

## Happenings in Missouri.

### Less Coal Produced.

The geological survey has published its annual report on the production of coal in Missouri. It shows the output of the state in 1908 to have been 3,317,315 short tons, having a spot value of \$5,444,907. This is a decrease from the quantity produced in 1907 of 3,802,621 tons, or 12.2 per cent. The value of the product was \$1,095,802 less in 1908 than in 1907. The report states that in Missouri as in Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, the coal mining industry in 1908 was adversely affected more by the increased production and consumption of petroleum and natural gas in the mid-continent field than by the business depression. The coal mining industry of the state reached its maximum production, 4,338,586 short tons, in 1903. It decreased slightly in 1904, 1905 and 1906; rose somewhat in 1907, to 3,997,936 short tons; but decreased again in 1908 by 380,621 short tons. The difference in the price per ton in 1908, as compared with 1907 was only a small fraction of a cent.

### Macon Established Precedent.

Macon has established a precedent, the success of which has decided the citizens to make it a permanent institution. It was a free picnic and entertainment to the farmers and their families. The money of the farmers was no good for anything they wanted. When a youth and his girl went up to a lemonade and ice cream stand they were given everything they called for and their money pushed back. The hacks and carriages conveying the visitors from the trains and town to the park were run all day long, and there was no charge to anybody. The business men and the women of the town contributed the dinner, and there was plenty of fried chicken, roast beef, vegetables, pies, cake, coffee, milk and other things for 1,000 persons. On the park lake the boats were free to whoever wanted to use them. There was absolutely no chance to spend a nickel.

### Paid Militia Too Much.

Capt. W. A. Collins, commander of Company D, Second regiment national guard of Missouri has been notified by Adjutant General Frank M. Rumbold that a mistake had been made in the payroll of the company for its services while on duty at Camp Hadley during the recent state encampment at Nevada, and that each officer and private would have to remit at once one day's pay to the adjutant general's office. The notification stated that the company's men had been paid for ten days' service instead of nine. The mistake was made in the adjutant general's office and if the boys in blue fail to remit General Rumbold will have to foot the bill.

### The Need of the Ozark Region.

"The greatest need of the Ozark region," says the Cassville Republican, "is a few real estate men who will advertise the possibilities of Southwest Missouri as the region of Southwest Texas, New and Old Mexico are being advertised. —no acre of land here will pasture as many cattle as a dozen acres there, yet thousands of people are going there and taking up that arid pasture land at almost as much per acre as is paid for land in this locality."

### Big Vernon County Land Sale.

One of the biggest deals in Vernon county land on record was closed when W. S. Hale & Co., of Nevada traded the Bruce Farm of 960 acres in Drywood township to W. F. Howard of East Lynne, Mo., for a stock of goods at Marshall, Mo., and other property. The land brought \$57,600 or \$60 per acre.

### Preparing for New Gun Law.

Chief of Police Creevey of St. Louis issued a general order to the various St. Louis police captains and the detective bureau for the strict enforcement of the new state law which makes the carrying of concealed weapons a felony, and also provides a penitentiary sentence for dealers who sell deadly weapons to minors and a \$50 fine and six months imprisonment for dealers who display weapons in their show windows.

### Death of Pioneer Contractor.

Capt. James E. Gregg, 70 years old, a railroad and mining contractor, died at the home of his daughter, in Kansas City. He had been in poor health for the last three years. Capt. Gregg was one of the men who built the Kansas Pacific, now the Union Pacific Railway.

### Health Resort Set Afire.

Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed a large building at Bokert Springs, a health resort near De Soto, belonging to St. Louis capitalists.

### Leaves School of Mines.

J. A. De La Vergne, Jr., who has been secretary of the executive committee and registrar of the school of mines and metallurgy at Rolla for the past year, has tendered his resignation to take effect September 1, 1909. Edward Kahibaum of St. Louis is now in charge of the office and in all probability will be elected secretary and registrar. Mr. De La Vergne succeeded Charles L. Woods as secretary of the executive committee in September 1908. He has returned to his home in Denver, Col.

### The Farm School Moves.

The Agricultural college of the University of Missouri moved its offices to the new Agricultural building erected by the state at a cost of \$100,000. In the new building also are offices of the state board of agriculture, the state highway engineer, the state veterinarian and the state dairy commissioner. The new building is of native limestone and the handsomest of the state university group. The old building formerly occupied by the Agricultural college has been given over to the use of the school of journalism, school of engineering, and the state weather bureau. This building is the oldest on the university campus. It was built under the administration of Gov. B. Gratz Brown as a science hall and later used for the pioneer work in teaching agriculture. It is the most widely known and most historic of the university structures. The remarkable growth of the school of journalism and the advance indications that the enrollment in this school will be largely increased in the coming year has caused the entire first floor to be set aside for the journalism school. The second floor will be used for civil engineering. The third floor is still occupied by the weather bureau.

### Bees Swarm in Corn Field.

John Mundy, a well-known farmer living north of Mexico, boasts of having one of the finest fields of corn in the county. Illustrative of the size and quality of the corn, Mr. Mundy related the following incident: A swarm of bees, which were passing over the field one day this week, got into the corn which was so high the bees thought they had struck the timber and settled on a stalk thinking it was a sapling and began looking for a hollow tree. Mr. Mundy got out a hive and put on his wire helmet and to the tune of tin pans and other seductive rackets employed in such emergencies, soon hived the swarm.

### A Triple Tragedy.

A triple tragedy occurred at Hannibal when Charles G. Beasley shot and killed his baby, dangerously wounded his wife and then committed suicide. The first shot was directed against the baby. Mrs. Beasley fled, but her husband caught her and forced her to return to the house. She slipped away a second time and he fired at her as she ran. Then he stretched himself on the floor beside the dead child and turned the revolver on himself.

### No Record of Ancient History.

That the Powersville Record is not a monthly magazine or an ancient history serial appears to be the point of the following paragraph from it: "The friends of this paper will please hand us in news items when they are fresh. We prefer not to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or a death after the widow is married again."

### One Kansas City Hotel Inspector.

Tom L. Johnson of St. Louis, state hotel inspector, has announced the appointment of two of the four deputy inspectors he is entitled to appoint. They are O. J. Martin of St. Charles, and Robert Middlebrook, Jr., of Kansas City. Mr. Johnson will have his headquarters in Jefferson City. The law will become operative August 16. The deputies are to receive \$100 a month and expenses.

### Prof. Mumford is Now Dean.

Prof. Frederick Blackmar Mumford has accepted the deanship of the college of agriculture at the University of Missouri to which he was unanimously elected at a meeting of the board of curators, held in Kansas City.

### St. Charles Plans Celebration.

St. Charles is preparing for a big celebration of the 100th anniversary of its incorporation next October. It is to last from Monday till Saturday of the week of October 11. Tuesday is to be Missouri Day. A parade of the cities and a governor's ball are on the program for that day.

### A Locomotive Took Fire.

Engine No. 442, burning oil, attached to the St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train No. 1 burned up at Nichols Junction. J. Brown, the engineer, had the fireman uncouple the locomotive away from the train and ran it far enough away so that no damage was done to the train.

### Centralia's Oil Fever.

Centralia, in Boone county, has the oil fever. At a meeting held the other night \$2,000 was raised to pay the expenses of drilling a test well. An experienced oil man from St. Louis declares the topography to be the same as that in the famous gusher district in Indiana.

### Death Follows a Beating.

William Ostrander, a veteran St. Joseph printer, died and Coroner Byrd is investigating his death. Ostrander was assaulted by Dennis Hayes, a saloon keeper, in a dispute over a bill and it is believed the beating may have caused his death.

### Uncle Sam's One Fault.

The Galt Sun finds Uncle Sam to be a perfectly admirable fellow except that he prints stamped envelopes and sells them cheaper than the ordinary printer can buy the materials.

## "MAKES BETTER RAILROADS."

Western Writer Pays Tribute to Railroad Magnate as Builder-Up of the Country.

Mr. Edward H. Harriman is on a trip to Europe. Ordinarily there would need be nothing added to this announcement beyond an exhortation to Emperor William to chain down his railroads and to other monarchs to put their crowns and other valuables in the safe at night. But Mr. Harriman is going off on a pleasure trip, and so many mean things have been said about him that it will not hurt any to change the tune a moment while he is out of the country and not able to take any advantage of the lapse from the cold attitude of severity that is usually used in mentioning the name of Harriman.

Of all the great railroad men developed in this generation, E. H. Harriman is easily the biggest and the best, says a writer in the Hutchinson (Kan.) Daily News. The head of a railroad company, under the rules of the game, must work for his stockholders, whether it is for the advantage of politicians, shippers or consumers. It is his job to do the best he can for the interests entrusted to his care. Harriman is not only a financier, but he is a builder and an operator. Lucky is the town, city or community that has a Harriman road. He insists on a good roadbed, level track, safe track and the convenience and comfort of the traveler and the shipper. The Harriman roads are noted as the best in the country. When Harriman gets hold of a one-horse or played-out track and right of way he proceeds to put it in first class condition. He does not raise the rates of fares, although he doubtless charges "a plenty," but he insists that enough of the funds go into real improvements to make a railroad. And that is where he stands ahead of a good many others and why Harrimanism is not such a bad thing as some people have been led to think. He makes better railroads, and there is more need for improvement that way than there is in some others which are being discussed. So far as we can see, he believes in giving every interest along his road a fair deal.

He is a public benefactor from that standpoint. He uses his power fairly. He is a great man, and as good or better than the ordinary citizen who looks upon him as the personification of the money power, seeking whom it may devour. He is a strong man in the financial world, but that should not be against him, when the financial world is the object which most of us want to reach. He is a good American and he spends his money on American railroads, not on foreign titles, race horses, old editions or other bad habits. If he is not perfect—and we don't think he is—he is no exception to the rule and is worthy of the praise of his fellow citizens for the good he does and has done.

### Laughter a Series of Barks.

Laughing is barking, say the scientists. The neck and head are thrown back while a series of short barks are emitted from the throat. However musical the barks may be, they are barks. The laugh begins with a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles of the chest and abdomen. But instead of opening to let the air pass out of the lungs, the vocal cords approach each other and hold it back. But they are not strong enough to exercise such opposition for more than an instant, and the air, which is under pressure, promptly escapes. As it does so it makes the vocal cords vibrate producing the bark.

This obstruction and liberation of the air expelled from the lungs repeats itself again and again at intervals of a quarter of a second. There are thus in a hearty laugh four barks a second, and if continued, they go on at that rate as long as the air reserve in the lungs holds out. The empty lungs must then fill themselves, and this interval is marked by a quick gasp for breath, after which the barks are renewed. The barks occur in series with gasps for breath at intervals. When laughter is violent, the entire body participates. The upper part of the trunk bends and straightens itself alternately or ways to right and left. The feet stamp on the floor, while the hands are pressed upon the loins to moderate the painful spasm.

### Interviewing the Professor.

"So you don't think Mars would reply, even if we did send signals?" "I am almost convinced that there would be no response," answered Prof. Thinkum, adjusting his glasses. "Then you don't believe that Mars is inhabited?" "On the contrary, I think it extremely probable that life similar to our own exists on the sister planet." "But you don't give those people credit for intelligence equal to ours?" "Yes, I am inclined to credit them with even greater intelligence than we display. There are many indications that they have a civilization older than ours, in which case they should have too much sense to fool away their time on any such impractical proposition."

### The Way He Did It.

Jenkins—Well, sir, I gave it to that man straight, I can tell you. He is twice as big as I am, too, but I told him exactly what I thought of his rascally conduct right to his face, and I called him all the names in the dictionary, and a lot of others as well. Studds—And didn't he try to hit you, Jenkins? Jenkins—No, sir, he didn't. And when he tried to answer back, I just hung up the telephone receiver and walked away.



## THE LAW'S DELAY.



Hir—What's the best way to never settle a question?  
Dis—Go to law about it.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

### Pleasant for Mr. Bennett.

William S. Bennett, a representative from New York city, went to address a political meeting in his district one night, when he was much younger than he is now. "The chairman," said Bennett, "was a very literal person. He looked at the gallery, where one woman was sitting, and said: 'Lady and gentlemen, this is a most momentous campaign. There are grave issues to be discussed. Later we will hear from our best speakers, but for the present, we will listen to Mr. Bennett.'"

### Evening Things Up.

There is much rivalry between Judges Rosalesky and O'Sullivan of the general sessions in New York and last week it looked as if O'Sullivan had the laugh on his rival for all time. He had a man before him whose name was Rosalesky, but who swore that he was an Irishman. But Friday things were settled up when a man named Flynn was brought before Judge Rosalesky and swore that he was a Jew.

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### The Warm Turned.

The clerk in the shoe store was tired. The day was insufferably hot. The customer who was trying to catch a train was clamorous. Goaded to desperation the hard-driven clerk expostulated.

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### A Trying Time.

Judge—Why did you strike this man?  
Prisoner—What would you do, Judge, if you kept a grocery store and a man came in and asked if he could take a moving picture of your cheese?—Harper's Weekly.

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## AS STRAIGHT MEN SEE HIM.

The Dead-Beat is Probably the Most Despised Creature That Walks the Earth.

No man is wholly free from sin, but so many lesser evils are tolerated that a man should hesitate long before becoming a dead-beat. Criminals are despised and abhorred, but to the dead-beat all that is coming, as well as the contempt of his fellow men. There is something at once so mean and so little in taking advantage of the confidence which comes with friendship that the hand of every man is turned against a dead-beat as soon as his reputation is well established. The dead-beat may fondly imagine he is living easy and making money without work, and, of course, he takes no account of the confidence he violates and the hardships he inflicts on others. But, that aside, he really has a harder time than the man who is honest and fair. He is compelled to move a good deal and peace of mind he knows not. Like other types of crooks, he doesn't prosper, and his finish is more unpleasant than the beginning.—Athenian Globe.

### Says a Press Humorist.

"Shakespeare, it is said, never repeated." "He didn't have to run a daily humorous feature." "But Montaigne, whenever he saw a good thing, annexed it." "Ah, he was more like the rest of us."

### Then He Moved On.

"Hello!" said the bore, leaning over the office railing. "What's new this morning?" "That paint you're leaning against," gleefully replied the busy man.—Caledonian.

Sore throat is no trifling ailment. It will sometimes carry infection to the entire system through the food that is eaten. Hamlin's Wizard Oil is a sure, quick cure.

### Faith.

Faith makes us, and not we it; and faith makes its own form.—Emerson.

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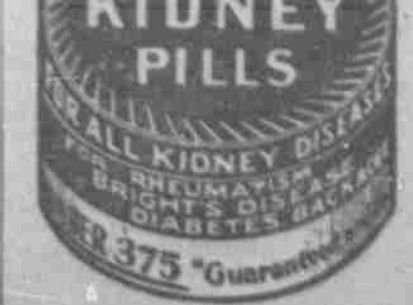
Occasionally women try to reform a man by roasting him.

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