with P. C. Callaway, principal of the high school. Other high school teachers are Miss Florence Philbrook, Latin and German; Mrs. R. C. Inman, English; Miss Margaret Williamson, mathematics.

The grade teachers and enrollment of their rooms are as follows:

High school—First grade, Miss May Ryan, 40 pupils; seventh grade, Miss Demmah Hamilton, 36; eighth grade, Miss Nellie Mills, 53.

Central school—Room No. 1, Mrs. Laura Leckie, 50 pupils; No. 2, Miss Jeanie Johnston, 36; No. 3, Miss Rose Callan, 62; No. 4, Miss Daisy Murphy, 66; No. 5, Miss Delia Largen, 60; No. 6, Miss Rose Cunningham, 46; No. 7, Miss Lazinka Chappell, 50; No. 8, Jas. McNally, 45.

Plymouth—Miss Geneva Parsons, 31.

Forest Park—Miss Frances Granger, 28.

Marshall Hill—Room No. 1, Miss Lola Snider, 68; No. 2, Miss Bessie McClanahan, 56.

### RATES UNIFORM IN MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 7.—Both the Burlington and the Alton, the only two that held out against the ruling of Attorney General Major that they could not charge more than 12½ per cent of the price of a first-class ticket for carrying excess baggage, capitulated today and notified the Attorney General that they would be good and respect his interpretation of the law.

All the other lines in the State came into the fold some weeks since. They had been charging 16½ per cent of the price of a first-class ticket for carrying 100 pounds of excess baggage. The uniform rate of 12½ per cent of a first-class ticket now prevails everywhere in the state.

### A FRANK WOMAN

Here of late women are not showing such a fierce desire to be lovely characters. A woman gave another woman her photograph, and the recipient, instead of saying "I will treasure it always," refused to accept it! "It means only one thing more to be dusted," she said. "If I have it out on the table it becomes a nuisance and if I put it out of sight you will be offended. Moreover, every day that passes it will become a little more old-fashioned and a little more of a caricature. I won't have it."—Atchison Globe.

### FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Waite are having a family reunion this week. All of their children are with them for the first time in several years.

They are Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Meck, of San Luis Obispo, Cal.; Mrs. J. E. Barnhart, of Sweetwater, Tex.; Mrs. Ina Gibson and children of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Miss Grace Waite and Chas. Waite, of this city.

### INCORPORATE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI NAVIGATION COMPANY

Jefferson City, Sept. 7.—Articles of incorporation of the Kansas City, Mo., Navigation Company, capital \$1,000,000, were filed with the secretary of state here today. The leading spirits in the company are prominent Kansas City business men, and their intention is to conduct a freight line on the Missouri river between that city and St. Louis.

Carl Wolfe is taking a lay-off on account of sickness.

## THAT STRAW HAT

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Even in Mexico There Seems to Be a Tendency to Set a Time Limit on Its Use.

W. R. Henderson made a business trip to Purdy Wednesday.

A. C. Patterson, of Galena, Kan., is in the city on business.

Leroy Jeffries made a business trip to Cassville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kane moved to Alton, Okla., last week.

Mrs. J. J. Randall is ill with malaria.

Lloyd Ruggles visited in Verona Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Dwyer is making improvements on his residence on Seventh street.

A. C. Squibb has sold his residence in Forest Park to J. C. Dorris.

Sherman Oney and Gladden Granger went to Peirce City Tuesday night.

Mrs. Hand and daughter Flora left Wednesday for Alton, Ok., to make their home.

E. M. Scheline has moved to Frisco Avenue to property he recently purchased.

Miss Lillian Stuber has returned from St. Louis, where she purchased millinery.

Dr. V. Martin, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Martin, left Saturday for Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harvey have returned from a visit at Ft. Smith, Ark.

Attorney D. S. Mayhew attended to legal business in Carthage Tuesday.

Rev. Father Prendergast went to Kansas City Wednesday on a short business trip.

Mrs. J. R. Wallace visited relatives in Rogers last week.

Mrs. J. W. Bingham and Mrs. E. Lewis went to Purdy on a short visit Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson and Miss Ollie returned Tuesday night from a two months visit in Colorado and Washington. They had a delightful visit.

Mrs. W. H. Hughes went to Bentonville Wednesday to attend the marriage of Dick Hall and Mildred Oliver. Mr. Hall is known to some of our people here.

Mrs. W. E. Anderson, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Cowan, returned to her home in Fayetteville, Ark., Wednesday.

P. Martin and W. S. Lester returned Tuesday night from a fishing trip down on White river near Branson. Lester tells a great yarn about catching two 2½ pound bass at one cast.

Mrs. L. D. McKee entertained the Wednesday Club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Sixth street. Only members of the club were present. Mrs. A. L. Jenks won the prize, a hand-painted cup and saucer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughter Helen, who have been visiting with relatives and enjoying a vacation in Colorado, Washington and California, returned home Tuesday night. They also visited Yellowstone Park and profess to have had a very delightful trip.

J. H. Wormington had a narrow escape from losing a limb Monday. He was working by a thrashing machine when his trousers were caught in some cog wheels. Only the immediate stopping of the machine prevented his losing his limb and probably his life. He escaped with only a few bruises.

### ENGLAND'S NAVAL PAGEANT.

No more fatal spell than that of over-confidence can come upon a people. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. We distinguish between the past and the future. Our naval greatness is now at its height. We possess, so far as mortal foresight can measure the conditions of war, a supremacy as complete as we have ever held. If we are to keep that predominance—and assuredly to keep the general peace for time indefinite yet—we shall have to rouse ourselves, and soon, for efforts as decisive, as resolute, as the needs of national defense have ever demanded from a people.—London Observer.

### FULLY APPRECIATED.

Raymond, age five, returned from Sunday school in a state of evident excitement. He strutted around the room as if about to burst with importance. The sympathetic eye of his mother was not slow to observe this.

"What's the matter, Raymond?" she asked.

"Oh, mother," exclaimed the small boy, his eyes sparkling, "the superintendent said something awful nice about me in his prayer this morning."

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Oh, Lord, we thank Thee for food and Raymond.'"—Woman's Home Companion.

### THE OPEN AIR BABY.

Many mothers are pointing to their babies with pride as open air babies, and no doubt the day will come when a mother will be ashamed to confess that her baby is anything else. Let the baby sleep the clock around, waking only to be fed and washed, and let him sleep in his perambulator in the open air most of the time.

### HAD WORKED UNFORTUNATELY.

"You look as though you never done a day's work in yer life," said the crusty farmer to the applicant for free food.

"Thanks fer the complement!" said the hobo, smilingly; "but you flatter me, old man—in me younger days I wuz just as foolish as the average youth."—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

### EASILY FLATTERED.

Harvey—You should have seen Hotayre swell up at the mind-reading seance the other night when the blindfolded lady actually told him the number of his motor.

Bentlie—But he has no motor.

Harvey—Of course not. But he looked astounded and acknowledged she was right.—Stray Stories.

### CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

Nita—Well, we quarreled, and he acted in a perfectly crazy manner and we broke the engagement. I fear he has really lost his mind.

Rita—Has he made any overtures yet for a reconciliation?

Nita—No.

Rita—He's not crazy.

### THE GIRLS.

Dolly—I'm in awful shape.

Polly (glancing her over)—I should say you are.

Dolly—What would you do if you were in my shoes?

Polly (looking at her feet)—Pd get a pair about two sizes larger.

## ONE WHO NEVER CAME BACK

**Andree Headed an Ill Fated Balloon Expedition to the Pole**

New York, Sept. 7.—With the news from Peary there remains only one explorer who entered the Far North of whose fate nothing is positively known—Salomon Auguste Andree of Sweden, who, with two companions, set out for the pole twelve years ago in a balloon. It is believed, however, that Andree is dead.

Whatever the fate of Andree and his daring co-explorers, his expedition established one great fact for scientists and those aeronauts who shall hereafter attempt to reach the pole by balloon—that is, that at certain times of the year there are trade winds blowing from the south directly over Spitzbergen and flowing straight for the pole.

Andree held to the belief that high above the vexed surface winds was a steady gale blowing toward the North Pole without deflection. Furthermore, he believed that its steady current would take him into the polar regions in a week, carrying him directly over the pole and would land him safely in North America if he kept straight on his course.

### Ebenezer.

We are having some cool weather this week.

The farmers are busy preparing their wheat ground at present. The acreage of wheat sown will be considerable less this year than common owing to the dry weather.

J. B. Wormington and Arthur Allen are working the roads in these parts this week.

Mrs. Levi Allen is preparing to build a new house.

The Bell Telephone Co. is repairing the long distance phone line through this country now.

There was quite an interesting game of ball at the Farmers Union Picnic Saturday, between Belview and Pleasant Ridge teams. The game stood 11 to 1 in favor of the Ridge.

The Christian Sunday School of Monett held a picnic at Mendon Saturday. A pleasant day was enjoyed.

Billie Brine heartily endorses Joes comment on Sunday base ball. The Christian World should condemn it in both words and actions. Dont visit the Sunday base ball.

W. Beckett tells us he saw a Wolfe in his yard last Sunday.

B. C. Wolfe and Will Miller hauled a number from the Christian Sunday School to Mendon Saturday.

Mr. Clarence Anderson has been on the sick list threatened with typhoid fever.

Almost all the young folks of this vicinity attended the picnic at Freistatt Sunday.

The Misses Maud Rundles and Mable Weygandt and Messrs Earl Weygandt and Troy Beckett attended the picnic at McDowell Saturday.

A. E. Burkhart is closing out his stock of goods very cheap, preparatory to quit the business.

### BILLY BRINE.

Rogers has let the contract for a sewer system to cost about \$23,000. They will have a septic tank.

Mrs. Thos. Buras, of Springfield, is visiting relatives in the city.

### SYDNEY P. HARRIS' COMPOSITIONS

We are in receipt of several vocal and instrumental selections by Sydney P. Harris. His style of writing is forceful, dainty and convincing and we can recommend his productions to lovers of good music. Among his selections are "Soulful Eyes," novellette; "Defenders of the Flag, March;" "I and my True Love Waltzes;" "Nearest and Dearest," Waltz song. They are published by the Sydney P. Harris Co., Detroit, Mich., and are for sale by music dealers.

## W. C. T. U. CHEERS DRY PROPHECY FOR STATE

**Carthage Convention Applauds Several Speakers For Entire Prohibition**

Carthage, Mo., Sept. 8.—Time after time the delegates to the twenty-seventh annual State W. C. T. U. Convention went wild when some eloquent speaker announced that "Missouri would go dry in 1910," and on several occasions today the prophecy that prohibition would be won next year caused the delegates to rise and sing "Missouri's Going Dry," accompanied by wild waving of handkerchiefs and flags.

"Missouri is surely going dry in 1910. God pity the quitters," declared Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, president of the Georgia W. C. T. U. The sermon of Mrs. Armor, who is known as the "Georgia whirlwind," was declared by the president, Mrs. Carrie Lee Carter Stokes, of Kansas City, to be the most eloquent ever heard at a Missouri W. C. T. U. convention.

Mrs. Kirkham made an address on the progress of the lobby at Jefferson City last winter, and declared that the promise of the union to resort to the initiative and referendum in 1910, if they failed at Jefferson City, would be carried out. She scored the lawmakers for their refusal to submit the State-wide amendment, and her promise that the voters would have a chance to vote on the proposition next year is a keynote to the convention.

### Midnight Prowlers

Several ladies on Frisco Avenue were badly frightened Wednesday night about midnight by two men, who prowled around their premises. They tried to force an entrance to the residences of J. L. Hobbs and Nay Patterson, and also disturbed Mrs. Aul, who was alone.

The men were seen at these places, but it was too dark to identify them. That neighborhood has had a similar experience several times lately and the citizens are getting uneasy. Several ladies, whose husbands work at night, have to stay alone much of the time. It is one the bun element was forced to leave town before anything serious occurs.

### Water Disappeared

For years W. T. McCormick, who resides just east of town, has had a well that has stood the droughts and continuous pumpings without a sign of failure. Wednesday morning no water was forthcoming from the pump and an examination found that the water had disappeared.

Mr. McCormick is preparing to drill deeper in the hope of finding the stream at a lower depth.

### After Law Breakers

Judge Hilker, deputy game and fish warden for southwest Missouri, was in the city Wednesday. He is looking after violators of the game laws. On a recent trip down Spring river he captured three fish traps, a trammel net 70 feet long east of Bowers Mill and a 45 foot one west of the mill in Jasper county.

### A Practical Social Afternoon

Friends and old neighbors of Mrs. Clay Kring, who moved to the Kite property on Fifth street last Monday, took possession of her kitchen the Wednesday following and spent the afternoon in paring and canning peaches. With the assistance of their hostess ninety quarts of the finished product was prepared by the following ladies:—Mesdames Gus Medlin, Markham, Hutchison, Rose Andrews, O. R. Kniskern, Frank Schumart, James Andrews, Sam Clutter and N. V. Allebach.

Mrs. Kring will be reminded many times of the pleasant afternoon and the thoughtful kindness of her friends.

Mrs. F. M. Baity is in attendance at the W. C. T. U. state convention at Carthage.