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Versailles, Mo., Thursday Morning, Jan. 3, 1907.

No. 1.

HON. R. A. NORFLEET was in the city Tuesday. He went from here to St. Louis, where the committee examining the state institutions will close their work, and be ready to report, early in the session, the extent of their investigations. Mr. Norfleet has in his tour of the state institutions, picked up material for two bills, which he will introduce in the House of Representatives, and which should become law. One is that on the board of each state asylum our member should be a well equipped and specially educated person, thoroughly acquainted with all forms of insanity, and the best treatment for same. The other is a bill whereby all architects on state buildings will be debarred from contracting in any way for any part of the work of such building. The law at present allows an architect five per cent of the cost of building for the plans and superintending the erection, and at the same time he may be a contractor, or partner in a company for the erection of the building, in which case the state might get the worst of the deal in faulty or cheap work and material of the contractor being passed by the architect.

Wooden Wedding.

About forty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Todd, under the leadership of Rev. W. S. Emory and Hon. John F. Gibbs, gave them a genuine surprise at their pleasant home on East Jasper street Tuesday evening, Jan. 1st, 1907, it being their wedding anniversary. After the reason of so large a gathering at such an unusual hour was fully explained by Hon. Gibbs, and the numerous and beautiful gifts presented the assembled host proceeded to enjoy themselves in playing various games, singing and instrumental music, for fully three hours, when an elegant lunch was served by the good ladies, which was fully appreciated. When the clock struck 12 Rev. Emory offered an earnest prayer for the bride and groom, the household and all present, and good nights were spoken and all returned to their homes well satisfied with the pleasant time. All in all it was a very enjoyable occasion, and speaks much for the social relations and friendship of the good people of Versailles.

Marriage License.

Only one pair issued since our last report.

Wm. Hollandsworth, Eldon.
Mattie Webb, Eldon.

Crewson & Harrison made a sale of the I. H. Ernest farm near Proctor, Monday, to Jas. Rains—consideration, \$1800.

J. H. Rheu, of De Soto, Mo., is visiting here and looking over this section with a view of finding a location. We hope he may succeed.

Peter Jackson, porter for the City Hotel, while the celebration of the New Year was in progress, was shot in the face with bird shot, one shot penetrating his eye. He went to St. Louis to have his eye treated, in hopes of saving the sight. No clue as to the man behind the gun.

The Dainty Comedienne, Grace Man-Doll and a strong supporting company comes to the Krauss Opera House, Friday evening, Jan. 4th, when they will present the successful sensational Melo-Drama, "Queen of the Rockies." They come to Versailles, with the highest encomiums of the press and public wherever they have appeared.

If you want a Notary Public don't forget the Phone 207, or call at room 8 Mason & Hardy Bldg. Chas. W. Kavanaugh, The Abstracter.

Ben. Herrington returned from a business trip to Kansas City, Tuesday night.

F. M. Long, of Laplata, Mo., came in Tuesday to look after interests in the south part of the county.

Mr. Campbell, of Cooper county, was viewing our city this week, we think, with the intention of locating in westlawn.

S. M. Merriott who is attending the William Jewell College, at Liberty, Mo., is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

J. J. Jones, of Glensted, was transacting business in the city Wednesday, and took time to call and make himself solid with the REPUBLICAN for 1907.

The Versailles Laundry, after paying out a small fortune for having water hauled proceeded to sink a well, and on Wednesday struck a stream of four gallons a minute, and have water a-plenty and fired the water wagon.

1907 was ushered in by the whistle of the Electric Light Plant, ringing of the church bells and the firing of revolvers, shot guns and muskets, and our first thought, on being awakened, was a big fire, but not seeing any blaze we tumbled to the fact that a new year was born, and it came in so noisily it certainly was a lusty youngster, and promises big things for the coming twelve months.

In a wreck on the B. & O. in the suburbs of Washington, D. C., at 6:30 Sunday evening about forty were killed and one hundred injured, many of the latter mortally. The passenger train was standing at Terra Cotta station when a train of empty passenger cars, at a high rate of speed, dashed into the rear end of the loaded train, telecoping three cars, which were crowded with passengers.

"Queen of the Rockies," which comes to the Krauss Opera House, Friday evening Jan. 4th, is said to be one of the most pleasing Melo-Drama's, picturing every day life in the West, that has ever been written. Its naturalness and simplicity and withal its great human interest makes it a play that charms and fascinates. One moment you are sailing along on a sea of sentiment when along comes a wave of merriment which makes us forget the pathos of a moment ago, but the author has so well constructed the play that the interest never wavers.

Gmelich Highly Honored.

Col J. P. Gmelich has been paid the high compliment of having his bond as State Treasurer made by his friends and neighbors, nearly all of Cooper county, without the asking.

The bond is \$500,000 and it is necessary to renew it every two years. This time it was filled without his asking any person whatever.

To receive such a compliment at the hands of those who know him best is a much greater honor than the office itself. —Missouri Democrat.

Junketing Committee Visits School of Mines.

Rolla, Mo., December 28.—The junketing committee appointed by Gov. Folk to visit all the state institutions and make a report to the legislature, recommending the needs of each, was in Rolla today inspecting the schools of mines and metallurgy and the bureau of geology. The committee is composed of Senator E. R. Davis, of Oregon county, Representatives John A. Woods, of Howard county, and A. R. Norfleet, of Morgan county, with James Golden, of Jefferson City, as clerk. The committee was highly pleased with the conditions at the school of mines. The committee left this afternoon for St. James to inspect the state federal soldiers' home at that place.

Progress of the Square Deal in 1906.

Encouraging progress in reform has been made in the year 1906. In the nation, in states and in cities the general movement that began with the advent of President Roosevelt has borne substantial fruit in the twelve months now ending. While much remains to be done, proper consideration of the inevitable slowness of civic reformation must be shown and a due appreciation of what has been accomplished should be manifested.

The greatest steps in the year were taken by Congress in the enactment of the Rate law, the Pure Food law and the Meat Inspection law. The scope and character of this legislation are not yet fully understood by the country at large. Assuming that it is all sound enough to withstand the scrutiny of the United States Supreme court, this legislation is the best ever enacted for the enforcement of fair dealing in interstate commerce and for the protection of the public against impurities in the food supplies. Incidentally the graft that lies in rebating has been almost wholly eliminated and that of food adulteration has been greatly lessened. It is not enough that the people should have a Square Deal, but it is important that business should be cleansed of crime, even for the sake of those who have wittingly or unwittingly fallen into criminal practices.

The work of prosecuting the trusts has moved forward during the year. Standard Oil has been vigorously and effectively assaulted and is being brought to terms by degrees. The Sugar trust has been prosecuted and fined. The movement against the Paper trust has been successful so far. The principal Packing trust cases were never tried on their merits, thanks to Judge Humphreys, who threw them out of court on a demurre. A number of railway men and trust men have been convicted, some of them under the old conspiracy act, which was unearthed by Attorney General Moody and now serves to supplement the general regulative laws with a criminal statute that is hard to dodge. The enormous land frauds, the extent of which is not yet known, are under investigation. The Steel trust is preparing to defend itself. Discriminations by railroads through officials owning gratuitous stocks in mining companies or other shipping concerns have been checked.

And at the close of the year President Roosevelt, in addressing Congress, has outlined a reform programme of vast reach and importance. The retrospect is gratifying and the outlook is encouraging. The doctrine of the Square Deal has gained prestige in 1906.—Kansas City Star.

Of course congressional salaries should be increased. Senator Bailey of Texas admits he was forced to borrow hundreds of dollars from H. Clay Pierce. And look at Depew and Fulton and Warren—not to mention Mitchell and Burton.

This, from the Spring Hill New Era, indicates that there is a Hammer and Padlock club in Spring Hill: "The kickers on the farm are not so hard to get along with as the kickers in town. On the farm there is the kicking cow, and our long-eared friend, the mule; while in town there is the old moseback who wants all the municipal improvements without paying for them. The cow may be sold for beef, the mule traded for a shogun, but nothing but a funeral will get rid of the town kicker."

L. K. Meyers, of Windsor, is here buying mules this week.

C. H. Price, last week, bought of Sims & Hughes thirty 2-year-old corn-fed heifers, for which he paid a good price. They will be placed in his feed lot and slaughtered as he needs them for his meat market.

The entertainment given by the Madrigal Entertainers at the Opera House was fully up to expectations, and one of the best of the series. The Opera House was comfortably filled by an appreciative audience, and encores were numerous. The Progress Club is to be complimented on its success so far. May the attractions to follow be as good.

Since the Municipal Electric Light Plant has become a Commercial Light Plant, and the street lights cut out, lanterns are again articles of staple merchandise. The query is: How do the tax payers, who have no electric lights, like the idea of helping to pay for those who have? It also brings up another old query: "where was Moses, when the light went out?"

Election Of Officers.

At the meeting last Friday night Versailles Lodge, No. 150, A. O. U. W., elected the following officers for the ensuing term. James Askew, M. W.; John Wassung, P. M. W.; Geo. Deskin, F.; Geo. Decker, G.; E. C. Morgan, Recorder; W. L. Stephens, Fin; W. M. Gardenhire, Rec; D. L. Williams, I. W.; L. H. Potter, O. W.; Drs. J. T. Beale and D. A. Yarnell, Physicians.

FROM GLENSTED.

Mary and Fannie Milburn went to Sedalia Tuesday.

Lizzie Holloway is on the sick list this week.

Revs. Kenney Moon and McClellan attended the Baptist Sunday School Convention at Syracuse last week.

Joe Milburn, Francis Waltermeyer, L. B. Hawks and John Holloway attended Masonic Lodge at Tipton last Thursday night to witness work in the third degree. They report a splendid time.

WALNUT GROVE.

Joel Daniels of St. Louis visited relative here last week.

Ruby Kauffman of Garden city visited the Kauffman families here last week.

Abie Driver started on his southern tour last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Kauffman visited at Booneville last week.

John Ramer has returned to Goshen, Indiana.

Miss Rheta Doll and Mrs Laura Thomason are visiting Mrs. Dale.

Bert and Norman Talbot visited at Fortuna last week.

Mary Ramer spent Christmas at home. Distemper is very bad among horses.

Frank Hayes and Miss Fulks were married Christmas week.

Miss Hickam visited her sister Mrs. E. Devinna.

Earl Lyles of Lath and Miss Rose Hall were married on Christmas day.

John and Brooks Todd attended the reception.

The weather is so disagreeable people cannot do their work.

Mrs. Charley Ball is dangerously ill. Dr. L. P. Murray of Holden was called to see her.

There comes times when we don't know which way to turn, or which way to look for aid. No man or woman lives to a good old age without going through some hard places. Bitter experience comes to the heart. Dear ones are taken away Riches are dissipated. The trusted prove unworthy of confidence, and the soul of one is like a ship beaten by the wind and tossed by the waves. But there is only one way to look. Look up. There far above the black clouds forever shines the blue. There, sometimes out of sight, but inexpressibly near to the frail one that seeks His help, is the Friend who is ever gracious. When we are hedged in and go groping in the dark wilderness of despair, his angels are ever ready to take you by the hand and lead you out.—Ex.

At the Court House.

January 1st, 1907, did not make any changes at the court house. Wes Thomas and his good looking deputy, Schanep, still hold down the circuit clerk and recorder's offices, and will continue to strictly attend to business for another four years. Judge Neville still occupies his old room, and will continue to look after the interests of the widows and orphans honestly and efficiently. Treasurer Johnson will continue to handle the county's cash and every cent will be accounted for. Prosecuting attorney Agee and his able assistant, Capt. Lagere, will see that justice is administered, and wrong-doers punished as in the past. Sheriff Willson will assist Agee and Capt. Lagere in up holding the law, and make Morgan a law-abiding county. County Clerk Buck will take charge of the county clerk's office next Monday, and will be ably assisted by Alf Burns, a deputy. The new county court, which will meet the first Monday in Feb., is the same associate judges, with John Kidwell, the new presiding judge, and in their hands the interests of the taxpayers will be looked after, and the business of the county administered in a business way. Surveyor Stevenson and Coroner Braden are ready for business. "Mark" Hanney, the only black sheep in the flock, won't get his nose in the trough until March, as Collector Hardy has a lead pipe cinch on that job until then. Altogether our county officers are a model set of men, honest, upright and efficient, and with the exception of Wes Thomas, all are good looking, in fact handsome men.

Why He Looked That Way.

A Northern man visiting in a Southern town announced that he could tell a man's political tendencies by looking at his face. His auditors looked at one another with incredulity. "Well, I seldom make a mistake you," he said, indicating one of the group about him, "are a McKinley man." "That's right," said the man referred to. "You," pointing at another, "are a Cleveland Democrat." "Yes, that is so," answered he. And the crowd began to sit up and take notice. "You," addressing a third, "are a Bryan man." "You're wrong there. I'm sick; that's what makes me look that way."—Happer's Weekly.

Rules Of Life.

Do not worry.
Keep sweet. Vinegar in a jug is a good thing, but in people it is a nuisance.
Never depart from the truth.
Be courteous.
Never blame another when it is possible to blame yourself.
Touch elbows with the rank and file.
Speak every day to some one whom you know to be your inferior.
Ask no impertinent questions.
Keep your discouragement to yourself, hiding them from the world with a cheerful exterior for your own sake and for those around you.
"To thine own self be true; and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."
Look before you leap.

Traveling on the Editor's Pass.

A certain lawyer says that many years ago he went to a Western state, but, as he got no clients and stood a good chance of starving to death, he decided to return eastward again. Without any money, he got into the train for Nashville, Tennessee, intending to seek employment as reporter on one of the daily newspapers. When the conductor called for his ticket he said:
"I am on the staff of—, of Nashville; I suppose you will pass me?"
The conductor looked at him sharply.
"The editor of that paper is in the smoker. Come with me. If he identifies you, all right."
He followed the conductor into the smoker; the situation was explained. Mr. Editor said:
"Oh, yes, I recognize him as one of the staff; it is all right."
Before leaving the train, the lawyer again sought the editor.
"Why did you say you recognized me? I'm not on your paper."
"I'm not the editor, either. I'm traveling on his pass, and was scared to death lest you should give me away."—Fourth State.