

How Blair Rained Money.

James L. Blair, of St. Louis, son of General Frank P. Blair, of civil war fame, who has enjoyed the reputation of being one of St. Louis's most prominent lawyers and upright citizens, and until two weeks ago was the counsel of the World's Fair company with a salary of \$18,000 per annum, is now in great trouble and is accused of forgeries and embezzlements aggregating \$403,000.

James T. Roberts, his accuser, is authority for the statement that Mr. Blair by means of forged deeds of trust, secured large loans from Dick Bros. & Co., the Philadelphia bankers to whom he was related, and whose agent he was in St. Louis. He alleges that Blair secured from them loans in the name of fictitious persons and that in order to protect himself and make his deception complete he surrounded them with the most subtle and cleverly devised scheme of forgeries. He says that in this manner Blair succeeded in securing loans in the sum of \$340,000 from Dick Bros., which they believed were made on bona fide deeds of trust on property there. Roberts said that Blair had confessed that he had taken the money.

Roberts says the deeds of trust given by Blair to Dick Bros., which Roberts says afterward proved to be forgeries, were partly listed by the latter during the time he was investigating the matter. The property described in the deeds was actually existing St. Louis property, but in such instance, it is alleged, the loan was made in the name of a fictitious person. So far as possible the names of the real owners of the property have been secured. In some cases this was impossible, because even Mr. Blair's records were found wanting. The names of the fictitious persons borrowing the money and the names of the real owners, and in some instances the names of the clients who bought the loan from the Dicks, are given by his accuser.

Uncle Sam's Great Secret.

If there is any secret which Uncle Sam jealously guards, it is the process of manufacturing the fibre paper upon which his money notes are printed. He pays a Massachusetts firm 43 cents a pound for it, and this firm does its work under the surveillance of a government agent.

The paper is manufactured from the finest rags, cleaned, boiled and mashed into pulp. As it is rolled into thin sheets silk thread are introduced into it by a secret process. These are the distinguishing marks, making imitation of the paper well-nigh impossible. The sheets of paper, already counted twice and placed in uniform packages at the paper mill, are stored in a treasury vault and issued to the bureau of engraving and printing as wanted.

Before leaving the treasury they are counted three times more and the receiving official at the bureau must receipt for them. The bundles are unwrapped and the sheets are counted 28 times by a corps of women. This is to insure that each printer gets the recorded number—no more, no less.

Each sheet is issued from the vault for the purpose of printing a definite amount of money upon it. If the lost sheet were intended to ultimately represent \$4,000 worth of notes the group of employes to whom the responsibility of his misplacement has been traced must make good that amount if they cannot locate it within a reasonable time. The most expensive loss which has thus occurred was of a blank sheet issued for the printing of \$80 upon its face.

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Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned administrator of the estate of John Rhodes, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Holt County, to be held in Oregon, in said county, on the 9th day of November, 1903.
CHARLES RHODES, Administrator.
This 5th day of October, 1903.

A Paper Hygrometer.

For a simple paper hygrometer, it is recommended that white blotting paper be saturated with a solution of one ounce of cobalt chloride, one-half of an ounce of sodium chloride, 75 grains of calcium chloride and one-fourth of an ounce of acacia in three ounces of water. The following changes of color give rough indications of the atmosphere's moisture: Rose red, rain; pale red, very moist; bluish red, moist; lavender blue, nearly dry; blue, dry.

Wanted Automobile Wedding.

The craze for doing things in automobiles broke out in a new channel when a young man and woman drew up to the curb in front of a church rectory and asked the minister if he would marry them while they remained in the automobile. The minister promptly told them that he would not, and that if they wanted to be married they would be obliged to come into the rectory. This appeared to surprise the couple, but they went in.

Sad Flight of a Small Boy.

A small boy was watching workmen lay a composition roof in Columbia, Mo., a few days ago when his hat blew off. In trying to recover it he stepped on the composition and his feet stuck. In struggling to release his feet he lost his balance and got his hands stuck in the composition. He was held a prisoner on all fours until the workmen got turpentine and dissolved the tar and pulled him loose.

Earl of Buckinghamshire.

The earl of Buckinghamshire, who succeeded his grandfather eighteen years ago, is among the very few peers who do not own an acre outside the county from which they derive their title. The appearance of his Buckinghamshire seat, Hampden House, has changed but little since the day when John Hampden, his ancestor on the female side, occupied it three centuries ago.

A Japanese Custom.

At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is sometimes planted, which must remain untouched until the marriage day of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down and a skilled cabinet-maker transforms the wood into furniture, which is considered by the young people as the most beautiful of all the ornaments of the house.

How the Cure Was Accomplished.

Doctor Bluster—What! The boy is well already? Well, well! A marvelous cure, indeed! What do you think of my medicine now, Dame Tackleigh?
Dame Tackleigh—Wonderful, doctor, simply wonderful! I told the boy yesterday, that if that medicine didn't cure him, you were going to fetch a different kind to-day.—Puck.

The Tea Caddies.

"Catty" is a weight which is still to be found in use in the treaty ports of China. When the Chinese first sold tea to Europeans they enclosed it in little lacquer cases, which each weighed a "catty." These in due time were called tea-caddies, and at last became known as tea-caddies.

Will Change River's Course.

The changing of a river's channel is the greatest project now being considered by Italian engineers. The Sale flows into the Mediterranean near Salerno, but it is to be tapped in the hills, and the water taken across to the Adriatic watershed to irrigate the provinces of Puglia.

Heat of Guns in Action.

The heat developed by the firing of heavy guns is remarkable. During some recent tests a gun that had been fired 75 times melted solder placed upon the chase, while another was hot enough to soften lead.

Birds and Floods.

Many birds have an instinctive pre-sence of floods, and will change the positions of their nests or make other provisions for safety just before a heavy rainfall results in a flood which sweeps away their former homes.

The Independent Woman.

The Berlin Tageblatt comments on the fact that more and more German women are following the fashion set by American and English women, of traveling in vacation time without male escorts.

Literary Criticism.

"I do not like your English," said the convicted burglar to the judge who had assessed against him ten years in the penitentiary, "and I particularly object to that last sentence!"—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Justice Thinks Twice.

A writer who probably doesn't have to stay awake nights to count his money says that justice always thinks twice before indicting a millionaire.—Chicago Daily News.

Lord Lister Honored.

The Jenner Institute of Preventive Medicine, in London, of which Lord Lister is president, recently changed its name, in his absence, to Lister Institute.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Circumstances occasionally force a man to admit that other people's troubles are almost as great as his own.—Chicago Daily News.

Birds in Britain.

Over 360 different kinds of birds have been seen in Britain, but only 140 of these are residents all the year round.

The Sun and the Woman.

"I am glad," quoth the sun, sagely, "that I don't have to fit a coat of tan to her figure."—Puck.

Not Much to Boast Of.

Some men's only boast is that they have no education.—Washington (D. C.) Democrat.

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STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. County of Holt.
In the circuit court, January term, 1904.
John Kurtz, Plaintiff.
Lizzie Kurtz, Defendant.
At this 2nd day of October, 1903, comes the plaintiff herein by Henry T. Alkire, his attorney before the undersigned clerk of this court, in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that Defendant, Lizzie Kurtz, is not a resident of the state of Missouri.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk, that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against her in this court, the object and general nature of which is that plaintiff seeks to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted with the said defendant, on the grounds of abandonment and adultery; and that unless the said Lizzie Kurtz be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Oregon, in said county, on the 4th day of January next, and on the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Holt County Sentinel, a weekly newspaper published in Oregon, Holt county, Missouri, for four successive weeks, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of the next term of said court.

GEO. W. HOGREFFE, Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
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Tremendous Rainfall.
According to a correspondent of the Standard, the annual rainfall on the Khasia hills, to the northeast of Calcutta, amounts to some 600 inches, 500 inches of which fall in seven months during the southwest monsoon. It is undoubtedly the wettest spot on the globe. As many as 150 inches have been registered in five consecutive days, or an average of 30 inches a day. This astonishing amount is due to the abruptness of the mountains which face the Bay of Bengal, from which they are separated by 200 miles of low swamps and marshes.

Plague Breeders.
Rats have heretofore been held chiefly responsible for the spread of the plague, but recent experiments made in Hong-Kong show that monkeys, pigs, calves, sheep, hens, geese, ducks, turkeys and pigeons also contracted plague by feeding on plague-infected material. In the light of these experiments the views that plague is mainly acquired by man by inoculation will probably have to be modified.

Unique Wedding Gift.
A few months ago a French bride received from a friend a silver sugar bowl with a map of the world engraved on it, and on this map the route that the newly married couple were about to take in the course of a very elaborate honeymoon tour was marked. The names of the towns at which the happy couple would make a more or less prolonged stay were lettered in enamel.

Electric Car Tracks.
In 1890, in this country, there were only 1,262 miles of track used for electric cars, while now out of 32,577 miles of track not one per cent. is used for horse cars. Cables as well as horses have given place to electric wires. The increase of track since 1890 has been 178 per cent. There are 987 electric street railway companies and 69 interurban systems.

In Installments.
A thief, near Rosie, made up a rig from several farmers. He secured a horse from one pasture, a harness from the barn of another farmer and a carriage from still a third. After driving a short distance the thief left the whole outfit in a desolate part of the road.—Franklin County (N. Y.) Forum.

A Feeling of Security.
"I'm surprised to hear your wife likes the house so much; it's so small."
"Yes, but there are lots of closets in it."
"True, but they're extremely small, too."
"That's just it. My wife is satisfied that not one of them is big enough to hold a burglar."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Done by Contract.
Very few of the big buildings in lower New York maintain janitor corps of their own. There is a sort of house-cleaning trust there, called the Metropolitan Cleaning company, which takes yearly contracts for window washing, hall and office sweeping, dusting, brass polishing and all other needful service.

Destin for School Children.
Since last October the children in the public schools of Strasburg have had a chance to have their teeth taken care of free, the city paying the dentists. Among 10,661 children, only 165, or a trifle more than one per cent. were found to have sound teeth.

Mint for Abyssinia.
King Menelik has bought a mint to be set up at Addis Ababa. The machines will have a caravan journey of more than a month. It is said that 110,230 pounds of silver bullion have been gathered into the Abyssinian treasury.

Wrecked on Unfriendly Coast.
A Hamburg journal prints particulars of the recent looting of three steamers (English, French and German) which were stranded on the coast of Liberia. The natives also maltreated the passengers and the crews.

Took to Eating Stones.
In the body of a horse that died suddenly at Newport (York) the veterinary surgeon who made a post-mortem examination found three large stones, one of them nearly as large as a cricket bat.

Cotton in Rhodesia.
It has been found, through extended experiments, that Rhodesia can produce first-class cotton, which will command the highest price in Liverpool.

A Growing Trade.
We bought from Germany in the last fiscal year \$119,700,000 worth of merchandise, an increase of \$18,000,000 over the previous year.

Antitoxin Given Away.
Free diphtheria antitoxin and vaccine virus is to be furnished the people of Massachusetts by the state board of health.

German Trade Expanding.
British merchants in all the world's ports are showing distress because of the rapid increase of Germany's foreign commerce.

French Cheese.
The French varieties of cheese which are best known and chiefly exported are Gervais, Camembert and Roquefort.

Like the American Make.
American sewing machines find large sale in British India, all other parts of Asia and in the islands of the Pacific.

Inebriating.
The cup that cheers is a noisy piece of crockery.—Chicago Daily News.

Iowa Has Twenty-Three.
There are 23 Carnegie libraries in Iowa.