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Best Place After All.

"Glad to see you back," said the neighbor as you entered the front yard and told John Ramsay where to dump your trunk. And from the house across the way, and the one next door, and all about you came that grateful salutation, "Glad to see you home again."

A vacation is a mighty fine thing for a score of reasons. It makes the average family more than ever content with home. The old house needs a coat of paint; weeds have grown up along the front walk and the grass in the front yard needs cutting. "Mother slipped a key in the front door lock and let a flood of sunshine into the place. She can hardly wait to dust things."

Sister sits down at the piano and fills the home with music, and though you have traveled far and wide and heard performers and great orchestras, there is a something about the surroundings that makes this seem best of all.

There is the easy chair. It has been waiting for weeks for a tired man, and on the table are heaped books and magazines, full from cover to cover with interest and mental recreation.

Outside, the children are chattering with the neighborhood colony, telling of the wonders they have seen and the weeks of fun that have been theirs. There has been enough material gathered in these play days to enliven many long evenings this winter.

Yes, the best part of the summer vacation, is coming home.

—Mrs. George Meyer, is visiting in White Cloud, Kansas, this week.

—Miss Hortense Dungan went to Mound City Thursday to spend the day with Miss Boda Fuller.

—Miss Dorothea Thomas has accepted a position as teacher of the 7th grade in the schools at Marceline, Mo., which began Monday of this week.

—The apportionment of the school moneys has been made by County Clerk Zeller, and it will be found on the third page of this issue.

—Our Dunkard friends are holding a series of meetings at the Bethlehem church in Hickory township, and will continue indefinitely. Rev. Hardy, of Kansas City, is conducting the meetings, and they are increasing in both interest and attendance.

—Married, at the home of the bride's in the Highland district, on Tuesday, September 8th, by Rev. T. D. Roberts, of the Presbyterian church of New Point, Mr. Earl Conway, of Garden City, Mo., and Miss Alma Strickler, of the Highland district. They are a splendid couple and we wish them a long, useful life.

—We acknowledge a most delightful call from J. W. Kuhn, one of the substantial farmers of Hickory township, and the Lincoln district, and now owner of the former Charley Cowan farm. Mr. Kuhn has been a resident of our county since 1873, when he came here from Caldwell county and located in the Squaw Creek district, working for Peter Whitmer, who is now deceased. He is a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and was born in 1819. He married Susan, daughter of Samuel Glick, and have seven children living; Anna, now Mrs. Ed. Foster, Roy C., in northern Holt; Floyd S., George E., (Clyde and Claude,) the twins, and Iva Dell, all at home. It is an interesting, devoted Christian family, of the Dunkard faith, and in such people, the whole social fabric of a county is always benefited. May Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn, and his interesting family live long to enjoy the many blessings that come from Him who doeth all things well.

Gets the Reward.

The board of supervisors of Gage county, Nebraska, on Friday last, allowed the claim of Sheriff McNulty, our Sheriff, for the \$500 reward offered last fall by the county for the capture of R. Mead Shumway, now under sentence to hang for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin.

Shumway was charged with killing Mrs. Martin at her home near Beatrice, Neb., September 3 of last year while her husband had gone to the primary election to vote. For two months the murderer eluded the officers in this state and in Kansas. He was captured once at Seneca, Kansas, but succeeded in making his escape. He was finally taken into custody by Sheriff McNulty near this city, where he was working on a farm. The total amount of reward money received by McNulty was \$1,800.

A Deficiency Now Sure.

It is becoming more and more evident that the threatened deficiency in meeting the revenue appropriations made by the recent session of the General Assembly cannot be averted, and that this deficiency will exceed \$1,200,000, the amount at which it was estimated by State Auditor Wilder when he warned the Assembly of the breakers ahead. Instead of giving heed to his admonitions, he was charged with sounding a false alarm, and they continued to make appropriations.

Later, however, our Governor was finally impressed with the soundness of the position taken by the State Auditor, and conditionally held up \$700,000 of these revenue appropriations, and \$500,000 for the good roads fund.

It was then thought that the receipts of the state would be sufficiently large to enable it to meet all the other appropriations, leaving the deficiency but \$1,200,000, composed of the two items mentioned. However, this will not be the case. The State's revenue for July, 1907, was \$318,809.45, as against \$291,732.66 for July, 1908, a shortage of \$27,076.79, and for the month of August, 1907, the receipts were \$284,698.90, as against \$208,963.52 for August, 1908, a shortage of \$75,735.38, and a total shortage in the two months alone of \$102,812.17.

There is little probability that the state's revenues the remaining four months of the last half of 1908 will show an increase over the last half of 1907, and in the amount that they fall short will the amount of the deficiency be increased. Originally, the amount held up by the governor was \$800,000, but \$100,000 of this was later released, and most of it has been drawn from the treasury, else the deficiency would have been reduced by that sum. There would, however, have been no deficiency at all, but more likely a handsome surplus, had the warning of Auditor Wilder been heeded. The Democratic legislature which disregarded the caution of this Republican official, laughing at his estimates as a bugaboo, is wholly responsible for existing conditions.

—Frank Graham celebrated Labor Day in St. Joseph.

ITS UTTER USELESSNESS.

Van Winkle's Mound City Circular Is Given a Complete Dissection.

The Mound City Capital Removers arranged out with a Van Winkle circular, that was evidently prepared by some aid, for it is so ridiculously absurd in every statement made.

Listen:
FIRST: "A new Court House will have to be built in Holt county within the next few years."

Will it? Then why not wait till it is needed? It is a well known fact that no one ever thought of crying "a new Court House is needed" until the Capital Removers of Mound City set up the cry, for their own selfish purposes. It is a substantial structure, and ample for all needs for years to come. The litigation of Holt county is among the very lightest of the 28 counties of like size in the state. For the past five years, ending December, 1907, there was only an average of 26 commitments, with an average of 20 days to each commitment.

"It is obvious that it can be built much cheaper, in Mound City, as it would save freightage the material by wagon over the hills three miles, beside tearing down and removing the debris of the old building."

It cannot possibly be built cheaper in Mound City. Oregon will have a good, substantial railroad, as good in every detail as Mound City's road, backed by such men as C. D. Zook, Albert Roecker, Daniel Zachman, W. H. Richards, T. C. Dungan, Jas. F. Bucher, Lewis I. Moore, B. F. Morgan, Jacob Bucher, Henry Cook, W. A. S. Derr, A. H. Bailey, Chas. Anselm and many others, by the time the snow flies.

SECOND:—"The desirability of a more central location, which is too apparent to need argument."

Why try to hoodwink the people by saying "central location is necessary?" It is not. Mound City is as far from the north line as Oregon is from the south line. She is 6½ miles from the geographical center, and Oregon but 8½ miles. One third more people are served by rural mail from Oregon, than Mound City. A more central location is not needed, because better railroad facilities cannot be had by the proposed removal. It is a well known fact, that Forest City has the best railroad facilities in the county, and hence the easier of access.

Would the authors of this great circular, argue that because Mound City is nearer the geographical center, her location as a county seat would be better than Forest City; it is a known fact she is the most accessible of any town in the Platte Purchase, except St. Joseph. Second to Forest City, in accessibility is Oregon, for she has direct connection with 12 passenger trains daily.

THIRD: The circular estimates the cost of a new court house at \$78,000. Any child knows there will have to be a jail too, and most any body knows with the present price of material, that it could not be done for \$78,000. It is our conscientious opinion with the cost of labor and material at the present time, a new court house and jail would cost not less than \$125,000, and taking into consideration that the bonds will run for 20 years, it will be interest added, at least \$200,000, that the county will pay for this luxury: "of chairs and seats for the weary" that come to their town to trade and build up the town, and Mound City will only have to pay ONE-SIXTEENTH of the cost.

Now this \$200,000 is 2½ per cent on \$8,000,000 taxation, and when a man who owns 160 acres, and under the late State Board of Equalization is about \$4,000, or exactly \$100. Does that look like "\$5.33 each year" for three years as stated by this circular—It really is 25 a year for 20 years—or \$20 a year for five years, or \$33.33 a year for three years.

There is today in force in Holt county mortgage indebtedness equal to \$10 per acre on every acre of land in Holt county, whether improved or unimproved. Why put an additional mortgage upon these lands, when the occasion is an absolutely useless one—absolutely no necessity, for the present court house is ample for all needs.

The circular states that the town lots and personal property "would pay one-half the amount"—the truth is, the town lots and personal property would only have to pay one-fifth—In plain figures, the total valuation of town lots and personal is \$1,582,280; the farmers would have to pay on \$5,500,000. The farmers of Forest township on basis of per capita valuations would have to pay on land valuations \$40 more, and on personal valuations \$53 more than Mound City. Union township farmers on their lands \$108 per capita more than Mound City. Minton township farmers on their lands \$150 more than Mound City. Bigelow nearly \$300 per capita on land values and \$48 on personal values in excess of Mound City. Lincoln township \$123 on personal and \$153 on land more than Mound City. Clay, \$359 on lands and \$89 on personal, more than

would Mound City. Hickory would put up \$415 on lands to Mound City's realty owners \$161, and \$162 to Mound City's \$98 on personal values.

This circular says "Mound City will donate." They are able perhaps to stand alone and do it, but why do it if the people vote the court house to them? The Holt county people will then be tied up, their county seat will be located, and Mound City will not be legally bound to pay—there will be no contract to bind them; they will be free, and have made only a promise that they are not legally bound to fulfill.

When men consider their own personal outlay when going to court they will find it less, much less, than the outlay and inconvenience of moving the court house very few could drive, or if they could, they would not care to drive to the county seat and back the same day, and when they do not go back the same day, the keep of a team will more than balance the extra cost of railroad fare.

"Then again the saving in the mileage of witness and jury fees want to be taken into consideration."

The difference would be from Bigelow to Oregon as to Clay, Union, Liberty, Bigelow and Benton, while the proposed change would increase the cost by jurors and witnesses going from Forbes, Lewis, Forest, Nodaway and Hickory, while their individual expense account would be double what it is under present conditions. The juror or witness from Forbes if discharged after dinner would have to stay until the following morning to reach his home by rail.

In fact the great bugbear in this whole thing that Mound City cannot answer is the utter uselessness of it—Should the capital of the United States be moved to Missouri? And who is so dumb as not to know that if the state capital was at St. Louis or Kansas City, instead of Jefferson City, that it would be handier for the whole people of the state. Central location does not amount to anything—only to those who want an expensive job put on the county, and no return to the county as a whole.

One thing must not be lost sight of, that Mound City will not try to move the court house for the benefit of the county as a whole, but merely for the benefit of Mound City, and nobody was clamoring for a new court house. If sincere in her pretensions in advocating a removal for the best interests of the whole people, why not take down the petition, and first submit the proposition for bonding the county for a new court house, and then let the people vote as to where it shall be located?

It seems to us that Mound City has adopted Napoleon's famous wail at Waterloo, "Save himself who can."

Our Schools.

The people of Holt county are justly proud of their schools. They should be, for the report of the various clerks shows that Holt county schools stand at the top of the system in Missouri. Holt county people realize that parsimony toward education means liberality toward crime.

Give the boys and girls plenty of the best literature and put the school buildings in first class shape, make all the surroundings attractive and you will develop the best traits in the pupil's character. Don't be content with conditions as they are, make them better.

Some ways in which the conditions may be improved:

FIRST: The Director's part—It is the duty of the Board of Directors to provide all things necessary, build up the library, furnish maps, charts, plenty of material for use of teacher and pupils. Have the school house kept neat and clean, well heated, lighted and ventilated. Visit the school, see that the janitor complies with the instructions of the Board. Spend what money is needed to give your children the best in the land.

SECOND: The Teacher's part—The teacher should use a definite course of study, grade the school, teach the eight grades and teach them well, inspire the pupil to complete the eighth grade and attend Rural [Grading] Exercises next spring and get High School Entrance Certificate. Don't scold and nag; be kind, but firm. Show the pupil an ideal, have him work for it, help him attain toward it.

If you receive \$40 per month, teach a \$50 school. Development comes from within, if you want more money next year, earn more than you get this year.

THIRD: The Parent's part—Send the children on time, speak well of the teacher, visit the school, encourage education, see that your school is among the best.

Consult the teacher when things go wrong; if your boy does not get good grades, visit the class and see who is to blame.

Let us all co operate and make this the best school year of the best school county in the state.

GEO. W. REAVIS,
County School Commissioner.

OUR CHOICE.



We are more than pleased simply delighted to announce to our readers, that Assistant Attorney General John Kennish has yielded to his friends, and has filed his announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate.

Many of the most prominent Republicans of our state have been soliciting Mr. Kennish to enter the race, and not until the conference of prominent leaders a week ago, failing to agree upon Mr. John C. McKinley, and the opposition to Mr. R. C. Kerens, did Mr. Kennish yield to these solicitations.

Kennish is the sixth to announce his candidacy. The others are David W. Hill, John C. McKinley, R. C. Kerens, Joe Black and Chauncey I. Filley.

Mr. Kennish was the candidate for supreme judge against Judge Woodson in 1906 and was beaten by only 9,000 votes. He was solicited to run for attorney-general, but declined to get in that race.

Mr. Kennish being from Holt county, and being of Senatorial calibre, it affords THE SENTINEL pleasure to announce his candidacy. We need such men as John Kennish and William Warner in the United States Senate.

August Weather.

Augusta, Georgia, suffered severely from a flood, on the 26th, that damaged the city and surrounding country many millions of dollars.

Jack frost appeared in northern Iowa and parts of Minnesota, North Dakota and northern Wisconsin, on the 23d.

At Davenport, Nebraska on the 9th after a heavy rain, the ground was covered with little frogs.

The month here has been unusually wet and the temperature some four degrees below the normal, and the rainfall 2.50 inches greater than the normal, and 1.71 inches above the normal in 1907; hence August for the past two years has been unusually wet.

On the 26th, the southern part of Clay township was visited with a heavy wind storm that damaged the growing corn greatly and greatly injured the fruit. It was accompanied by a severe electrical storm, and the barn of Harry R. Gibson and a large quantity of grain and hay were destroyed by the lightning. Peter Fryman, in Nodaway township, also lost a barn by lightning. The rain fall in the northeastern part of the county was reported at five inches, while in this locality the rainfall was 2.50 inches.

On August 30th, 1907, Clay township suffered by a severe hail storm. The heaviest rain ever reported in the northeastern part of the county was in 1893, when 7½ inches fell on the 13th and 14th of August, while in 1907 on the 15th, 2.30 inches of rain fell in this locality.

We had no frost during the month; but we have had August frosts; these were in 1855, 1863, and in 1906.

The hottest days of the month for 1908 was 93 degrees on the 3d and 5th; on the 2nd, in 1892, it was 108, and on the 11th in 1874, it was 107. The normal temperature for August is 76; for the month just passed the mean was 72. The coolest day of the month was 52 degrees on the 20th.

At this station the extremes for the month of August, 1908, have been:

DATE.	MAX.	DATE.	MIN.
2	92	8	55
3	93	20	52
4	92	21	54
5	93	23	54
16	91	24	55
Mean maximum, 83.			
Mean minimum, 54.			
Mean, 72.			

The rainfall for the month was 6.63 inches; greatest in 24 hours, was 2.50 inches on the 26th.

The South Methodist Appointments.

The South Methodist Conference recently held at Hannibal, made the following appointments for this section:

Rev. C. H. Werner, who has been in charge of the St. Joseph Centenary church, has been sent to Forest City. He has a family. Tarkio chapel has been added to the Forest City charge.

Rev. L. M. Aldridge, formerly located at Ravenwood, has been sent to the Craig charge, and Corning and Pleasant Valley charges added to Craig.

When a man hits his "affinity" with an ax or a stoviled it seems safe to guess that he is coming out of it.

Trouble Begins.

Our public school opened Monday, with everything in favor of a successful year.

The little girls, with hair neatly braided and banging down their backs, were on our streets early, hurrying toward the school building, eager for lessons to begin. The little lads lagged along limping on an imaginary sore foot or hopping they might be seized with some violent pain as an excuse for absence the first day, yet dreading the thought of castor oil or being confined to bed.

The music of the old bell set the pendulum of memory swinging in the mind of the writer. It covered an expanse of years and awakened thoughts of other days when he too answered summons. Doleful enough it seemed then, but the music was there nevertheless. It brought to his vision another crowd of bright faced boys and girls, many of whom have now completed life's journey—all of whom have experienced life's responsibilities.

Our public school system is the Gibraltar of our civilization. It is a lesson which comes late in life to most of us, but there is no denying it. Keep the boy and girl in school at any cost. Teach them that the public school is the open door to a successful life. Teach them to look upon their teachers as friends and helpers. The parent can do much to make school life pleasant and easy. You owe it to your child.

Superintendent Tate arrived the latter part of last week, and while we have not yet met his assistants, we understand they come with the best of credentials, and have made a very favorable impression; they are backed up in the work by an able and efficient corps of teachers.

We bespeak for each and every one of them, a highly satisfactory and successful school year.

The school will be in charge of Ernest Tate, of Columbia, graduate of our State University, as superintendent.

Miss Lois Welby, of this city, graduate of State University, as principal. Miss Abrah Cary, of Breckenridge, graduate of Park College, will have the science department.

Miss Clerc Hardinger, of Pattonsburg, graduate of our State University, will have charge of the mathematics.

Miss Nell Frye, department 5.

Miss Myrtle Peret, department 1.

Miss Maude Alkire, department 3.

Miss Julia Kunkel, department 2.

Mrs. G. W. Murphy, primary.

Dorothea Fields of Maryville, will have charge of the colored school.

No game seems too small for Col. Bryan. His itinerary includes Madison Square Garden, N. Y., September 17th, at which time and place he will shoot his cannon mouth at Debs and his party. It will be remembered that on the date named, Debs will be on the Pacific Slope.

And now comes President Gompers, through the columns of the American Federation, and charges that the socialist campaign fund, especially that part providing for the "Red Special" railway train is borne by the capitalists. Lucky boy, Debs.