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Hadley for a State Park.

The Praises of Hahatonka Sung By the Governor.

Jefferson City, July 10.—Governor Hadley returned from Hahatonka this evening with plans formulated for the purchase by the state of 5,000 acres, including Hahatonka, and converting the tract into a state park. The governor says the people of Missouri have no idea of the grandeur of the natural scenery of Hahatonka and the surrounding country.

"There is a natural bridge there that excels in every particular the natural bridge of Virginia, deep canyons, a cave, the extent of which has never been explored, and scenery that rivals Mammoth Cave, gushing springs that are unsurpassed anywhere in attractive beauty and many works of nature that outrival the scenery of the Rocky Mountains," said the governor as he reviewed the wonders of a place too little known.

More Attractive than Yellowstone.

"In many particulars," he continued, "Hahatonka and the surrounding country would make a more attractive park than the National Yellowstone Park. It would be infinitely more attractive to Masonians. If the people of this state only knew of the real beauty of Hahatonka, they would flock there. I had heard of the place but was not at all prepared for the wonders of nature that met my gaze. I was never more surprised in my life. If a snow-capped mountain could be added there would not be another such a wonderful spot anywhere. Why, they catch moftain trout there larger than were ever caught in Colorado, and there are rainbow trout there that weigh as high as eleven pounds."

In this way the governor proceeded to speak in praise of the little hamlet in Camden County, Missouri, some seventy-two miles from this city and twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad. He said that a trolley line could be built on a 1 per cent grade, and he was informed that the resort and 5,000 acres of land could be purchased by the state for about \$150,000.

The governor said he desired to correct the erroneous impression that he went there to fish.

"There are plenty of fish there," he said, "but I could not find time to fish for admiring the wonderful scenery. I left here with two objects in view, one to test the Osage River as to its navigable qualities, the other to admire the natural scenery of the country through which we would have to pass.

Plenty of Water in the Osage.

"Oh, yes, the Osage is navigable, all right. There was plenty of water when we went up for the heaviest Mississippi River steamer, and when we struck the river at Linn Creek this morning we found a rise of eighteen feet. We made the trip from Linn Creek to Bagnell, forty miles, in just four hours and there caught the Jefferson City & Lebanon Branch train that brought us home this evening. I never enjoyed a trip more in my life."

The resort and the tract of land the governor has in view for a state park was picked out some years ago by R. M. Snyder of Kansas City, now dead, as his home. He started to build a palatial residence and had an option on the land in question when he was killed. His heirs are not disposed to carry out his plans.—Kansas City Star.

Methods of Seeding Alfalfa.

Alfalfa is a crop the Missouri farmer is

learning to grow. The soils best adapted to it in this state are the bottom lands that are well drained and the most fertile uplands. It is useless to attempt to grow it on wet land and lands that are low in fertility. It may be grown on practically all well drained uplands of medium fertility with proper attention to manuring and methods of handling, but one must understand the peculiarities of the plant to make a success with it on such lands.

The Missouri Agriculture Experiment Station has been conducting experiments with alfalfa for a number of years both at Columbia and in a number of localities in various parts of the state and from the results of these experiments it is able to give the following concise directions regarding the handling of the crop.

First. On uplands the best time to sow alfalfa is almost invariably in late summer or early fall, from the 15th of August to the 15 of September being best. On rich bottoms or very fertile uplands spring sowing may give as good and frequent better results.

Second. The ground should be plowed deep as early in the summer as possible and kept worked down by frequent harrowing until time to sow. One of the best crops to precede alfalfa is clover, plowing immediately after harvesting the first crop. Late plowing leaves the ground too loose and causes the plants to freeze out.

Third. Practically all uplands need inoculation with the nitrogen fixing bacteria which inhabit the roots of alfalfa. Bottom lands usually contain these bacteria. Inoculation is best accomplished by scattering on the land from 200 to 400 pounds per acre of soil from an old alfalfa field and harrowing immediately.

Fourth. The seed should be strong in germination and free from weeds or dodder and it should be sown at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre on a well prepared seed bed without a nurse crop and lightly harrowed in.

Fifth. If the land is of only medium fertility it will be necessary to apply from 8 to 12 tons of manure per acre to insure a stand and to bring a sufficient yield to make the stand profitable.

Sixth. If the grass is troublesome it may be controlled by cultivating the land after the second and third cutting with a dull spring tooth harrow or with a disc set at a moderate angle, following with a drag harrow. There is little danger of injuring the alfalfa by such cultivation and the result will be a more thrifty growth of the plants and the control of the grass.

Seventh. It is almost always best to begin with a small area of alfalfa, rarely over five acres, and learn to handle the crop before attempting large areas.

M. F. MILLER.

Agricultural College and Experiment Station, Columbia, Missouri.

County Exhibitors.

I am pleased to inform the readers of your paper that I now have a supply of State Fair Premium Lists in my office for distribution to those who are interested in making exhibits at the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia this fall. The State Fair dates are October 2nd to 8th.

Our State Fair is growing at a rapid rate and the Premium List each year shows increased premiums and additional departments and I hope that a large number of exhibits will be made by citizens of this county. There is no better opportunity to advertise the resources of our county than to make good exhibits at the State Fair.

The Directors are making a special effort this year for a big corn show in addition to the regular agricultural exhibits. The premiums for county exhibits are large and will more than pay the expense of getting together a good exhibit.

LEWIS LUMPER,
County Clerk.

Teacher's Examination.

Through an error we got only a part of the names of the teachers taking examination June 26-27 in issue of last week, so give the complete list this week.

Lottie Decker,	Syracuse
Cora Martensen,	"
Clara Martensen,	"
Oscar Weaver,	Barnett
Sadie Wray,	"
Clarence Etter,	"
Charles Lee,	"
Charles Tompkins,	"
Letha Goodman,	"
Mattie Berry,	"
Dollie Englebrecht,	"
Oma Nail,	"
J. R. Edmondson,	"
May Weaver,	"
Hattie Phillips,	"
Walter Beanland,	"
Anna Duff,	Versailles
J. F. Schmitter,	"
Eliza Murray,	"
Pauline Nolte,	"
Prissie McClanahan,	"
J. R. Kamer,	"
Fannie Merriott,	"
Alpha Agee,	"
Olive Thorpe,	"
Beulah Kidwell,	"
Vera Barber,	"
Gertrude Weyland,	Tipton
Emma Brunkhorst,	Florence
C. D. Bennington,	"
Martin Nolte,	"
Dixie Phillips,	Gravois Mills
Gertrude Blackman,	Cole Camp
Frances Lockwood,	"
Bessie Lockwood,	"
Myrtle Lefever,	Zora
Myrtle Thurston,	"
Minnie Kauffman,	Gladstone
Lillie Clark,	Glensted
Elva Richardson,	"
Ella Ratcliff,	"
Nellie Clark,	"
Dorthula Igo,	"
E. L. Langdon,	Oterville
Frances Pontius,	Stover
Ida Luegen,	"
Pete Kauffman,	Proctor
Grace Roark,	Sedalia
Opal Roark,	"
Lora Atkinson,	Fortuna
Linda Phillips,	"

For some time President Taft has been much puzzled in trying to answer the question: "What is whiskey?" Representatives of different kinds of intoxicants have been before him, telling him just what it is. But their interests do not quite agree, consequently their answers differ. That makes it puzzling for him to decide. He has therefore given all parties concerned until July 10 to file their briefs, and proposes to wait ten days longer before he gives his definition. While he is waiting to decide, we will try and define it for him. Whiskey is that accursed liquid which wrecks the brain, wrecks the body, depletes the pocketbook, impoverishes the home, makes business for sheriffs and keepers of jails and asylums, drives happiness from the home and makes the heavenly edict, "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven," a living, awful reality.—Gospel Herald.

A Missouri farmer has realized \$46 per acre on his wheat crop. This is a high yield, even for Missouri, but if it was to have been expected anywhere, it might have been expected in this state, which has some of the best land in the country—and lots of it. The state of Kansas, barring the extreme western portion; the east two-thirds of Nebraska and all of Iowa constitute an almost unbroken highly cultivated, enormously productive domain. These states have been fixed in the national mind as the great agricultural states of the lower Missouri Valley. The fact that a considerable part of Missouri's area is mountainous and not suitable for tilling—although much of that land is ideal for fruit growing—has some-

what obscured the fact that the major portions of the state are equal to the very best agricultural sections of other states. And there are probably better opportunities in Missouri now, considering both the quality and the prices of available lands, than in any of the other states here named.—Kansas City Star.

Waking Up.

Judging by the signs of the times Versailles and Morgan county, after nearly a two year's rest, is waking up and getting ready for business. The new Moser \$10,000 ice plant was put in motion this week, and is now turning out the frozen liquid in large chunks sufficient to supply this entire section of country. The whistle on the new Ouachita Brick and Clay plant was tooted this week for the first time, and they are now about ready for business. The farmers are busy gathering the largest crops of all kinds for years, and at the high prices wealth in large quantities will roll into their coffers, many from the older states are seeking this land of opportunity, for now is the accepted time, as Morgan county lands will advance twenty-five per cent in the next twelve months. The Gravois water power is again in evidence, and will, in the near future, be furnishing electric power for all who use power; our real estate men are using every effort to push the claims of our city and country; our banks stand ready to back every safe enterprise, and the knocker has been knocked off his perch and the pessimist petered out, and if the good Lord would send us some business men who advertise, peace, happiness and content would reign even in the newspaper offices, Selah.

Versailles Should be All Right.

Versailles, Morgan county, Missouri, is located almost in the center of the best state in the Union, and is now the best city in Central Missouri. Surrounded by a splendid farming, fruit and stock raising country, with an abundance of coal, fine clays, minerals and timber, nature has certainly done her part, and it now is up to hustling humanity to make her the best city in the state. With all of her great natural resources, and the push and enterprise of her hustling citizens in a material way she has, in our opinion, a higher claim to being all right, in the fact that the great majority of her business men and women are church members, even our pool room being run by a church member in good standing, and formerly, when we had saloons, one of them was run by a church member in good standing. Our doctors are nearly all church members, the same is true of our editors, and also of our lawyers, and, wonderful to relate, many of our real estate agents have their names on the church books. It may be possible that many of us, in the rush and hurry of business, forget that religion is a good thing for every day, and for every honest transaction; yet, with this great army of the Lord united and working together as it should, practicing the golden rule, what a wonderful uplift we could have in material, (we put that first because with many it is first), spiritual, educational, moral and social things, and we would have the model city that has so long been dreamed of.

Then again we have the Masonic order, Oddfellows, K. of P., Woodmen, Redmen, R. N., W. C. T. U., and other orders, all builded on the eternal principle of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man,

and almost every citizen is a member of one or more of them, and while they are of this world, it is not only to strew roses over the grave of a departed member, but to help the living, and when we all remember the vows we have taken and the obligations given, and practice them in business life as well as in the lodge room, then Versailles will be a better place in which to live. What say you?

A Mix-Up.

During the celebration Col. Curtis was called away to dispose of a gambling outfit that had invaded the grounds, and left the commissary tent in charge of Harry Klahn. Two ladies, whose inverted flower baskets were rather heavy and warm, had Harry pin them to the ceiling of the tent—and forgot them—and so did Harry. When closing time came Messrs. Curtis, Hughes and Merriott, of the ground committee, proceeded to dismantle, roll up and pack the tent, all now claiming that they knew nothing of the hats. When the ladies, along towards evening, discovered that they were bareheaded, began a search for their headgear, and rounding up Curtis and Hughes, they found the tent, had it taken out of the sack and unrolled and found the hats still clinging to the ceiling, and barely a feather ruffled. The question for discussion now is: Was it Curtis and Hughes trying to get away with those hats for their wives, or Merriott and Klahn trying to get them for their girls? and it will probably go sounding down the corridors of time with that other unsolved problem: "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

From the New Baptist Preacher.

In the last week's REPUBLICAN there was an article which infers that the editor has some fears for me, when he considers that I am surrounded by Methodists, Christians and Presbyterians. I confess that the proposition does look a little dark, but my Baptist brethren, knowing that I have an ancestry of Baptist that reaches back beyond the time of the Apostle Paul, thought this would be a good field in which to do some mission work. As to the kind of people I have found in this community, I will say that I believe they are doing their best to get along peaceably with us, as has been manifested in their many kindnesses.

A. R. FOSTER.

Harris-Hatfey.

John I. Harris and Miss Alice Hatfey, of Eldon, came over Tuesday morning and hunted up Judge Neville to tie the knot that made them one, the reputation of the Judge for tying a knot that will never slip having reached the hill country of Miller.

Marriage License.

Deputy Breiner has issued the following happiness permits for July, but is always ready, and more than willing, to issue them in quantities on application when accompanied by the proper fee.

Herman Purl,	Barnett
Isabell McKinley,	Rocky Mount
Geo. C. Grisler,	Gates Center, Kan.
Maud Berkstresser,	Versailles
Fra B. Williams,	Gravois Mills
Mary Lucetta Holst,	"

In Squire Clifton's Court.

The preliminary trial of Quincy Bias, of Gladstone, charged with seduction, was held before Squire Clifton last Friday, and Mr. Bias was bound over for his appearance at circuit court in the sum of \$500.