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A St. Louis man has been operated on 135 times by the doctors, and there is still enough of him left to wiggle.

It is reported that the cost of living is more likely to be higher in the future than it is at present. What have our Democratic friends to say on that point now?

Up at Jeff City they are hitting the saw-dust trail in solid ranks. We hope this awakening of the spiritual conscience up there will have the effect of restoring that $514,000 to the school fund.

A woman in St. Louis has become paralyzed through the use of hair dye. This is strange; but we have often heard of men becoming affected that way through the use of "eye water."

The school teachers of East St. Louis are permitted to add the words "hell" and "damnable" to their school vocabulary. Any one who lives in East St. Louis must have frequent occasion for those words.

France has used up all the men in the war and is now calling out the boys. Maybe if the strife lasts a year or two longer all Europe will be populated by women only. Sort of an Adamless eden, so to speak.

The general impression has prevailed lately that Germany had abandoned her submarine warfare, yet here comes the report that during the month of November 56 British ships were destroyed by the German under-sea boats.

We note in the papers that General Prosperity is with us now, grander than ever. When we look over the cash receipts of our business we are forced to the conclusion that the papers are lying, or that the General is passing us up.

Four Germans have been convicted in the federal district court of New York on the charge of having furnished supplies to German warships early in the war, but so far the government has taken no action in prosecuting the gentry who supplied English warships at the Panama Canal ports. All it did was to tell General Goethals to shut up, when he made an official protest against the practice.

That Ford peace expedition must appear as a monumental exhibition of American gall to Europe. While Mr. Ford is unquestionably sincere in his purpose, his efforts to terminate the war by invading Europe and demanding the warring nations to cease their strife will be looked upon there as petty and uninvited interference with matters that do not concern him at all. We do not believe he will be taken seriously by any of the belligerents when he lands in Europe.

We endorse the plan of Mr. Wilson to promote the safety of the United States only as it applies to giving us an adequate navy. We do not believe the situation demands a large standing army. A large standing army would eventually prove a greater menace to our domestic peace than any danger that may present itself from abroad. It would be a handy institution for our growing and arrogant plutocracy, which already influences national affairs to a dangerous extent, to swing against the liberty of the American people. Let Congress give the people the weapons of defense, since it appears that they are calling for them, but those weapons must be left in the hands of the people. No large standing army, say we.

While it is true that most of the Bullmoozers have returned to the Republican party, it would be well for the Republicans not to loose sight of the fact that Colonel Roosevelt is still a powerful political factor. The majority of the Republicans did not leave their party in 1912 without good reasons, and they may regard those reasons as pretty nearly all as good now as they were then. Therefore, it would appear as an extreme piece of folly for the Republican leaders to shape the policies of the party in such a way as to invite the Colonel to lead another bolt in 1916. They should endeavor to strike the happy medium between progressiveism and standpatism, unless they want to see another four years of Democratic rule.

President Wilson has demanded the recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. Von Papen, respectively naval and military attaches of the German embassy. They are suspected—suspected only, mind you—of being too free in this country with their activities in behalf of Germany. On the other hand, the English embassy at Washington, from Sir Spring-Rice on down, is not suspected of general activity in behalf of the British, it is openly so, with the full consent and approval, apparently, of the administration. There is no "congenial atmosphere" for the Germans in Washington, where our government is so conscientiously "neutral." We wonder if President Wilson still thinks he is putting his "neutral" farce over with the people?

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo makes an argument in favor of the government ship purchase bill that such ships could always be utilized for transports in the conveyance of troops in time of war. Of course that is true enough, but what we don't see very clearly in this proposition is where the transports would convey the troops. Only in a war of invasion against a foreign country could we possibly have any demand for military transports, and in all this talk about providing military preparedness for this country, it is maintained that such preparedness would only be to repel a foe from our own shores. Clearly, if it is our sole purpose to provide for the protection of our country in making military preparation we will not need ships for carrying soldiers. Mr. McAdoo's argument in favor of a transport service can only be based upon the hypothesis that we would need the service to carry on a war of invasion against a foreign country; otherwise it would be a false economy to spend millions in the acquirement of a large fleet of ships suitable as transports.

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Some three or four murder trials have just been held in the St. Francois County circuit court at Farmington, in which the common story of tragedy, sorrow and retribution resulting from the sale of liquor was reiterated, for, in each case, liquor in one way or another, was the initial cause of the crime. Also, each of these trials has entailed upon the taxpayers of the county a heavy expense bill. St. Francois County has adopted local option as a means of protecting herself from these "whiskey murders," and the liquor men, driven out of that county, are seeking to carry on their traffic by resorting to the ruse of coming across the line into Washington County and operating "barrel-houses" on the border under federal and state license. The people of community will not allow them to operate under a county saloon license. Shall this be?

If liquor sold in St. Francois County has been so productive of the crime of murder, is it not fair to assume that liquor sold in Washington County will bring the same results? As a crime-breeder and general nuisance the "barrel-house" rises superior to the saloon, it is said. Increased criminality in our county, resulting from these undesirable establishments, would mean a heavier burden upon the taxpayers in criminal costs. Shall we assume this burden?

The cost in money, however, should be the least consideration in dealing with this problem; we owe it to ourselves and our children as a moral obligation to keep the community free from such blighting influences. No self-respecting citizen could relish the odium that must attach to the community from the existence of "barrel houses." Do you want this odium?

On Friday, December 10th, the voters of this county are to have the opportunity to adopt local option—to vote against the "barrel house." Don't lose sight of the main points of the question—the purity of the community, the obligation we owe to St. Francois County in battling with this evil, and the threatened burden of a succession of murder trials.

"Against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors"

~~"For the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors"~~

(Erase the clause you do not want)

Drill Struck Wood at 1,900 feet.

One of the first deep wells drilled in the West was put down near Huxley, Nev., by the Central Pacific Railway in 1881 in a search for good water. The boring reached a depth of 2,750 feet but the water was of very unsatisfactory quality. At 1,700 feet the drill encountered a bed of "petrified clams" and the record states that at 1,900 feet well preserved "redwood timber" was found.—Overland Guidebook, U. S. Geological Survey.

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 November 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. Jackson, 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, and make application by petition, praying this, the County Court held 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 aforesaid, 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 62 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1909, 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 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, as shown by the poll books of the last previous general election in said county, and the court doth further find that at the time of the filing, presentation and reception of said petition and the making of this order, that within the limits of Washington County aforesaid there is no incorporated city or town which contains 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, Akire, Cicero, Old Mines, Tiff, Cadet, Latty, Norwines Store, Shirley, 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 thereof made and the results thereof ascertained and determined in accordance in 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 case of elections for county officers.

It is further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the County Court that those only who are legally qualified to vote for members of the state legislature shall be entitled to vote in and at said special election, and the voters having the qualifications aforesaid and who reside in Washington County aforesaid may vote at their respective and usual voting precincts within said Washington County.

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 both 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.

It is further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the County Court that notice of said special election be given by publication in Potosi Journal, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Washington County, Missouri, for four consecutive weeks, 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, attested by the clerk of said court, 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.

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

Challenging England—A Year Too Late.

The conditions under which our trade was arbitrarily controlled by British Orders in Council were much more harmful and objectionable to us at the beginning of the present year than they are now. Yet we have now sent an elaborate document of protest to England, containing charges and accusations which, under ordinary conditions, would lead to serious trouble. If we had sent this document to England last winter, and had stood firmly for what we held to be our rights, there would have been no Lusitania disaster. We were in a perfect position to secure respect for the minimum program of neutral rights that ought to have been agreed upon by a conference of neutral nations under our lead. Since our note of last month to England sets forth what the real opinion of the administration is (and has always been) regarding interference with our commerce, we are forced to wonder upon what conceivable ground this belated complaint has been held in reserve for nearly a year.—Review of Reviews.

When Labor is Spontaneous.

The expedient of profit-sharing with employees has now engaged the farm granges, and was lately threshed over in Massachusetts, as a possible solution of the difficulty of getting good "hands" on the farms. How to make men truly interested in their work seems to be a vital question of this hour. Observers have seen that while the working man drops his shovelful back into the pit at sound of the noon bell, the boys digging in the sand pile near have to be called to dinner again and again. It is in view of this phenomenon that the employers of labor and the teachers of youth alike have been trying to bring something of the play instinct, as it is named, to the daily tasks, but not always with success. Perhaps the failure is due to incorrect diagnosis. The boy is really working hard when he plays. He shapes his caves and tunnels with a care not often seen in a paid laborer at the same task. It is work that he is doing, and to his lively fancy it is crucially important that he shall finish so much before he answers even the summons of hunger. His task is the important thing.

Is not the essential difference between the boy at play and the man at work, then, something besides the supposed difference between work and play? The different condition under which the man works is rather that he is usually made to feel that he is under orders, is as nearly as possible a mere machine. The boy is working out his own fantasy; he is master of himself and of his occupation.

Some one writing lately on the social conscience cites John Stuart Mill, who said in 1857 that it was questionable if all the mechanical inventions "had lightened the days toil for any human being;" and it is evident that in our time the thing may still be questioned, because the industrial worker has been made a part of his machine. Employers who understand something of the difference between man power and steam power are learning that to get really good work out of the toiler he should be given responsibility, and be required to prove himself a man.—Christian Science Monitor.

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