

That \$314,000 taken from the state school fund is gone, but not forgotten.

Already we see an occasional bubble arising in the county political pot.

The Democrats can promise economy much easier than they perform it.

Our "grand prosperity" is on shaky underpinning as long as it rests on war orders.

The railroads haven't seen any prosperity yet, and they argue that until they get it the rest of us won't have any either.

The sinking of that Italian liner by an alleged Austrian U-boat can be just in time to divert public interest from the note to England.

It wouldn't be a bad idea for the people of Europe to rise up and everlastingly boot kaiserism, militarism and czarism into the discard.

The United States is accessory to the wholesale murder going on in Europe when it knowingly furnishes the weapons with which it is committed.

Our Democratic friend should not be so backward nowadays about remarking that the bad effects of the "robber tariff" is still keeping up the high cost of living.

Governor Major recommends that we all offer a prayer on Thanksgiving Day. Let us all pray for the recovery of that half million dollars taken from the school fund.

England will kick our dog around as long as he only howls in protest, but nevertheless our British friends must wonder what has become of the American spirit they had to contend with in 1776 and 1812.

Senator Stone says he doesn't want this country to be a "nation of mollycoddlers." Now that is not only unkind to his old and trusted friend, W. J. B., but it also encroaches upon the Colonel's linguistic preserves.

That Illinois couple who had a 11-year-old boy legally bound to work for them for four years under a stipulation that they were to pay him \$20 and give him a new Bible at the end of that time, are suffering from ossification of the liberality.

Those Democratic rallies in Missouri seem to have an unexpected effect on the faithful who attend them. We hear of one man present being seized with convulsions, and another who mysteriously disappeared and has not turned up since.

It is said that our congressmen will have to give up their "pork barrel" appropriations before we can have preparedness. The "pork barrel" will not be allowed to suffer for such foolish expenditures as making the country ready to protect itself against a foreign enemy.

Colonel Roosevelt in a recent magazine article, stated that Germany had the government at Washington scared stiff. The Colonel has got the matter sized up quite wrong. It isn't Germany that Washington is afraid of. Our next war will be with an European power, but it won't be Germany.

One of the latest scandalous developments in the Missouri penitentiary is the exposure of a system by which certain convicts and parties on the outside have been stealing goods manufactured in the penitentiary. There must be a decided looseness in the management of the institution when such stealing can be carried on successfully for a long period.

Prohibition has recently had a setback in some localities, but this has been due to a feeling that whatever control should be exercised over the liquor traffic

must be of local character. From the fact that such control is widespread and constantly gaining ground, it cannot be argued from the recent defeats of the question in its broader application through state wide restraint that there has been a change of public sentiment more favorable to the traffic. People who will vote against state or nation-wide prohibition will in many instances support local option for the reason that they are regulating the liquor traffic only as it applies to their own communities. As we are now about to deal with this question in our county, let it be determined as a local consideration, a ground on which the community is safe in dealing with it.

We haven't much faith that the protest of our government against British interference with neutral shipping and particularly that of the United States, will be productive of any departure from the plan England has adopted. England will be ruled by a policy of expediency, and while she is at war it is expedient for her to prevent Germany from getting supplies of any kind. In addition to that, it is expedient for England to prevent as far as she can any other nation from building upon her misfortunes by capturing her trade. After all has been said and done, we will find that while her reply may be equivocal, it will practically inform us that England will do as she pleases in this matter. This has been her policy for the past seven or eight months, and until now the United States has acquiesced in it by keeping quiet. In other words, while England broke the established laws of international trade, we have by our silence permitted her to make a new precedent which we are now powerless to controvert.

A County Road Day.

The citizens of Mississippi County fixed Nov. 10 as the county good roads day, and every inhabitant of the county was at work on the road from Wyatt to Charleston. Every inhabitant of the district, including many women was on the job, and including the grading and widening of the roads, there was more work done, according to reports than in the two days set apart for road work by the Governor last June.

This leads the St. Louis Times to offer a suggestion that, in addition to the two days set apart by the Governor for road work, which it is to be hoped will become a permanent fixture in future state administrations, the respective counties of the state set apart a special day as county day for road work. It frequently happens that the day set apart by the Governor finds the farmers and residents of certain counties so engaged that it is impossible for them to do their full share of work on those days. Those who can and are willing usually lend assistance on the days set apart by the Governor, but it must be borne in mind that the same dates and days do not suit the farmers of all counties. The county day for road work to be fixed by the County Road Commissioner, will be one that suits the farmers of the county, and as was instanced in Mississippi County, Wednesday, more work will be done in one day than in the two days set apart by the Governor, especially when the days so set apart cannot be conveniently set aside for that purpose by the farmer.

Missouri is far behind in the road work done in the last ten years, and a way must be found to awaken the interest of the people of the State. A county day set apart for the work will be a move in the right direction. After the farmers and landowners become interested in the roads and the proper enthusiasm has been awakened, it will be a much lighter task to obtain a bond issue for good roads in the respective counties and a general bond

issue for good roads throughout the State.

We must have more good roads for Missouri.

The county day will help.—St. Louis Times.

A Curious Mineral.

Perhaps the most curious mineral found in the United States is staurolite, or "fairy stone." This is an iron-aluminum silicate found only in Virginia and North Carolina, the reddish brown and brownish-black crystals occurring in well-defined single and double crosses. They are sold as curios and are worn as talismans and watch charms. A quaint legend is told of their origin. The fairies living in the caves of the mountains, on hearing of the death of Christ, fashioned these crosses as memories to Him.

The Picnic of the Plutes.

Whatever else this great war may or may not be, it is certainly "one great picnic" for a small bunch of American plutes. Whatever else may or may not result from the war, it is certain to give this country a new crop of millionaires, with a very large increase in the fortunes of some of those we already have. This will result in the further concentration of the common wealth in the hands of the few, and it will mostly be the common wealth of this country, for while the money that is flowing in from the other side will be a great sum, and a very large part of it will stick in the hands of a few men, never let anyone tell you that most of these millions will not be extracted from the American people. In fact, it is being extracted now by a fever of stock speculation. On the strength of a few war contracts, the stocks of certain companies have been boosted hundreds of millions. A few war orders hawked from one company to another, is sufficient to set the speculative thermometer bubbling. Some companies that are paying no dividends, like the Bethlehem Steel Co., have had the price of their stock increased ten times. The stocks of some companies have skyrocketed from three to six hundred per cent. Starting around 46, Bethlehem steel was but recently quoted at 460, which is "some rise," if an instance be wanted. As far as can be seen, there is small substance on which to base such wild speculation. All the profits on war orders that have so far come in will scarcely equal the speculative rise in the stocks of corporations doing business with the belligerents.

The truth of the situation is that the big gamblers and the insiders, have taken the advantage of the excitement caused by rumors of enormous war orders to take in the fool public, with the intent of well bumping it in the wooden head. It is possible, however, that even the greed of the manipulators did not plumb the credulity of the public. It is indeed possible that some of the insiders may have unloaded, and finding the credulity of the suckers apparently without limit, may have bought in again. What will finally happen when stocks reach what is believed to be the highest point, is that the insiders, who have manipulated this affair from the beginning, will unload. Then watch the slump. The suckers will be left to hold the bag, which is to say the stocks, which will be worth then one fifth, one tenth or one twentieth what they paid for them. Every discriminating person knows that this is what will happen, because the prices of dozens of stocks in which there is at this time speculation, are fictitious prices. The suckers have been warned and are certainly informed as to real conditions. But bless you, that will make no difference whatever. Over and over Wall Street works this same old game, without a variation, and the army of suckers never grow less.—The St. Louis Censor.

Notice of Local-Option Election

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Washington—ss.

In the county court held within and for the county of Washington, in the state of Missouri, on Nov. 1, 1915, being the first day of regular session, term, 1915, of said county court, the following among other proceedings were had:

Order.

In the matter of ordering a county local option election. Now at this, the first day of November, 1915, come James P. Ward, John M. Jamison, J. C. O'Neal and other citizens and voters of Washington County, Missouri, qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, and who reside in Washington County aforesaid, and outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town containing a population of twenty-five hundred inhabitants or more within said county, praying this, the County Court, within and for Washington County, Missouri, to order a special election to be voted at by the qualified voters of the county and state aforesaid, who are qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, and who reside outside the limits of any incorporated city or town in said county having a population of twenty-five hundred or more at the time of the filing, presentation and reception of said petition, to determine whether or not spirituous and intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, shall be sold within the limits of Washington County, Missouri, outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town within said county containing a population of twenty-five hundred inhabitants or more, as provided by Article 3, Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1913, commonly known as the local option law.

And the court, having seen and heard said petition and having fully considered the same, doth find that said petition is duly signed by more than ten per cent of the voters residing in Washington County aforesaid, who are qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, and who reside outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town within said county containing a population of twenty-five hundred or more inhabitants at the time of the filing, presentation and reception of said petition, and that within the limits of Washington County aforesaid there is no incorporated city or town containing a population of twenty-five hundred inhabitants or more, as shown by the last census taken of the several incorporated cities and towns in said Washington County.

It is therefore considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the County Court of Washington County aforesaid that a special election be held in and throughout Washington County, Missouri, on Friday, the tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, at the usual voting precincts for holding general elections for state and county officers, which said precincts are Richwoods, Algire, Cleero, Old Mines, The Hill, North, Norman, Store, Thurley, Levy, Cruise, Fertile, Palmer, Turner's Store, Sunlight, Belgrade, Caledonia, Sherlock, Irondale, Hopewell, Mineral Point and Potosi, to determine whether or not spirituous and intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, shall be sold, furnished or given away within the limits of Washington County, Missouri.

And it is further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the County Court that said special election shall be held within forty days of the date of filing, presentation and reception of said petition, and on the tenth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, as aforesaid, and that said special election shall be conducted, the returns thereon made and the result ascertained, and determined in accordance with all respects with the laws of the state of Missouri governing general elections for state and county officers; and the results thereof shall be entered upon the records of the County Court of Washington County, Missouri, and the expenses of said special election shall be paid out of the county treasury of said Washington County, as in the laws of the state of Missouri.

It is further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the County Court that all persons voting at said special election who are against the sale of intoxicating liquors shall have written or printed on their ballots, "AGAINST THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS," and all those who are in favor of the sale of such intoxicating liquors shall have written or printed on their ballots: "FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS."

And the court deeming it expedient, it is further ordered and decreed by the court that the tickets to be used and voted at said special election shall have printed on the above and foregoing sentences written or printed on said tickets with the further instructions printed on each of said ballots or tickets: "Erase the Clause you do not want," so that each of said ballots or tickets shall be written as follows: AGAINST THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS. FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS. Erase the clause you do not want.

the last insertion of said notice to be within ten days next before the date of said election, to-wit: within ten days before the tenth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen. And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk of this court make a certified copy of this order for publication as aforesaid in the Potosi Journal, and cause the same to be so published therein, and that said certified copy when duly prepared and so published in accordance with this order shall be deemed and taken as the notice of said special election, and said order and notice shall be signed by the Presiding Judge of the County Court of Washington County, Missouri, and shall have the seal of said court affixed to said notice.

G. W. SEABOURNE, Presiding Judge of the County Court of Washington County, Missouri.

(Seal) Attest: GEORGE NOONAN, Clerk of the County Court of Washington County, Missouri.

I, George Noonan, Clerk of the County Court held within and for the County of Washington, in the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, complete and correct copy of the order, judgment and decree of said County Court in the above entitled cause as fully as the same appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 1st day of November, 1915.

GEORGE NOONAN, Clerk of the County Court of Washington County, Missouri.

County Court Proceedings.

Ordered that State Auditor draw his warrant on N. P. Robinson, Co. Treasurer for amount of Foreign Insurance tax.

Chas. Martin, overseer road district No. 8, makes settlement approved.

L. W. Merritt, overseer road district No. 12, makes settlement, approved.

Ordered that State Auditor draw his warrant in favor of Co. Treasurer for salary due Supt. of Schools \$100.

Ordered that satisfaction of record be made on School Fund Mortgage of John Hudson, R. H. Marshall, N. T. Griffith, Judson Farmer and Jas. H. Lattimer.

Node W. Eyer and Wm. Eyer entered to give new school fund bonds.

Petition of C. H. Gray, et al., for new road, county surveyor ordered a survey proposed road and report same at next regular term.

Petition of Harry Walton, et al., for special election to vote on Special Road District, to be known as "School Point Special Road District," election ordered held Friday, November 26, 1915. Geo. W. Rash, P. N. Evers and Arthur Kelley appointed judges.

DEBT JURORS DRAWN FOR MARE TALK OF CIRCUIT COURT.

- As follows:
Cullen twp., Geo. Bourisay, Matthew Coleman, Kingston twp., Chas. Martin, John Flynn, Richwoods twp., J. P. Baugherty, G. W. Lewis, Johnson twp., D. E. Jarvis, J. H. Strawser, Liberty twp., J. W. Collins, Fred Penrose, Walton twp., G. W. Phares, Walter Smith, Coffman, Belgrade twp., W. A. Goforth, John Goforth, Bellevue twp., Arthur Ruffer, Jos. Greenleaf, Concord twp., Chas. Fatchett, G. E. Beals, Breton twp., Samuel Massey, Lovel Bryant, Res Allen and Jno. Hochstetler.

N. E. Robinson County Treasurer ordered to transfer \$77.37 from Road Overseer Fund to Special Road and Bridge Fund.

School fund bond of Miner A. Spangus for loan of \$200, approved.

School fund bond of O. A. Downard for loan of \$200, approved.

Movias Replace Throne. The spirits of China's dead emperors must shiver as they pass over the Forbidden City between the hours of eight and midnight in the evening. An extensive section of the "city" has been opened as a public park in the center of which stands an imperial pavilion which has been given over to a modern moving picture show. Any people who will pay the price of admission, a few cents, may sit beneath the eaves of the pavilion which in recent years contained a throne. The decorations of the great, heavy-roofed buildings are continued in the style of the late dynasty, dragons forming a conspicuous part.

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