

Our Jefferson City Letter.

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A bill relating to senatorial and legislative districts, to repeal section 8147, article 2, chapter 72, would place Shelby and Monroe in the 7th district, Macon in the 5th with Howard and Randolph and Adair in the district now represented by Senator Carter of Clark, and call it the 9th. This bill has been read second time and is in committee on Elections.

That "time has mellowed" them along certain lines is admitted by a number of the members when asked about the suffrage amendment. That we are not ready for the step, but that it is coming, is evident. Against the principal of the question there is no argument, but when the fact is taken into consideration that there are thousands of women in the state, negro women and undesirables, whose votes would be controlled by the vicious politician, one can imagine the resulting chaos in decent Missouri. The average good woman will be a long time exercising her right of franchise and in the meantime the results would be disastrous. President Wilson is right when he says that each state must settle that question for itself, and let us hope Missouri will say "no" to the resolution until we are ready.

That the Initiative and Referendum should be so amended that questions voted down by the representatives of the people in the legislature could not be so easily submitted by that route, is another evident fact. That it was needed in its present form is acknowledged. A joint and concurrent resolution by Senator Mitchel would correct the weakness of this law. It seeks to raise the per cent of the legal voters in the initiative section 57, article 4, from eight per cent to ten per cent, changing "two-thirds of the congressional districts" to three-fourths and changing the referendum power from five per cent of the legal voters to fifteen per cent. This would make it more difficult for disappointed cliques to force the people to vote on questions decided by their representatives and also save the state thousands of dollars.

A resolution was adopted providing the Senate request the Congress of the United States to provide national aid for the Mississippi River Levee Association.

Senate bill 356 to strengthen the pure food law, has been recommended favorably out of the committee. It provided that all food displayed for sale be kept protected from flies, dust and dirt and applies equally to the storing transportation and manufacture of food.

Senator Goodson's automobile mutual insurance bill has passed second reading and gone to engrossment.

Senator McClintic is author of a bill relating to elections to vote on road law.

Senator Moore is author of "An act relating to trains running at night without headlights."

Senator Brogan is author of a bill to make it unlawful for unregistered persons to practice embalming. Another bill by Senator Brogan provides that only citizens of the United States be employed for public works and to give preference to citizens of Missouri.

Representative Adams of Green County would legalize boxing exhibitions under regulations prescribed by a commission composed of three men, dividing the State into three boxing districts and each commissioner to look after his own territory; the State to exact a license of \$100 from each organization giving boxing exhibitions and take 5 per cent of the gross gate receipts. Before any club can give an exhibition it must obtain a char-

ter from the State and pay the license fee. Any surplus money which may be left after the commissioners have been paid, will go into the state good roads fund.

Senator Allee is author of a bill, 432, entitled "An act to provide for the physical inspection of children attending public schools.

Representative McCollum has introduced a bill to raise the salaries of guards at the penitentiary from \$85 to \$100

Senator McClintic's quail bill went to engrossment Wednesday. This bill provides that the open season for hunting quail shall be from November 15 to December 15. Senator Goodson amended bill to make open season for doves beginning August 1 instead as September 1, as is now the law.

The committee before which the compensation bills of Senators Goodson and McClintic are before, will have final hearing on those bills Monday.

M. U. Man Say Death Rate Is Too High.

"There is no law of mortality. The health and death rate of every community depends entirely upon sanitary conditions in that community. When a community has an excess of typhoid fever, or any other contagious disease, it is because the people are too niggardly to take measures of prevention."

This statement was made by Dr. M. P. Ravenel, Professor of Preventive Medicine at the University of Missouri, at the opening Convocation of the Second Semester at Columbia.

Doctor Ravenel said that there were 1,000,000 deaths in the United States every year, 400,000 of them being due to health negligence.

"Every day," he declared, "there are 1100 people sacrificed in this country through carelessness."

The speaker said that the State Boards of Health were inadequately supported and that they were overloaded with work that belonged to other officers. He pointed to the results achieved during the construction of the Panama Canal as an example of what could be done in the United States. Doctor Ravenel stated that the death rate at the Panama Canal at present was lower than the death rate of any city in this country.

"Much of the insanity and crime in this country," he said, "is due to diseased bodies or minds. We spend millions of dollars for the care of these people, yet do nothing to get at the root of the thing."

Doctor Ravenel said that the death rate in the German army, due to typhoid fever was but one man in every 300,000. He said that this was due to the fact that vaccination there was compulsory. Because of the adoption of Compulsory Vaccination laws in the United States Army, there were but four cases among the 90,000 men in 1913-14.

"Pig Feeding" Clubs For the Boys, Now.

After all, there's a right and wrong way to do everything, even to the feeding of pigs. And now comes the agricultural extension division of the University of Missouri organizing "pig feeding" clubs for the boys and girls of Missouri.

"The purpose of these 'pig feeding' clubs," said A. J. Meyer, secretary of the agricultural extension work, is to teach the club members how to feed pigs economically to make the most gains at the lowest cost possible. This involves not only right methods of feeding, but right management, so as to keep the pigs healthy. It takes healthy pigs to make cheap gains."

Prizes will be offered for those

club members who show that the pigs which they have been feeding have made the most gain

Boys and girls who desire to enter clubs should obtain at least six members from one school district. If this is impossible, two or three districts may combine. Wherever possible the boys' and girls' clubs are tied up as closely as possible to the county schools. Any person interested in the organization of these clubs may obtain a circular giving complete information, if he will write to the Agricultural Extension services of the College of Agriculture.

There are now 3423 boys and girls enrolled in the different clubs. There are 288 clubs. Up to January 1 there were 78 corn clubs, with a membership of 1134; 45 tomato clubs, with 508 members; 102 sewing clubs, with 1072 members; 50 stock judging, with 561 members; and 13 poultry clubs with 148 members. Since January 1 there have been 17 clubs organized with a membership of 188.

Why did June run away?

Miss Lucile Crandall accompanied Miss Maude Scott to her home in Anabel Saturday. They returned Monday morning.

"Old Bill Gettum" the city policeman, Feb. 19.

Robey & Robinson Lumber Co. have moved into their new office. It is modern in every respect and is a credit to any business in town. They have reason to be proud of their new quarters.

The Gem, Thursday Feb. 11, Matinee and night, Bruce McRae in the famous political romance, "The Ring and the Man." 5 reels. 10 and 15c.

Mrs. A. G. Rathburn and son, Gilbert spent part of the week in Shelby with her sister, Mrs. Ella Gosney.

Card of Thanks. I wish to thank my many friends for their kind assistance and sympathy during the illness of my dear husband.

Mrs. N. Osbourn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cort, of Palmyra arrived Friday to take birthday dinner with the latter's sister, Mrs. Fannie Fielder. They remained until Monday

Don't fail to see the "Spooky Organ Feb. 19.

Miss Tilda Lundberg, of Hannibal spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Hillery Hardesty.

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J. T. Brower, of Warren spent Sunday with his niece, Mrs. Holloway. He left Monday for Palmyra where he attended court.

"Billy Base" the funny man at the Opera House Feb. 19.

Little Reta Rose Norton, of Palmyra visited here the last of the week. Her aunt, Mrs. Lee Pierceall accompanied her home Friday, returning that evening.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Goodier departed Monday for a visit at San Antonio and other points in the Lone Star State.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a missionary tea at the home of Mrs. W. D. Barnes on February 11.

Mrs. James McClintic and daughter, Miss Carolyn, left Tuesday for their home in Selkirk, Kansas after spending several weeks with relatives here.

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Miss Leona Settles, of Jonesboro, Ark., spent the week with relatives here. She leaves today for Chicago and New York where she will buy millinery for the coming season.

W. E. Shearman and son, Adam returned Friday from Cincinnati where the latter recently underwent a severe surgical operation. He is getting along nicely. His friends hope he may soon fully recover.

"The Choirmaster" at the Opera House, Feb. 19.

Miss Lydia Ferry, of Elsberry returned home Saturday after spending ten days with Miss Mae McAllister.

Every Friday and Saturday

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FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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The Hagan Dry Goods Co.

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BOTH PHONES Louis Nash