Happenings in Missouri.

Barred from Penitentiary.

Herbert G. Bowling, a young man who has been working as a foreman for the Star Clothing company in the penitentiary, has been barred from admission to the prison by Warden Hall. Some days since a letter which Bowling admits writing was sent to Warden Hall from St. Louis by a man named "L. Engle." The letter was addressed to "A. J. Engle," and requested prices on opium in pound lots. It is not known here who L. Engle is or how the letter happened to reach his hands. Without comment of any kind he inclosed it and a self-addressed envelope to Bowling marked for the general delivery in this city to Warden Hall. Bowling was away on a short vacation when the letter was received by the warden but when he returned he was stopped at the prison entrance, taken before the warden and searched. No opium was found on his person, and he denied that he intended any attempt to smuggle the drug inside the prison walls. One of the most difficult problems that the prison authorities have to contend with in the management of the institution is the smuggling of opium and other drugs from the outside.

An Honorable Action.

Joseph Shepard, who was recently elected to the office of judge of the county court of DeKalb county on the democratic ticket, has resigned his position, for the reason that he is satisfied that he was not elected to the office. His republican opponent was L. D. Miller, but in printing the ballots in one precinct the name of L. D. Williams was printed by mistake as the republican candidate and for that reason 63 votes were cast for Williams and this elected Shepard. He is quite certain that the 63 votes were intended for Miller and they would have elected him. He tendered his resignation and asks Gov. Folk to appoint Miller to the vacant place.

Pigs Tickled to Death.

The Callaway Gazette reports a queer case of pigs being actually "tickled to death." W. A. Strong & Son, near Fulton, turned a hundred shoats into the pasture to harvest the hickory nut crop a few weeks ago. Last week it was noticed that something was wrong with a few of the pigs, seven of the little fellows died, and upon skinning one of the dead ones, it was found that tickle grass had penetrated the hide and pierced the outer lining of the stomach and intestines. A few weeks ago a Monroe county paper told of lambs in that county dying from the same cause.

Stole the Sausage.

Sausage thieves seem to have raided Columbia the other day. Some one broke into the home of Mrs. Keziah Northcutt while the family was away and secured a sack of sausage. H. R. Dinwiddie, a neighbor, saw a light and went to investigate. While he was away someone broke into his kitchen and stole a sack of sausage. He met the prowler in his yard and shot at him. The thief dropped the sack of sausage hereinafter designated the Dinwiddie sausage, but the Northcutt sausage was never seen again.

Sedalia Newspapers Consolidate.

The Sedalia Democrat has purchased the plant and good will of the Sedalia Sentinel Newspaper company and on January 2 the Sedalia Evening Democrat and the Sedalia Evening Sentinel were merged as the Democrat-Sentinel. The Sedalia Evening Democrat was purchased several weeks ago by A. D. Stanley and others, with the view of combining the Democrat and Sentinel. In the future there will be only two daily newspapers in Sedalia, the morning Capital, Republican and the Democrat-Sentinel, democratic.

An Old Time Judge Dead.

Judge Andrew J. Shores, president of the Old Settlers' Association of St. Louis county, and former judge of the county and probate courts at Clayton, died recently at the age of 76 years. He has been unable to leave his room for several weeks, and much of this time he has been unconscious. Death was the result of the natural infirmities of old age.

Hotel Built by Fraternities.

Hotel Pennell, a three-story brick building, occupying an entire city block and erected by the Masons and Odd Fellows of Butler at a cost of $45,000, was formally opened New Years day with a big dinner and dance.

New Bank for Clinton.

The People's National bank with $50,000 capital has been organized at Clinton. John Arvin, formerly of Armstrong, is president. The bank has acquired the old Salmon & Salmon bank building.

Abolishing Courts of Appeals.

One of the most important matters to be presented to the legislature, says the Linneus Bulletin, is a proposed amendment to the constitution abolishing the St. Louis and Kansas City courts of appeals, increasing in their stead membership of the supreme court to two additional judges and have three divisions. The matter must be submitted to the people, even if the legislature acts favorably. It is claimed the state would save much money by the change.

A Great Poultry Town.

The poultry business done at Ethel this season marks it as a great poultry town. Last year's business up to the end of the holiday netted the farmers $50,000. This year the amount paid for turkeys, geese and chickens will run to nearly twice that sum. Just before Christmas an agent, who represents a Chicago house, purchased 1,650 head of turkeys at the village of New Boston for $2,275. The turkeys were purchased 15 miles from the shipping point, to which they were driven over the highways by five men. This was the largest herd of turkeys ever driven into Ethel. It covered the main street for several blocks, and the whole town turned out to witness the arrival. The fowls are shipped to Chicago dressed. The business gives employment to a large number of pickers, who get three cents a turkey for disrobing it of its feathers. The farmers in the vicinity of Ethel have long since discovered the value of the poultry business as an adjunct and all of them devote nearly as much attention to breeding turkeys and geese as they do to the cultivation of their crops.

Bankers Have a Bill.

Plans for introducing a bill in the state legislature at the present session, creating a new state department, were discussed in detail by a committee representing the State Bankers' Association of Missouri, in session at St. Louis. The meeting was presided over by A. H. Speer, a banker of Osage county, and a member of the lower branch of the state legislature. The bill if adopted, will abolish the present system of conducting the inspection of state banks from the office of the secretary of state. The bankers say the duties of the secretary of state are sufficient to take up the whole time of that official, and that conducting the inspection from that office not only unnecessarily burdens the secretary of state, but deprives financial institutions of the attention they should receive. The bill creates a new state officer, to be known as the state bank commissioner, and his duties confined exclusively to examining state banks. The bill also calls for eight bank examiners, instead of six, as at present.

Want More Money.

The Missouri Jamestown exposition commission, consisting of Henry T. Kent of St. Louis, president; J. M. Irwin of St. Joseph, secretary, and J. M. Wittenberger of Milan, met at Jefferson City and submitted their report to Gov. Folk. The money appropriated by the general assembly two years ago has all been expended. The state building, costing about $22,000, is nearly completed, and the work of gathering resources at the exposition is well in hand. It is understood that the commission, in its report to the governor, requests him to recommend that the coming legislature appropriate the sum of $50,000 for the completion of the state building and for the proper display of exhibits. Mr. Kent is of the opinion that Missouri was very fortunate in securing such a beautiful and favorable site for its building.

Fish by Wagon Load.

Residents of Labaddie, a little village in Franklin county don't have to go through the wearisome, fatiguing formality of digging angle worms as a compulsory preface to fishing expeditions; neither are they "stuck up" for half a dollar per bucket by the minnow trust for the same pleasure. Labaddie denizens have a cheaper, more expeditious way of emulating Izaak Walton. They scoop out the fish in wagon-load lots. It happened this way: Railroad men drained a large pond on the Missouri Pacific, putting in a 25-inch pipe. The fish were either left high and dry or in isolated shallow pools. The sport has continued several days. Some of the carp were so large that they had to be knocked in the head with clubs.

Missouri Trusties Captured.

Three trusties, who escaped from the penitentiary power house recently were turned over to Warden Hall and two prison officers in Dundee, Franklin county. The prisoners broke into a butcher shop in Osage City and stole clothing which they placed over their prison suits. They rode on an eastbound freight train to Dundee, where they got off. An officer named Parks at Dundee captured them shortly after they left the train and turned them over to Warden Hall, who returned them to the penitentiary where they will have to serve out their full sentences. Parks will receive $150 reward from the state for the capture.

Death Follows a Fall.

Mrs. Penelope Thomson, 83 years old, died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary P. Thomson in Independence. Mrs. Thomson died of pneumonia, which was complicated by a fall down the stairs while she was attempting to go from one room to another. Mrs. Thomson was born 83 years ago in Paris, Ky. She came to Missouri in 1852, and during most of the intervening time her home was near Dresden, in Pettis county. Her son, M. V. Thomson of Dix, Ill., was visiting her at the time of her death.

OLD CAPT. CACK'S QUESTION.

Somewhat Pointed, But It Denoted Quick Intelligence.

Pierce Jay, the commissioner of banks of Massachusetts, at the American Bankers' association's convention in St. Louis, advocated a better accounting system.

"But above all," said Mr. Jay, in a discussion of his idea, "we want intelligence. If embezzlement is to be thoroughly put down. Systems are good, but intelligence is better, and in cashiers and tellers and bookkeepers and note clerks we want the same keen, quick intelligence that characterized old Capt. Hiram Cack, of Gloucester.

"Cack lay very ill. One day he got down-hearted, feeling that his case was hopeless.

"'I fear, doctor,' he said, 'there isn't much hope for me.'

"'Oh, yes, there is,' the doctor answered. 'Three years ago I was in your condition precisely, and look at me now.'

"Cack, intelligent and alert, said quickly:

"'What doctor did you have?'"

Would Punish Burglars Severely.

Assemblyman Elect H. J. W. Ruhlandt of Pittsburg says one of the first bills he will introduce will be one to increase the penalty for burglary, for attempts at housebreaking and highway robbery. He wants to make the maximum sentence 30 years and the minimum 15 years. "This is little enough," says Mr. Ruhlandt, "for the man who enters your home at the dead of night and presents a revolver to your face or the face of your wife. I think if such a law were in vogue in this state the number of burglaries in this city would be much smaller."

Knows Whom He Can Trust.

Police Commissioner Bingham has learned one important fact that will be of aid to him in his official career. When he desires to get the exact facts about some large question that is to the front in New York city he calls in the newspaper reporters located at police headquarters and has a heart-to-heart talk. As one of them says: "He gets it straight, and so straight that not all the men of the force can fool him on that one point."

Millionaire Is Generous.

Congressman John E. Andrus, who represents the Yonkers, N. Y., district, for several years has taken delight in playing the role of Santa Claus to the pages and telephone and telegraph boys of the house. This year, as usual, his gifts to the youngsters consisted of two and five-dollar bills. Col. Andrus is worth $20,000,000, made out of the manufacture of pepsin.

Some men can't even do their duty without making a fuss about it.

Each wrinkle on a woman's brow represents an expedient.

Nothing hurts a conceited man like being ignored.

A woman would rather do things to worry a rival than to afford herself pleasure.

We frequently fall into error and folly, not because the true principles of action are not known, but because for the time they are not remembered.

Still Working for Humanity.

Tennie Claffin, as she was called before she married an English lord and went to England to live in the '70s, is back again in New York. Her agitation now is to promote happier marriages by lectures and informal entertainments in churches.

Proved Good Man of Business.

While preaching in Pueblo, Col., a few years ago Rev. Edward J. Wilcox found himself in the embarrassing position of being unable to pay his debts. Knowing that if he stuck to the pulpit he would have small chance of getting even with the world, he quit preaching and went into the mining business. To-day he owns mines in Colorado worth $3,000,000, besides a great deal of other valuable property.

Woman's Important Position.

An American woman, Mrs. John Leslie—familiarly known as Mrs. Jack Leslie—who was Leonie Blanche Jerome of New York, is inofficial adviser in fashion and dress of the duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, to the former of whom she is lady in waiting.

Mark Twain's Neat Answer.

Eugene Ware, of Topeka, recently wrote to Mark Twain: "I picked up your last volume. I read it, clear through from cover to cover; it was like a bob-tailed flush. I could not lay it down." From No. 21 Fifth avenue, New York city, Mr. Clemens answered back as follows: "Dear Mr. Ware: I am an old brass-bound, copper-riveted, fire-assayed Presbyterian, with 71 years' experience in unworldliness, and I don't understand your metaphor, but I know it was intended as a compliment and I make it cordially welcome."

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