

1907 News

IN OLD PULASKI

The year 1907 in Old Pulaski County (which includes present Pulaski and most of the surrounding counties—see 2006 *Gazette*) saw no grisly murders as had taken place the previous two years. There was carnage on the railroad track near Dixon but, otherwise, it was a year of peace and progress. Rural neighborhoods and farms were hooking up to the new telephone services.

Pressure was building for road and bridge improvement, both at the state and county level. This was the beginning of what came to be known as the good roads movement. There is mention of an automobile on its way to Waynesville but no account of this first motorcar appearance if, indeed, the driver finished his journey.

At the close of 1906, the citizens of Pulaski, and particularly rail-less Waynesville, were excited about The Ozark Transit Company, a railroad spur to run north and south through town. The new year opened with that same excitement.



The newspapers had a network of community correspondents. Each correspondent reported who was sick, who visited whom, who sold what, and what was being built. This type of news accounted for about 90 per cent of the local news ink. We have generally omitted the sick call and the visitation reports. The larger railroad towns (Dixon, Crocker, and Richland) usually reported each week. News from the smaller communities (e.g. Big Piney, Decker, Bailey, and Hooker) was reported sporadically. Some of these communities in Pulaski County have lost their identity today for the general public (see map at left).

Pulaski County Democrat
January 4

LOCAL BRIEFS—Work on the railroad is progressing nicely. They have more than a mile of road graded already and are pushing the work right along.

J. M. Long is now in his new concrete block store building, and is prepared to handle all of your produce and will pay top prices, either in cash or trade.

COOKVILLE—The phone line now extends from Ben Davis [*a small community south of Plato*] to Plato and will soon reach from there to Nebo. The writer gives it the name of glee club—don't know what could suit better.

Pulaski County Democrat
January 11

Railroad News —As there has been considerable inquiry about the new railroad, we will state for the benefit of the public that work is progressing on the road between Waynesville and the mouth of the [Roubidoux] creek, but owing to the unsettled condition of the weather are working a small force of about 25 men and 8 to 10 teams. Something near a mile of road has been graded. The hands that are now at work are those who have subscribed work. They are receiving 35c. per hour for men and team and 15c. per hour for man. Half of this they get in cash and the other half is credited on their subscription. Pay day comes every week, and the money so far has come from another source beside from the people of Waynesville and vicinity, as

they have not been asked yet to pay anything. Mr. Burns so far has done everything he has agreed to do, and we see no reason to doubt his statements that he will build the road.

HANCOCK—There is talk of a telephone line from this place to Iberia and from here to Wheeler. Let the good work go on.

Work on the railroad proper will not begin now until spring, although they have been doing considerable work already.

Pulaski County Democrat
January 18

[W. A. Lumpkin has taken his seat in the House of Representatives in Jefferson City. Lumpkin was a teacher and Principal of Crocker Normal School. He sent a lengthy letter to the *Democrat* outlining his activities, including five measures submitted for action. Two of the bills address educational issues. We have in past *Gazettes* followed the controversy attending the new game restrictions, known as the Walmsley Game Law, and the local reactions. Following is Lumpkin's explanation of his effort to fix it, an excerpt from his longer letter.]
Editor:

... So far I have 5 measures introduced, possibly the game law amendment will interest many of my constituents, in short I have asked for this, that the office of State game and fish warden be done away with and that the Prosecuting Attorneys of the several counties and the city of St. Louis be known as State game and fish warden and perform his several duties provided for in

this act. Also that the person desiring to hunt, and that the fee shall be \$2.50 and that 25 per cent of this shall go to the state protection fund and the remaining 75 per cent to the road fund in the county where the license are issued. This will give the counties where the game is raised some of the revenue arising therefrom and will give us game protection instead of game extermination as we have under the present law. There are something like 10 bills on this matter now every one seems to have it in for the Walmsley game law. The author is on the ground defending his pet measure but so far is making very little headway as we are mostly "set in our views."

W. A. Lumpkin

A resolution was introduced in the general assembly of Missouri, to change the bears on the Missouri coat of arms, to be replaced by two mules. As the fame of the Missouri mule has gone abroad to the ends of the earth, we say hurrah for the Missouri mule.

SCHLICHT—The drivers for the Schlicht Milling Company report that the county road is seriously obstructed by the grading for the new railroad. Don't shut us out of your city until the trains run. You need breadstuff.

Pulaski County Democrat
January 25

Smallpox was on a rampage in Jefferson City. Many people were suffering from lagrippe [*influenza*] and several escalated to pneumonia.

Pulaski County Democrat
February 1

BELL'S CREEK—Our 'phone line is now in full connection and is being constantly used.

CROCKER—The Crocker Canning Company is getting out time contracts for this year's business.

Our local photographer is doing a good business here these days.

Our lumber yard is receiving car loads of lumber etc. every week.

Pulaski County Democrat
February 15

The Senate passed the "Jim Crow Bill" providing for separate coaches for whites and negroes.

Pulaski County Democrat
February 22

LOCAL BRIEFS—We are authorized to announce that after Mar. 1st the post office department will put out one cent stamps in books of 24 to be on sale at any post office for 25 cents.

Baseball was in order the latter part of last week.

It is rumored that we are soon to have only one mail on Sunday.

The band met in business session Monday night and the application of Chas. Ousley for membership was considered and accepted, and music for one extra b-flat cornet was ordered. The band is exceedingly glad to have Mr. Ousley become one of them, as he is a good cornet player and will add greatly to the quality of the band.

The band rendered a few selections Sunday afternoon.

SCHLICHT—Did you get a Valentine? Be sure. Someone must have a car load; it took extra mail bags to carry them. [See period valentine on next page.]

Pulaski County Democrat
March 1

Two bills Passed.

Both houses of the Missouri Legislature got together Monday on the 2-cent fare bill and all differences were adjusted. The amendments attached by each house were agreed upon by roll calls, and the measure was sent to engrossment. It will doubtless be approved by Gov. Folk.

But one vote, that of Representative Brooks of St. Louis county, was cast against the measure upon its final consideration.

Ten days ago the railroads abandoned their fight against this bill, on the ground that further resistance was useless. A bountiful supply of railroad passengers, in which practically all the roads of any consequence joined, could not stay the tide.

The law will go into effect next June, and after that date there will be but two rates for passengers, one a 2-cent fare [per mile, down from 3 cents] on the main lines exceeding forty-five miles in length, and 4 cents upon lines less than forty-five miles long. A violation of the

law will incur a fine of from \$100 to \$500 for each offense. The 8-hour bill [work limited to 8 hour workday] for the relief of telegraph operators, introduced in the House by Representative Lumpkin [of Pulaski County], and which passed the House some time ago, passed the Senate Tuesday without opposition.

DIXON—At a meeting of the citizens of Dixon held at the city hall in the interest of the new canning factory, officers and trustees were elected. We are glad to welcome another enterprise of this kind, as we know it will give work for a great many persons and will put Dixon to the front.

CROCKER—Nat. M. Brigham will give a lecture Monday night, March 11, illustrated by stereopticon views. This will be the last number on the lecture course. Admission 25 cents.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Posts are on the ground for the building of a private telephone line from Kerr's Mill to Waynesville.

The Pioneer Telephone Co. completed a line Friday, running east from town and taking in several parties in that direction. Our 'phone system continues to grow.

Nathan Wheeler returned to his home

in Waynesville, last Thursday, after an absence of nearly six months in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with a hope of regaining his health. The door of his home stands ajar to his many friends who wish to see him.

[Nathan Wheeler left Waynesville in September of 1906 to convalesce from "exhaustion", possibly tuberculosis, in Sante Fe, New Mexico. The paper was left in the "able hands" of his wife, Mrs. Wheeler as Publisher, and brother Virgil Wheeler as Editor. The character and style of the paper is certainly different this year than in the past, reflecting this change in leadership. How active Mrs. Wheeler was in the paper is not known. Virgil's previous role must have been more in the printing line. Virgil did not write particularly well and seems to have avoided it. Editorials on local political issues became rare, whereas Nathan Wheeler seemed to delight in political issues and always had an opinion. The DEMOCRAT did not even take a position on the local option question.]

A Tennis Club was organized last Thursday night and the necessary articles were ordered. The athletic spirit seems to be starting in early this year. The officers elected were, Claude Burchar, Pres.; Vick Long, V. Pres.; Virgil Wheeler, Sec.; and Guy Reed, Treas.

Edward Peterson burned up a quarter of a mile of old rail fence by letting the

fire get away from him. Of course a wire fence will be put up.

BELL'S CREEK—A second wire is being put up by the Crocker-Wheeler Telephone Co. this week. This will greatly increase the efficiency of their service by placing 15 'phones on each wire.

GASCONADE—Nature's wild onions are now to be found in abundance in the low bottom lands and the old ladies have begun to forage for greens.

Every girl should know how to support herself, and if she is determined to get married she should also know how to support a husband.

Pulaski County Democrat
March 8

THE LEGISLATURE—The much talked of "Jim Crow Bill" is still a live factor in the talk of the members as well as their friends who are here visiting the legislature. The bill was introduced both in the House and Senate. The Senate Bill differs from the House Bill in the fact that it only requires a screen or railing to separate the white man from the gentlemen of color. The opposition to the bill are using every possible means to defeat it, while the friends of the bill are at a loss to know what to do. In fact if the bill passes it will be by a strict party vote, as the republicans will vote solidly against it and the members who are taken with the smallpox are

all "Jim Crow" supporters [and Democrats]. It will take 72 votes to pass the bill and that will leave us to lose only about 7 votes or the bill will fail. You will remember that it was Col. Crisp who made such a stir over this bill some years ago, but at that time it only caused excitement in the House: This time it has passed the Senate and if it passes the House it will, no doubt, become a law.

Well, I must say something that will interest some women and others who, I realize, will not be interested in what I shall say: Representative Roach, of Jasper Co., has introduced a resolution asking a change in the Constitution to make it to permit **WOMEN** to vote. This is a joint and concurrent resolution and does not need the consent of the Governor to submit it to the people.

W. A. Lumpkin

Pulaski County Democrat
March 15

THE LEGISLATURE—We fellows who are for good roads above everything else scored a victory on Friday when we had the general appropriation bill up. There was one section in it turning the war indemnity fund that we are to receive from the general government into the State treasury. An amendment was offered setting this amount to the good road funds of the several coun-

ties. St. Louis opposed this, as we were cutting her out, but we landed it all the same. This will amount to about \$4,250 to each county, and they can have this to begin on at once and will help to put the laws enacted into working shape, as the counties can take advantage of the State aid by using this. Then we have a bill on Monday appropriating out of the State treasury the sum of \$500,000 to the credit of the road fund and the Stamp Tax bill as provided for, if the bill passes the House, it is estimated will increase the revenue half a million dollars, which will land in the road fund. The truth is that a fellow here can pass almost any bill that has the road proposition connected with it. The four bills passed are said to be a complete road system, and yet we will not be enabled to realize on them in full 'til we can submit the two joint and concurrent resolutions to the people providing for a levy for road purposes, which you are all aware we cannot now do as our constitution stands today.

W. A. Lumpkin

[This is the beginning, legislatively, of the good-roads movement in Missouri. At this time, road construction and improvement were not funded at the state or federal levels. However, the local tax base was woefully inadequate for road building. Missouri was in the forefront for state funds for road construction.]



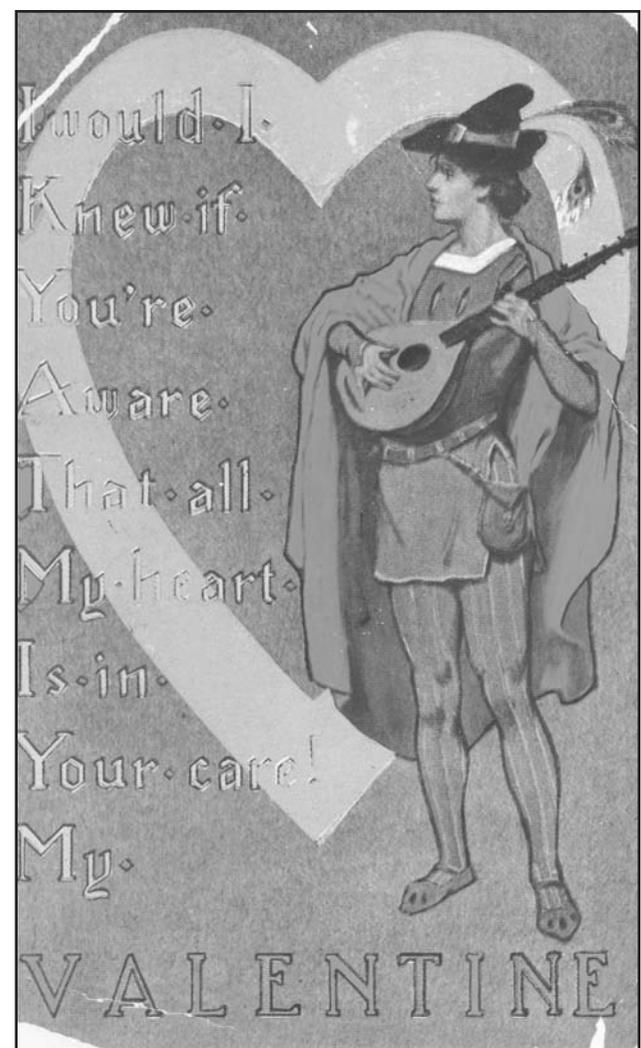
The Cottage in Dixon, built by Chris Veasman in 1906, as it appeared in 1908. Rates were \$2.00 per day and \$10.50 per week. The house still stands on in Dixon. It is occupied, has been excellently maintained, and celebrated its 100th birthday last year. Picture courtesy of John Bradbury.

Good Things for Dixon

In looking over the PROGRESS, a bright little progressive paper published at Dixon, we can see many good things in store for our sister city, Dixon, in whom we are most interested, next to our own little city, Waynesville. Within the past year many neat substantial buildings have been erected, among them is the People's Bank, Heller's Opera Hall, the "Cottage" by Chris Veasman and a handsome six room

brick school building, which are all valuable additions to that city. Besides already having more factories than any other town in the county, another canning company has been organized and a factory will open up soon. There is also much talk of a wagon factory and there is no better place in the state for such a factory as the raw material can be obtained from the country near by. Also they are to have an electric lighting system and many other things for

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Attorney



The Schlicht correspondent stated Valentine's Day increased the number of mail bags. Amanda Black (1863-1915) received the above valentine, traditional red hues with gold letters, in 1910 and another like card in 1911. Amanda, spinster daughter of Lewis and Eliza Black, helped her mother operate the Black Hotel, now known as the Old Stagecoach Stop. Amanda was an early postcard collector. Her collection (1907-1913) is online at www.oldstagecoachstop.org.

the convenience and upbuilding of Dixon and to make her a desirable place in which to live. A city that has such enterprising business men as Wm. Heller, Chris Veasman, A. H. Franklin and many others of the same kind will be sure to prosper.

A New Telephone System

A telephone company composed of W. H. Christeson, John Kerr and others of the Kerr's Mill neighborhood, to be known as the Cedar Hill Telephone Co., is building a line into Waynesville. They had directories printed at this office. They have the poles set and the wires strung and some of the phones in and the line will soon be in operation. Several parties in town have taken phones. This will be a great convenience to the people of that neighborhood, as well as to the people of our town.

G. W. Gan, Bert Cunningham and Fred Scott went gigging in Roubidoux last Tuesday night. Although it was not an ideal night and considerable rain fell during the night, they either bought or caught about 60 pounds of fish, as they brought to town an abundance of the finny tribe. These big hearted fishermen brought to the sick man [Nathan Wheeler] enough fish to last him a month. Thanks gentlemen.

SCHLICHT—An attempt was made Saturday night to blow open the safe in the postoffice at Swedeborg, but they failed to get it open, but damaged it somewhat.

Pulaski County Democrat
March 22

Stockholder's Notice

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Ozark Transit Company will be held at the office of the President in St. Louis, Mo., on the first Monday in June at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of authorizing an increase in the capital stock of said company from fifty thousand dollars to five hundred thousand dollars.

HOOKER—Hooker Bros. are adding to their stock of goods. Also have a good blacksmith shop located here. Our town seems to be on the boom.

["Hatfield and McCoys" at Hooker]

A shooting affray occurred on the ridge north of Hooker Sunday March 17. The facts are about as follows: The families of Miller and Crane have for some time seriously disagreed. On Friday, March 15, John Crane and Wm. Miller met in the road and a fight ensued, in which Crane knocked Miller down with a rock. Crane was uninjured. That night Crane's house was shot into by unknown parties and one

of the windows was badly demolished, being broken up by shot. Luckily no one happened to be sleeping in the bed near the window and no one was hurt. On Sunday morning a shooting occurred in which several shots were fired. The warring parties met, accidentally or otherwise, and both having guns, they began to fire on each other. Miller was hit, one of the shot entering near the corner of the eye, but he was not seriously hurt. Crane had holes through his clothing but suffered no bodily injury.

HANCOCK—A rural free delivery route will start from here April 1st, to extend northwest into Miller county, as far as Bray's mill. A. E. Goodman is carrier. *{Rural Free Delivery was beginning to make its appearance. See sidebar.}*

We are able this week to announce the first authentic indication of spring. Babe Scott, Albert Christeson, Bert Cunningham, Guy Reed, and a lot more little chaps in that class donned their bright new uniforms and organized a marble game.

DECKER DOINGS—There will soon be telephone line running from Decker to Waynesville.

GOSPEL RIDGE—We understand there is to be a telephone line from Decker to Newtown *[aka Big Piney]*. It would be a

Rural Free Delivery

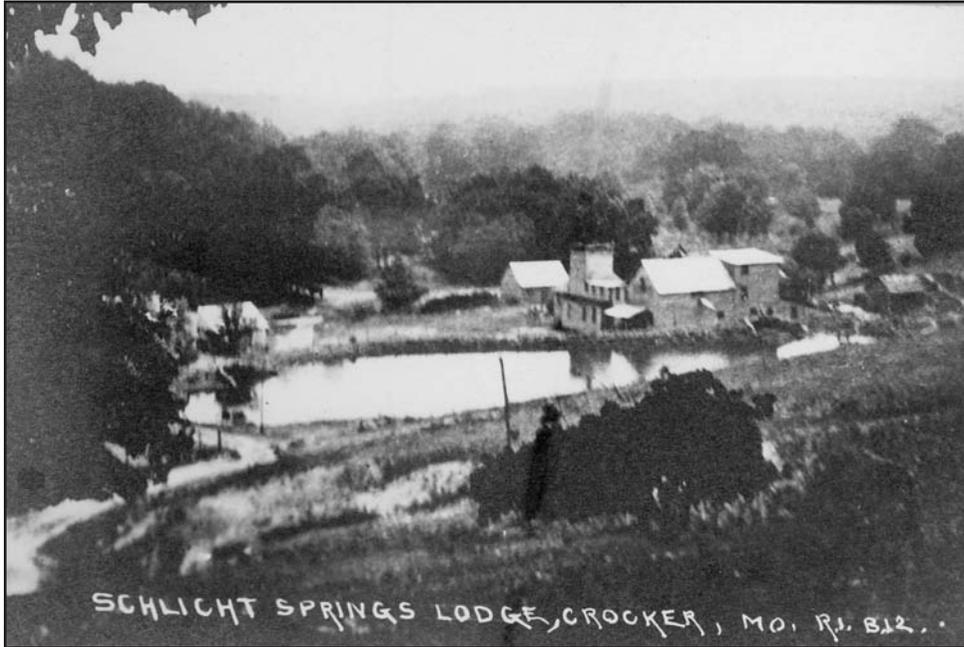
We take many things for granted. Home delivery of the mail is one of those things. Less than a century ago, farmers out in the country had to go to the nearest post office to pick up their mail. Postmaster General John Wanamaker was committed to getting the mail to those 30 million Americans living in the hinterlands. Wanamaker and agrarian groups such as the National Grange and National Farmers Congress asserted that rural citizens were entitled to mail delivery also.

Rural Free Delivery began as an experiment in West Virginia in 1896. Free delivery to town residents had been around for more than three decades. Some thought rural delivery equaled bankruptcy. Delivery was hampered by the poor dirt roads. The Post Office Department established a policy for road inspections of rural routes in 1901, which led to much improvement of some of the roads. If the farmers wanted mail delivered to their homes, they would get the road in shape.

There were no appropriations of federal and state monies for roads in 1907. Roads were a local responsibility and the county did little. But things were beginning to change with the good-roads movement and the momentum for change was, in large part, due to the demand for Rural Free Delivery.

The UPS Store

Lowe Chevrolet



Schlicht Mill was a complete resort. Established by John A. Schlicht in 1876, son Charles (1875-1945) was also actively involved. Highly touted were the "healing" magnesia waters. The grounds contained the mill, stocked lakes, general store, post office, dining room, and club house. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

great help to the people of that neighborhood.

Pulaski County Democrat
March 29

To Schlicht

Last Sunday we, in company of three others, drove to Schlicht Mill to spend the day. Two of the party never having been there. Of course, the wonderful sights to be seen there were entirely

new to them. We found the spot a very magnificent one. There we met those jolly good fellows John A. and Chas. Schlicht, and were most cordially treated while in their presence. Mr. Schlicht treated the ladies to some excellent music while Chas. and the Gentlemen discussed the new railroad.

Through the exceeding kindness of Chas. we were shown through their magnificent mill.

Taking it all in all, we spent the day most pleasantly, admiring the club house, drinking from the magnesia springs, viewing the beautiful lakes, and praising the beautiful scenery, and last, but not least, enjoying the pleasant company of our friends, the Schlichts.

A woman in northern Mo. has sued an editor because in writing the obituary of her husband he stated "He has gone to a happier home."

At last the question as to whether or not you have to have a license to hunt in the county in which you reside has been settled. The Supreme Court Tuesday handed down an opinion which settles this much debated question. The St. Louis Court of Appeals at one time held that the present game law required such license but afterwards reversed this decision. The Kansas City Court of Appeals also held that the license was required, and then the matter was certified to the Supreme Court for adjudication and now it is settled. If you hunt in the County in which you reside, no license is required. However, the present game law has been repealed, and if the Governor signs the new law, the much despised Walmsley law will be a thing of the past. If he vetoes the new bill, the old law will stand, but no license is required.

SCHLICHT—Joel Lane shot a hawk, of the eagle specie, measuring 6 feet from tip-to-tip of its wings. Many a spring chicken will be saved.

Pulaski County Democrat
April 5

Six couples of Richland's elite young society people spent Sunday at one of the nicest resorts in the county—Waynesville's big spring. A nice lunch had been prepared and brought along and at the noon hour all did ample justice to it. The young people seemed to enjoy themselves hugely while here. Come again, Richlandites.

A dearth of local news often leads to murmurs on the part of those who prize local gossip above all else, and it is not all the fault of the publisher. Any live publisher will not fail to give all the local news worthy of note, therefore when the local department is short you should not rail at the editor, but remember you might have committed suicide, got married, stole chickens, let your team run away, or done a hundred other things to make a local item....

Pulaski County Democrat
April 12

Frank Rush, the railroad surveyor, who has been here for some time, silently packed his grip and left town between

Eyeglass Center

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Alarmco

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Business Graphics

Designs from Nature



Waynesville's Big Spring, now called Roubidoux Spring,, was a favorite spot for picnics. During high flow, the spring boils up several feet, as pictured above. The highest rate of flow measured is 124 million gallons per day. The average rate of flow is around 38 million gallons per day. Courtesy of Michael Roark.

two suns Tuesday night. It is said that he also left some few of our good people holding the empty sack.—Waynesville correspondent to the RICHLAND MIRROR.

F. Rush, the railroad surveyor who skipped out last week, had his goods attached at Crocker by W. A. Lumpkin for house rent. We understand he left numerous bills unpaid. We should beware of strangers with a smooth tongue and an empty purse.

HANCOCK—We have just about got another free rural delivery route made up to start from this place.

Pulaski County Democrat
April 19

SCHLICHT—The U. S. fish commissioner of Neosho, Mo., placed 3000 young trout in the Schlicht Milling Co.'s springs. The state fish commissioner of Forest Park, St. Louis, Mo. placed 6000 black bass and croppy [crappie] in the same springs to stock our glorious Gasconade River.

Mr. C. M. Robison and his crew of rafters landed 900 railroad ties here. Mr. Lundsford, general superintendent of the Hobart Lee Tie company is expected to arrive with 3000 more today.

LOCAL ITEMS—J. B Christeson has moved into his building back of his old store. His old building is being torn down, preparatory to building the new concrete one. You should give him a call for he is selling out at a very low price.

The Modern Remedy Co. came in town Sunday and have been giving entertainments every night at the Long Hall. At first the crowds were small, but they are holding better audiences now. They will remain until next Sunday. [The Long Hall is the top floor of J. M. Long's new concrete block store building that was constructed in the latter part of 1906 on the corner of Commercial and

Benton Streets in Waynesville. This new construction apparently spurred J. B. Christeson to begin construction of a new store building next door.]

RICHLAND—Richland is putting on city airs. Concrete sidewalks are being put down on its principal streets. LONE STAR—What about the gardens made and corn planted in March? The early bird got caught this time. All fruit is killed in this section.

DIXON—Dixon's new canning factory building is about completed and the two factories will give Dixon tomato growers and laborers competing bidders for their products. [Almost all correspondents remark upon the late frost of last week and that the fruit has been killed.]

J. L. Overby [of Hooker] is out running a huckster wagon, buying anything the people have to sell. His wife is attending the store.

RIVERDALE—[A new correspondent heard from and we haven't yet located the area.] We have telephone and there is talk of a rural delivery route. We are now able to communicate with the outside world.

It has been said that our school district would be disbanded in a short time, but from what we know about the school law and the district, that disbanding will take place when Gabriel blows his trumpet and declares that time shall be no more.

Pulaski County Democrat
May 3

[In this week's edition of the Democrat, several correspondents express sorrow at the passing of Nathan Wheeler and there was a rather short elegiac letter signed "A Friend", reprinted below. Curiously, no statement was made by the paper itself. Nathan Wheeler was the editor/publisher of the Pulaski County Democrat since December 1, 1898. The masthead reflected

the change, listing Mrs. Nathan Wheeler, Publisher, and Virgil R. Wheeler, Editor.]

To the Memory of Brother Nathan Wheeler

Dear reader, do you realize that in the death of Brother Wheeler we have lost one of the best men Pulaski county ever had. He had for many years spent his time, talent and money for the upbuilding of our county. We have known Brother Wheeler for many years as a public man, and all that time I have never heard a word said against him; but on the other hand I have heard hundreds of men praise him.

Brother Wheeler in our estimation has kept the Golden Rule to a letter, "doing unto others as he would have others do unto him," and in him I have lost a good friend, but I feel that the Lord has done Brother as I would do a choice plant. He has removed him and transplanted him in a better place, where he can bloom more perfectly. Then, brother readers, let us profit by the lesson he has taught us. Let us love one another better in time to come than we have in time that is past and gone, so it can be said of us as it is of Brother Wheeler, when gone—that one of the best men in the county has been taken, and I for one will feel like there is some thing gone when I go to Waynesville and miss the hearty hand shake and kind words of Brother Wheeler.

A FRIEND.

[Nathan Wheeler had served as Pulaski County Surveyor from 1889-1892.]

Pulaski County Democrat
May 17

[Beginning this week, an eight part series was presented entitled A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE CAREER OF THE PULASKI COUNTY DEMOCRAT, written by George M. Reed. For ease of comprehension, we have consolidated the series and printed it at the end of the news.]

Talk about the weaker sex which is the weaker sex anyhow? A woman can out-talk a man at any time and not half try. She can beat him at his own game of bluff—when she chooses to try, and, as for endurance, well, see who will sit longer at a dry goods counter waiting for the change.

DIXON—A freight wreck at the "Y" Monday morning delayed traffic on the Frisco several hours. Seven cars were ditched and badly damaged but no person hurt.

BELL'S CREEK—Resolved, that we, the citizens of Tavern township, are opposed to the unlicensed liquor traffic now being carried on in our community. We take the affirmative and ready for the question.

SWEDEBORG—Boys get your bells and girls your old tin pans. We are going to have a wedding about Sunday.

BLOODLAND—Dick Jones—as he is generally known—living on the Cy Woverton farm and Russell Wingo completed the erection of their part of the telephone poles on the line, starting at Mr. Jones' and running by the way of Wingo's, Jasper Evens's, Sam Wheeler's, Lone Lane's and thence to Big Piney.

Yes, another telephone contemplated phone line, to be put up by I. N. Hufft & Co. It will start at Waynesville and go to Bloodland.

SCHLICHT—Col. Robinson of Competition and Mr. Reed of Richland were inspecting their rafts on the river, and they are safe from high water.

Col. Lundsford, general superintendent and manager of the Hobart-Lee Tie Company of Springfield, is here directing the works to place machinery to handle railroad ties from the river large scale.

Pulaski County Democrat
May 24

The city's electric street lights continue to shed sweet radiance every dark night; the town pump keeps the stand pipe and railroad tank full; the city employees have been getting their pay regularly and the council finds the substantial sum of \$1,250 on hand to apply on debts. All this, after the awful prediction of less than a year ago that Lebanon cannot exist without saloon licenses.—LEBANON SENTINEL.

Through the courtesy of Dr. B. N. Pip-pin we acknowledge receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the dental department of Washington University, at Memorial Hall, St. Louis, on Tuesday, May 21. A Waynesville boy, Arthur Tice, is a member of the graduating class this year and we feel sure he will come out with high honors.

This year, especially with fruit all killed by the freezes and frosts of this erratic winter and spring, every melon will bring something in the market, and people will eat them if the price be low enough. Let the boys, the girls and the women all plant a patch of melons. You can sell them at 5 and 10 cents each at a big margin of profit.

DIXON—Concrete walk making still going on in Dixon. Wm. Heller, E. S. Bond and Grempczynski Bros. had new walks built in front of their property last week.

SCHLICHT—A party of 5 St. Louis sports are camped on the bank of the river enjoying life drinking Magnesia water to their hearts content.

Kelley the medicine man was here telling the good qualities of his medicine, it paints houses, blacks stoves, keeps the shingles from falling off the roof and makes the hair grow on your bald head.

GASCONADE—Plenty of blackberries, strawberries, and some apples are our present prospect for a fruit crop.

The saw mill at the old distillery is sawing several good bills of lumber for various parties.

The farmers' Independent Telephone [Company] is going through this neighborhood like lightening these days.

Pulaski County Democrat
May 31

THE NEW DOG LAW.

County courts all over the state are preparing for the taxation of dogs this year. The dog law does not become effective until June 14, and the assessor will make assessments as of June 1. Therefore no dog can be listed this year for taxation under the new law. An emergency clause was not adopted in the Senate when the bill was passed at the regular session. So every dog will not only have his day, but his year, in Missouri, without a state tax.

LOCAL BRIEFS—Col. E. G. Williams and lady left Sunday for Richmond Va. to attend the confederate reunion which meets there on Tuesday 28th. They will visit other places of interest before they return. [E. G. Williams, County Clerk, was a Confederate veteran. He was in many of the major battles in the East and lost his left leg in the Civil War.]

Pulaski County Democrat
June 7

DIXON—The town council held their regular monthly business meeting last Monday evening. Some new ordinances, one increasing the marshal's salary to \$30 per month, were passed and remonstrances heard to some that had been passed.

Some of our citizens seem to think our "city dads" are too drastic in their legislation. They forbid you staking a cow in the front of your own premises or of using roller or ice skates on sidewalks, and have dictated how each person living within the limits of Dixon shall construct some of their buildings.

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June 14

A fishing party, composed of Drs. B. N. Pippin, Lewis Jones and Fred L. Scott, Bert Cunningham and Wm. Bradford, left Wednesday morning for a week's outing on the Big Piney river.

Missouri fishermen are learning at last that there is no better fishing in the country than is to be found in Missouri. Hence the boom that has prospered the clubhouses along the Gasconade, Big and Little Pineys still continues.

DIXON—The Dixon Progress has

changed its editorship. It is now A. Goforth Editor and publisher. He having bought the interest of his former partner, D. Gibson, the first of the week.

LOCAL BRIEFS—The Waynesville band wishes to announce that they are open for an engagement the Fourth of July. Who wants them?

J. B. Christeson made a business trip to the railroad Wednesday to purchase the finishing material for his new store building.

BAILEY—Four of G. B. Madden's family

are very sick with Typhoid fever but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Howlett all are expected to recover.

SCHLICHT—The Valley baseball team, including the 210 pounders, held a secret council and Capt. Charles Walthers and Mgr. Tice Ray laid the plans to beat the next nine. We presume they must do the most of their playing in laying plans, as they never do any of it on the grounds. The little Red Judians of Crocker came in with a challenge, which was accepted. Another Waterloo for the Valleyites.



Cornet bands were very popular at the turn of the 20th century. Most small towns had one. This is the Summersville, Texas County, band in 1911. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

Gasconade Hills
DentalCenters

Roubidoux Vacuum

BLOODLAND—Trade is lively in Bloodland and increasing. Fred Brown received another load of goods last week. Who will put up the third store here? We need it, as trade is on the increase.

Our two telephone lines referred to some time ago will soon, we suppose, be completed. The poles are up, the wire on hand, and the contract let for putting it up.

SWEDEBORG—The ball game Saturday between Schlicht's nine and Swedeborg nine stood 37 to 20, in favor of Swedeborg.

Pulaski County Democrat
June 21

SCHLICHT—The Valley baseball nine resolved to go home to their mamas to eat more mush and milk before another game, score 2 to 6 in favor of Swedeborg Saturday. Rather hard on the Valley. *[Such scorn heaped upon amateur ballplayers. The correspondent must be a rabid fan of winning.]*

DIXON—The two cent fare law went into effect Wednesday morning and now people are traveling just because it's cheap. It has not been very long since it cost 3c to send a letter and now penny postage is talked of, so we will soon be getting one cent a mile fare.

SWEDEBORG—Swedeborg baseball nine played Schlicht's nine Saturday. Score being 30 to 5, in favor of Swedeborg. *[Now, this is curious. Just above, the Schlicht correspondent, after making some unkind remarks about the team, reported the score as 2 to 6 in favor of Swedeborg. Maybe the Valleyite was showing some compassion in lowering the scores.]*

Pulaski County Democrat
June 28

Bills are out announcing a picnic on July 4th at Bloodland. Bloodland

always celebrates in grand style and you will do well to attend their picnic.

William Jones, a farmer youth from the vicinity of Crocker, was arrested and taken to Springfield last Saturday by United States Deputy Marshal Allen Sheldon charged with bootlegging. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned before United States Commissioner George Pepperdine, and was bound over to the October federal grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$300, and he furnished it, being released Saturday night.—LEBANON RUSTIC

CROCKER—The Frisco has been busy the past week. A man was killed at Swedeborg the early part of the week and another the latter part of the week at Dixon.

It seems that our band, which was the pride of our little village last summer, is almost dead except for a few spasmodic outbreaks, which are all right in their way, but do not come often enough.

Where are you going to spend the Fourth? Better come to Crocker. The town is better, the people are better, the attractions better and you will be treated better while here. Of course you had better come to Crocker and have a better time.

Pulaski County Democrat
July 5

WHAT WHISKEY DID FOR A MISSOURI EDITOR

Thirty years ago when the present editor of the CHIEFTAIN was called to Waynesville as a witness in a train wrecking case he found the postmaster and editor of the county paper to be a sprightly young man about 25 years of age name Jake Speer, who did everything in his power to make his fellow newspaperman's visit to the village on the Roubidoux as pleasant as possible. Ten years later a besotted

hobo walked into the CHIEFTAIN office one day and insisted that he was the once prosperous young man of Pulaski county. He was fed and transportation furnished him to Springfield. Twice afterward he visited the office and was helped along. Recently his body was found near Eureka Springs. He was a man of large natural abilities and had he lived a sober life would have been one of the foremost editors of the state.—CHIEFTAIN

The gentlemen referred to in this article was once the editor of the DEMOCRAT and was engaged in other work both here and at Crocker. He is remembered by the older people.

Springfield—More than 400 laborers are at work leveling the site for the Frisco's new car and locomotive works, incorporated last week. The foundations are being laid for the coach and paint shops, and it is expected to complete the plant by December. The initial investment will be \$1,000,000. *[See picture below.]*

LOCAL BRIEFS—Bert Cunningham has added a new lawn seat to his barber shop for the benefit of loafers.

Cook Wanted at Forest Lodge. Salary per day \$1.00 to \$1.70 owing to number of persons in party. Apply to Schlicht Milling Co., Schlicht, Mo.

SCHLICHT—Adolphus Busch and lady are at Magnesia Springs for an outing and health.

A rattling baseball game was played at the grounds Sunday and Schlicht's nines came out victorious. After a square meal of mush and milk they can play ball.

DECKER DOINGS—The building for the post-office and jewelry store is about completed at Wildwood.

The picnic at Decker, Saturday 13,

promises to be rich from start to finish. Preparations are being made for all kinds of first-class amusements, including a merry-go-round and balloon ascension. The "man" who goes up in the balloon will reach a dizzy height, awful to contemplate. It is the intention to make this the best picnic of the season, if possible.

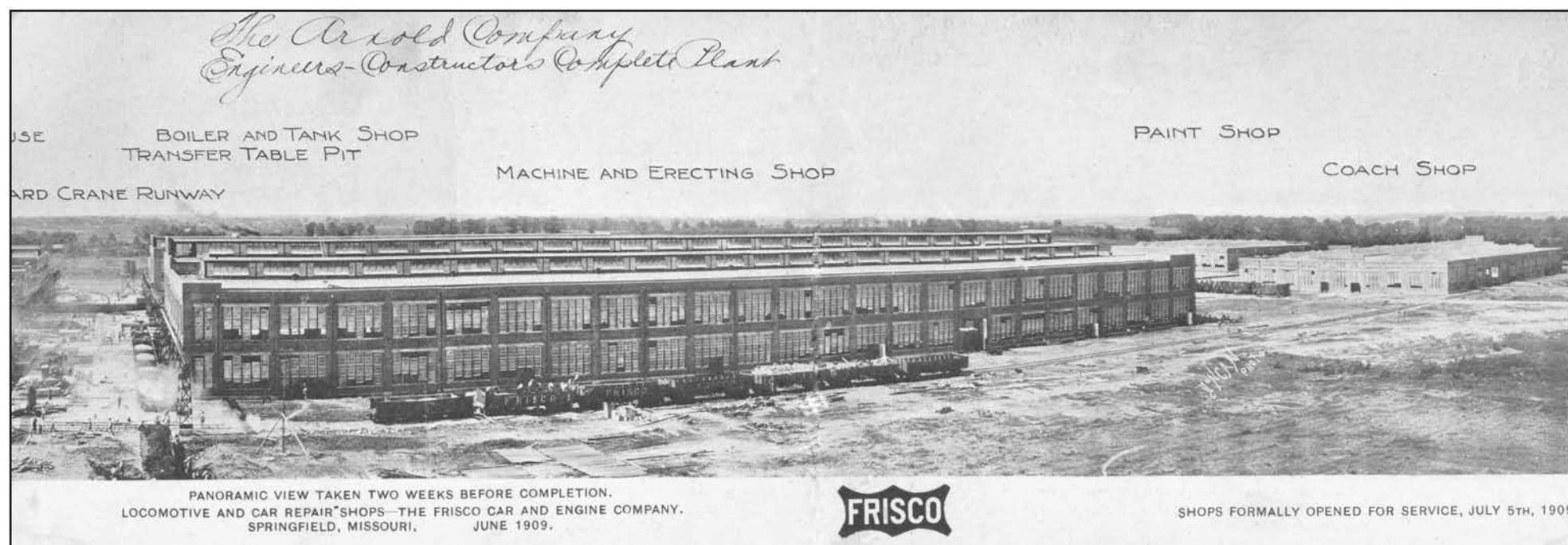
Pulaski County Democrat
July 12

From present indications we are soon to have a rural free delivery route, taking in all the country west of town which was lately cut off by the change in the mail service. The parties who are working on the route inform us that they have met all the requirements of the Department and that postmaster G. M. Reed has made application for the route to be granted, and it now looks like we are soon to have a daily rural route from and return to the county seat the same day, which will greatly convenience the people of this vicinity. Oh! let it be soon.

Thousands of city people are now counting the hours when they can leave for some lake or river for an outing, where they can fight mosquitoes and bugs for a few days, and perhaps get drowned. It is a great thing and many of our ancestors lived and died not knowing what a vacation or outing meant.

SCHLICHT—Over 10,000 railroad ties are in the river awaiting transportation to Schlicht Station. The river is fine for rafting and the H. L. Tie Co. *[Hobart Lee Tie Company]* is taking advantage of it. *The company has had a superintendent and work crew at Schlicht for several months constructing a road from the river to the railroad tracks.]*

CROCKER—A new platform is being



Above is a panoramic view of what was called the West Side Frisco Shops in Springfield, MO (west of what is now Kansas Expressway). Begun in 1907 and built by the Arnold Engineering & Construction Company of Chicago, the complex was opened on July 5, 1909. On July 17, the shops turned out their first locomotive. Employment in 1909 at the West Side Shops was 380 men. The Frisco, and railroads in general, prospered through the 1940s and the shops grew to employ 1435 men by 1933. These shops were modernized and expanded in 1950 to service diesel engines. The diesel shop was Frisco's largest, handling all major locomotive repairs for the railroad. The Frisco merged with the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1980-81. The diesel shop was closed in 1996. Photo courtesy of John Bradbury.

built in front of the Bostick Hotel. This is a much needed improvement. Crocker is notoriously deficient in sidewalks.

A nice time was had here during the two days picnic by all that were fortunate enough to be able to attend. A large, quiet, orderly crowd was present each day and aside from the boys getting "purty drunk" and trying to show their manhood(?) by fighting, we had a clean, moral and patriotic celebration.

LOCAL BRIEFS—Sheriff A. D. Sutton came in contact with an unruly mule one day last week and as a result he is nursing some broken bones in his hand, which will lay him up from his work for some time, but will in no way interfere with his looking after evil doers.

Pulaski County Democrat

July 19

A Fishing Party

Bert Cunningham and Jap Manes, Jr. arrived in town Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock very much worn out but loaded with fish. They had been on a float down the Gasconade. Bert reports as having left the Richland bridge at 4 p.m. Monday, camping at 9 p.m. and remaining until 4 a.m. and arriving at the mouth of Roubidoux at 5:30 Tuesday evening. They stopped some time at Schlicht's, making less than 13 hours on the water and covering nearly 90 miles. *[Needless to say, very good time on the Gasconade in July with no motor.]* Notwithstanding the extreme heat on the water it was a most enjoyable trip and they brought home about fifteen pounds of dressed fish. The DEMOCRAT force were treated to a nice mess of the catch by the big hearted Bert Cunningham.

DIXON—The Dixon Canning Co. are buying blackberries at the canning factory, paying 12 1-2 cents a gallon.

Dr. Krapp of the Jefferson Hospital, St. Louis, was out at Harvey Club House on the Gasconade river, the first of the week, demonstrating his skill as a fisherman. *[The Harvey Club House may be the early Nagogami Resort that was featured in last year's Gazette.]*

CROCKER—Crocker ought to be incorporated. The statement is made openly, fearlessly and without fear of contradiction. There are many little evils that are a hindrance to the development of our town that can only be remedied by incorporation.

LOCAL BRIEFS—Temperance sentiment has so increased from one end of this country to the other that there is a possibility of one of the old parties at the next national convention putting a temperance plank in the platform. Tell it with gladness. The murder mills will have to go!

The Railroad committee met Thursday and ordered that the money that had been paid into the bank as first

payment be released. Call for it at the bank.

Pulaski County Democrat

July 26

DIXON—An Anti-saloon League was organized in Dixon Tuesday evening.

A rural route inspector was here last week going over the proposed route No. 3.

LOCAL ITEMS

Phone number 5. *[Single digit!]*

We are requested by the committee to announce to the stockholders of the Ozark Transit Company of Waynesville that they can get the money they deposited for the company by calling at the Bank of Waynesville. *[We don't know what to make of the collapse of the plans to build an electric railroad from Waynesville to Crocker. Some roadbed grading had been done, apparently on what is now Route 17 along the Roubidoux. The DEMOCRAT had strongly backed the proposal but printed no news as to why the construction was halted. A meeting was apparently held in St. Louis earlier in the year, as reported, to increase the capitalization. What came of those plans and any subsequent meetings remains a mystery. Apparently, no Pulaski County investor lost money in the venture and it was not a fraudulent scheme, which is what we suspected from the start.]*

SCHLICHT—Sox Reed received notice from the Hobart-Lee Tie Co. to advance the price on railroad ties five cents. It pays to have timber now.

The whim of the Hobart-Lee Tie Co. works to perfection and over 5,000 ties were pulled out of the water, while over 12,000 are awaiting transportation.

CROCKER—It is so hot now that the oldest inhabitants are unable to remember a hotter time. We spend our entire time discussing the excessive heat. *[No talk of global warming, though.]*

Our grocery and hotel men have been having considerable trouble in getting ice to supply their trade. There seems to be an ice famine.

Pulaski County Democrat

August 9

The Waynesville public school opened Monday morning, with flattering prospects, and this promises to be one of the best terms ever taught in our city, with Clyde Joiner as Principal, Paris Christeson, Intermediate, and Mrs. Christeson, Primary. The enrollment the first day was: Room 1, 27; Room 2, 32; Room 3, 39; with the prospect of several non-resident pupils to enter next week.

County Court met in regular session Monday with Presiding Judge Berry and Long and Manes, Associate Judges, on the bench. The general routine of business was transacted. Monday a good many borrowers were on

hand, and considerable money was loaned. The question of building several bridges in the county will come up during this term of court. *[At this time, the county was still loaning money, a throwback to the time when the county had no banks.]*

SCHLICHT—The Frisco engineers are surveying at Schlicht Station. Iron gates were placed to the entrance of the right-of-way by Mr. Snyder, the section foreman.

BELL'S CREEK—Road-working is now the order of the day, and, of course, as there is at least a mile of road for each poll, we must not expect a very rapid improvement.

Pulaski County Democrat

August 16

DIXON DOINGS—Otis Wright, editor of the CROCKER NEWS, was here last Friday and closed a deal by which he transferred ownership of the NEWS to A. Goforth of the DIXON PROGRESS.

A petition is being circulated in Dixon for a local option election. We hope it will be successful and be the means of removing the rum shop of Dixon from tempting our boys and men.

LOCAL ITEMS

The State appropriation to public schools this year for Pulaski county is \$5,769.23 of public money. This is \$1.41 for each child of school age. *[For a rough comparison, state funds deposited in the General Fund of only Waynesville Schools in 2006 amounted to \$17,758,545.65 or \$3364.64 per pupil. In the whole county, there were 4092 school age children in 1907 and 8301 in 2006.]*

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August 23

A petition, containing 826 names, was presented to the Laclede County Court last week, asking that another local option election be called in that county. The court granted the plea of the petitioners and called an election to be held on Friday, September 18th. At the first election the temperance people won by a large majority, but the result of the election was knocked out on account of errors.—from the MARSH-FIELD CHRONICLE

SCHLICHT—The Frisco tie inspectors, in company with their agent here, Mr. Reed, are having 6,500 ties rafted from Wright county this week.

Pulaski County Democrat

August 30

The Peoples Bank of Dixon has had a wonderful growth since its organization. The deposits on July 10, 1906 were \$10,263.11 and on Aug. 22, 1907 they were \$69,284.28. This bank is becoming a leader and a more reliable bank cannot be found.

SCHLICHT—Col. Reed went to Richland

to start his tie rafts for this place, as he has sufficient water to run them.

Pulaski County Democrat

September 6

DIXON DOINGS—Pitching horse shoes seems to be the principal amusement among the boys of Dixon. The games are kept going early and late, seven days in the week.

Concrete walks are being put down this week in front of the old Dixon Mercantile building and around the Baptist Church. Dixon now has, we believe, more granitoid (concrete) sidewalks than any town in the county.

LOCAL BRIEFS—Those who wish to pay their subscription in wood have an opportune time now to bring it in. We are much in need of a few loads of green cook stove wood. *[A subscription to the DEMOCRAT was \$1.00 per year or a cord of wood.]*

Pulaski County Democrat

September 13

BELL'S CREEK—The Stanton Lumber Co. is getting out a fine lot of lumber and sawed ties, and is wanting teams to haul to the railroad.

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September 20

Laclede county went dry by nearly 500 majority. Let's smile out loud. DeKalb county went dry by 607 majority. Let's smile out loud twice. Sullivan county went dry by 700 majority. Let's smile out loud three times, and then shout "Hurrah!" We request all those who have local option petitions in their possession to send them by first mail to Mrs. Vasca Houk, secretary, at Dixon, and greatly oblige the County Anti-Saloon League. And one of these days, in the good old autumn, old Pulaski county will go dry with a war whoop. The big temperance band wagon is on its way. Rum rule is a thing of the past. The old political threat of the booze gang has lost its cracker. All good citizens rejoice. If the saloon is voted out at Dixon, what is Dixon to do? When Pulaski county goes "dry," will it kill Dixon? Will all the business men have to move to a "wet" territory? Wonder when the business men of Waynesville and Crocker and Richland and other towns in the county are going to move to Wetland? How do they manage anyway, to prosper without a saloon? Will some minor prophet stand up and tell us when those towns are going to die? Let's all assume a perpendicular and indulge in a big horse laugh, before we forget it.—Frank P. Reno *[Reno wrote a featured temperance column in the DEMOCRAT for months leading up to the local option election, indicating the paper supported the proposition, although neither Publisher Mrs. Wheeler nor Editor Virgil Wheeler made any comment in favor of Pulaski County becoming officially dry.]*

CROCKER ITEMS—The large brick store building that is being built by J. L. Hoops is nearing completion, and is the neatest store in town.

Bohannon Bros. are moving their stock of furniture into the new brick building, adjoining Hoop's store, and are ready to fit you out for housekeeping.

LAQUEY—Mrs. Barclay had the misfortune to lose a good horse, which was horned to death by a brute. This is the second horse she has had killed in the same manner this summer. *[This statement using "brute" for "bull" makes us think that the Laquey correspondent is a lady of some age and retains the taboo of the hill folk against women using the word "bull", as it was a forbidden suggestive sexual term for women in the hill culture. Substitutes such as "brute" and "man cow" were preferred.]*

MOAB MUSINGS—J. E. Wood is putting some ties in the river, which he will raft to Arlington.

You ought to have seen our school teacher making ties, last Saturday. He says it is almost as hard work as teaching school.

SCHLICHT—W. W. Lee has accepted a position with the Schlicht Milling Co., and is again making "Beats 'Em All" flour.

The Whoopee Club of the City Hall of St. Louis are at Forest Lodge. A car load of ice and beer was unloaded at the station for them.

BIG PINEY—The miller, Mr. Marlow, is erecting a neat cottage near the mill. As time rolls on Big Piney is growing strong. She is coming to the front with two dry goods stores, one grocery store and two lodges.

Bros. Seth Manes and O. A. Ormsby have just closed a series of meetings here which resulted in fourteen conversions, three restorations and eighteen additions to the church, and one of the greatest gatherings at the Ross ford, Sunday, Sept. 8th, that was ever seen there. It resembled the day of Pentecost. The Holy Ghost seemed to overshadow the audience of 300 people and they praised god. We can see that the effect of the labors of these good brothers, Manes and Ormsby, yet lingers in the breasts of the unconverted. *[Ross Ford is on the Big Piney River, at the present location of Ross Bridge, three miles east of the community of Big Piney. The church was the Hopewell Church, still standing and used today.]*

Pulaski County Democrat
September 27

New Store Building completed.

The mammoth concrete store building of J. B. Christeson, of which we have

spoken several times, and which has been under construction for the past six months, is rapidly nearing completion, and is far superior to any building in town. The building has a frontage of 40 feet and is 60 feet long, with 16 foot ceiling. The front is solid glass. The carpenter work shows the art of skilled workmen and the finishing touches of the brush by Wm. Bird plainly shows that he is no slouch at his work.

Mr. J. B. Christeson is in St. Louis, this week, selecting a \$5,000 stock of goods, which he will open up in the new building within 10 days or two weeks, or just as soon as the goods can arrive from the city. Very little, if any, of the old stock will be moved into the new building.

The store will have one new feature that the people of this vicinity have not been accustomed to; that is, it will be arranged in departments, and will be very convenient as well as a beauty to our business row.

The report reached this place yesterday of the death of Frank Gray, who died Tuesday evening near Big Piney. Mr. Gray was the owner of the land on which flows one of the finest springs in the state, the "Waynesville Big Spring". Some of his city relatives will fall heir to this piece of property.

Our office is a sort of a free congress. People of all ages, of each sex, of all

political beliefs and religious creeds, come in to discuss their isms, argue questions, ask for information, and seek consolation in their trouble. We do our best for them and they generally go out into the cold world feeling much refreshed. Come and see us—the latch string is always out, chairs furnished, and spittoons improvised when necessary. *[This is a sure sign that times have changed in the small town.]*

Honk! Honk! Here comes Babe Scott with his automobile! Babe has been absent for a week in North Missouri, and his absence was explained Tuesday in a letter to G. W. Gan, in which he states that he had traded for an automobile in Maryville, and was riding the contraption home. Another letter written at Savannah states that he is getting along fine with his "Nopushie-No-pulle" wagon, and expected to arrive in Waynesville the latter part of this week unless he tumbles off the Osage bluffs. Should he arrive in town with the carriage we believe he should be prosecuted for disturbing the peace. *[There is no subsequent account of Babe arriving in Waynesville. Maybe he did tumble off one of those bluffs. There is an account in the October 31, 1907 Rolla Herald of an automobilist coming through that town. Mr. West of the Sight Seeing Company of Springfield, Illinois passed through on his way to Arizona. He was making 200 miles a day on the flat*

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Historic Happenings

Colonel Albert Sigel, commanding the 13th Missouri State Militia, led his regiment into Pulaski County 145 years ago. On June 7, 1862, Sigel and his men took over Waynesville and built a fort on the hill to the south of the town square. The U. S. Army occupied Waynesville until July 8, 1865.

Sponsored by **Dr. Richard Edging**, a Supporter of the *Old Settlers Gazette*.

Fitness Happens

land to the east but only 50 miles a day in the Ozarks.]

A Scoundrel's Work.

Our quiet little city was thrown into a ripple of excitement, last week, when the news was spread that a man named E. C. Kittinger had swindled a poor widow and her two children out of their home and all they possessed and then skipped out. The meager details are as follows: A man giving his name as E. C. Kittinger, and claiming to have come from Galatia, Ill., blew into town, four or five weeks ago, and led our people to believe that he was a wealthy stock man, as well as the owner of considerable real estate. He said he was looking for a business location, and incidentally if he could find a good woman he would marry him a wife. Of course the people generally tumbled to his argument, and Mrs. Alice Amos was recommended to him as a suitable person, and that is how a worthy and innocent woman was led into the snare. His purpose was soon accomplished, the marriage ceremony was performed, and he was not long in inducing his wife to sell her home, her cow and some of her household goods; in fact, all that she possessed, telling her he would take her to Lebanon, where he would invest the money and they would live happily the remainder of their days. After get-

ting possession of his wife's money and working some of the merchants for some new clothes, he left her, Thursday, September 12, ostensibly for Lebanon, leaving his wife with nothing but unbounded confidence that he would "make good." Soon after his departure it was suspected that he was a "fakir" and it was reported that he had hoodwinked other women in other towns in the same manner.

Several days after Kittinger's departure from Waynesville his wife received a letter, mailed on some train, stating that Kittinger had been found dead beside the railroad track at West Plains and that there was no money or valuables on his person. Persons who compared the letter with samples of Kittinger's writing, declare that Kittinger wrote the letter, and following up that clue, an effort will be made to apprehend the rascal.

LAQUEY—Quite a few of our townsmen enjoyed Saturday night in an old time fox chase. They caught one fox and two opossums. Bert Robinson furnished the hounds. Come again, Bert, and bring your dogs.

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October 4

There will be a called meeting of the County Court on Monday, October 7, for the purpose of ordering a special



The wreck of the Frisco Meteor on the Dixon Hill. The engineer and mail clerk died in the flames. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

election for the purpose of voting on local option in Pulaski county.

Bad Wreck at Dixon.

A wreck that involved the heaviest property loss ever experienced by the Frisco, occurred Monday morning at 8 o'clock, about two miles east of here, on the Dixon Hill, in which the "Meteor," consisting of engine and six coaches, were completely destroyed. According to reports the train was running at

from 60 to 75 miles an hour, and when the engine struck a sharp curve the monster locomotive buried itself in the embankment, the baggage car and mail car telescoped the engine, and in a short time, all were in flames. Engineer Chambers was pinned beneath his cab and died calling for help and begging the people to cut his leg off so he could escape the approaching flames. Mail Clerk Frank E. Crissy died a similar death. Only twenty-eight passen-

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Ft. Wood Main Gate, ca 1950



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gers were on the train and most of them were more or less injured, one woman having two ribs broke. Conductor John Gillias, who has been in the railroad service thirty-three years, said this was his first wreck. All the coaches, except the rear one, left the track and rolled down the embankment, and in less than two hours all were completely destroyed by fire. The train left Springfield fifty-seven minutes late, and the engineer was trying to make up the time. Some of the passengers claimed the engineer had run as fast as 90 miles an hour, after leaving Springfield, and that the run from Springfield to Lebanon, a distance of 57 miles, was made in 51 minutes. The wreckage is being cleared up but traffic both ways has been delayed considerably.—Dixon Correspondent.

A Trenton bride, it is said, was told on her wedding day she had a model husband. The next day she looked in a dictionary and to her surprise found that model was defined as "a small imitation of the real thing." Many other brides have found out that they had "model" husbands.

Pulaski County Democrat
October 11

DIXON DOINGS—Dr. Standard and B. T. Frazier were over at Waynesville the first of the week in the interest of the local option election. The County Court has ordered the election for November 9th. Every body should vote on this important question. [It should be noted that Waynesville had been without a saloon for some time. Dr. Standard, a frequent lecturer on the ills of alcohol was later assaulted on the street in Dixon, the only county town with a saloon.]

Pulaski County Democrat
October 18

An Explanation.

In answer to query and to satisfy the minds of those who are trying to take care of the DEMOCRAT'S business. We will say, there will be no change in the Democrat politically, and it will ever be found, as it has been, taking no uncertain position but always be found battling for the party which it stands for.

In the coming campaign the editorial department will be in charge of two able men who are well versed on the political issues of the party, and at the proper time the Democrat will help lead the party to victory. [Seems the DEMOCRAT publisher and/or editor were stung by criticism that the paper was more interested in ad revenue and general news than in causes or advancing the Democratic party. When compared to the paper under Nathan Wheeler's editorial guidance, it seems a well-founded charge.]

SWEDEBORG—The Swedeborg and Richland Telephone Co. have their wire up now and we hope to have connection with Richland soon.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, to be held

under the provisions of Article 3, of Chapter 22, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1899, commonly known as the Local Option Law, to determine whether or not spirituous and intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, shall be sold within the limits of Pulaski County, in the State of Missouri....Such special election will be held on November 9, 1907.

E. G. Williams

Clerk of the County Court of Pulaski County, Missouri

Pulaski County Democrat
October 25

NEW BANK AT BLOODLAND

There has been considerable talk for some time of a bank at Bloodland, and there is to be a bank opened there about January 1, 1908. We are informed by the parties who have the project in hand that capital stock has been subscribed to the amount of \$11,000 and that they are undecided, at the present, whether they will organize with \$10,000 or \$15,000 capital stock. This is a large territory which either do their banking business at Richland or towns in Texas Co. and we predict a bank at Bloodland will be a very prosperous institution.

LOCAL ITEMS—Col. E. G. Williams spent the first of the week in St. Louis attending a Confederate reunion of old soldiers.

State lecturer of the W. C. T. U. accompanied by Mrs. B. T. Frazier of Dixon will be in Waynesville next Saturday, Oct. 26 and will deliver lectures at 2:30 Saturday afternoon and Saturday night at 7 o'clock, also on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Methodist church in Waynesville. Everybody cordially invited to attend these lectures. [The local option campaign waged by the Anti-Saloon League, W. C. T. U (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and local churches is in high gear.]



Edward G. Williams served as County Clerk from 1882 until 1914. He was a Confederate veteran and active in veteran groups, as well as the Confederate Home of Missouri in Higginsville.

The "Mound City"

St. Louis rejoices in the sobriquet of Mound City from the fact that the original settlers found there many elevations which it is supposed were relics of that strange people who dwelt in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and are known to modern times only as the Mound Builders. No adequate explanation has yet been found of their strange mode of leaving memorials of their existence. The limestone bluffs on which a part of St. Louis stands furnish a solid foundation for the business buildings. [Cahokia Mounds, Illinois State Historic Site and World Heritage Site, across the Mississippi from St. Louis, has an excellent interpretive center. It tells what we now know of the Mound Builders as a result of decades of archaeological investigation.]

CROCKER ITEMS—Dear editor, since Crocker has not had a representative from this place to the DEMOCRAT for a long time I decided to send a few items and if they escape the waste basket we will probably come again.

There is strong talk of a Methodist church South being built at this place this coming year. Crocker already has three churches, but another church would probably interest more of our people, and Crocker is badly in need of reform.

Pulaski County Democrat
November 1

A New County Officer.

Beginning with January of next year each county is allowed and authorized by the legislature to have a new officer—that of county highway engineer. He will be appointed by the county court every two years and will receive a salary not to exceed \$2000 per year. His salary is fixed by the court, and may at the discretion of the court be made as low as \$300. The officer will have supervision of all the roads and bridges in the county, and must put in all his time looking after these things. Here is an important work, and a good job for the right man who should be well qualified for his work. [This is a result of the good roads movement in the legislature. In the rural areas, it wasn't automobile driven but expressed the desire of the country people for more bridges and Rural Free Delivery routes.]

A LETTER.

TO THE VOTERS OF PULASKI COUNTY
...Interest and enthusiasm had marked our meetings so far at every point and if I do not miss my guess badly the south half of Pulaski county will give the overwhelming majority for Local Option November 9.

I am guessing three dry to every wet vote. For fear you may not get the information from a legal standpoint, I will give this to you: Under the present law if someone violates the state law for selling booze he is tried and convicted, he will be fined \$40 and cost

and though there may have been three or four charges against him, when he pleads guilty to one, the other cases are dismissed. He pays \$40 and cost and goes on selling again.

Under the Local Option law which we will adopt Nov. 9, when we say 5 cases against a man for selling booze illegally, and bring them to trial, he will be tried on every count—mind you not one count and the fine is \$300 to \$1000 cash on every offense, besides a jail sentence of from three months to 12 months on every charge. Now here is the difference. Suppose a man in the county sells booze illegally 5 times under the present law if convicted he would be fined \$40 and costs. Under the local option law it would be 5 counts at \$300 makes \$1500 and 3 months in jail on each charge. Any one with even a glass eye can see why the local option law does the work and that is the reason why the good people of this county are going to vote for the home, for the boys for right Nov. 9, and carry this county 3 to 1.

May God bless the homes of this county and may He help you voters to protect your homes from this the worst enemy—the saloon.

Very Truly Yours,
Dr. D. E. Standard

DIXON DOINGS—A petition is being circulated among our citizens asking the county court for a bridge across the river at the Riddle ford.

BELL'S CREEK—A petition is being circulated for a new county road from Bud Hamilton's south and west to the Crocker-Waynesville road. It is much needed.

RICHLAND NEWS—Just think of it. Gold in Pulaski county. We have always felt that this county was the place to love. [This rumor seems to pop up every year.]

MOAB MUSINGS—In looking over the schedule of lectures we notice that Moab is left out. They must either think we are strictly temperance, or past redemption but Moab is still on the map.

LOCAL ITEMS—President Roosevelt has stated that he will, on November 16, issue his proclamation declaring Oklahoma and Indian Territory to be the new state of Oklahoma.

The postoffice at Tribune will be discontinued after the first of November. The postmaster there has resigned and there seems to be no one who cares to qualify for the place. The effects of the office will be added to that of Bloodland.

G. W. Gan has on exhibition at this office an eagle which he killed a couple of miles southwest of town, Tuesday evening. It has been a good many years since an eagle was killed in this part of the county and this one is a curiosity to even the oldest inhabitant.

It measures seven feet and one inch from tip to tip of wings and is large enough to carry off a good sized shoat or lamb.

Pulaski County Democrat
November 8

Gold Found in Missouri.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC.
Crocker, Mo., Oct. 28—Henry McKinnon has discovered gold on his farm in Pulaski County, assaying \$48.00 per ton. He is having the specimens examined at the Rolla School of Mines. Specimens recently sent to the United States Mint at Denver assayed \$48.00 per ton dirt.

McKinnon has started work on three shafts, two of which are 15 feet deep, and the other 30 feet. McKinnon owns forty acres, on which the shafts are located and has leased 320 acres additional.

Pulaski County Democrat
November 15

Returns of Saturday's Election.

The returns of Saturday's election show that the "drys" have it by a majority of 644 in Pulaski county. They carried every precinct except Lost Hill. Tavern township was carried by the largest majority of any other township in the county as the report will show. It was reported here that over seventy families in the neighborhood of Crocker

er took their dinners to Crocker and worked for local option last Saturday.

Perhaps there is more rejoicing in Union Township than any other part of the county as Dixon was the only place in the county that a saloon was conducted. There was some glad ones and probably some sad ones, as there is no place in Dixon now to drink, only at the "town pump."

Cullen Township [which includes Waynesville] has nothing to brag about, only carrying the Township by eight votes. Some of our citizens who lived under Local Option law 18 years ago contend that the whiskey traffic was not as well under control then as after the Local option went out. Local Option leaders have been telling the people that the law has been changed, and give us Local Option law again and they will see that those who violate this law will be punished. However it will soon be demonstrated whether we have better control of liquor traffic or not.

Returns from Lynn county that voted on Local Option Nov. 9, went dry by a vote of 4 to 1. Moniteau county went "wet" on Nov. 9, by a majority of seventy votes.

The Parcels Post

As the time approaches for Congress to convene, the agitation regarding a parcels post has been renewed, and the

DEMOCRAT wants to submit a few remarks on the proposition. In the first place, there never has been any serious objection to a parcels post, except from the robber express companies and a few misguided country merchants, whose objections were founded on the supposition that the parcels post would divert trade from the country towns and "favor" the large mail order houses of the cities. This objection would have been all right and entirely reasonable if there had been any foundation for it. The parcels post as it is now proposed is altogether favorable to the country retailer, as the rate to be charged the mail order houses of the cities will be about six times as great as that charged the country merchants, who sends stuff out to customers on rural routes. As it is proposed to continue the extensions of the rural mail service so that practically every house in the country will be served daily, it is readily apparent that the country merchants and the residents of the farms will come in for a lion's share of the favors when the parcels post is established. [Following the success of rural free delivery, parcel post service was added in 1913.]

DIXON DOINGS—Several Vienna people were in Dixon last Saturday, observing the proceedings in the local option election. Maries county is to have one

of her own soon.

BAILEY—The game laws especially for the quail and wild turkey if not enforced soon will be too late and they, like the deer, will soon be things of the past. And the little insectivorous birds should be protected as has been stated by the best authority that man could not exist but a period of more than nine years should they become extinct. [The Bailey correspondent was no irrational alarmist. The wild turkey population in Missouri went from about 250,000 birds in the mid-19th century to about 3,000 birds in the 1930s, when the turkey season was closed.]

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November 22

There will be a meeting of those who are interested in the new bank of Bloodland on Saturday, November 23, 1907 for the purpose of electing directors and arranging other matters for the opening of a bank at that place on January 1, 1908, with a capital stock of \$15,000, which has all been subscribed.

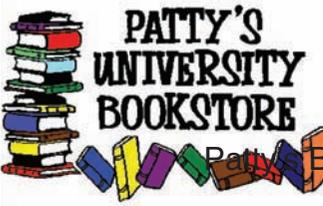
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November 29

BLOODLAND—Bloodland is on a boom now. George Jasper has rebuilt the Albert Jasper house, making it a ten room structure, and is now neatly domiciled in it. Glasco, of Texas coun-

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ty, was the boss carpenter. Sam Jasper is raising his house another story, with additional rooms. Mr. Seward and Mr. Glasco are wielding the square and saw.

The mill is running day and night.

The literary and debating society is now in full swing.

Bloodland is soon to have a new shop, Hardware store and Bank.

Pulaski County Democrat

December 6

LOCAL ITEMS—A meeting of the citizens of Bloodland and vicinity was held at

Bloodland last Saturday to organize a bank at that place. The following directors were elected: Samuel Jasper, P. T. Bailey, Bird Kinnard, S. C. Deavers, Jas. A. Welch, L. M. Baily, W. J. Crumsine, S. P. Jones and C. A. Williams. Geo B. Jasper was chosen President and R. Wingo as Cashier. The directors are composed of good influential men and the prospect bids fair for the success of the new business.

Lost.—Somewhere in Waynesville, a Swastika good luck hat pin. Finder will return same to Mrs. Nathan Wheeler,

and be rewarded.

L. N. Hufft wants to buy 10,000 good ties and will pay 30c each.

Pulaski County Democrat

December 20

CROCKER—Chas. Teeple is booming the town by adding a three story hotel. Crocker is rapidly coming to the front.

Russell Wingo of Bloodland was in our city Tuesday to inspect and receive the safe for the new bank. Mr. Wingo holds cashiership in the new enterprise.

Pulaski County Democrat

December 27

GOLDEN CENTER—The Bloodland Bank safe got stuck in the mud near Lee last Saturday. At this writing they are awaiting the arrival of a traction engine to help on the way.

HANNA—Wm. Hess is building a new store, which will greatly help the appearance of Hanna.

1907

Average life expectancy was 47 years.

The average wage was 22 cents an hour and the average worker made between \$200 and \$400 a year.

Although there was a Valentine's Day, Hallmark hadn't yet invented Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart Disease
5. Stroke

Most women only washed their hair once a month with Borax or egg yolks as the shampoo.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U. S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.00.

There were only 8,000 cars in the entire country and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

California was the 21st most populous state with 1.4 million people.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U. S. took place at home.

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

For you old movie fans, born in 1907 were Katherine Hepburn and John Wayne.

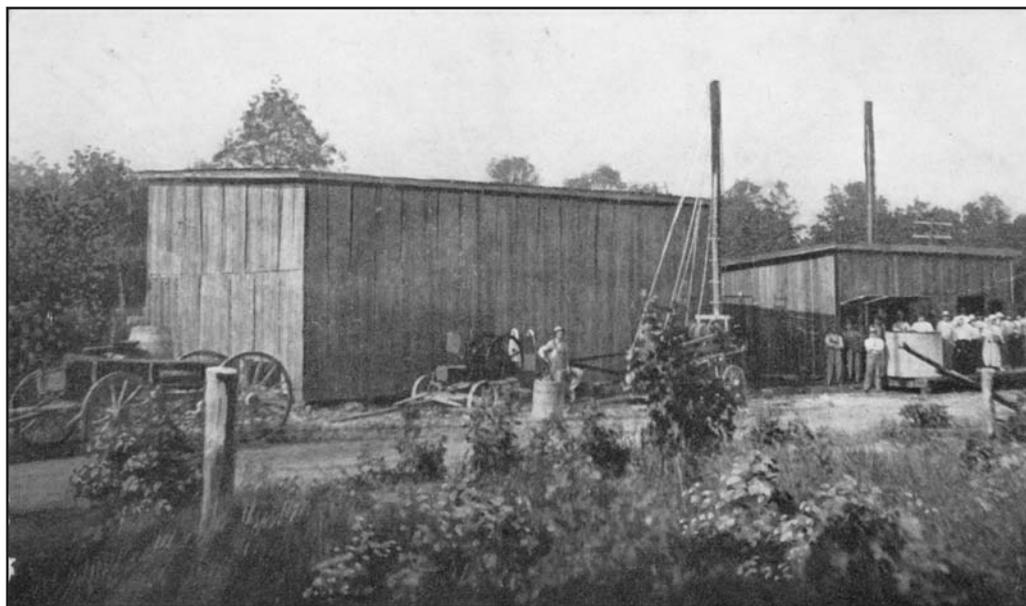
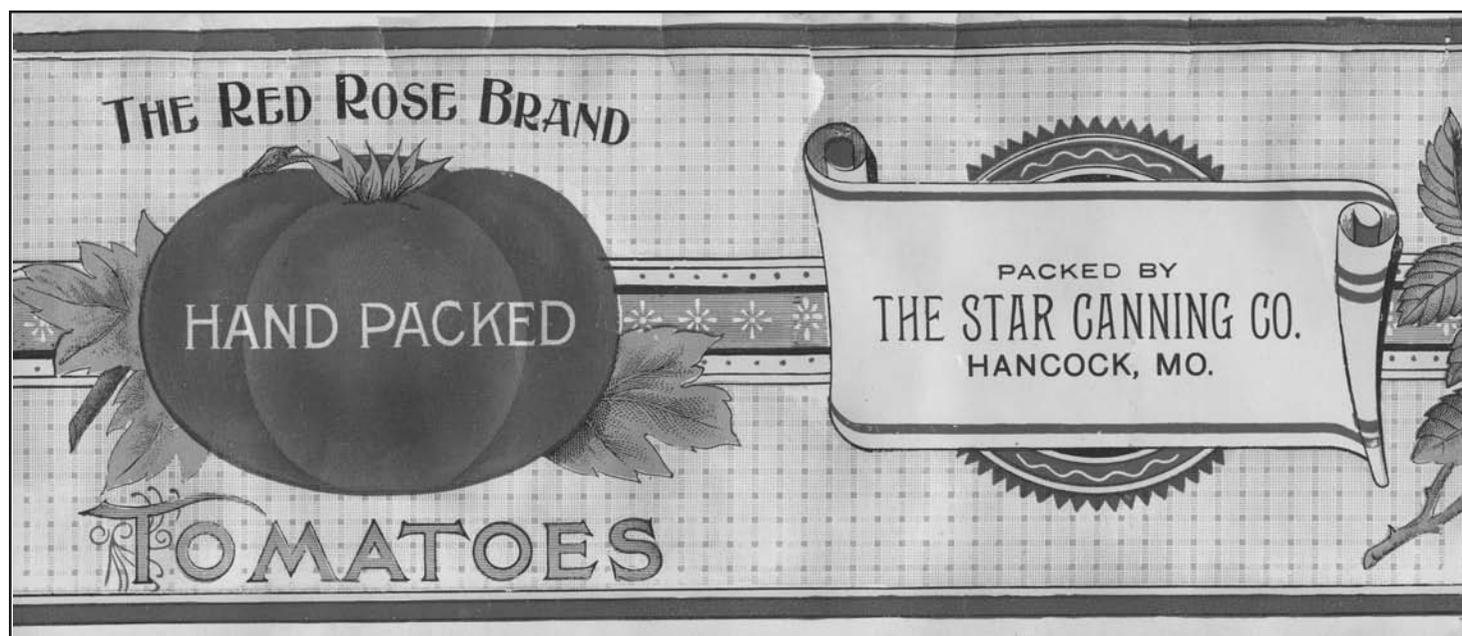


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By 1907, most of the larger communities in Old Pulaski had canning factories, ready to ship the surplus on the Frisco. Some smaller communities, such as Helm (above, 1911) and Hancock (tomato can label, below) near the railroad in northern Pulaski, had factories, too. Bloodland was promoting itself as a good location for a canning factory and got one. In 1912, Pulaski County shipped 804,845 pounds of canned vegetables and fruits by rail.

The canning factories were among the first opportunities for women to work outside the home, other than domestic work, to make extra money. They peeled and packed the tomatoes in cans. Men handled the crates and did the scalding work.



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