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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Kirksville may have an automobile factory.

New Madrid and Scott counties are agitating the question of a good court house.

On Monday Centralia voted a bond issue of \$25,000 to build a new public schoolhouse.

It is probable that a Y. M. C. A. building will be built at Charleston during the present year.

An evangelist referred to a dance at Rock Port, last week as a "gizzard squeezing affair."

New Madrid county people seem to be in earnest about having a new court house in 1909.

DeSoto has a truant officer whose duty it is to look after the children who do not attend school.

Rev. R. H. Cooper of Fayette has collected \$87,000 with which to support superannuated ministers of the Methodist church.

More shoes were made in St. Louis than in Boston last year. And Boston used to think it would never have a sole mate.

The Democrat says that for a "dry" town, there is a big amount of liquor drank in Gallatin. The same is true of Jamesport.

The W. C. T. U. of Charleston had \$73 left in their treasury last week after all their expense in the local option campaign had been paid.

Hon. C. A. Crow, congressman-elect, has appointed Harry Naeter, one of the owners of the Cape Girardeau Republican, as his private secretary.

A St. Clair County man has just emigrated to Oklahoma and confesses he has moved forty times in the forty-five years he has been married.

Frank Bloomfield of Parnell had a bottle of grasshoppers that he was showing Saturday morning. Probably this is a forerunner of an early spring.

Congressman Russell has introduced a bill in congress appropriating \$50,000 to protect the property at Bird's Point from the encroachment of the river.

A Woman's club at Columbia has notified the grocermen of that village that they must clean up their stores if they expect women to trade with them.

A Polk County man bought 1,000 geese in a bunch and then tried to drive them to Bolivar. The geese rambled around so much that he gave it up and loaded them into wagons.

In Springfield two hours after Mrs. Flora Sourlock had been divorced from her husband by Judge Neville, she married W. A. Summons, who was one of the witnesses in her behalf.

The Carthage Press is optimistic enough to believe that after all this strain on the public's nerves, surely St. Louis people will see the importance of voting so that one count will be sufficient.

An Osceola firm shipped a carload of 12,000 rabbits for city consumption the other day. The meat trust will begin buying up the rabbits pretty soon and the now undervalued bunny will become a luxury.

Congressman J. J. Russell's bill

authorizing an appropriation for the improvement of the Little Black river, which he has been pushing for a long time in Congress, will be complied with, according to information sent from Washington. The committee on rivers and harbors has promised the Missouri congressman that money for the betterment of the stream will be appropriated in the emergency river and harbor bill, which will be reported shortly. The success of the congressman was unexpected, owing to the financial stringency, but he urged the matter with such stress before the committee that it promised to incorporate the measure in the emergency bill.

Prosecuting Attorney Gossam says this "pistol toting habit" has got to stop in this city and in this county, and he says this also applies to these winged angels from Arkansas who have that foolish way of shooting out of the car windows on their return home in the afternoon. He says some of these times a few of them are likely to miss their train and wake up the next morning in a big jail where they might pass a few months. In passing we might remark to a few of the rough citizens of this city that the judge's remarks apply to all localities and even if you do live here you are going to be prosecuted as hard as if you did not.—Caruthersville Democrat.

If reports are only partly true a condition exists about Birds Point and perhaps other places in this county that need attention. It is said that there are forty cases of small pox at the Point, and that no restrictions are being used whatever; that a man broken out with the disease actually went through the train there one day this week. The disease was brought in from Cairo where it is very prevalent, and a quarantine is needed before the whole county is threatened. What is the matter with the County Board of Health? If we haven't one the County Court should attend to it next week, the first thing.—Charleston Courier.

The deed of what is probably the largest transfer of land ever recorded in Southeast Missouri has been filed in the county recorder's office here. The deed was made by the Holladay-Klotz Land and Lumber company to the Wayne Iron and Lumber company, and calls for 100,000 acres of land in Wayne county at a consideration of \$400,000. This marks the passing of the old Holladay-Klotz Land and Lumber company, at one time the largest lumber company operating in Missouri.—Greenville Journal.

Thirty-seven years ago a festival in which the "post office" was an important feature was given in Charleston. Miss Bettie Hisey was postmistress, assisted by Lewis Danforth. On St. Valentine's evening a similar affair will be given there, and Mrs. Bettie Hisey Hagan will be assisted again by Lewis Danforth in the distribution of letters.

R. G. Ranney has taken possession as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Cape Girardeau. His father, W. C. Ranney, was the first judge to fill that position, when the court was created.

Dr. Anna J. Smith, the osteopath, who formerly had an office at Dexter, and who, with her husband conducts an osteopath sanitarium at Poplar Bluff has been indicted by a Butler county grand jury for malpractice.

The wife of John Rumbouty of Cape Girardeau died last week. He was 70 years old and very deaf and could not be made to understand that his wife was dead, so he walked to the coffin to see her body, and was so overcome by grief that he fell dead.

Rather than distress his mother, who led him to believe she preferred him to remain single, John Dunn, of St. Louis, a millwright, for seventeen years kept the fact of his marriage from her. It was likewise a secret to Dunn's brothers and sisters until the death of his mother, despite the fact that the woman who nursed Mrs. Dunn with tender care during her last illness was the wife of her son.

As the west bound passenger train was running between Essex and Hunterville last Saturday evening some miscreant hurled a rock at the passing train. A cat window in the ladies coach was broken and Mrs. Nancy Wolf, of Morley, was struck on the head, inflicting a scalp wound. A babe she was holding in her arms barely missed being struck by the stone and the flying glass.—Dexter Messenger.

A woman sued for a divorce on the ground that her husband's wages of \$20.00 per week is insufficient to keep her from servitude. A couple that can't get along on that amount must be fast livers, indeed. What will she do if she gets a divorce? Will that help matters any? Are there so many pursuits open to women that she can, if single, jump into a \$40.00 job? We have a sneaking suspicion that the husband will be better off if the divorce is granted.

The Frisco railroad has been instructed by Attorney General Major that if they abandon part of their track in Pemisocot county, as they have been contemplating, that it will invalidate their entire charter. The Frisco has a net work of lines in Pemisocot county, bought from Mr. Houck and lumber companies, giving them two or more lines between different towns, and as they are not remunerative, it has become a problem with the company how to operate them.

The latest graft by which the hospitable farmer is separated from his cash is worked by a "fake" minister and a couple of assistants. The former asks shelter for the night at a farm house and later the other two—a "blushing" couple—come and ask to be married. After considerable urging the minister consents and the groom, fuming about the delay, presents what purports to be a license. The farmer as a witness, signs it hurriedly. About a month later it turns up in a local bank as a note.

Francis B. Runder, former cashier of the St. Louis postoffice, was brought to Ironton Monday evening by Deputy United States Marshall Williams to serve six months in the Iron County jail for embezzeling about \$8,000 from the postal funds. The punishment no doubt is just, but it looks strange to an outsider that Runder, who is a Democrat, should have to serve six months for stealing \$8,000 while no one has been punished for stealing that \$61,500 from the St. Louis sub-treasury. Is this the boasted American justice?

A farmer living over in Taney County has a dwarfed pet pig that is two or three years old and no larger than a house cat. The other day he took his pig out with a party of hunters. Presently up jumped a rabbit, and it got in a hole before any of the hunters could get their guns to their shoulders. "Here's where 'Foxy' will show you what he can do," says the farmer. He let the pig down and it sniffed the ground and went into the hole quick as a ferret, and pretty soon came out with the rabbit in its mouth. The farmer says that the pig is more valuable than all the bird dogs, as it is also a good quail hunter, and when the pig makes a stand it is next to impossible to make it flush the flock.

Charles A. Sumner of Kansas City, who claims to be a representative legislative agent for the Brotherhood of Hoboes, arrived at Jefferson City Tuesday bearing a letter of introduction to Lieutenant-Governor Gmelick and Speaker A. A. Speer. His purpose in coming there is to have a bill passed providing for the state giving employment to the men out of work. An appropriation of \$125,000, for the purpose of carrying out the scheme, is one provision of the bill Sumner has in mind. Sumner says he is backed by the leaders of organized labor in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Attorney-General Major has rendered an opinion to the effect that the law passed by the last legislature fixing the salaries of county attorneys in counties of a population of not less than 32,000 nor more than 50,000 at \$2,500 per year, is unconstitutional and void. It affects but four counties of the state and the attorney-general holds that it is a local and special law. The opinion was rendered upon the request of several county attorneys or their assistants.

While hunting rabbits in the Pearl Bend neighborhood, a Benton County man found in a hollow log a loaded and cocked shotgun which has been identified as belonging to J. A. Long, who killed Mrs. Winemuller and Felix Crawford in October, 1906. The finding of the gun again starts people to guessing whether Long made his escape or whether he was killed by pursuers and his body thrown in the river.

The Braun prize, awarded the best student of the universities of America and Europe, has been captured by Mabel Sturtevant of Brookfield, a Missouri girl, born and reared on a farm and educated almost entirely by her own efforts. She intends making a tour of the world with the money her victory has given her.

Thomas M. Allen of Casaville, a former postmaster, yesterday pleaded guilty before Judge Pollock of the federal court to opening another's mail. He was fined \$300. A decoy letter sent by a postoffice inspector caused his arrest. Allen is one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Barry County.

A crowd of hunters about five miles southeast of Grant City went out hunting one day last week and killed 159 rabbits on a square mile of territory. At the end of the hunt the rabbits hadn't given out but the hunters were about all in. Rabbits are unusually plentiful this season.

The prosecuting attorney of Scott county made speeches for the "drys" in the local option campaign in Mississippi county, and told his hearers that his county would call a local option election soon.

Mrs. Lillie Haris, a former resident of Nevada, was shot and killed by her husband, Walter, following a quarrel in a room at a hotel in Gage, their home for some time.

Petitions to the Legislature for the submission of a statewide prohibition amendment to the constitution are being circulated for signatures under the initiative and referendum law.

John Smith, living a few miles northeast of Bethany, brought in and sold to Cornelison & Co. 148 head of geese which at the prevailing prices brought him \$107.31. It took three wagons to haul them.

Chillicothe is to have a \$100,000 hotel, \$40,000 of the stock has been subscribed by Chicago and St. Louis capitalists, while the remaining \$60,000 is being subscribed by the business men of Chillicothe.

Mexican zinc ore may be imported to this country free of duty, according to a recent decision by Judge Burns in the federal court of appeals in New Orleans. This decision is considered a blow to the Missouri zinc district.

The only Democrat postmaster in the great state of Missouri is Uncle Dick Johnson of Cass County, who is postmaster for the state senate. And he wouldn't be P. M. if anybody other than the state senate had a say so.

Lyle F. Lelan, a prisoner in the county jail at Mexico, who is under indictment for forgery, says he is the son of Lord Aberdeen. He tried to pass a bogus check in January, while intoxicated. He will ask for a parole.

In a premature explosion at the Bird Dog mine, north of Webb City yesterday, Zeke Gullett of Joplin was killed and Dan Richardson, Perry Cuppler and E. T. Norris injured. Gullett was tampering the hole when the explosion occurred.

A curious inquirer wants to know "What are the sister states," and the Fairfax Forum answers: We should judge that they are, Missouri, the Misses Sippi, Ida Ho, Mary Land, Callie Fornia, Allie Bama, Louisa Anna, Della Ware and Minnie Sota.

A Springfield girl who sold a box of love letters to a rag man for 50 cents, didn't know what a good thing she lost. The man discovered that he had purchased something good and boiled the letters down, selling the product for strained honey and realized a good profit.

Mrs. Alonzo Swift of Springfield by repeatedly slamming the doors of the rooms on the second story of her home Saturday night, put to flight a burglar whom she heard ransacking the rooms down stairs. The burglar in his flight left jewelry which he had taken from a chiffonier drawer.

At a Columbia poultry show, a big Langshang rooster was weighed and he tipped the scales at 83-4 pounds. Then they gave him onions, corn and ground meal until he refused to eat more, let him drink all he wanted and he weighed 93-4 pounds, showing he had taken just a pound.

Eighty thousand pounds of law is being shipped into the new state of Oklahoma from Columbia, says the Columbia Tribune. One carload already has been shipped and another will be ready in a few days. The total consignment will comprise 10,000 volumes of the Oklahoma statutes, printed and bound by a Columbia publishing company.

R. C. Young, one of Dunklin county's most practical, energetic and progressive farmers, is preparing to tile his farm, or a portion of it, this spring for the purpose of testing this method of underdraining level lands with soils of the nature of his "Sycamore Farm." The tiled land will be scientifically tilled in truck stuff, with a minute detail of its progress kept by the gentlemen. Mr. Young is expending the money and time required in this experiment for the benefit of himself and neighbors and whoever desires the information.—Campbell Citizen.

Louis Gibbs was awarded \$2,000 Wednesday by a jury for the loss of two fingers from his left hand. He formerly was head sawyer in the sawmill at Sturdivant of A. F. Watkins; against whom the judgement was pronounced. The plaintiff contended that Watkins had promised to repair a belt, which was defective, but had failed to do so and Gibbs as a result of this alleged negligence was badly injured. The jury decided that, considering the evidence, each of Gibbs' lost fingers was worth \$1,000.—Poplar Bluff Democrat.

Monday's Cairo papers state that one J. W. Crawford, a well known street fair and carnival promoter, as well as a gambler of local note, went "bug house" a few days ago and was placed in an asylum at Anna. Crawford is well known in Sikeston. He is the gentleman who used to parade the streets of Sikeston, about ten or twelve years ago, wearing a watch chain about three feet long made of five, ten, and twenty dollar gold pieces, and it is astonishing that he wasn't pronounced insane then.—Sikeston Hornet.

New Madrid county people waited a hundred years for some body to come along and drain the wet lands, and finally becoming tired of waiting, took hold of the work themselves. Look at the result. The Gods help those who help themselves. Now that the time is up for waiting for outsiders to rush in and build our much needed steam and electric railroad lines, our own capitalists will take hold and do the building.—New Madrid Record.

During the month of February a petition will be presented to the county court of New Madrid county, asking for a special election to vote on a proposition of issuing bonds to sum of \$75,000. If the proposition carries \$60,000 will be used for building a court house and \$15,000 to build a county jail. The proposition ought to carry as New Madrid county is big enough and rich enough to have a respectable court house and county jail.

A Monett man writes home from Mexico that he caught a shark. There are two kinds of sharks, the real thing and the other kind, says the Monett Star. The other kind is the one that got the Monett man to go to Mexico and thus enabled him to catch one of the real ones. There's no such critter to be caught in this neck o' the woods, but we'll take old Missouri first and Mexico when we can't get anything else.

During the song service preceding the sermon at the First Congregational Church in New Cambria, fire broke-out in the building, which was filled with people. The choir continued singing and the organist remained at the instrument until the church was cleared. No one was injured. A bucket brigade was formed and after hard work the building was saved, but it was badly damaged.