

Uniformity in State Laws.

The movement for uniformity in state laws, a reform the need of which all citizens who have given the subject the slightest consideration should be making...

This movement is hardly more than begun and the fact that eight states have already interested themselves in it by the appointment of commissioners gives favorable promise of its success.

Give Them The Go-By.

The old orders of taxators and barkeepers are about making another descent upon the capital. They are quartered in the principal hotels, looking for soft births and sinecures that will pay them \$300 to \$400 a day.

The fact is there will be nothing for the committees to do during the first three or four weeks of the session, and there is no more use for the kind of committee clerk than there is for a tooth wheel to a wagon.

The legislature is in session, and the members are expressing their private views about candidates and bills and report to their corrupt employers.

Good Roads and Lawless Courts.

The attention which the subject of good roads is getting all over this country is well deserved, and especially in our state of Missouri, it is well deserved.

What would not good highways do for Taney county and other "Bald Knobber" regions? It would let the sunlight of civilization and law into them and stop the stealth of unkindred lawlessness which has made not only the counties immediately affected, but the whole state of Missouri, a byword in the mouth of the country.

Grain in position.

It is expected that during the next session of congress the plan instituted by the Farmers' Alliance to secure the grain favorable to federal inspection of the law will be vigorously pushed forward.

N. M. P. A.

The Northwest Missouri Press association held its annual meeting at St. Joseph, last Friday and Saturday and discussed the business of interest to the fraternity.

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Important Meetings.

The Missouri State Dairyman's Association will hold its third annual meeting at St. Joseph, Mo., on Monday, Dec. 23, 1902.

The new county court convened on Monday, with Presiding Judge Holton presiding. The court is composed of Judge Holton, Judge and Justice of the Peace, and the clerk.

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Merit Wins.

While in St. Joseph last week attending the annual meeting of the Northwest Missouri Press association he had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gilbert W. Harris, the regular general agent of the Burlington system.

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or less drinking, and after the shooting was over the crowd became quite unruly, and considerable scuffling ensued, which resulted in a dead earnest struggle, when the defendant stabbed David Bush, who in about a week died from the effects of the wound.

A special venire of forty men was placed in the hands of the sheriff, to be ready to attend on Wednesday, and while the venire was promptly returned the case upon our going to press had not been called.

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A Strategic Movement.

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A Letter From Higginsville, Ark.

Suppose that one of your messengers comes to get the money and to run the Higginsville. But suppose that you have a correspondent department for your valuable paper at this point. Higginsville is a nice little town. It is a county seat and you see there is a good deal of business done there during a year.

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Mount City.

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