

Rotten Popocracy.

Missouri's regular Democracy is dominated by a gang of cranks. The state was captured by this gang under pretense of sympathy with silver.

The New Year.

Another year has been gathered into the garner of the past; another milestone on the pathway of life has sped swiftly by the record of a twelve month of joy and sorrow, of hope and disappointment, of life and death, has been made up.

What the next twelve months may have in store for us, of course, can not tell; the volume of 1928 is sealed book and its pages have to be read only as they are turned by the hand of time.

Our subscribers; may they all prosper in advance and live long and happy. Our Advertisers—may they double their space and treble their sales.

Our correspondents; may they write more frequently, keep healthy and grow fat and their labors light.

Our farmers; may crops be large and prices high.

Our city fathers; may you bear your troubles with Christian fortitude and receive your reward in the next world.

Our young men; may the summer be cool, and your ice cream bills low.

Patrons and friends: One and all A Happy Prosperous New Year.

President N. F. Murray.

The Southwest, the leading horticultural journal of our state, pays the following tribute to our fellow townsman, who but recently was chosen president of the State Horticultural society:

Mr. Murray is resident of Oregon, Holt county. He was born March 17th, 1852, in Ohio county, West Virginia. He began the study and pursuit of horticulture in early life. His father being a practical nurseryman and experimental fruit grower, gave him not only a chance of learning all that was possible from the best workers of that day on horticulture, but also a practical training.

Mr. Murray represented his county in the 37th and 38th General Assemblies. As chairman of the committee on agriculture he had charge of the oleo bill and fought its battles to a successful finish.

He introduced a bill to separate the Agricultural College from the State University and carried it to victory in the house, in face of a hard fought battle. The bill, however, after a fearful fight, was killed in the senate.

Our horticulture has resulted in victory to Mr. Murray and his constituents, as the Agricultural College has since been put on a new and practical basis and put in charge of thorough, practical men. A school of horticulture has also been established and good results are now seen.

Mr. Murray has made a number of tours of the state as an institute worker, representing the horticultural interests and working faithfully to build up the fruit interests of the state. He is an earnest, sincere, practical man, a warm friend to the cause of education, and is ever ready on all occasions to say good things for Missouri and Missouri products.

He has had numerous calls to take the lecture table in other states, but has in almost every instance declined, as the demand upon him for home work has taken all his spare time.

Mr. Murray and his sons have numerous orchards in Holt county. He is also the senior member of the nursery firm of N. F. Murray & Co. Mr. Murray is a horticulturist of high standing, but quite young and active for a man of his years.

President Murray will continue to write for The Southwest, and we assure him that in the homes of this Ozark fruit belt his advice will be eagerly adopted and his reward will be happier homes.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Frazier & McDonald Bank at Forest City, Mo., will be held at the office of the bank on Monday, January 10th, 1928, for the purpose of electing directors for ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

FAREWELL TO CHRISTMAS.

Happy Home Festivals and Highly Entertaining Church Exercises.

Delightful weather, happy family reunions and numerous church entertainments were the predominating features of the Christmas of 1927 in our beautiful little city.

On the eve before Christmas, where entertainments and trees had been arranged, churches were crowded from pulpits to entrances and every program was rendered in a most successful manner.

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It is peculiarly the place for a city of homes, and there was never a better time to secure a home here than right now. It is the time for the poor man to buy a home and it is the time for those who are better off in this world's goods to change for the better.

In addition to our already score or more of handsome residences, it has remained to seem to our fellow townsman, C.D. Zook, to have erected by his hands, the most and most complete family residence in our city. It is complete in every detail and has been built with an eye single to comfort and convenience.

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The Weather.

Corrected weekly by William Kaucher, Justice of the Peace, Oregon, Mo. PRECIPITATION.

MAXIMUM MINIMUM Fall. Snow. Dec. 20 25 14 0.02 0.20 21 25 7 22 25 7 23 24 8 24 40 14 25 38 20 26 37 16 27 29 0.01 0.10

Rain fell thus far for December is 2.71 inches, which is a little more than one inch more than the normal for 43 years. The average depth of snow on the ground is about three or four inches. It covers the wheat, but does not furnish much water for stock and other purposes.

Following is the circuit court docket for the January term, 1928: TRINIDAD DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1928. In the matter of Big Tarkio Ditch, No. 1, J. H. Miller, et al., petitioners, vs. Milton C. Brumbaugh, Collector for Holt County, vs. The Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad Company. Tax suit. Arthur T. Cotton vs. Harvey E. Burnett. Appeal from J. P.

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On Wednesday evening of this week, December 28th, 1927, a very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Ed Purman, Noctuid township. Elder Darce united in marriage Mr. Daniel Kurtz and Miss Lila M. Merrill. All the immediate relatives were present, and these together with their legion of young friends wish them a long and joyous life. They received a number of presents, among which was noticed: Clock, Mrs. Isaac Kurtz; bed spread, Fred Seeman and wife; pair pillow cases, Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz; picture dish, Elliot Kurtz; tea set, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Furman; preserve dish, Zella Gelvin; knives and forks, Isaac and Lydia Kurtz; dessert dishes, Minnie Seeman; Carrie Karpus, goblets and towels; fruit dish, Corlis Kurtz; pitcher, Barbara Rudall; glass, Fred Kurtz; bed spread, Leola Husebeck; knives and forks, Albert Kurtz.

A new disease has developed among cattle down here. It seems to affect the throat—cattle refuse to eat and seem to starve to death. John Taylor has lost a fresh cow and two calves recently, and the disease has appeared in the herd of John Stephenson.

The Christmas Eve entertainment was a success in every particular. The children, performing beautifully. Our Miss Gela Worley will soon rank with any of the star declaimers among the young ladies. A large concourse of people greeted the performance, and although a large number had to stand during the entire performance, the very best of order prevailed. The tree was beautiful, and loaded with presents for the children, and you will be surprised to see the numbers grow and how good they are just before Christmas.

A Mr. J. H. Lush, of Mills county, Iowa, while traveling along the R. R. just below Forbes, met with a serious accident. He was descending one of the steep hills which terminate at a very high bridge, spanning a deep gully, which was so icy his horses could not control the wagon behind them, and horses, wagon, family and all plunged over the embankment to the right of the bridge, landing all in the bottom of the gully. The mother and six children went over, and strange to say none were seriously hurt, except the mother, who is very much bruised and seriously injured in right lower limb. They were taken to St. Joseph, Missouri, but have been compelled to rent a house and await recovery of the injured mother. There was no railing to prevent the team from going over the embankment after missing the bridge. Road overseers should make a note and erect safe guards at exposed places.

Notice to Contractors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Street Commissioner of the City of Oregon, an officer appointed in lieu of a City Engineer, will, on Monday, January 2, 1928, at two o'clock p. m., at the north front door of the court house in said City of Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, receive bids, at public auction, for the material, doing the work and grading for the following sidewalks: On the east side of a street of ground 64 feet by 132 feet in block 28 of City of Oregon, Mo., on the south side of the west end of block 28, bounded by Mrs. George Trutt and lot of George Trutt, deceased, fronting 64 feet on Monroe street.

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A new disease has developed among cattle down here. It seems to affect the throat—cattle refuse to eat and seem to starve to death. John Taylor has lost a fresh cow and two calves recently, and the disease has appeared in the herd of John Stephenson.

The Christmas Eve entertainment was a success in every particular. The children, performing beautifully. Our Miss Gela Worley will soon rank with any of the star declaimers among the young ladies. A large concourse of people greeted the performance, and although a large number had to stand during the entire performance, the very best of order prevailed. The tree was beautiful, and loaded with presents for the children, and you will be surprised to see the numbers grow and how good they are just before Christmas.

A Mr. J. H. Lush, of Mills county, Iowa, while traveling along the R. R. just below Forbes, met with a serious accident. He was descending one of the steep hills which terminate at a very high bridge, spanning a deep gully, which was so icy his horses could not control the wagon behind them, and horses, wagon, family and all plunged over the embankment to the right of the bridge, landing all in the bottom of the gully. The mother and six children went over, and strange to say none were seriously hurt, except the mother, who is very much bruised and seriously injured in right lower limb. They were taken to St. Joseph, Missouri, but have been compelled to rent a house and await recovery of the injured mother. There was no railing to prevent the team from going over the embankment after missing the bridge. Road overseers should make a note and erect safe guards at exposed places.

Notice to Contractors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Street Commissioner of the City of Oregon, an officer appointed in lieu of a City Engineer, will, on Monday, January 2, 1928, at two o'clock p. m., at the north front door of the court house in said City of Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, receive bids, at public auction, for the material, doing the work and grading for the following sidewalks: On the east side of a street of ground 64 feet by 132 feet in block 28 of City of Oregon, Mo., on the south side of the west end of block 28, bounded by Mrs. George Trutt and lot of George Trutt, deceased, fronting 64 feet on Monroe street.

On the east side of a street of ground 165 feet by 132 feet in block 28 of the City of Oregon, Mo., on the south side of the west end of block 28, bounded by Mrs. George Trutt and lot of George Trutt, deceased, fronting 165 feet on Monroe street.

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