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### Probing Near Home.

Abram Davis, of St. Joseph, brought suit in the Buchanan county circuit court against Dr. C. R. Woodson, superintendent of State Asylum No. 2, asking an injunction to prevent what is claimed to be unlawful and irregular expenditures of money in the management of that institution. The case was heard by Judge Mosman, who on Saturday last, handed down his decision that money paid to the board of managers of State Hospital No. 2 by the counties of the state must be used in the purchase of food and medicine, and in supplying medical attendance for the insane, and not in the erection and repair of permanent buildings, in the buying of furniture or in the improvement of the grounds. The decision is in favor of the plaintiff and against the hospital management.

The opinion is regarded as of the greatest importance, since it will tend to revolutionize the methods of conducting the five state institutions for the insane. The decision will tend to restrain the board of managers from including in any requisition it may make for the support of insane patients anything but the actual cost of support and maintenance of such patients.

There are 114 counties in the state, and the institution belongs to all of these counties. But it is patronized by only forty-two counties. So it will be readily seen that it is not fair to these forty-two counties to require them to erect buildings that will become the property of the state at large.

"According to the way these funds have been expended, the counties have been required to erect buildings which belong to the state. This, then, is a form of taxation, and the basis of taxation is the number of insane patients each county has. Of course the law makes no provision for any such basis of taxation.

### Only Good Words.

Albert Smith, collector of Holt county, collected more taxes during the month of December, 1905, than were ever collected by a Holt county collector during any previous December. The total collections for the month were \$84,362.23. The people of Holt county certainly have money with which to meet their current bills.—St. Joseph Gazette.

In another column appears an article clipped from THE SENTINEL, regarding the work of County Collector A. S. Smith, which shows that Mr. Smith is "something of a collector himself." Be it said to the credit of Mr. Smith, that his methods of collecting, although mild and gentle, are quite effective and "leave no bad taste in the mouth" or the taxpayer. Mr. Smith has shown by his method of collecting that abuse and sarcasm are unnecessary. His many friends up this way are much elated over his success and are congratulating him on his record-breaking collections.—Mound City News.

The following officers have been elected by the Y. P. S. C. E., of the Christian church: President, Miss Martha Petree; Vice President, Miss Dale Zeller; Treasurer, Mrs. Clara Maupin; Secretary, Frank Lynch; Chorister, Miss Lucinda Sipes; Librarians, Miss Mabel Petree and George Sipes. The various committees will be announced at next Sunday evening's meeting.

### Death of Mother Nies.

Many of the older residents of our city will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Eliza A. Nies, who back in the early 80's occupied the store and residence property now occupied by the Schulte Bros. She was one of the dearest of mothers, and her home was the rendezvous of the young boys and girls of those days by the score, who were ever ready to say: "Let's meet at Grandma Nies," and from there "go skating," or skating, or to surprise someone. Many of these are now mothers and fathers, and their places in the old brick school house on the hill is filled by their children. The Port Townsend, (Wash.) Daily Leader, of January 7th, has the following notice of her death:

"Mrs. Eliza A. Nies was born in Louisville, Ky., March 7, 1819, died January 5, 1906, at 8 p. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Web. R. Smith, in this city. Her maiden name was Eliza A. Clark. Married to Jonathan Nies on March 7, 1839. Six children were born to them, of whom five are now living, J. H. Nies and Mrs. Mary Martin, of Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. J. B. Chambers, of Eugene, Ore.; William Nies, of Craig, Mo., and Mrs. Web. R. Smith, of this city. There are twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her husband died September 12, 1897. They lived for some years in Canton, Ill., and later, in 1897, moved to Missouri, coming to the Coast and locating in Dallas, Ore., in 1884 and to Port Townsend in 1887. Everything in Grandma Nies' life centered around home and those who knew her best found in her an exemplary Christian mother and friend."

### What It Shows.

Assessors Fitzmaurice and Graham have completed the assessment of Oregon, and we glean from their report the following:

	No.	Value.
Horses	147	\$4,230
Asses	2	200
Mules	6	260
Cattle	102	1,620
Hogs	58	290
Live stock value		\$ 6,600
Money, notes, etc.		311,400
All other		21,010
Total personal		\$339,010
Real estate		187,270
Total value		\$526,280

—The corn field for the past year places Missouri second among the five great corn producing states. Taking the corn crops of the last four years as a basis of comparison, Illinois ranks first, Missouri second, Iowa third, Nebraska fourth and Kansas fifth. Missouri has exceeded the Iowa yield by one bushel to the acre, Nebraska nearly two and Kansas seven bushels to the acre.

—President Roosevelt on Monday recommended for confirmation Arthur W. Brewster to be postmaster and John Albus, Jr., to be collector of customs of St. Joseph, and William M. Tygart to be postmaster of South St. Joseph. The first two are reappointments. The latter will succeed Mrs. John M. Armstrong, the widow of Capt. Jno. M. Armstrong,

### They Were There and In It.

Holt county was in the front rank at the St. Joseph poultry show, last week, and was represented by the following chicken raisers: C. W. David, T. E. Smith, A. D. Cunningham, E. A. Allen, D. A. Redmon, of Craig; Chas. McRoberts, J. B. Minshall, J. F. and Mrs. Wm. Tyson, Chas. B. Griffith, O. R. King, E. P. Eddy and Mrs. Lewis Hodgkin, of Mound City; R. B. Bridgeman, R. G. Raley, "Billie" York and Ed. Fuhrman, of Oregon; McHugh & Boring, of Maitland; C. S. McKee and J. W. Gresham, of Bigelow. The St. Joseph News-Press, in speaking of the exhibitors, has the following to say about one of our local chicken raisers:

"R. B. Bridgeman, of Oregon, Mo., treasurer of the association, is the owner of a White Wyandotte pullet that has won more prizes at poultry exhibitions than any other bird in its class. When the judges finished, this pullet scored 96 points, or two points higher than most birds on exhibition at recent western shows. At the Missouri state show this bird scored 96 1/2 points, having lost one-fourth of a point in being removed from one exhibition to the other.

Bridgeman, who is one of the most noted poultry breeders in the West, also had on exhibition at the show here a White Wyandotte cockerel that scores 95 1/2 points. He was offered \$50 for the bird and refused it. Bridgeman made a clean sweep of first, second and third premiums in the White Wyandotte class at the show here."

W. C. "Billy" York, of this city, was elected first vice-president of the association, and Messrs. R. B. Bridgeman and Jas. B. McHugh were made members of the executive committee. E. L. McDonald, besides being tendered a vote of thanks for his faithful services during the show, was unanimously re-elected secretary. Holt county came off as winners of a basketful of ribbons. Those winning prizes were:

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Charles B. Griffith, Mound City, second cockerel, fifth pen. C. W. David, Craig, second pullet, fifth pen. McHugh & Boring, Maitland, first and second cockerel, first hen, third pullet, first pen. Huff Cochins—C. W. David, Craig, second cock, fourth pen. fourth cockerel, fifth pen.

Single Comb White Leghorns—C. W. David, Craig, first cockerel, first pullet, first and second hen, fourth cockerel, second hen, second and fifth pen.

White Plymouth Rocks—R. G. Raley, Oregon, fifth cockerel. O. R. King, Mound City, fifth pullet, fifth cockerel, third and fourth pen. E. A. Allen, Craig, fourth cockerel, third pullet. D. A. Redmon, Oregon, first hen, first cockerel, second pen. J. W. Gresham, Bigelow, fifth pen.

Golden Laced Wyandottes—Charles McRoberts, Mound City, first, second, third, fourth and fifth pullet; first, second and fifth hen; first cockerel; first, second and third cockerel; first and second pen.

White Wyandottes—Mrs. William Tyson, Mound City, fifth cockerel, fifth pullet, third pen. R. B. Bridgeman, Oregon, first and second cock; first, second, third and fourth cockerel; first, second, third and fourth pullet; first and second pen.

Black Langshans—J. B. Minshall, Mound City, second cockerel.

### Pushing Forward.

Our present efficient Secretary of State, John E. Swanger, has just issued his statement showing the administration of his office for the first year. It contains an interesting array of figures relative to the fees of his office and to the banking interests of the state. It shows the costs of bank examinations were \$15,812, while the fees collected from those examinations amounted to \$18,351, leaving a balance to the credit of the state of \$2,539, for the same year. For the ten years preceding the total balance realized by the state from this source was \$1,638, or only \$1,128 more than the fees received and turned into the treasury during the first year of his administration. The total fees of the office from all sources amount to \$175,324.

The total number of incorporated banks in the state on January 1, 1906, was 823; organized during 1905, 106; closed by the state, 2; voluntary liquidation, 7; 4 were nationalized. There are 80 private banks in the state. His statement further shows by counties the number of banks in each, their aggregate capital, surplus, including undivided profits; their deposits and their loans, including bonds, stocks and overdrafts. The banks in 43 counties show a surplus equal to or greatly in excess of 50 per cent of their capitalization, while in most of the counties the surplus is equal to about 25 per cent of the profits. The deposits in the 64 banks in the counties, comprising this congressional district amount to the handsome total of \$5,-

830,315, not including the national banks or trust companies. To this may be added the deposits in the St. Joseph banks and trust companies amounting to \$4,105,949—a grand total of \$9,936,264—a per capita deposit of about \$43.50. The deposits as per last published statements in the banks of these counties were as follows:

Andrew, 9 banks	\$ 689,923
Atchison, 9 banks	808,873
Buchanan, 6 banks	457,236
Holt, 12 banks	1,157,989
Nodaway, 19 banks	1,455,269
Platte, 9 banks	1,290,785
Total	\$5,830,315
St. Joseph	3,400,084
Trust companies	705,865
Total	\$9,936,264

\*Not including St. Joseph.

### About the Weather.

Optimistic horticulturists and floriculturists who mistook the pleasant weather of the last few days of last week for an unprecedented early spring and began resurrecting garden tools that had been laid away last fall, realized their mistake about 6 o'clock Saturday evening, January 20th, and abandoning their intention of doing a little midwinter gardening hastily telephoned the coal dealers to send around a few tons of coal darn quick. It was just about that time when the mild south wind veered to the north and it became necessary to replenish the fires that had been neglected for some time. The first breath of the north wind was simply a forerunner of chilling blasts which sent the mercury down, down until it reached 7 above zero on Monday morning, a fall of 58 degrees in 36 hours—the mercury indicating 65 degrees Saturday noon. On the 20th of January, 1895, the thermometer registered 70 degrees here, and 65 degrees on January 16, 1894; 19th in 1895; 13th in 1900.

The five coldest days in 1905 were below zero and on the following dates: January 13, 14; January 25, —19; February 2, 23; February 12, —22; February 13, 27. Temperature recorded in low lands on the 13th, was 32.

The five hottest days in 1905 were in August, and on the following days: 4th, 92; 5th, 95; 9th, 92; 10th, 93; 11th, 92. There were several days in July that registered 92.

The rainfall for 1905 was 34.81 inches, which is 1.19 inches less than normal. The heaviest annual rainfall at this place was 49.77 inches in the year 1859. The heaviest rainfall in any 24 hours in 1905, occurred September 16, when 5.25 inches fell. This has been exceeded but once at this place, and this occurred July 16, 1900, when 7.06 inches fell. The smallest annual rainfall was in 1894 when only 22.22 inches fell.

The heaviest snowfall for 24 hours during 1905, occurred February 8, when 4.50 inches fell. The annual snowfall for 1905, was 10.15 inches, the normal is 37.50 inches. The heaviest snowfall in any one year occurred in 1859, when 64 inches fell.

December, 1905, was an exceedingly pleasant month throughout. The minimum temperature was 4 degrees above on the fourth and the highest was 50 on the 7th. The mean for the month was 30, which is 2 degrees above the normal. This pleasant weather, however, has been beaten here on several years. In 1883, on the 23d bees were flying and ants were out in great numbers on the 24th. 1890 was the warmest December at this place, the mean being 44. In 1896, up to the 17th, all sorts of outdoor work was done by farmers and mechanics and no frost was in the ground on the 31st. Little or no frost was in the ground during the month in 1895. While we have had many warm Decembers, we also have had some very bitter cold days, and the thermometer went to 20 degrees and lower, below zero: On the 26th, 1855, it was —20; on the 8th, in 1858, it was —24; —23 in 1867; —20.5 in 1892 and —21.5 in 1894.

There was no rainfall in December, 1905. The normal December rainfall is 1.72 inches. The heaviest December rainfall was 4.99 inches in 1826, and the lightest was .15 inches in 1876. As in 1905, so in 1857, 1862, 1866, 1867, 1873, 1877, 1881, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1900, 1902, and 1904, the mercury failed to reach zero in December.

Since 1855 up to and including 1905, snow was upon the ground on Christmas day 29 out of the 50 years. Since 1897 snow was upon the ground Christmas day only in 1899 and 1901.

The snowfall during December, 1905, was 1 1/2 inches on the 20th, but there have been some very heavy falls during the month in past years. These occurred in 1866, 25.75 inches; 1863, 22 inches; 1897, 20.07 inches, and in 1868, 20 inches.

(—Sign preceding degree figures indicates below zero.)  
—We are glad to announce, that Mrs. Louise Schulte, who went to St. Joseph, a couple of weeks ago, for an operation, a tumor having to be removed, has undergone the operation, and is getting along nicely. She expects to be able to return home next week. She was taken to St. Joseph by Dr. C. L. Evans, who assisted Dr. Jacob Geiger in the operation being performed at the Ensworth hospital. Her daughter, Miss Leona, is with her.

### In the Long Ago.

Mrs. Mattie Tutt, of Great Falls, Mont., is here on a visit with her cousins, Misses Bootie and Fannie, Hamp and T. L. Price. She is a daughter of Peter and Eliza Ruffner, who formerly resided here in the '60's, and occupied the property where Claud King now has his store. It was in this house that Miss Mattie Ruffner was married in 1863, and went from here to Plattsmouth, Neb., to reside. Mother Ruffner was a niece of the late Peter Price; she died here in 1861. The family consisted of two boys and three girls—P. E. lives in Plattsmouth and J. W. resides in Omaha. Mrs. Robt., and J. C. Emerson and Mrs. Tutt, all reside in Great Falls, Mont. Mrs. Tutt has three children—Lee, her eldest, is in the newspaper business in Grand Forks, B. C.; a son and daughter reside in Yakima, Wash.

Peter Ruffner was a mechanic, following carpentering, plastering and some times did mason work. He served as jailer in 1860 for Galen Crow, who was then sheriff, and in 1861 was also jailer under the sheriff of Robt. Emmer-son. The jail at that time stood on the site of the present structure, but it was entirely of stone, the present structure being built in 1876. Mr. Ruffner died in Plattsmouth, Neb., in 1870 at the home of Mrs. Tutt. Mrs. Tutt for the past several months has been visiting relatives in Nebraska, and elsewhere, and in her visit here is enjoying many reminiscences, and is delighted at the marked improvement and advancement shown at every hand in Oregon.

### From E. E. Price.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
ANCON, CANAL ZONE, PANAMA,  
January 6, 1906.

MESSRS. DORRIS & CURRY—Isthmian affairs are progressing slowly, but I think "surely." The work now being done along the line of the canal is of such a nature that it will not have to be done again. For instance, the commission is just completing a sewer system and a water system in the city of Panama and Ancon, which will remain a lasting "monument" to the credit of the Canal Commission. The commission is also paving the main streets of Panama, with a sub-foundation of crushed rock laid in cement. This alone will revolutionize the physical conditions of the city, for such streets can be found nowhere else than in Spanish towns.

When I am permanently settled I shall take pleasure in writing you for publication. Send on THE SENTINEL, 'tis a staunch friend.

Respectfully, E. E. PRICE.

### Mexico-St. Louis Special.

In the Latin American republic beyond the Rio Grande lies the wonderland of present day tourists, as well as the richest field of investment that now challenges the attention of American capital and enterprise. Only a few years since Mexico was looked upon as a country too remote for the average traveler to entertain hopes of crossing its threshold; to-day its capital city is but sixty hours distant from St. Louis. A semi-weekly train service has been established, via the Iron Mountain Route, the Texas & Pacific and the International & Great Northern, representatives of the Gould interest, and the National Lines of Mexico beyond the "Laredo Gateway," leaving St. Louis at 9:00 a. m. each Tuesday and Friday, and reaching the City of Mexico at 8:30 p. m. on the Thursday and Sunday following. The train will be equipped with compartment, observation and standard drawing room sleeping cars and dining car. Its remarkably speedy schedule is made possible by doing away with all changes or lay-overs, and for the first time since the sister republics were joined together by links of glistening steel, an interchange of visits across the national boundary means simply the journey of a few hours surrounded by all the pleasurable amenities of modern travel. Much of good can be expected from these changed conditions. The people of Mexico have long evidenced an enlightened appreciation of the kindly interest of their northern neighbors in their country and its history, institutions and wonderful resources, while on our part there is an acknowledged recognition of the fact that a closer social and commercial relationship with that progressive nation is in every way desirable. The inauguration of this new train service is a step in the right direction and meets the needs of the hour. It is typical of the tireless interest shown by the roads concerned in the upbuilding of the great Southwest, and will doubtless receive the hearty encouragement and support of the traveling public.

—Holt countyites, fond of hunting, should make a note of the fact that the St. Louis court of appeals has confirmed the decision that a license is necessary where the hunting is confined to the county of residence. In some counties the prosecuting attorneys have been acting on different and mistaken premises.

### Lights Out.

Another veteran of the civil war has answered his last roll call, and joined another army under the leadership of the Great Jehova. Ariston Burnett, father of our fellow citizen, Fred E. Burnett, of Mound City, died at his home in Centralia, Mo., after a lingering illness from dropsy, on Wednesday of this week, January 24, 1906. He was born in Union City, Mich., August 10, 1835, and was therefore in his 71st year at the time of his death. He entered the Union army from this state, and served three years.

He came to Holt county in 1858, and here he found his wife in the person of Ellen, the eldest daughter of the late Judge George McIntyre, the marriage occurring at Iowa Point, Kas., June 20, 1860.

Shortly after he was married, in 1860, he and his wife returned to his old home in Michigan, where he enlisted in the Union Army.

On his being mustered out of the service he returned to Michigan, where he resided for a number of years, when he moved to Centralia, this state, in 1880, where he resided up to the time of his death. He had been a member of the M. E. church for a number of years. He leaves a wife and four children: Fred, of this county; J. W., of Stillwater, Okla., and Ira and J. W., of Centralia. He was a splendid citizen, and we extend our sympathies to the surviving members of the family.

### An Eye to Business.

The great Burlington system has decided to try the experiment of winter excursion rates for the benefit of farmers. The history of this great system has proven it to be a leader not a follower.

The general policy of railroads is to give special rates for the encouragement of travel in the summer months. This policy is based on the assumption that the months from May to October, inclusive, cover the period in which all classes of workers, professional and business, have opportunity for rest, vacation, or outing. This assumption is undoubtedly correct as to the business and professional classes. Vacations in all cities come in the summer.

The summer season is the harvest time of the railroads, and railway managers have taken advantage of it and have provided for it, and it has come to the Burlington managers to realize that there is more than one harvest time, for its system at least, and they believe that while the leisure classes and busy people of the city seek rest and recreation, they feel that the great farm class should be given an opportunity for vacation and recreation—hence their excursion rates offered this class in midwinter, and we refer our readers to these rates elsewhere in this issue.

This system has, by these rates realized that the farmers' vacation time is in the winter and have made provision looking to the encouragement of travel by farmers at a time when they are at liberty to travel. The new departure is a good one. It is dictated by common sense and foresight. It is based on a comprehensive view of the situation. It meets a demand of 20 years standing from the class most sensitive to slight and most appreciative of favor.

### Death of Walter Hutten.

Walter Lee Hutten was born in Holt county, Missouri, March 23, 1870, and died at Ensworth Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo., January 22, 1906, aged 35 years, 10 months and 7 days. On the 22nd of February, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Intermill, and by this union one son and two daughters were born.

The death of this most excellent young man will be keenly felt by a large circle of relatives and friends. In the year 1900 he was converted and united with the Evangelical church, in which he lived a consistent Christian life until his Master called him from labor to reward. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, three children, an aged father, a sister and many relatives and friends. After saying, "I am ready to go whenever the summons comes," he meekly submitted to his Lord, and smilingly left this world for a better one.

On New Year's day he was taken to the hospital and an operation for leakage of the bowels was performed by Dr. Jacob Geiger. From this he recovered nicely, but on January 21st another rupture occurred which caused his death.

Owing to the illness of his pastor, Rev. B. H. Hobbs, Rev. G. W. Weidemer conducted the funeral services at the Benton Evangelical church on Wednesday, the interment being in the Benton cemetery.

The family of the deceased desires to thank those friends who came to them in their sad hour of affliction, with words and deeds of kindness and love.

—Mrs. Mary Heinz, of Dr. John F. Heinz, a retired minister of the German M. E. church, and who died in St. Joseph, a year ago, January 20, 1905, died, very suddenly at Monona, Ia., where she was visiting, Sunday, January 21, 1906, one day over a year following her husband's death. Mrs. Heinz visited in this city quite often, and her many friends will be pained to learn of her death. Her remains were taken to St. Joseph for interment.