

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE, MISSOURI

During last year 66 of the municipal bodies in the British Isles which supply electricity showed a deficit totaling £76,201.

It is now thought that ebony will grow in California, and some trees are to be taken there from Mexico and an attempt made to grow them.

Seventy-five years ago the first regular news boat to intercept packet ships for foreign intelligence was put in commission in New York.

An English judge recently altered a sentence to 18 months of hard labor to five years' penal servitude because the prisoner threw a bottle at him.

A prominent Hartford (Conn.) firm of automobile builders has found it necessary to establish a chauffeurs' school in order to get competent men to drive its various cars.

A small new planet of between the ninth and the tenth magnitude has been discovered in the constellation Aquarius by Prof. Goetz, at the Königstuhl observatory, near Heidelberg.

In Japan ships are loaded with coal by women and girls; but the work is made comparatively easy by putting the coal in small baskets, which are passed on from one end of a line to the other.

It has been found that 70 to 80 per cent. of the consumptive patients at one of the Swiss sanitariums retain for several years the extra weight gained there during several months' treatment.

The recently constructed bridge over the Zambesi river at the Victoria Falls is the highest in the world, crossing the gorge below the famous falls at a height of 400 feet, is 650 feet in length, and consists of a main span of 500 feet and two side spans. There are two lines of rails, and the weight of the structure is 1,650 tons. Work was commenced in October, 1904, and the bridge was linked up on April 1, this year.

Concealed somewhere in the old Presbyterian church at Fairton, Pa., there is said to be a bottle of whisky at least 100 years old. When the edifice was being built, it is said, the workmen struck for whisky, which in those days seemed to be a necessity. A quart was furnished them, but according to Hosea Husted, then an apprentice, the liquor was so "ornery" that the men couldn't drink it, but buried it in the walls. Robert Westcoat, who relates the incident, says the bottle is still there.

Automobile manufacturers in this country made a fine showing during the fiscal year 1905 in the way of foreign trade, the exports reaching the high-water mark of \$2,481,243. Last year the exports were valued at \$1,895,605, and the year before at \$1,207,065. The greatest foreign shipments in any one month in the history of the American automobile export trade were those in June last, when the value reached \$313,499. In June a year ago the value was only \$181,798.

In discussing ways and means to increase our trade with South America, Special Agent Lincoln Hutchinson, writing to the state department from Rio de Janeiro, expresses his opinion that the mail service with this country is in urgent need of improvement. This, he declares, is very inadequate, and its improvement would stimulate our sales. Many of the larger dealers send their orders by cable, and are thus independent of the mails. But the smaller firms are not able to do this.

The picture-card craze has struck this country hard. Every town and village has come to have its "set" of views, and this is a large country with many communities. We are a rich and free-spending people, and purchase of cards figures as a trifle. In consequence the mails are crowded with them, and the government does not mind, so long as the cards are decent, for it gets about one dollar and twenty cents a pound for carrying them, whereas the average payment for all other sorts of matter is but eight cents per pound.

It seems practically certain that in the provisions which he has announced for a new legislative assembly in Russia, time will prove that the czar has builded better than he knew. The constitution of the Duma, as this assembly is called, is not more remarkable for what it grants to the people than for what it expressly withholds. It actually deprives the emperor of little, if any, of the power he now possesses; he is still the beginning and the end of all law and authority. The Duma may be dissolved at any time by the emperor.

## INDICTMENTS DEFECTIVE.

Part of Those Found by Chicago Grand Jury Against Packers May Be Overruled.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The hearing of arguments on the demurrers to the indictments returned by the federal grand jury against five of the big packing concerns and 17 of their employees was closed late Wednesday afternoon and if Judge Humphrey before whom the arguments have been made retains his present impression of the case, one half of the indictments charging the packers with conspiracy in restraint of trade will be sustained and the remaining counts overruled. When it was announced that the case had been closed Judge Humphrey said: "As it now looks to the court the odd-numbered counts are sufficient and the even-numbered counts are insufficient. The argument has been so clear that this is my present impression."

"I will faithfully read the authorities cited by either side in this case. When I am ready to render my decision in the cases I will notify the district attorney and the attorneys for the defendants."

The odd-numbered indictments which may be considered sufficient by the court charge conspiracy among the defendants in restraint of trade. The even-numbered counts charge a monopoly. The first count in the indictment is not to be considered in the decision of Judge Humphrey, as to this count the packers are to plead guilty and go to trial immediately.

### Secretary Shaw's Remedy.

Washington, Oct. 12.—There prevailed in the important speeches before the American Bankers' association convention here Wednesday the sentiment that financial legislation is necessary. Thirty-three hundred bankers applauded Secretary Shaw to the echo when he concluded a lengthy address, the burden of which was a panorama of the prosperity of the country contrasted with a monetary system which is inflexible and liable thereby to bring disaster at any crucial time. Secretary Shaw suggested a remedy—a heavily taxed national bank note currency which would be drawn forth at times of unusual demand for money and by reason of the tax be retired immediately upon changed conditions.

### Market Contract Annulled.

Panama, Oct. 12.—The last action of the Panama canal commission before sailing from Colon for New York was the annulment of the contract awarded to J. E. Markel of Omaha for feeding and caring for the employees of the canal. The reason for this action is that Chief Engineer Stevens, through the department of materials and supplies under Messrs. Jackson and Smith, is handling the commissaries successfully rendering unnecessary the arrangement with Mr. Markel. Protests made by the employees against the arrangement, it is believed, also influenced the decision.

### Negroes to Test Law.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 12.—The validity of the law enacted last winter segregating the races in the Kansas City, Kan., high school is to be tested in the supreme court. The question was brought before the supreme court Wednesday morning in a mandamus proceeding brought by Mamie Richardson, a negro, against Thomas J. White, president, and the members of the Kansas City, Kan., school board. It is asked that the Richardson girl be admitted to the high school for white children.

### Yellow Fever Situation Improved.

New Orleans, Oct. 12.—The cold snap Wednesday, the continued shrinkage in cases, and the prediction of frost Wednesday night in north Louisiana with the probability that there will follow an early lifting of quarantine, restrictions in that section of the state, all tend to improve the general yellow fever situation, not only in New Orleans, but throughout Louisiana, and Mississippi.

### Banker Pleads Guilty.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 12.—J. A. Erickson, ex-president of the defunct Second National bank of Minot on a plea of guilty, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Amidon in the United States court Wednesday afternoon for making false returns to the comptroller of the currency.

### Robbed a Santa Fe Agent.

Arkansas City, Kan., Oct. 11.—Two masked robbers "held up" the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe agent at Red Rock, Ok., Tuesday afternoon, forcing him to deliver to them \$75, the contents of the cash drawer. There is no clue to the robbers.

### New Railroad Chartered.

Guthrie, Ok., Oct. 12.—The Texas Tulsa and Gulf railroad capitalized at \$10,000,000 was granted a charter here Tuesday. The road will cover territory from Tulsa to Matagorda Bay, Texas and eventually connect with Kansas City.

## RAMSEY IS BEATEN.

Has Lost Fight for the Control of the Wabash.

Could Only Secure Proxies Representing \$2,000,000 While Gould Held \$22,000,000—Is Also Forced From Directorate.

Toledo, O., Oct. 11.—No directors were chosen at the annual meeting of the Wabash railroad Tuesday. The sessions, with the exception of two brief recesses, lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 11:15 at night, almost the entire time being taken up by the examination of proxies. Although no figures had been given out by the inspectors of election, it is believed that the vote to be taken the first thing Wednesday morning will show that Mr. Gould has behind him about \$22,000,000 of the bonds and that Mr. Ramsey has in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. This makes certain that six men nominated by the Gould faction as directors representing the bond holders will be elected. These men are Russell Sage, Winslow Pierce, R. C. Clowry, E. T. Welles, W. B. Saunders and R. M. Galloway. Mr. Ramsey has not shown sufficient strength to enable him to hold his seat as a director, and it is generally believed that he is weaker in stock proxies than he is in the bonds.

At the night session Mr. Ramsey's attorneys took the position that no man should be allowed to vote unless he is the actual owner of stock at the time of the meeting. They submitted affidavits covering about \$1,000,000 of bonds, in which the affiants themselves were the actual owners of stock which stood in other names on the stock list at the time the books were closed prior to the election. The proxies for this stock had been given to Mr. Gould in every instance and the persons declaring themselves the present owners had given proxies to Mr. Ramsey. Chief among these was James R. Keene, who gave a proxy for \$212,000, and J. W. Henning & Co., of New York, who gave one for \$154,000. The inspectors ruled against Mr. Ramsey in every instance, holding that the bonds could only be voted by the person in whose name it stood at the time of the closing of the books.

### TO TEST THE LAW.

Race Track Owners Are Preparing to Attack Constitutionality of Anti-Bookmaking Statutes.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 9.—St. Louis race track owners and racing men are preparing legal and financial resources for an effort to test in the state supreme court the constitutionality of the acts by which the breeders' law was repealed during the last session of the legislature, and defying book-making and pool-selling as felonies.

Kansas City racing men are expected to join in the attack on the statutes. It is announced that the contest is to be begun soon in the hope of securing a final decision before the opening of the racing season of 1906.

The St. Louis Fair Association, the Delmar Jockey club, the owners of Union and Kinloch parks and the Kansas City Jockey club are stated to be the prime movers in the attempt to have the law declared unconstitutional.

### KANSAS GIRL MISSING.

Adopted Daughter of Judge Dimm of Holton Disappears at Kansas City While Visiting Relatives.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11.—Grace Dimm, the adopted daughter of Judge J. C. Dimm of Holton, Kan., is missing. Henry A. Baer, chef at the Washington hotel, the girl's brother-in-law, says he knows where she is, but refuses to tell. He declares she is well and not held in restraint against her will, but he declines to give Judge Dimm or anyone else any information as to her whereabouts. The girl has been missing for more than a month.

The story of Grace Dimm's life would furnish material for a melodrama. In many respects it is sufficiently unusual to hold the attention of any reader. In Holton, where she and her foster parents have been known for years, the interest is so widespread that detectives are to be employed to find the girl or to discover, if possible, where she is and why she does not return to her home.

### Negro Shoots into Crowd.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 10.—Wild with rage because of the ridicule of several small boys in front of the Bijou theater on Main street Monday night, an unknown negro emptied his revolver into a mass of people. One boy is dying another is dangerously wounded and a negro girl received slight injuries. A large crowd had gathered in front of the playhouse when an unknown negro passed. Several small boys greeted the negro with catcalls and obstructed his passage. The negro became infuriated and drawing a revolver fired at his annoyers. He then made a hasty flight and has not been apprehended.

## REFINERY PROFITS.

Experience of Refineries Shows That the Lowest Grade Oil Produces \$2.50 Worth of Products.

Cherryvale, Kan., Oct. 10.—The profits to the refiner on the products of a barrel of Kansas crude oil, 28 degrees gravity, is \$2.80. That includes the profits on gasoline, kerosene, machine oils, fuel oils, but not on coke, of which there is a small percentage.

There have been many statements by promoters of refinery propositions as to profits on the by-products of Kansas crude oil. Undoubtedly the profit varies with the grade of oil. There is more profit in a barrel of 32 degree oil or 34 degree oil than there is in a barrel of 28 degree oil, for the reason there is a greater percentage of gasoline and kerosene in the high grade oil. As the four independent refineries in operation in Kansas at this time are all using low grade oil the figures given above represent their profit. The Kansas independent refineries as yet are not making all the by-products which are made by the Standard company refinery in Neodesha, and therefore their profits are not as large as the profits of the Standard on the same grade of oil.

### LULING WILL WAIT.

Kansas Superintendent of Insurance Will Postpone Action Against Big Companies for the Present.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 11.—State Insurance Superintendent Luling when shown a dispatch stating that his department would take action against the New York Life Insurance company and the Equitable Life Assurance society, in response to the advice of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, authorized the Associated press to say:

"I shall make no movement until the insurance investigation is finished and its findings are made public. The office of the insurance superintendent is not following the suggestions of Mr. Lawson. We shall act in accordance with an agreement reached by the convention of state insurance superintendents in New Hampshire some weeks ago, at which it was decided to await the outcome of the New York inquiry and then each superintendent was to use his own judgment as to the necessary steps. Action then will depend on the nature of the findings of the investigation committee."

### CROPS IN OKLAHOMA.

Statistics Compiled by County Clerks Show Satisfactory Increase in Past Year.

Guthrie, Ok., Oct. 10.—The Oklahoma board of agriculture has issued its first statistics of the corn and cotton crops in Oklahoma for 1905, compiled from returns to county clerks as gathered by assessors for the year ending March 1, 1905. Secretary McNabb reports that of 462 municipal townships in Oklahoma statistics were received from 275. The estimates of the corn crop of 1905 are: Total yield, 33,252,199 bushels; value, \$11,439,499; acre yield, 24.3 bushels; acreage, 1,573,597; percentage of increase in acreage over 1904, 14.92; the average price September 20 was 29.95 cents.

The estimated yield of cotton is 213,724.4 bales of 500 pounds each; value, \$10,196,100; acreage, 628,557; acre yield of ginned cotton, 170.01 pounds; average price a pound September 20, 1905, 5.54 cents; percentage of increase in acreage over 1904, 19.99.

### SIDETRACKING BRISTOW.

Suggestion Is Made That President Send Him on Hunt for Corruption in High Places.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—There is an effort under way to have the president appoint Joseph L. Bristow an official investigator to look into the affairs of alleged corruption in the various government departments. The desire is to have him appointed for a term of four years.

It can not be learned just who is responsible for the Bristow boom, or whether his friend, Senator Long, or other Kansas politicians have interested themselves in his case or not. Rumor has it, however, that it is probably a scheme to get Bristow out of the senatorial race in Kansas. Whether this is true or not, the Washington Post is sincere in its advocacy of Mr. Bristow's permanent appointment for the position suggested.

### Child Labor Bad as Slavery.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—The American Humane association began its annual meeting here Tuesday with nearly every large city in the country represented. In his address President Stillman said: "Our societies should give greater attention to the procuring and enforcement of proper child labor laws. When one studies the condition of child labor in the cotton mills of the south and the coal fields of the north, a condition is found practically as bad, and even worse in some respects, than that which characterized slavery before the civil war."

## YOU HAVE NO RIGHT

To Suffer from Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?

A. Constipation.

Q. What is Constipation?

A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the result is death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.

Q. What causes Constipation?

A. Neglect to respond to the call of Nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.

Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?

A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—piles, appendicitis, and asthmal, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize this?

A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.

Q. Can it be cured?

A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What then should be done to cure it?

A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?

A. It is a Compound containing 40 per cent of the juice of Concord grapes. It exerts a strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual but sure. It is not a physic. It is unlike anything else you have ever used, but it cures Constipation, dysentery, stomach and bowel trouble. Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against diseases. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.

Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?

A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size.

Good for ailing children and nursing mothers. A Free Bottle to all who have never used it, because we know it will cure you.

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Send this coupon with your name and address and druggist's name, for a free bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic for Stomach and Bowels to  
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Rock Island, Ill.  
Give Full Address and Write Plainly.  
The \$1.00 bottle contains nearly three times the 50c size. At drug stores.

The genuine has a date and number stamped on the label—take no other from your druggist.

High finance seems to be in partnership with low morality.—N. Y. Press.

## Mothers Are Helped

THEIR HEALTH RESTORED

Happiness of Thousands of Homes Due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Mrs. Pinkham's Advice.

A devoted mother seems to listen to every call of duty excepting the supreme one that tells her to guard her health, and before she realizes it some derangement of the female organs has manifested itself, and nervousness and irritability take the place of happiness and amiability.



Tired, nervous and irritable, the mother is unfit to care for her children, and her condition ruins the child's disposition and reacts upon herself.

The mother should not be blamed, as she no doubt is suffering with backache, headache, bearing-down pains or displacement, making life a burden.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the unfailing cure for this condition. It strengthens the female organs and permanently cures all displacements and irregularities.

Such testimony as the following should convince women of its value:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:

"I want to tell you how much good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. I suffered for eight years with ovarian troubles. I was nervous, tired and irritable, and it did not seem as though I could stand it any longer, as I had five children to care for. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended and it has entirely cured me. I cannot thank you enough for your letter of advice and for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me.—Mrs. Ph. Hoffman, 100 Elm Street, Brooklyn, N. Y."

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