

If this section of the road is built, it will be used principally for the west bound traffic, and will make Dixon an inland town to a great extent.—Rolla Times.

Founder of St. James Dead

The sad news that William James was dead was received Monday with expressions of sincere regret on every hand. This grand old man died Sunday afternoon at his home in Baltimore, after a very brief illness of pneumonia, in his 89th year. He was born March, 1824.

Funeral services occurred in Baltimore Jan. 2nd, and the remains being placed in a receiving vault. Later, at the completion of the family tomb at Chillicothe, Ohio, his remains, together with those of Mrs. James and Thomas James will be removed thereto for final burial.

As a mark of respect, Mayor Barber issued a proclamation, closing all St. James business houses during the funeral hour Thursday afternoon.—St. James Journal

BAILEY—The spelling contest and ciphering match at the school house

last Friday night between Bloodland school and our own was one of the most happy and agreeable events of the season. In the spelling contest Bloodland came out one ahead and in the ciphering match the schools came out even. We need more real life among our rural folks, and it would do us all good to have a little social intercourse, wholly free from every thought of work and care. Most of us do not have the variety and social interchange that every human being should enjoy and profit by.

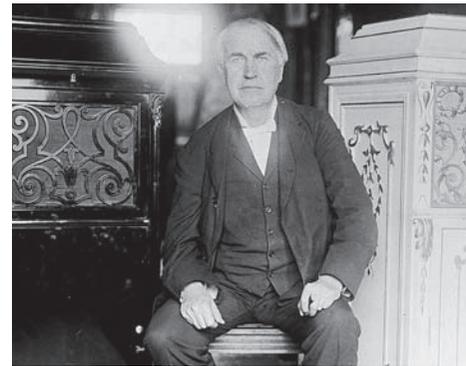
JONES CREEK—Burnett school dismissed at noon New Year's Day and all attended the baptizing of Ed Todd. After the baptizing, the school was called together and spent the remainder of the afternoon in a ciphering match. *[As well as warming up. The baptizing most likely was in Jones Creek.]*

TAVERN—Frank Mackney who has been suffering from several wounds that he received while in a fight at Granval Jones', is slowly recovering.

TALKING "MOVIES" SHOWN BY EDISON "KINETOPHONE" REPRODUCES WORDS AND ALL SOUNDS AS PICTURES ARE SEEN.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison officially pronounced the final test of his marvelous "kinetophone" a success.

In other words, the talking moving pictures upon which the wizard of Orange has been working for so many years are now a reality and within thirty days will be shown in seven theaters in Manhattan and three in Brooklyn.



Thomas Edison, c. 1912. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

"In the next year or two," said Mr. Edison, after the completion of the tests of his new contrivance, which seems to have solved the problem of synchronizing the motion picture and phonograph, "it will be no unusual thing to present an entire play or opera, as we now are able to produce a playlet or scene from the big plays."

Mr. W. J. Elliot, with a force of workmen, set the new seats up in the new school house and repaired and varnished the old seats and moved them also. On Monday morning school opened in the new house and the teachers and pupils are exceedingly proud of their new building, although there has been some minor trouble with the heating system, which in all probability will be speedily remedied. Waynesville now has one of the best school buildings in the county. It is a neat, two-story, concrete block, about 30 x 60, with vestibule, cloak rooms and stairway not included in the above dimensions. It is substantially built



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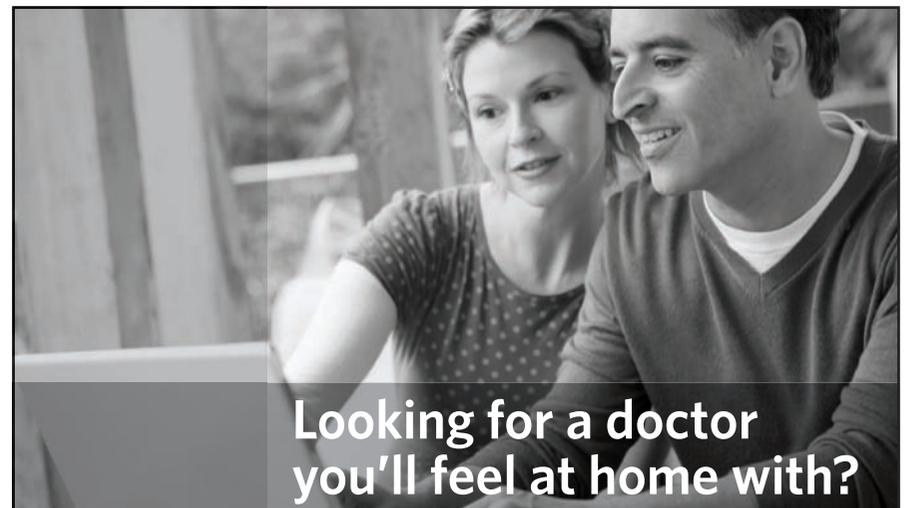


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of first class material and excepting some of the carpenter work is considered a model by all who have seen and examined it. [See picture page 12.]

Notice

All parties indebted to me on blacksmith accounts will please call at once and settle the same as I must have some money.

J. M. Doolin.

CROCKER—Saturday the Boys Basket Ball team went to Richland to play the High School there. It was a well matched game until the last ten minutes, the score then being 3 to 0 in favor of Crocker, when Richland put in a non-pupil of the school and made the score 7 to 3 in favor of Richland. According to the rules, when a game is matched between schools, no one is eligible but pupils, so Crocker claims the game, score 3 to 0.

W. D. Johnson left Monday for Jefferson City, to represent Pulaski County at the legislature. Pulaski will be well represented by Mr. Johnson, and will have the largest representative in Missouri. [Cracks were often made about W. Dan Johnson's size. He weighed well over 300 pounds. He succeeded A. J. McDonald of Richland as State Representative.]

January 16

On the second page of last week's St. Louis Republic, a picture of the largest representative of the legislature was seen. It is a true picture of Mr. Johnson and it is hoped that Pulaski County will not only have the largest, but also the most prominent representative at the legislature.

DIXON—The glad news reached here that our sister county, Phelps, voted "dry" last Saturday.

Good for Iberia Academy

The library of Iberia Academy has recently received a great acquisition, in the gift of \$500 worth of new books from a friend in Massachusetts. This gives the Academy a fine lot of up-to-date books to add to its already large library. It is said to have one of the best school libraries in the State.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Col. John Black, the ever ready good fellow, went out to feed the chickens for his wife and got such a fall on the ice that Dr. Stebbins had to be called. "Let the women do the work," Johnny.

Notice.

In purchasing the Democrat I also bought the subscription list. If you are paid in advance I owe [you] the paper. If you are in arrears you owe me. I make this explanation because many subscribers have asked me who is to receive what they owed on subscription at the time I purchased the paper. So if you are in doubt as to what to do with the money, this will notify you to whom it belongs.

Yours Truly G. W. Lane
[George W. Lane, Sr. (1873-1956) bought the Pulaski County Democrat in May of 1912 from Mrs. Nathan Wheeler and O. O. Ragsdale. In her parting remarks, Mrs. Wheeler characterized new editor Lane as a "politician" and would "give the readers a better political paper." Under Wheeler and Ragsdale, the paper seldom printed political editorials or Democratic party propaganda. Under Lane's ownership, that drastically changed. Lane had been County Surveyor, 1901-1902, and County Collector, 1905-1910. In later years, he was the postmaster, 1914-1919, and served two terms as State Representative, 1945-1948.]

January 23

TRIBUNE—The post office of Tribune has been re-established, which was greatly needed by a large number of the citizens of this part.

DIXON—The pie supper at Burnett school house last Friday night was a grand success; every pie was sold at a good price [20 cents to 90 cents apiece, reported elsewhere]. The school under the supervision of Miss Hazel Stevens will continue about two months.

A grand entertainment will be held at the Opera House next Saturday night under the auspices of the Rolla Orchestra.

HANCOCK—Zilpha Purkins is fixing to move her stock of groceries back into her store building that was recently vacated by the pool tables.

BLOODLAND—All kinds of business is on a boom in North Bloodland, Charley Vaughan in the store, Will Atterberry at the bellows and Clark and Gan at the mill.

BIG PINEY—Nearly everybody has the lagrippe [influenza] lately.

The mule buyer, Hopen, led away 9 good mules from here, leaving the cold cash in their places and Ed Kerr

also bought two here the same day making 11 mules sold here on the 16th.

Three couples married at Big Piney last week. Look out for hard times. The more that marries the less corn is liable to be raised.

LOCAL ITEMS—Deputy City Marshall, Harry Haney, put in a new bridge across the ditch near the central office. This is a much needed improvement as the old bridge had become very rotten and unsafe. [A creek, called "the ditch", ran down the middle of Waynesville's main street. See page 21.]

Ed Appleby of K. C., representing the Canton Bridge Co. and Fred Marshall, of Springfield, County Highway Engineer of Green County, were here Friday night on business connected with the building of the bridge at Mays ford on the Gasconade.

It is reported by the school janitor that some of the school boys have been breaking the window panes and otherwise damaging the old school house, apparently for pastime. Such a destruction of public property should be investigated by the proper authorities and steps taken to prevent any further sport of this kind.

January 30

The Woman Suffrage League is preparing to have a monster parade in the Capital City on March 3rd. It is thought that several thousand women in uniform will be in line, led by a beautiful young lady, Miss Gladys Hinckley, dressed as a herald. The purpose, of course, is to impress to "mere man" the force of the equal suffrage movement and hasten his recognition of women's rights. [See next column.]

CROCKER—Crocker is still improving. The Town Board is having a calaboose built on a lot near "48" Burgess. This improvement will probably keep better order.

BIG PINEY—T. P. Jeffries is opening a R. R. tie job from Cookville to Plato. This will give 500 men work and scatter a lot of money.

BAILEY—Joe Williams passed through here last Friday with 50 head of fine young steers which he was driving to his home near Nebo.

John Rollins passed through here last Thursday driving a bunch of

nice cattle which he purchased in Shannon County.

[This scene was often repeated in the news. It was a common sight to see a herd, drove, or flock of stock being driven through a community to a farm or to the railroad depot. Stockmen were enjoying high prices.]

GASCONADE—Our public school clos-



Gladys Hinckley (above), Washington, D. C., society belle, fashion icon, and named by some as the most beautiful woman in America, was in the forefront of the suffragette parade down Pennsylvania Avenue the day before President Wilson's 1913 inauguration. Many of the 5,000-8,000 suffragists were spat upon, hit by hurled objects, and physically assaulted. The violence brought more, not less, support for the movement. Women had to wait until 1920 for the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

es this week on account of a shortage of money.

Joe Nickels, Henry Scott and Os Jackson passed through our valley the past week, each with a large drove of hogs enroute for Richland. SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Mr. Laws, of Swedeborg, has bought the summer resort, Hotel-de-Cave, from Joel Lane and will be open for guests March 1st. [See page 30 for an article about the development of Cave Lodge.]

My friends, who split the blanket lately, have adopted the password, "Let's Kiss and make up." They have 23 stitches in their blanket and used "whang" leather to sew it together. Success to you. [Split the blanket means to get a divorce or end a relationship.]

LOCAL ITEMS—A Mr. Sweeney, of St. Louis, was here a day or so last week on his way to the South part of the county and also the Northern part of Texas Co. We have been informed that while here he took some of our local checker champions around and around and finally when he got ready he sunk them

down.

Sheriff Laquey has been busy for several days with a force hand cleaning and disinfecting the Court House. The windows, floors, and in fact all the woodwork have been thoroughly cleaned up which not only adds much to its appearance but also adds greatly to the sanitary conditions which of all is most desired.

February 6

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—A mink hide sold for \$4. here lately.

DIXON—A Frisco demonstration car was here Tuesday of last week and lectures accompanied by stereopticon views on poultry raising were enjoyed by a large number of people. Some beautiful chickens were shown as sample of the experiment station at Mountain Grove. It is estimated that the poultry product of Missouri are of more value than any other line.

The most excitement for several weeks was last week when two fires occurred in less than 24 hours. The alarm was first sounded at 8 a.m.

when upon a hasty investigation it was found the city lockup was on fire and a man was locked up in it. Little damage was done and the fire soon extinguished. At about 8 p.m. the Doering property in East Dixon was reported burning and a large crowd was soon on the scene and by heroic effort the property was saved with very light damage.

BIG PINEY—Town was over run Saturday and the merchants were over worked in trade.

We have no central services in Big Piney, which is inconvenient.

CROCKER—The Crocker High School Basket Ball Team went to Newburg Saturday and played the Newburg team Saturday night. The Crocker team won the game by a score of 6 to 3. The boys came back rejoicing over their second victory of this season. [These single digit scores seem to be the norm for basketball in the second decade of the twentieth century.]

LOCAL ITEMS—No vacant houses in Waynesville.

The moving picture show each Saturday night has been postponed

until health and weather conditions are more favorable.

County Court convened in regular session last Monday morning. There were present G. W. Berry, Presiding Judge; J. A. Bradford, Judge Eastern district; G. W. Payne, Judge Western district; E. G. Williams Clerk and G. M. Laquey Sheriff. The first part of the session was taken up in settling with road overseers, loaning money [the county was in the business of loaning money to citizens] and considering road petitions. We expect to give a synopsis of the proceedings in our next issue.

Notice to Bridge Contractors

Waynesville, Mo

February 4th, 1913

Notice is hereby given that I, E. A. Bryant, Highway Engineer of Pulaski County, Mo., will receive bids at the County Clerks office up to noon Thursday, February 27th, 1913 for the building of a bridge at Mays Ford, according to plans and specifications to be submitted by the bidders. A check of 10 per cent of the bid payable to Pulaski County,



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Missouri, must accompany each bid. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any proposition.

E. A. Bryant, Highway Engineer
Pulaski County, Mo.

[This is the second attempt to build a bridge at Mays Ford, near the location of the Cave Restaurant today.]

SURPLUS SHIPMENTS FROM PULASKI COUNTY IN 1911.

In the following table are shown the commodities produced in the county and shipped out by freight and express. No effort has been made to estimate the local consumption, as it would at best be only an estimate with no assurance of absolute accuracy:

LIVE STOCK

Cattle, head.....	7,102
Hogs, head.....	24,314
Horses and mules, head.....	520
Sheep, head.....	9,651

FARMYARD PRODUCTS

Poultry, live, lbs.....	604,716
Poultry, dressed, lbs.....	44,378
Eggs, dozen.....	1,110,570
Feathers, lbs.....	1,085

FARM CROPS

Wheat, bushels.....	21,000
Corn, bushels.....	50
Oats, bushels.....	20
Timothy seed, bushels.....	6
Hay, tons	24
Nut, lbs.....	40

FRUIT

Misc. fresh fruit, lbs.....	3,071
Melons.....	12
Dried fruit, lbs.....	9,207
Apples, barrels.....	1,467
Blackberries, crates.....	44
Peaches, bushels.....	15

WOOL

Wool, lbs.....	90,372
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DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter, lbs.....	11,398
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Milk and cream, gals.....	7,458
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FOREST PRODUCTS

Railroad ties.....	173,000
Fence and mine posts.....	58,000
Cordwood, cords.....	660

FISH AND GAME PRODUCTS

Game, lbs.....	43,440
Furs, lbs.....	18,027

MILL PRODUCTS

Flour, barrels.....	3,300
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Corn meals, lbs.....	36,663
Bran, shipstuff, lbs.....	189,302
Feed, chops, lbs.....	14,030

PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS

Hides and pelts, lbs.....	21,444
Dressed meats, lbs.....	1,510
Tallow, lbs.....	2,321

UNCLASSIFIED PRODUCTS

Junk, car.....	1
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DIXON—The proposition of electric light for Dixon is attracting a great deal of attention at present. J. J. Dake and G. G. Youngblood have announced their intention to try the business. We wish them success in their new enterprise as it will be a great boon to the town.

BIG PINEY—I saw an item in the Democrat about a lady having a fine bunch of young chickens just hatched. There is a lady in this neighborhood that has a turkey hen setting on 19 eggs. How is that for raising turkeys?

Our representative Hon. W. D. Johnson is not only in favor of pro-

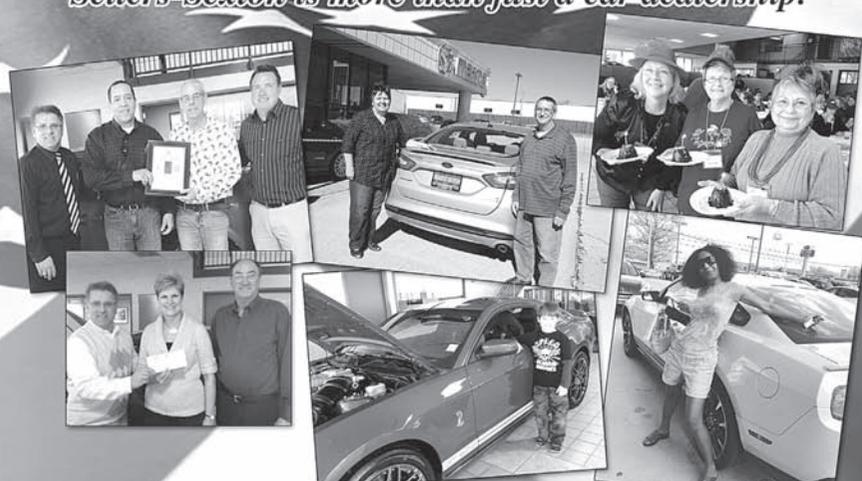
tecting himself but his colleagues as well. On Feb. 5th he introduced the following resolution which was adopted by the house:

“Whereas, tomorrow February 6th, 1913, will be Suffrage Day in the Missouri legislature, and Whereas, the metropolitan paper has forewarned us that a large delegation of suffragettes will arrive from St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities of the state, therefore be it,

Resolved: That this house as a matter of precaution and safety, advise each member at the close of the session this afternoon, to proceed to have his hair cut to standard length, not to exceed one inch.”

When we take into consideration W. D.'s avoirdupois and his total inability to make anything like a showing in a foot race, with a band of fleet-footed suffragettes in pursuit, the wisdom of his resolution manifests itself. It might be well for a few of us to safeguard ourselves in the same manner as it has been currently reported and generally believed for years, that the number of

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cases of baldness in Pulaski County is not in proportion to the number produced by natural causes.

February 20

HANCOCK—The Rural Mail from this place to Brays is getting so heavy that it will require a two-horse rig to carry it.

Everybody seems to be making ties from the way they are hauling them in here.

JONES CREEK—Only three more weeks of school at Burnett. The time will soon be "when vacation is here." The school is preparing a short program for the 21st of February. There will be a debate on which president did the most for his country: George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, whose birthdays are the 22nd and 12th of this month.

Jones Creek and Mossy Spring [telephone] lines were connected together Friday night, making quite a large number on one line. [Jones Creek and Burnett School were a couple of miles south of Dixon. Mossy Spring was quite a jaunt to the south. Telephone service was still being extended in 1913.]

BLOODLAND—Mr. Stennet had the misfortune to lose one of his horses from blind staggers. Charley Dodd lost a cow some time since from the same malady. [*Blind staggers are symptoms (staggering gait and seeming blindness) of several unrelated animal diseases.*]

BAILEY—Many are interested in birds and more should be according to Hornado, who declares unless we set about to protect our insectivorous birds they will be extinct in ten years. Write to our representative, W. D. Johnson, and ask him to work for a law for their protection. While there are not many who would kill a quail, or any kind of bird at any time in the year, there are some who do, whom the writer believes should suffer both fine and imprisonment.

BIG PINEY—There are several talking of going to California this spring, but talk and car fare are quite different. One is gas the other cash. [*The big exodus west had not yet begun, but it was just a decade away.*]

Our merchants are kept busy counting eggs and paying close to the St. Louis prices [*30 cents a dozen in the city*].

LOCAL ITEMS—Several photographers have been in Waynesville for the last week doing considerable work. Of course they guarantee all work to be strictly first class, which if true will enable future generations to behold the likeness of some of the famous beauties for which Waynesville and vicinity has long been noted.

WANTED—Man past 30, with horse and buggy, to sell Stock Condition Powder in Pulaski County. Salary \$70. per month. Address 9 Industrial Bldg. Indianapolis, Ind.

WOOD WANTED

Bids will be received at my office until 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22nd, for thirty -five cords of four-foot oak wood to be corded at the Court House. For particulars see, G. M. Laquey, Sheriff

February 27

CROCKER—Last week Mrs. R. H. Hawkins leased the Sanatorium building for the purpose of putting in a hotel there. A new addition is being made on the back side so as to make more room. Mrs. Hawkins will retain part of the place where she now keeps her hotel. The other part will be occupied by Wm. Mace.

HANCOCK—The measles scare is not over yet there are several new cases in this vicinity.

John Singleton's wife has been on the sick list for some time and will be moved to the Crocker Sanatorium Tuesday where she will undergo an operation.

TAVERN—No more small pox on

Tavern.

JONES CREEK—Thinking she was buying kerosene, Mrs. John Wither bought gasoline which after filling the lamps and lighting them caused a direct explosion.

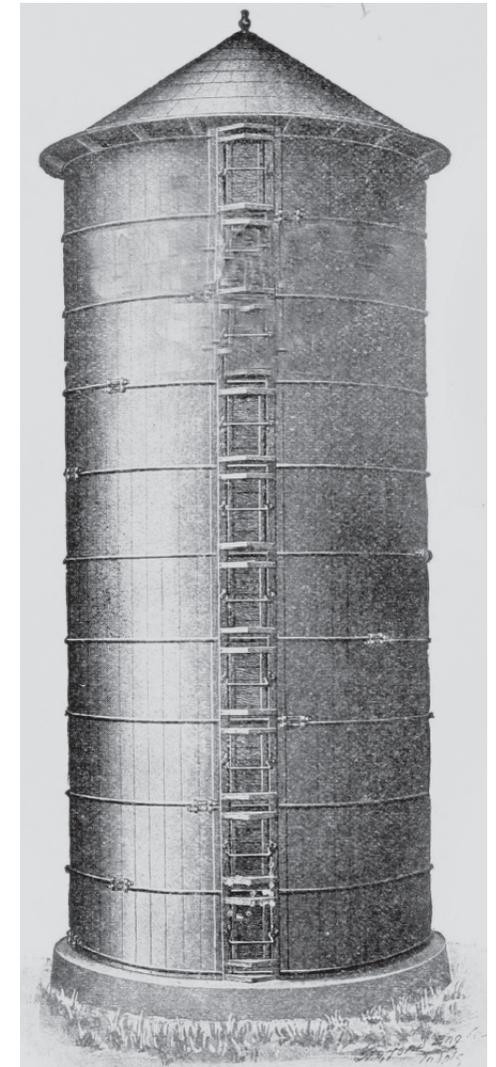
RIGSBY—The new bell for the Anderson schoolhouse has been delivered and will be put in position in a few days.

February is the shortest month but if it had twice as many days some men would be no nearer ready for spring work when the 1st of March comes.

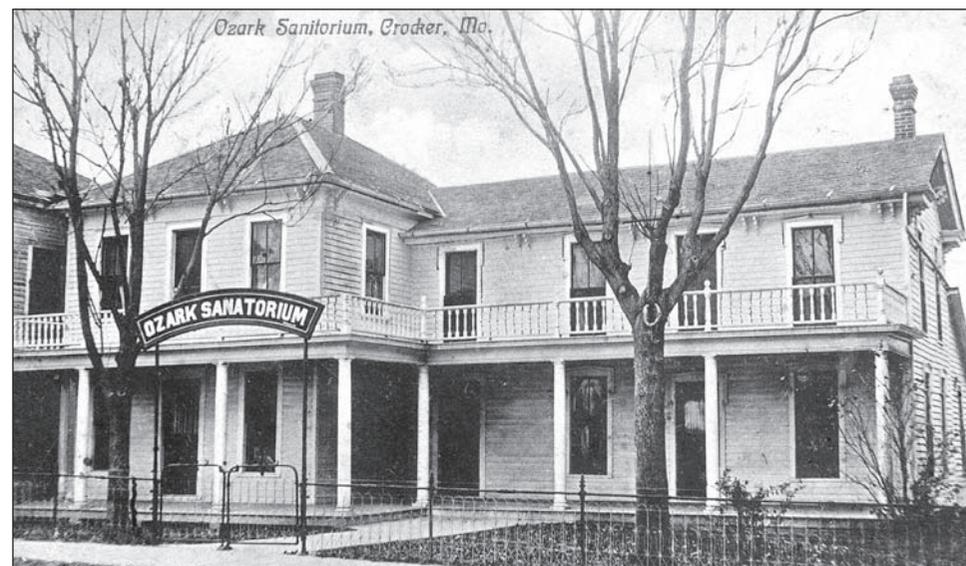
LOCAL ITEMS—The committee on appropriations has set apart \$20,000 to pension indigent and needy veterans of the Confederate Army. This will doubtless become a law, and furthermore will meet the approval of every fair minded citizen. The pension is not to exceed \$10. per month. There are hundreds of patriotic men in Missouri who wore the "Gray" and are proud of it, that have never asked for help, but many of them are now bowed with the weight of years and are no longer able to earn a livelihood. The mere pittance of \$10. per month will be accepted by many of them with gracious thanks, thus enabling them to pass their few remaining days in peace and meditate over their deeds of valor and heroism in behalf of the "Lost Cause" a half century ago.

County Court is in session today to receive bids for building the bridge at Mays ford on the Gasconade. Representatives of several Bridge companies are in attendance.

W. E. Vickers and Chris Adamsen, two of Tavern Twp's most successful farmers, were in town briefly Saturday. They had been up Roubidoux selling silos. We understand they succeeded in placing several orders, among whom were S. M. York, J. W. Daviss. W. P. Dawson and R. L. Christeson. Where they have been tried their use has proven very profitable and satisfactory.



It appears that silos made their debut in Pulaski County, at least in print, in 1913. The first silos were made of wooden staves. The biggest midwest manufacturer was Indiana Silo Co. of Anderson, Ind. The silos came in several sizes, ranging from 10 to 16 feet in diameter. The wooden staves, either yellow pine, oak, or top-of-the line cypress, were 24 feet in length, sometimes with an excavated concrete foundation raising the height to 30 feet. The company had a sales office in Kansas City and shipped the silos by rail. The cost ranged from \$160 to \$300, including the farmer-supplied roof and foundation.



Correspondents, as well as postcard makers, had difficulty deciding how to spell Sanatorium/Sanitorium/Sanitarium, as you can see in the above card. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

BIG PINEY—The hog buyers are plentiful at present, and prices are good on small hogs.

Just as we were closing our communication the hello girl was called to the phone to hear that J. B. Warren's little child was burned near to death. They wanted to call Dr. Tice but were informed that central at Waynesville was not on duty from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday so Dr. Mallette was called. [*Apparently all of the telephone operators go to church.*]

A GOOD LAW

We are to have an income tax at last.

Few persons realize the far reaching importance of the fact that the United States will soon have an income tax on its statutes.

First of all it means that millionaires will, for the first time since this nation has stood, bear a fair proportion of the burden of taxation.

It is estimated that one hundred million dollars will be raised annually by taxing incomes. This will mean that amount of taxation is to be taken off of the things that the people must have in order to live and placed on wealth.

Under the system of protection as played in this country, nearly every penny of the money necessary to run the government, maintain the army and navy, construction of public buildings, etc., is raised by taxing the things the people eat, wear and use. The only thing that government does not tax is wealth. A man with a fortune of ten million dollars has not been required to pay a penny of tax to the national government. This seems almost unbelievable but it is true. The man working on the section at one dollar and fifty cents per day, with a family of five children, is at the present time actually contributing more to run the national government than the millionaire bachelor, too proud to marry and raise a family.

The United States of America is practically the only one of the great nations where such a condition exists. Nearly every first class nation on earth levies either an income tax or an inheritance tax. We have neither.

Why have we never been able to place an income tax on the statute

books is the question that naturally arises. Here is the answer: High protectionists have prevented the passage of an income tax law, because they knew that the more money the government collected from taxing incomes, the less excuse there would be for a tariff tax. To take protection away from the tariff trusts is to interfere with their monopolies. And how could the tariff trust gouge consumers without having a monopoly of American markets? [*The Sixteenth Amendment which established the income tax was passed by the required number of states in 1913. Those making less than \$20,000 paid no tax. The tax rate in 1913 was 1%.*]

March 6

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Mr. Laws, proprietor of Hotel-de-Cave, is making great improvements on the Cave, table and chairs and a dancing platform will be put in and it will be fine in hot weather. This cave has the coldest weather on earth.

HANCOCK—Measles are still raging in these parts.

I have not seen very much said about our representative. I don't think there is a bigger or better in the assembly. There is an old saying, "the still hog drinks the slop." [Guess this is tongue-in-cheek. Usually by this time, the State Representative wrote a letter to the Editor of the Democrat outlining his activities and that of the Legislature. Representative Johnson was uncharacteristically silent.]

WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSES

Last Friday, Feb. 28th closed the six months term of our public school. The faculty—Prof. Ligget, Miss Mae Gan and Miss Tracie Berry —labored honestly and faithfully to teach a successful and profitable term, however they were greatly handicapped because of the new building being built so close to the old one that the necessary noise and confusion in its construction molested and interfered very materially with the progress in school work, but this could not be avoided. After

the holidays, all moved into the new building which caused a change in some of the methods heretofore used and quite naturally had an ill effect on the progress of the work in general. Teachers are human beings only, although they are frequently accorded treatment and subjected to indignities that would seem to indicate they belong to some lower type of the animal kingdom, possibly the camel. Teachers are not infallible, they are not entirely exempt from liability to error, neither are they incapable of mistakes. Therefore when you condemn a teacher you must believe all of the above as to teacher and know that your child is not afflicted with any of the shortcomings mentioned. You must believe that the pupil is not capable of any mischievous wrongdoing, would absolutely incriminate itself before it would tell a little "school fib" and is divinely guarded from error. Undoubtedly it is the duty of every parent to keep your children in school as long as you are able to do so and can influence them to stay, until they have received all the education that the district can give them and thus better fit them to succeed in life. Teach them to respect constituted authority and the laws and rules of school and the right of others, thereby helping them to become upright, truthful, self respecting and just children. [*Editor Lane previously*

taught school.]

Anyone sending news items to the Democrat for publication should not neglect signing their name to them so we may know from what source they come, or they will not be published. We will not publish the name of any one sending items unless requested to do so. We are very thankful to our reporters for the splendid service they are rendering. Keep it up friends, make your items brief and to the point. Not much "calling" or visiting two or three hours wanted. Correspondents need not send any items reflecting on the character or reputation of any person because they positively will not be published.

Coming Next Week

Dr. Tice, the Dentist, will be at Tice's drug store for one week only, beginning Monday, March 17th. [*The small population did not support a full-time dentist. Dr. Tice visits periodically, as does Dr. Bland Pippin in the summer.*]

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood for the present will remain chief of staff of the army, through an order issued by President Wilson, it was announced by the war department. Gen. Wood's appointment by President Taft to serve four years expires in one year and five months.



Waynesville's new concrete block school opened in January of 1913. The 30 x 60 feet building contained four rooms. The block work was done by John L. Wyrick, who started in the concrete block business with his brother, Warren, in 1911 by building Rolling Heath School. The carpentry work was done by Dick Carty. There was also 1,000 feet of concrete sidewalk. It was located on the old Middle School site on School Street. Courtesy of Bob and Geneva Goodrich, George Lane Collection.

March 13
ROADOVERSEERS MEET

In obedience to the call of Highway Engineer Bryant a number of the newly appointed roadoverseers met here last Saturday and discussed the various methods of road improvement and duties of an overseer in general. A majority advocated the use of rock as a means of forming a substantial foundation and further agreed that as much work as possible should be done during the spring months on account of the ground being soft. The question of proper drainage was also discussed briefly, all agreeing that the prevention of washing was one of the most important features connected with the road. Mr. Bryant had just returned from a meeting of the Highway Engineers of the State in St. Louis where he heard many vexing road problems discussed and solutions offered. Verily the good roads movement is gradually gaining in our county and from present indications will rapidly increase in the future. A majority of the taxpay-

ers in this county are willing to pay even double the present levy for road taxes, if they could have the assurance that the money would be spent on the roads to a good advantage. *[The county was divided into 17 districts with an overseer for each.]*

County Court last week revoked the order to build a bridge at the May's ford on the Gasconade river, and also rejected all bids thus far received for constructing the same. It is said that the former order and the records pertaining to it did not fully measure up to the technical requirements of the law. The revocation of the order to build the bridge places the whole matter substantially as it stood in the beginning. It is generally predicted that another order will soon be made which will conform with the law in every particular.

[The controversy over the bridge is just beginning.]

Notice.

Having leased the Gleave property, (formerly the sanatorium) on Main St. the same having been remodeled, more rooms added and

everything put in first-class condition for hotel purposes; this together with the rooms I still retain at the former Teeple Place will give me ample room to take care of the traveling public. Your patronage is courteously solicited. When in Crocker

give the new Hawkins Hotel a trial.

Mrs. R. H. Hawkins

The members of the Christian Church at Richland completed their new church building. It is a splendid edifice, modern and substantial in structure, convenient in arrange-



A proposed bridge at Mays Ford on the Gasconade would give Waynesville area citizens a direct route to the railroad at Richland and otherwise benefit the area populace. However, opposition to the plan and litigation over the issue went to the Missouri Supreme Court. Courtesy of John Bradbury.



Wagons filled with grain come and go at the Crocker Elevator and Exchange Mill. The end of the railroad depot is at the extreme left. Agricultural production and prices were high in 1913 and Crocker was booming.



Hewing railroad ties was a source of cash income for the farmers and hillmen. Ties were brought by wagon and can be seen piled in the rail yard at Crocker. The tallest building along the business row in the background housed the Modern Woodmen of America lodge on the second floor. Pictures courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

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ment and imposing in appearance. Its erection is a credit to the church, evidence of the progressiveness of its members and a token of sincerity to all. [See page 29.]

March 20

The Missouri legislature has adopted a resolution ratifying the amendment providing for the popular election of senators. Thus step by step democratic reforms go marching on. [Up to this time, senators were elected by state legislatures. The resolution was ratified by three-fourths of the states and became the 17th Amendment on April 8, 1913.]

CROCKER—Martin Jones and Joe Sanders have bought the soda fountain of Tilden Lumpkin and will run an ice cream stand in the building that was occupied by the printing office last year.

DIXON—Mrs. Martha Roach, familiarly known as Aunt Polly Miller, who lived one mile south of town, died at the home of Mrs. Alice Miller, March 12th, after a brief illness, at the age of 90 years 10 months and 25 days. She was well known all over this part of the country, having lived here ever since she was married. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, being a charter member of the First Baptist Church at Dixon. She was one of the pioneers of this county and loved



Aunt Polly Miller of Dixon in 1902. Courtesy of the Jessie McCullie Library.

for excellent character and Christian devotion.

LOCAL ITEMS—Harry R. Haney and wife moved Thursday to the McFall farm near Bailey. Mr. Haney's mother and grandmother accompanied them. Harry is a staunch republican and a splendid man, yet many of his democratic friends think he is moving to the farm for the sole purpose of embarrassing the present administration on the prices of farm products by overproduction, however neither the Democrat nor any of its force are optimistic enough to give credence to any such reports. [One of Editor Lane's wry and partisan editorial comments.]

March 27

Parcel post business last month was almost 40 percent greater than in January, as shown by reports to Postmaster General Burleson. In February 50,000,000 parcel post packages were handled, an increase of 10,000,000 over the previous month, but, as February contained three days less than January, the real gain was about 40 per cent.

The advocates of good roads are much encouraged over the intelligent and comprehensive system of road building which will follow as a result of measures enacted by the present legislature.

The grand jury completed its labors and adjourned last Friday.

They examined the court house, jail and county farm and some of the county records. They report everything in a satisfactory condition except the jail and fence around the court yard. As a matter of fact the jail is unsanitary and unsafe, and the court yard fence, like our business street, presents an unsightly appearance.

DIXON—The many friends of Miss Donna Gremczynski partook of a splendid egg-roast at her house last Sunday p.m. Several other egg roasts celebrated Easter. [Roasting eggs, not coloring and hiding them, was the Easter tradition.]

April 3

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—M. Laws, proprietor of Hotel-de-Cave, was a caller here. He reports fishing good. He succeeded in a fine catch for his hotel table lately.

The fine sunny Sundays have thawed out all the young tenderfoot sports and the river has been swarming with them lately.

MAZE—Some improvements are contemplated at Hooker. Mrs. Nancy Sharp is going to build an addition to her residence and Harvey Shelden is going to build a new concrete barn. [This is a new correspondent and not on the map. The Maze community was on the Big Piney River, about three miles upstream from Devil's Elbow.]



E. A. Steckel of Turkey Ridge, seated with hat, was an organizer of the highest order. In addition to promoting the Turkey Ridge real estate enterprise and developing Ozark Spring resort (see 2011 Old Settlers Gazette for a comprehensive profile), he also organized a baseball team and was content with managing rather than playing. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

The Gasconade river is reported to be nineteen feet above normal below Hooker.

JONES CREEK—Easter Sunday passed and as far as we know every body had plenty of eggs to eat.

Who said there wasn't any egg roast on Jones Creek Sunday? LOCAL ITEMS—Several of our local sports have been duck-shooting this week. According to our best information no ducks were seriously injured.

E. A. Steckel, of Turkey Ridge, was a business visitor here last Saturday. He is an enthusiastic baseball man and is anxious to see a county league organized, believing that Turkey Ridge team are pennant winners.

Manager Youngblood, of the Pioneer Telephone Co., is here this week making some substantial improvements on our telephone system. He is putting a cable in town which will greatly improve the service. His patrons certainly appreciate this as they have felt for some time that they were entitled to better equipment.

CROCKER—Quite an excitement has been aroused over the town and school election to be had Tuesday April 1st. In the school election there is a proposition for building two more rooms. By this addition a third year of high school could be taught here. [See picture opposite page.]

April 10

WAYNESVILLE GETS IN LINE AND ORGANIZES A COMMERCIAL CLUB

On Monday about twenty of our citizens met at the Court House and organized a Commercial Club for the purpose of promoting the interests of the citizens of Waynesville and vicinity.

The organization was perfected by the election of S. G. Ballard, President; Dr. L. Tice, Vice-president; Sam T. Rollins, Treasurer; Fred L. Scott, Secretary; and Guy E. Reed, Asst. Sec'y.

A. W. Burchard, Sam T. Rollins and L. N. Hufft were appointed as a committee to draft a set of By-laws and report at the next meeting.

A. F. Mitchell, Harry Mitchell, Guy E. Reed, Frank Christeson, Albert Christeson and P. W. Peterson were

appointed as a committee to notify the people of the next meeting and invite them to attend.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the Court House, Friday night, April 11th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

This meeting should be attended by every citizen interested in the up-building of our town and community, various subjects of interest will be discussed and anyone with anything to say will be heard, so come and bring your ideas with you. Of course, a few will no doubt hang and offer excuses and find fault, but that will not deter the majority of the progressive citizens of this town and surrounding community from going ahead and keeping abreast of the times. *[As far as we know, this is the first time that Waynesville citizens tried to organize a Commercial Club, which was the forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce. Richland, Crocker, and Dixon had such organizations for quite some time. The Waynesville merchants saw the continued commercial growth of the railroad towns of Dixon, Crocker, and Richland. Hancock was*



This is the third Crocker school building, built in 1905, and shown here in 1912. The rear addition was added in 1913. Fire destroyed the building in 1932. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

growing with a bank and newspaper established the previous year. Swedeborg was also doing well. Other inland (not on the railroad) market centers, such as Big Piney and Bloodland, showed slow growth but Waynesville's commercial momentum was stalled.]

State Aid for Rural High Schools
The number of rural high schools

in Missouri will be materially increased by a law enacted at the recent session of the legislature. It provides for a state aid to the amount of \$25. per square mile where two or more districts consolidate for the purpose of maintaining such a school. This would yield about three hundred dollars if two districts

consolidated, \$350. if three districts consolidated and so on. From this it will be readily seen that the amount received from the state would make it possible for a district to support a high school department without any appreciable burden on the taxpayers. The establishment of rural high schools will do more than any other thing, unless it be the building of permanent highways, to promote the welfare of rural communities and stop the constant flow of first class families from the farm to educational centers. If the Missouri legislature had done nothing more than enact this law and the law for state aid for weak rural schools it would have been worth ten times the cost to the taxpayers. *[Editor Lane may have an increased interest in schools, as he was elected Chairman of the Waynesville School Board the previous week.]*

State Aid for Weak Schools.

Some idea of the immense possibilities of the law for state aid for weak schools may be had from the fact that in Missouri there are 4,411 districts in which the school term is

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less than eight months. For the relief of these districts, and in order to give their children an equal chance with those in more fortunate localities, the Missouri legislature set aside sufficient funds to enable any district which is willing to comply with certain conditions to increase the term to eight months. One condition is that a levy of 65c on the \$100 be voted. Another is that the assessed valuation be not more than \$50,000. A copy of this law may be had by addressing State Superintendent Evans at Jefferson City, Mo.

WHARTON—Chester Dean, who is attending school at Richland, made a flying visit home last Saturday. He bought himself a bicycle so he won't have to walk home any more. [See map, page 6. That is quite a distance, even on a bicycle.]

Apparently all opposition to enforcing the stock law "went down with the Titanic" April 1st, and now everyone is anxious to obey the ordinance and make Waynesville a cleaner and better town. Also clean up the streets and build more good walks, and remember that no one will ever be interested in our town until we manifest some interest in it ourselves.

Notice is Hereby Given

That in compliance with ordinance No. 1, all obstructions must be removed from ALL the streets and alleys within the corporate limits of the Town of Waynesville, Mo.

By order of the board of Trustees of the Town of Waynesville.

L. A. Carmack, Pres.

Guy E. Reed, Clerk.

[Seems the town fathers are serious about spiffing up Waynesville: first the streets and alleys, then later the square. They are trying to compete in neatness with the railroad towns of Richland, Crocker, and Dixon.]

Do not forget the special meeting of Waynesville school district at 2 p.m. Saturday April 19th to decide on the high school proposition. Supt. Gladden [Pulaski County Superintendent of Schools] will be with us and every patron of Dist. 31, as well as all adjoining districts should be present. Let everyone interested in the cause of education and the future welfare of our boys and girls make it a point to be present. [High schools were not required and those that

existed were mostly two or three years.]

April 17

CROCKER—W. J. Scales has sold his property here and he and his wife left last week for St. Louis.—Pulaski Co. News. [W. J. "Bill" Scales and his wife, Emeline, were largely responsible for the early development of Big Piney. He built the 16-room hotel and developed other businesses in the village (see 2010 Old Settlers Gazette, "Big Piney—the early days"), then sold out and moved to Crocker. W. J. and Emeline were charged with running a bawdy house earlier in the year but the jury could not reach a verdict in March. Looks like they left for better business opportunities in the big city.]

LAQUEY—Dave Jackson and Q. L. Nickels both had the misfortune to lose a good cow each last week. One realizes he has lost something nowadays when they lose livestock of any kind, the prices being so extremely high.

NORTH BLOODLAND—At the phone meeting here Saturday Mrs. George Hammack was re-elected switch-woman for Bloodland central. [Seems that the main switchboard operator was an elective office.]

750 dozen eggs were bought in North Bloodland last week. [This means bought by merchants.]

LOCAL ITEMS—A minimum wage of not less than \$9 a week for women and girls and prohibition of the employment of girls less than 15 years of age in manufacturing industries was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Chilton of West Virginia [in the U. S. Senate].

G. W. Gan, F. L. Scott and S. G. Ballard were in Crocker Tuesday afternoon as representatives of the Waynesville Commercial Club conferring with the Crocker Commercial Club relative to improving the Waynesville-Crocker public road.

May 1

Mrs. B. N. Pippin and son Dru, who spent a few days with Mrs. Pippin's sister, Mrs. P. H. McGregor, left for her home in St. Louis Sunday.—Rolla Herald.

[Looks like Dru had to go home with mom while Dr. B. N. Pippin spent some more time on the Gasconade fishing. He started his Bartlett Springs Clubhouse, which became Pippin Place, in 1914.]

CAPT H. E. WARREN HONORED

H. E. Warren of Richland has been appointed by Gov. Major as a member of the Board of Managers of the Federal Home at St. James. The appointment is a deserved recognition of the Captain's fitness for the position, also an endorsement of his past record in this capacity, having filled this position during the administration of Gov. Folk.

Captain Warren is an ex-Union soldier, a life-long Democrat, a leading businessman, and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout Missouri. Other members of the board appointed by the Gov. are: R. C. Carpenter, St. James; J. R. Ferguson, Springfield; and W. A. Young of Salem.

OFFICIAL FLAG FOR MISSOURI

Missouri is to have an official flag. It is one of the few states which has not made such an adoption long ago. The recent legislature officially provided for a state flag, the specifications to be as follows. One red, one white and one blue horizontal stripe of equal width: the red shall be at the top and the blue at the bottom. In the center of the flag there shall be a band of blue in the form of circle enclosing the coat-of-arms in colors, as now established by law, on a white ground. The width of the blue band shall be one-fourteenth of the vertical width of the flag and the diameter of the circle shall be one-third the horizontal length of the flag. In the blue band there shall be set at equal distances from each other twenty-five pointed stars.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL LEGISLATION

The last (Forty-seventh) General Assembly passed a very large number of important school laws. These laws in five or six years will make great improvement in the

COMPOSITION AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION OF PULASKI COUNTY

Thirteenth Census —1910

Total Population	1910.....	11,438
"	"	1900.....10,394
"	"	1890.....9,387
"	"	1880.....7,250
"	"	1870.....4,714
Lnd area sq. miles.....		542
Pop. per square mile 1910.....		21.1
Color and Nativity		
White	1910.....	11,416
"	1900.....	10,357
"	1890.....	9,364
Negro	1910.....	22
"	1900.....	37
"	1890.....	23
Foreign Nationalities 1910		
Wales.....		6
Belgium.....		2
Canadian.....		20
Denmark.....		14
England.....		12
France.....		2
Germany.....		60
Holland.....		2
Ireland.....		16
Scotland.....		4
Sweden.....		84
Sex, 1910		
Total Male.....		5,891
Total Female.....		5,547

public schools of Missouri. These laws were aimed mainly to help the rural schools, which are admitted to be the most neglected part of our system. Some of the defects in rural schools can not be remedied by legislation. Two hundred and fifty of the largest towns and cities in Missouri pay a tax rate that averages \$1.13 on the \$100 assessed valuation for school purposes, while the average rate in the rural schools is only 53 cents on the \$100 valuation. As property is assessed at a lower per cent of its actual value in the country than in the cities, the difference is much greater than it appears to be. If the rate of taxes were based on the actual value of the property, the city rate for school purposes would be fully three times as much for the education of their children as the country. Under the new laws the State itself would be doing more for the country schools than for the city schools, were it not for the fact that the Constitution places the maximum rate of levy for school



Henry E. Warren
1844-1933

purposes in the country at 65 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation, and thus handicaps these schools in their local support. [School district tax rates in the county today range from \$2.75 to \$3.32.]

One of the most important laws passed was the Carter-Brydon Law, which guarantees to every rural school an 8 months term of school, provided it levies the constitutional limit for school purposes and sends its children regularly to school. This law is destined to help several hundred schools. It grants \$100 special aid to each district if needed to have 8 months of school. The aid under this law can be secured this year, if the application is made on or before June 30th.

The Wilson-McRoberts High School Law grants from \$200 to \$800 to weak high schools. This law reaches the struggling high schools in the small towns. It will this year help from 200 to 300 high schools.

The Crossley-Snodgrass Law provides for Teacher-Training Courses in high schools to prepare teachers

for the rural schools, and grants \$750 state aid to schools that do this work. This law will reach from 75 to 100 schools.

Another good law is the Buford-Colley Law on Consolidation and Rural High Schools. This law will in a few years take a high school into every community in the State. The State aids in the maintenance of the country high schools and in the erection of the buildings. Many regard this as the most important school law passed.

The Crossley-Orr Free Textbook Law empowers each school district to own its textbooks and furnish them free to pupils. It grants to school districts so doing their pro rata of the county foreign insurance tax moneys, which amount to \$.30 to \$.33 per pupil enumerated and which will about maintain a free text book system after the initial cost has been met.

Another good law is the Taylor Law providing for an Annual Convention of the school director and officers in each county.

The Kinney School Age Limit Law is of great value to the large cities that desire to establish kindergarten and evening schools. It does not affect the country districts and the small towns and does not affect the enumeration of school children.

[Needless to say, this was a watershed year in school legislation, but we said it anyway.]

DIXON—A large delegation of the good roads committee was here last Tuesday from Crocker and Waynesville and met our citizens in the interest of a rock road to be built between Crocker and Waynesville. This is a move that should interest every citizen of the county and one that has attracted a great deal of attention before now, but the committee is receiving so much encouragement that it is hoped this will be the climax of the proposition.

A wagon full of young people were jolted and made jolly on an old time hayride last Saturday evening.

John J. Grempczynski has purchased a dandy moving picture machine and is preparing to open a

series of shows for the summer. GASCONADE—Uncle John Trower brought out a wagon load of young people from Richland to the McCain bridge last Sunday for an outing. They explored the cave, gathered flowers and ate wild onions and longed for the fish they could not catch but they anticipate many more such trips and next time will be better prepared.

SWEDEBORG—The people of Swedeborg and community met at the Hall in Swedeborg Tuesday and organized the Bank of Swedeborg with R. B. Stewart, Pres.; S. C. Black, Vice Pres.; and L. E. Ryals, Cashier. This bank expects to commence business in the latter part of June or first of July. It has 40 share holders who are all good and industrious people who have the push to keep things going.

LOCALS—Jurors have been voted \$3.00 a day and mileage to serve on the Circuit Court jury.

J. J. York, Tess DeGraffenreid, and Albert Bucher are busy rafting R. R. ties to Arlington.

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Clifford Doolin and family moved in from Iberia last Wednesday. Cliff will work in the shop with his brother John near the Sparks livery barn.

Rolla is to have a new public building. The Hiram Lloyd Construction Company of St. Louis has been awarded the contract for building the same. The structure is to cost \$48,173.00. *[The post office opened in 1915 and is still in use today as the Rolla Public Library.]*

Postmaster *[George M.]* Reed and wife visited the Haney family near Bailey Saturday and Sunday. In crossing a branch near Bailey they had an exciting and dangerous experience. They were in a single buggy and when the horse plunged forward across the branch they were thrown from the buggy, Mr. Reed falling in between the horse and buggy and Mrs. Reed between the front and hind wheels, the buggy passing over them. Luckily they escaped with only a few bruises. On their return home they looked very much like they had taken a leading part in an "Irish Wake." *[Guess they weren't wearing their seat belts.]*

JONES CREEK—Quite a crowd attended the singing at Burnett Sunday night. Money was made up to hire a preacher. There will be a singing there next Sunday night.

NORTH BLOODLAND—Mr. Copeland went to New Town Monday to help do some grinding at that place. It seems that he is an expert in the mill business. *[We include this item because a local name for the village of Big Piney was "New Town," which we don't often see in print.]*

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Mr. Laws, of Hotel-de-Cave, will put up water works in his hotel. Every room will be supplied with living spring water.

Col. Gan, Waynesville's heavy weight, was in the Valley making a spiel for an automobile road from Waynesville to Crocker, a \$10,000 job.

May 8

County Court

S. S. McMillan et al presented a petition for a bridge across the Gasconade river at the Mays ford. After hearing the evidence the court ordered the bridge built and further ordered the Highway Engineer to

proceed to that point and make an estimate of the cost of the bridge. *[This is the second time the County Court has ordered a bridge built at Mays ford.]*

Diplomatic and social circles sat up and took notice when *[William Jennings]* Bryan announced that grape juice instead of champagne would be served at his state dinners. A few were prone to criticize the innovation, but for the most part the announcement was received good humoredly. Of course the wags have said some witty things about it and our own Herr Doktor Bartholdt, champion of brew and brewers, thinks it an affront to the guests of the Secretary of State to withhold the sparkling beverage, but the diplomats have held their peace. During the Republican regime wine was served at all such functions, but now it is thoroughly understood that "Grape Juice" will characterize diplomatic dinners as the dollar characterized Republican diplomacy. *[William Jennings Bryan ran unsuccessfully for President in 1896, 1900, and 1908. Woodrow Wilson installed the very religious and teetotaling Bryan as Secretary of State. He resigned in 1915. Bryan would later, in 1925, serve as the Prosecutor in the famous "Scopes Monkey Trial" against Clarence Darrow. It was his last hurrah.]*

BIG PINEY—I. P. Jeffries is hustling R. R. ties from Big Piney to Cookville. Make lots of them boys and get the cold cash for them. *[Railroad ties provided the rural folks with hard cash, which was not very common. One could get by in the rural economy without much cash, since most things could be obtained by barter. However, you needed cash money to pay your taxes.]*

LAQUEY—The box supper at Pleasant Grove was a success in every respect. The proceeds amounted to about \$45, which they will use to buy an organ. *[This is the highest take at a box supper we have seen in the pages of the Democrat.]*

We hear plenty of good road talk, but talk is cheap. We would like to see the issue of bonds and the work commence in reality.

LOCAL ITEMS—Lee Hobbs, the efficient road boss of Dist. No. 10 is widening and otherwise greatly improving the road around the Big Spring. This road has always been

narrow and dangerous and the public greatly appreciates the effort to make it better.

GRAVEYARD WORKING

Everybody interested in the Mitchell Cemetery will please be there on Decoration Day, May 30, to help clean up, decorate and beautify the same. Let all who can come, do so and assist in performing a duty we owe to our departed relatives and friends.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Some 200 to 300 spring chickens are the crop of 1913 raised by our enterprising Valley ladies were shipped from here at 35c per pound. Them ladies have no time for woman suffrage and prohibition lectures.

May 15

COUNTY COURT—Highway Engineer ordered to advertise for bids to build a bridge across the Gasconade river at the Mays ford, Judge Bradford dissenting. *[J. A. Bradford was the Judge (Commissioner in today's parlance) of the Eastern District. G. W. Berry was Presiding Judge and G. W. Payne was Judge of the Western District. Berry and Payne voted for advertising for bids for the bridge. Why Bradford voted against the bridge is not recorded.]*

More money will be spent for schools and roads in Missouri during the next two years than during any other like period in the State's history, and all this without any increase in the rate of taxation.

LOCAL ITEMS—The removal of the old Court yard fence was certainly a move in the right direction. Pulaski County now has one of the most picturesque and beautiful public squares to be found anywhere, and is the pride of every citizen in the county.

We are under obligations to our genial friend, T. M. Peterson, proprietor of the Crystal Bottling Works at Crocker, for a case of soda sent us last week. "Pete," knowing our fondness for soft drinks only, and further that an ordinary country editor is never flush with money, generously donated a portion of his delicious and harmless drink for which he has our thanks.

16-year old Opal Mitchell, of Licking, won the prize of \$100 in gold in the state spelling contest at Jefferson City last Monday, missing only three words in the two hundred. We felt sure that the prize was coming to the Ozark region, well to be plain, to Pulaski County, but the test gave it to our sister county on the south, so our guess was close anyhow. Pulaski is a game, but charitable loser, and we hereby join Texas Co. in congratulating one of its fairest daughters for the distinction and honor she has won for herself, her county and South Missouri. Our county was very creditably represented by Miss Eunice White, of Laquey, and we again promise the rest of the counties in the state that Pulaski will do her best to win the 1914 prize.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Col. August Bensick bought of Mr. Barbour a fine motor boat 16 horse power which will be here shortly for Eagles Nest and party. Mr. Barbour is a Pulaski Co. product but doing business in East St. Louis building boats.

NORTH BLOODLAND—A number of Bloodlandites went to Piney on a fishing spree returning Sunday with reasonable results. Another squad of Pineyites made up of Jim Wade,



Someone was proud of this catch from the Big Piney. He took a picture of it in 1916, although not one is a 43 pound catfish as mentioned in the news item above. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

Henry Gaede, and others report a successful catch. They killed a catfish that weighed 43 lbs.

BIG PINEY—Neely Mace and several of his rafter boys were here this morning.

May 22

BIG PINEY—The Big Piney Lodge I. O. O F. will join hands with the whole community and decorate the graves the 30th of May. There will be dinner on the ground also preaching and speaking. All are invited to come and spend the day together in respect to our loved ones who have gone on before.

LOCAL ITEMS—The many friends of Hon. W. D. Johnson are pleased to hear of his appointment as postmaster at Crocker. While it is true that Mr. Johnson has been honored many times by his countrymen, yet the fact remains that he has never held a very lucrative office. His selection as postmaster does not mean that the other aspirants for the coveted position were not equally as well qualified and perhaps as deserving, but emphasizes the fact that in all

contests someone must win and some must lose.

L. J. Gladden, County Supt., returned from Jefferson City last Saturday where he had been in attendance at the State spelling contest. He reports a fine time but there will be no more contests held as they voted it down.

HANCOCK—Helen Tibbs, Carrie Roberts, Harrison Davis and Edwin Tibbs attended the Jesse James circus at Crocker Friday night.

Uncle Jacob Teeple who is 74 years old is pretty handy with a gun yet, one day last week he killed 4 crows at one shot.

CORN GROWING CONTEST

Rules governing boys' contest For Best Acre Of Corn In Piney And Roubidoux Townships.

This Contest is open to all boys in Piney and Roubidoux townships under the age of eighteen years. An acre plat must be selected at the beginning of the season.

Those taking part in the contest will not be permitted to plant an area of more than one acre and then

select the best acre when the corn is developed.

The Bank of Bloodland must be notified of the intention of the participants on or before Saturday, May 24th, 1913.

All contestants are required to do all of the work themselves except preparing and planting the corn, and an itemized record of the labor in days and hours must be kept and filed with the Bank.

The corn is to be weighed on or before Dec. 6th; seventy five pounds to the bushel will be required as the standard and the greatest number of bushels to the acre will receive first prize.

The prizes are: first \$5.00; second \$3.00; third \$2.00; the money being donated by the Bank of Bloodland. For further information see or write.

W. R. Wingo
Bloodland, Mo.

May 29

The Enumeration of the Dixon School District (Dist. No. 2) taken by S. R. Hale shows that there are 322

children of school age. This shows an increase of seventeen from last year.—*Dixon Progress.*

LOCAL ITEMS—One of the most interesting ball games so far this season was played at the Hogan Pond last Saturday between the Turkey Ridge and Pleasant Grove teams. Both sides played a good game and the result was in doubt all the way through, Pleasant Grove finally winning by a score of 9 to 7. This is the first game lost so far this season by the Turkey Ridge boys, consequently the winners are very much elated over their victory. The game was remarkably free from disputes and rowdyism which shows that the teams are composed of gentlemen and ball players. A return game will be matched in the near future.

BIG PINEY—W. H. Ross has purchased a tract of land for \$1280 [160 acres]. It is well timbered and will furnish work for quite a lot of tie makers.

WHARTON—Several of the boys around here attended the show at Waynesville Saturday night. Some

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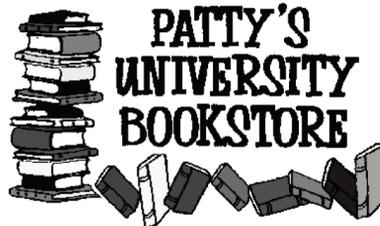


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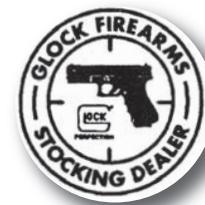
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of them got back in time for breakfast.

NORTH BLOODLAND—C. L. Vaughn reports that he sold a thousand dollars worth of goods last month for his North Bloodland store.

June 5

DIXON—Blind Boone, the noted musician, and troupe of singers and musicians, which gave their concert here Wednesday night, were greatly appreciated and it is hoped they will give another concert here before many months. [John William Boone (1864-1927), blind since six months of age, was the son of a slave and a ragtime musician from Warrensburg, MO.]

CIVIL WAR VETERANS TO MEET ON GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

Huge Reunion of Blue and Gray to Be Held July 1 On Fiftieth Anniversary of Conflict—40,000 Are Expected to Be Entertained by the State of Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa.—On July 1 the veterans of the Civil War, both Blue and Gray, will meet again on the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa., after fifty years, but this time it will be in amity and affection.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION GRANTED

Hon. L. B. Woodside, Judge of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, in vacation, sitting in chambers, in Cuba, Mo., yesterday granted a temporary injunction, enjoining the county court and highway engineer of Pulaski County from receiving any contract for the erection of a bridge at the Mays ford on the Gasconade river until further orders from the Court.

The plaintiffs were represented by G. M. Reed of this city, and Frank F. Farris of Rolla.

LOCAL ITEMS—Lee Baker went to St. Louis and met his daughter Adah who has been attending the Missouri Valley College at Marshall, Mo., the term having closed last week.

Adah expresses herself as being well pleased with the school and her progress therein. [We include this item because Adah is one of the few girls mentioned that left home for college. Lee Baker was the former Pulaski County Sheriff and operated the Baker Hotel in Waynesville.]

One of the most beautiful burying

grounds in the county is the family plot belonging to the Christeson family, located at Cedar Hill school house, on a sharp elevation overlooking the fertile valley of the picturesque Roubidoux. On Decoration Day the following well known members of this pioneering family spent the day there: J. N. B., C. E., G. E., J. B. and F. J., besides other relatives and friends. [Many Decoration Day services/observances in small cemeteries this past week, many on Friday.]

June 12

BANK OF SWEDEBORG

Some of the enterprising business men of Swedeborg and vicinity have decided to keep pace with their neighboring town and have organized a bank with a capital stock of \$10,000 fully paid up. The stockholders comprise some of the leading citizens of this county whose reputations for honesty and conservative business ability have long been established. The following gentlemen have been elected directors for one year: R. B. Steward, S. C. Black, Wm. Warner, J. P. Kreitzer, L. E. Ryals, W. T. Johnson and Levie Lundstrom. We understand that L. E. Ryals is to be cashier.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—M. J. Laws sold the Hotel de Cave to a St. Louis Club. Consideration \$2300.

LOCAL ITEMS—A letter from Sheriff Laquey, wrote last Tuesday, says that he is getting along very well, is able to be up and around the hospital a part of the time. The accidental puncturing of the jugular vein during the operation, he says, caused him to be very sick for 4 days, but he now thinks he is gaining and if no complications arise will be able to come home about the 20th. of June. [He was in the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.]

NORTH BLOODLAND—Marble playing has superseded horseshoe pitching in North Bloodland.

June 19

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TO HAVE FINE HOME ON GASCONADE RIVER

Assurance of a permanent state encampment for the Knights Templar of Missouri on the Gasconade river in Pulaski county was one of the most important features of the

We thought it was worth the space to reprint the county budget in pursuit of our knowledge of Pulaski's past. It portrays the fiscal condition, demands, and priorities of county government. George Lane devoted much space in the Pulaski County Democrat to county government matters.

The receipts into the various funds of the County have been during the last fiscal year as follows:

No bonded debt.

No floating debt.

Of Whom received	Receipts
Balance in Treasury April 30, 1912	\$9,790.62
J. S. Zumwalt, Collector, current tax	7,898.12
“ “ interest current tax	16.24
“ “ railroad tax	2,495.47
Western Union Tel. Co.	66.09
American T & T Co.	38.47
Pioneer Telephone Co.	12.06
merchants tax	466.93
interest tax	1.49
back tax	804.67
peddlers license	2.82
billiards license	47.00
State of Mo. Superintendents salary	400.00
Bank of Bloodland, interest county funds	1,624.19
Buxton & Skinner, money returned	120.55
Jonas Johnson, estate	279.25
Total receipts	\$23,558.98

Expenditures

Salaries and Fees	\$4,250.40
Criminal Cost	708.40
Poor Person and Poor Farm	1,972.94 *
State Board of Health Orders	132.25
State Hospitals for Insane	2,998.38 **
Records and Stationery	188.00
Court House and Jail	413.41
County Board of Equalization	25.00
Inquests	56.34
Circuit court stenographer	185.89
Legal advertisements	100.72
Deaf and Dumb School	54.70
Elections	2,032.76
Petit and Grand Jury	783.60
Contingent Expenses	61.00
Total expenditures	\$14,809.39
Balance in Treasury.....	\$8,749.59

* The expenditure for maintaining the Poor Farm and caring for indigent citizens was a significant outlay, amounting to 13% of the county's budget.

** The county also paid for state hospital patients. "Insane" was a loosely defined term, referring to conditions including mental defects, epilepsy, tuberculosis, and Alzheimer disease (a more recent diagnosis) and dementia. The state hospitals most frequently used for Pulaski County patients were located at Fulton and Farmington. Most significant is that the total of Poor Farm and State Hospital expenses exceeded a third (33.6%) of the county's budget, surpassing that of "Salaries and Fees."

recent state conclave of the Grand commandery which closed its sessions in Springfield Wednesday evening. Although the details of the plan to build the state barracks will be worked out later by a special committee of which Sol. E. Waggoner, of St. Louis, was made chairman, the report of the committee in charge of the investigation of the encampment proposition showed that the main objection to early action by the commandery had been removed by announcement by residents of Crocker that plans had been agreed upon for the building of a modern roadway from that town to the home grounds, a distance of about two miles.

The movement for a permanent state encampment for the Knights Templar of Missouri was lamented in 1910 when a committee composed of Sol. E. Waggoner, of St. Louis, B. S. Lee, of Springfield, and Campbell Wells of Platte City was named to consider a proposition for the Frisco to deed to the commandery a tract of land near Crocker for use as a state encampment.

The committee voted to accept the offer of the Frisco and the report was adopted by the grand commandery. The tract embraces 279 acres on the Moccasin Bend on the Gasconade river and is 95 miles northeast of Springfield and 175 miles southwest of St. Louis. The grounds are high and it is planned to build a \$16,000 castle on the top of a high cliff overlooking the river. About 500 people will be accommodated at the home.

At the last session of the grand commandery the report of the committee recommending early action on the part of the commandery was adopted without opposition and it is expected that work will be started at once toward perfecting the plans for improvement of the grounds and the erection of the building.

The ground is to be deeded by the Frisco to the commandery if \$5,000

is expended on improvements within five years.

The committee which has had charge of the encampment plans during the past year was composed of Mr. Waggoner as chairman; B. H. Rucker of Rolla and Van F. Boor of Kansas City. Mr. Waggoner was re-appointed chairman of the committee and will select his associates at once. The commandery has already appropriated funds for use in the preliminary work in improving the encampment grounds.—Springfield Leader

LOCAL ITEMS—City Marshal Holloway with a force of hands put a new bridge across the ditch on Commercial street this week and has made many other repairs on crossings and opening ditches. It seems that all look about alike to the marshal which certainly is meeting with the approval of a large majority of our fair-minded citizens.

June 26

COL. J. M. WILLIAMS TO ATTEND GETTYSBURG REUNION

We believe Col. J. M. Williams, of Edgar Springs, is the only surviving Ex-Confederate soldier in Phelps county who participated in the

battle of Gettysburg, the 50th anniversary of which is to be celebrated on the battlefield July 1st to 4th inclusive.

Col. Williams entered the Confederate army when he was only sixteen years old. He was just past seventeen when the battle of Gettysburg was fought. He served in Company G, 11th Virginia Infantry, in Pickett's division.

It was Pickett's division that made the last heroic charge up Cemetery Ridge. In all history, sacred and profane, there is nothing to surpass the heroism and daring of this famous charge. The battle had been in progress two days when Gen. Pickett, after a hard march, arrived. Gen. Lee had determined to attack Cemetery Ridge, which was strongly manned and fortified by the Federal army. On the morning of July 3rd General Pickett began the attack. Facing the deadliest fire from the enemy, and seeing their ranks torn in pieces by shot and shell, these heroes of the "Lost Cause" rushed on to gain the Ridge. Gen. Armistead, leading the van, leaped a stone wall, waved his sword with his hat on it, and shouted to the hundred men who were at his heels, flaunting their battle flags,

"Give them the cold steel, boys." He laid his hand upon a gun in Gibbs' line. A confederate flag was waived triumphantly over the Ridge only for a few minutes. The flag marked the high tide of the Confederacy. Gen. Armistead was shot down beside the gun he had taken. This was the culmination of the charge, and Pickett ordered a retreat. Spartan soldiers never showed greater heroism than the men who followed Gen. Pickett in that famous charge.

Col. Williams is now sixty-seven years old. He now resides on his farm near Edgar Springs, and he writes us that unless something unforeseen happens he will attend the reunion.—Rolla Herald.

Mr. Williams is well known to many of our citizens, having visited many times here with his brother, Col. E. G. Williams [*Pulaski County Clerk and also a Confederate veteran who lost his left leg in the war*].

Some New State Laws Passed by the Last Legislature That Went Into Effect Last Monday

Abolishing free lunch in saloons. Extending the nine-hour working law for women to all workers, except those in canning factories and telephone and telegraph offices. Includes stenographers.

Compelling all corporations to file an annual statement of all expenditures, assets, liabilities and record of finances, including stock.

Giving power to Secretary of State to revoke licenses granted to corporations.

Making it a crime to defraud a hotel out of a board bill.

Prohibiting any corporation except a bank, brokerage firm or other corporation handling bona fide stock from selling stock or investment property.

Making it compulsory for hotels and boarding houses to post the price of their accommodations.

Making it illegal to store a large quantity of liquor in dry territory.



Looking east on Commercial Street in Waynesville, the ditch is on the left side of the road. Marshal Holloway was repairing the wooden bridges that are visible spanning the creek that ran down the middle of the town's main street. The drainage is still there, but under the concrete pavement in four-foot diameter tiles. Courtesy of Pulaski County Historical Society.

Placing women on a par with men in managing estates of minors or acting as curators for same.

OUR RETAIL MERCHANTS and THE MAIL ORDER TRUST

So silently and insidiously that the great public is as yet almost unaware of its presence, a new trust [monopoly] is extending its tentacles out over the country. It is the mail order trust. Already its strangling grip is tightening about the million small town and country merchants who are the backbone of national prosperity.

The mail order trust has capitalized women and child labor. It has capitalized prison labor. It has capitalized misfortune. It has capitalized vice. It has turned all these things into dollars—dollars which should have found their way into the tills of the country merchant, instead of flowing into the trust's Wall Street hoard.

One mail order house recently increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$40,000,000 [Sears, Roebuck, & Co.]. A new \$10,000,000 merger of mail order houses has been formed. Wall Street financiers including the Morgan banking firm, has had charge of both these financial operations. Still another mail order house, with 63 acres of floor space, made a net profit of \$17,000,000 last year [Montgomery Ward].

It is evident that the greedy eyes of the great mail order financiers are turned upon the entire retail business of the United States outside of the great cities. It is also plain that a gigantic trust is rapidly forming. The small retail merchant is facing ruin. That the grip of the octopus is already being felt is shown by the population statistics. Nearly 7,000 small towns lost population in the census of 1910.

It is declared that something must be done by immediate legislation, or the parcel post will not be the complete blessing it ought to be. It is asserted the solution of the problem will be in the form of a heavy tax on mail order business. This tax would, it is contended, tend to stop the expansion of the mail business and to reduce its present formidable size. The money thus collected would

be spent for road building or other local improvements in the districts which contributed to the mail order houses.

The small retail merchant is the prop of distributed prosperity and the growth of the mail order trust serves no common good. Here is a principle which works out. "If you spend your money where you get it, you will be able to get it where you spend it."

LOCAL ITEMS—During a recent electrical storm, the lightning killed six head of mules belonging to J. E. Stewart on the Piney. The animals were out on the range and when found were all lying very close together. This is a heavy loss for Mr. Stewart.

LAQUEY—A. A. Parsons has ordered an up-to-date mill for Laquey, consisting of a corn mill, crusher and steam sheller, which will be installed as soon as they arrive.

DIXON—The Scarritt-Morrisville Quartette, who are traveling over the country in an auto gave an excellent entertainment at the Park Friday night. All who were present enjoyed it very much.

COLLEY HOLLOW—Turkey Ridge is on the boom, some of the parties who purchased land of E. A. Steckel are commencing to build and improve same. [For a comprehensive look at E. A. Steckel's entrepreneurial efforts in Ol' Pulaski and the development of Turkey Ridge and Ozark Springs, see John Bradbury's article "E. A. Steckel, Ozark Springs," 2011 Old Settlers Gazette.]



This might be a picture of the mules that were electrocuted from the sky on the Big Piney (item at left). We do not have any images of milk cows hit by lightning, as happened at Hancock in the news item at right. Courtesy of the Missouri State Historical Society, R. P. Christeson Collection.

July 3

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The new post office building [at Crocker] is being repainted and remodeled both inside and out. It is expected to be ready for the new fixtures by July 1st when probably Mr. [W. D.] Johnson will take charge of the office and begin his work for Uncle Sam.—Pulaski Co. News. [After securing the postmastership, State Representative Johnson finished his term and did not run again.]

JUDGE WOODSIDE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY TEMPORARY INJUNCTION WAS GRANTED

The Supreme Court of Missouri, in banc [meaning all judges] on June 29, granted the petition of S. S. McMillan et al vs. L. B. Woodside et al to show cause why a temporary injunction, prohibiting the County Court of Pulaski County from receiving bids or entering into a contract with any Bridge Co. for the construction of a bridge at the Mays ford on the Gasconade river, made returnable August 1st.

GASCONADE—An outing party from St. Louis will be on hand to celebrate the 4th of July at Paw Paw Lodge on the Gasconade.

Notice!

Baths reduced from 25 to 15 cents at the City Barber Shop.

BIG PINEY—The annual Decoration Day at the Watts cemetery Sunday was well attended and at noon a fine dinner was served, preaching by Revs. Thomas Jenkins and A.

Hendrix. This meeting was announced a year ago by Rev. J. J. Watts, whose body now sleeps in this cemetery and his labors have ended.

W. H. Ross contemplates opening a R. R. tie job soon which will employ quite a number of tie makers and teams. [We believe the 160 acres Ross is preparing to cut was on the west side of the Big Piney River adjacent to Ross Bridge, which was named for his deceased father, who was a former State Representative and owner of the Old Stagecoach Stop.]

RICHLAND—Mrs. H. E. Warren and daughter Miss Mabel who have spent the last four years in St. Louis, while Miss Mabel completed the four year course of the Morse school of Expression, returned home Friday. [Mabel Warren went to the big city to school, but unlike Adah Baker, her mother went with her. Morse School of Expression, founded in 1907 by Miss Elizabeth Morse (a descendant of Samuel F. B. Morse) was not a four-year college offering degrees, but provided training in poise, speech, and dramatics.]

July 10

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The annual reunion of the survivors of Quantrill's men will be held this year at Wallace Grove on the electric line between Kansas City and Independence, August 22 and 23. Several survivors of this famous fighting band are living in Ray County.

SWEDEBERG—The Bank of Swedeborg opened for business Wednesday at 9 a. m. with bright prospects.

LOCAL ITEMS—It has been decreed in Waynesville that a fig leaf is not sufficient raiment for a man, yet many indulgent mothers allow (sometimes encourage) their daughters to appear in public in creations so cunning that it calls to mind a rhyme which recently appeared in Harpers Bazaar:

Little girl you look so small!
Don't you wear no clothes at all?
Just your corset and your hose—
And that is about the extent of clothes.

The Baker hotel has been crowded to the limit with St. Louis parties for the last several weeks. Waynesville's reputation as a summer resort is still growing.

We have been informed that Frank M., son of J. E. Stewart, has rented Meadow Brook (Paul Becker's club house) near the mouth of Dry Creek, on the Piney, and now has charge of the same.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—A crowd of over 500 people were celebrating the 4th in the Valley.

Mr. Shea and party of ten are at Forest Lodge. Lady Cramer is taking care of them so they don't starve on 12 cases of beer.

July 17

LOCAL ITEMS—What is the matter with Waynesville's Commercial Club? Has it fulfilled its mission and died a natural death?

The odium so long borne by Waynesville that its picnics were only get-rich-quick affairs has practically been removed during the last two or three years.

HANCOCK—Wesley Roberts had two fine milch cows killed by lightning.

Picking and canning blackberries is all the go here. Mrs. Shepherd canned 12 gallons of blackberries.

DIXON—The blackberry crop is so immense that there is very little market for the fruit, selling for 10 cents per gallon.

LOCAL ITEMS—T. M. Peterson and Chas. E. Carmack were over from Crocker last Friday. Mr. Peterson is proprietor of the Crystal Bottling Works at Crocker and is doing a splendid business this season. He has established a reputation as a manufacturer of pure, delicious soft drinks, and is compelled by the enormous demand this summer, to keep his machinery in operation day and night. [Picture of the bottling

works was in last year's Gazette, page 14.]

July 24

BIG PINEY—Nealey Mace had some bad luck Saturday while rafting ties, he lost his pocket book with \$12 in the river. [Not a small sum. Pocket book value today is \$275.00.]

Wm. Crossland had the misfortune to lose one of his fingers while hauling ties. [Fingers worth the same then and now.]

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—The saw bones, M. D.s and doctors held their conclave at Hotel-de-Cave [Cave Lodge] about 20 using the dancing floor for speech making but soon moved farther in the ice cold cave where they found medicine good enough for any Indian. Dr. Newcomb of St. Louis, and our Murphy M. D. making the principal addresses. The gents departed in good health and well satisfied with Col Ebersole's treatment.

LOCAL ITEMS—We acknowledge a



George L. Cole was editor of the *Dixon Progress* and, as a long time educator from Dixon, was involved with the Normal School, teaching teachers. Courtesy of Jessie McCullie Library.

fraternal call from Prof. Cole, while here attending the educational meetings. In addition to being a newspaper man, he is also considered one of the foremost educators in this part of the state.

July 31

ARE YOU FOR GOOD ROADS?

Missouri is getting a world of desirable advertising over the good roads holidays, August 20 and 21. Half a million men, it is believed, will forsake their farms, shops, and stores on that occasion and show their interest in better highways by actually helping to make them. County courts, highway engineers and commercial clubs should begin right now to plan for the work. Main roads from town to town, from county to county or from school house to school house should be mapped out in such a fashion that every mile will be covered by machines and men during these two days, as was done in Iowa last year when a fine highway was built entirely across the state in one day. Let one neighborhood or district take up the work where another leaves off, and let every merchant or professional man who is unable to do his share of the labor furnish an able bodied substitute. Governor Major, under whose administration more money will be spent for better roads than was spent under any two other administrations combined, will close his office and wield a pick and shovel both days. He used to work out his poll tax on the road and believes he can do as much shoveling today as any other man of his age in Missouri. Anyway he

expects to do his part and will be disappointed if half a million other men who have been boosting for better roads do not join him in showing their faith by their works.

The limit for parcel post packages is to be raised to twenty pounds. A Democratic postmaster general turned the trick. Seems like the express trust has a lot less pull with the Wilson administration than with administrations headed by its old friends from the Republican camp.

Concerted opposition has developed in Congress to Postmaster General Burleson's order reducing parcel post rates and increasing the maximum size of packages to be handled in the service. The Senate post office committee requested Mr. Burleson to appear before the committee with an explanation of the authority for his action.

HANCOCK—Quite an excitement was started Monday morning when Esq. Goodman passed up the street to the post office carrying a very large pumpkin that was raised last year. It weighed 22 1/2 lbs. [Guess Esq. Goodman kept the pumpkin, waiting for the parcel post weight to be raised so he could mail it but it was still too heavy.]

DIXON—The school board has decided on plans for the coming year. The third year High School work has been added and the fourth will be added next year, with one additional teacher employed for the grades. Prospects are the best for a prosperous year's work that we have ever seen. Much credit is due the enterprising board in the selection of teachers and all other preparations

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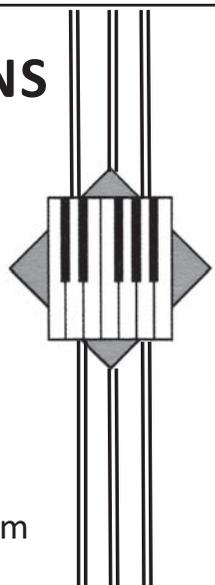
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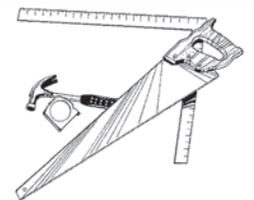
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August 7

BRIDGE FIGHT TO HIGH COURT
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SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE-DEMOCRAT
Jefferson City, Mo, Aug. 2.—The proposition to build an \$8,000 bridge across the Gasconade river at Mays ford in Pulaski county, has stirred up litigation against the County Court which reached the Supreme Court today. Judge Woodside, sitting in vacation, appointed Judge C. C. Bland of Rolla to take testimony in the case, and issued a writ of prohibition against Judge Woodside to restrain him from proceeding against the County Court.

The writ of prohibition is returnable at the October term of the Supreme Court and in the meanwhile, the work on the bridge is halted. *[The bridge case goes to the state's highest court. Obviously, the litigants are serious. Seems some county citizens saw the controversy as a bridge vs. improved roads.]*

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—The classic Gasconade will be a thing of the past as a fishing stream, netting, seining, giggering and dynamite will clean up the fish at this low stage of water.

A serious accident happened near here. Young Swanson, through accident, shot his partner through the leg at close range. A St. Louis doctor came up and took him to St. Louis where he died.



Blue Spring is located on the west bank of the Big Piney River, just below Meadowbrook Lodge and about two miles upstream from Devil's Elbow. Sometime later and prior to 1935, Blue Spring was renamed Shanghai Spring, most likely by St. Louis recreationists. Courtesy of the Missouri State Archives.



Dixon's worst conflagration occurred on August 6, 1913. Ten buildings burned (top) at a cost of \$15,000. Only one was insured. Dake & Son and the adjacent Legion Building escaped destruction because of block fire walls. There were no fatalities. Additional coverage online in the 1985 Old Settlers Gazette. Courtesy of Jessie McCullie Library.

NORTH BLOODLAND—The medicine man, a Mr. Hill, is among us again. *[Must be a traveling medicine show.]*

We often see very small boys loafing around with guns. Do parents allow it or do they slip off? Say par-

ents? There are too many idle boys that should be employed some way. Idleness is the mother of crime and who will be responsible?

August 14

Ben Pillman, the Newburg baseball pitcher, has been called to St. Louis to take a tryout with the Cardinals, one of the professional ball teams of St. Louis. *[The St. Louis Browns was the other.]* We all believe Ben will make good.—Newburg Item, Rolla Herald. *[A search of major and minor league records did not turn up Ben Pillman as a player.]*

The County Court awarded Harry T. Martin a contract as Superintendent of the County farm for four years from Aug. 9, 1913.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Mr. Martin, superintendent of our county poor farm, came over after Miss Tennessee Roam and her belongings taking her to the county farm.

Col. G. Ebersole, of Hotel-de-Cave, was a business caller here and reports he has a fine lot of pigeons on the road from a California range, they are high priced stock.

Dixon Fire

DIXON—The most destructive fire in the history of Dixon occurred here the 6th. Starting in the produce house of Clarence Dunbar from the explosion of a gasoline lamp used in candling eggs, the flames spread with such rapidity that the result was inevitable. A row of buildings occupied by H. G. Gilbert's meat market, Clarence Dunbar's produce market, Jas. Rugg's restaurant, Jas. McGregor's general merchandise, H. R. Elkins' barber shop, and the Modern Mercantile Co., were completely destroyed. The Slone Hotel and most of the furnishings and an 8-room residence near it were also destroyed. The Masonic building, including the Peoples Bank and Dixon Pilot office, the Big Stone Hdw. and the elevator and flour mill belonging to the Roose & Murphy Milling Co. were only saved by united and heroic efforts and were all damaged considerably.

The large plate glass windows on the west and north across the streets were broken. The destruction was estimated at \$15,000. No lives were lost. All of the firms have reopened except the Slone Hotel, which will open soon. This leaves only one hotel in a city of nearly 1,000.

LOCAL ITEMS—Mrs. B. N. Pippin and son, Dru, arrived Tuesday to visit friends and relatives.

S. G. Ballard came in last Saturday with an automobile. It is a splendid looking car and his many friends have enjoyed several "spins" about the country. *[The appearance of an auto still makes news in Ol' Pulaski.]*

August 21

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Mrs. B. N. Pippin of St. Louis, went to Waynesville Saturday, where she joined her husband, Dr. Pippin, for a float down the Gasconade river. He is building a large clubhouse on the river. She visited her sister, Mrs. P. H. McGregor several days last week.—Rolla Times. *[The Bartlett Springs Clubhouse was finished in 1914 and considerably expanded later to become Pippin Place resort.]*

LOCAL ITEMS—There will be a picnic at Blue Springs on the Piney, Saturday, Aug. 23. This is an ideal place for a picnic, plenty of shade and water, and one of the best neighborhoods in the county. . [See picture on previous page.]

The citizens of this vicinity responded generously to the call to work the roads. Yesterday we learned that every road leading to Waynesville had a large force of hands doing effective work. As we go to press even more extensive preparations are being made for the second day.

We have on exhibition at this office a stalk of cane, 11 feet and 8 inches in length grown by H. T. Martin on the County farm. He says this stalk is about an average of the entire crop. Pretty good cane, considering the dry weather and the probability of very little cultivation.

A son arrived at the home of G. W. Lane and wife on Sunday August 17, 1913. As this is the only boy in the family our joy and expecta-

tions can be guessed better than told. With the fond hope that our name may be perpetuated to future posterity, we now turn our whole attention to the welfare of our readers and promise them a greater and better Democrat. [This marks the birth of George Washington Lane, Jr., County Collector for many years. Pictures from Jr.'s collection, many likely collected by Sr., often appear in these pages.]

BIG PINEY—Our local sports still play baseball and marbles.

G.H. Jaspar has on exhibit a Tarantula (a large species of spider) about three inches long. It was shipped in a bunch of bananas and when the bunch was partly used he put in an appearance and George captured him and sentenced him for an indefinite time to a glass fruit jar.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—The Christian Church held their outing at the Hotel-de-Cave grounds. A large crowd was present and a good time is reported.

August 28

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Mrs. Elizabeth Cornwall, postmaster, Wednesday received notice from Washington that the contract for the new post office at Rolla had been awarded to Robt. McCaw at \$45,000. The time for completion of the building has been extended until February 1, 1913. [This must be a typesetter's error, as February 1, 1913 has already passed. Since the Rolla post office opened in 1915, that must have been the year. That new post office still stands and is Rolla's public library.]

LOCAL ITEMS—George L. Logan, and S. O. Rayl, have each been notified that their applications for pensions under the recent Act of the Missouri Legislature, granting pensions to indigent Confederate Soldiers, have been allowed. The Adjutant General of Missouri has announced that the first payment or "draw" will be Oct. 1st.

MOSSY SPRINGS—Mert Shelton and Clyde Collier attended the picnic at Wheeler Saturday. They report a dull time. [We reprint this item for two reasons: Mossy Springs was seldom

heard from and it is the first news report of a "dull time" at a social gathering.]

September 4

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Christen Adamsen unloaded three silos here Wednesday which he has sold to Walter Miller, Joe Carroll and Mrs. Dell Rehn. This makes 16 Indiana silos which have been brought into this and Richland vicinity in the past two years thru the efforts of Mr. Adamsen. The silo is a great crop saver. It has been estimated that if every farmer in this county had a silo this dry year's great amount of feed could have been saved. The silo will be one of the greatest factors in the development of the Ozark country. It will pay you to investigate thoroughly the feed facilities of the silo before another crop year. Ask the silo users of this country for the practical benefits they have obtained from the silo.—Pulaski Co. News [Crocker].

LOCAL ITEMS—W. J. Elliot is taking out part of the floor in the court



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house this week and replacing with concrete.

J. B. Walker came over from Dry Creek yesterday and brought a real two-headed snake. A freak of nature of this kind is very rare in a local option county, however the reptile can be seen at Dr. Sell's store.

BIG PINEY—The picnic at Evening Shade was a success and well attended but in late evening the cider and firewater got mixed up and some of the users thereof got skinned up.

T. P. Jeffries says there are men now making R. R. ties that never made a tie before and says he is buying more ties now than he ever did before.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—A canoeing party, of St. Louis, came in here, found the river dry and returned by to St. Louis. *[There was a drought but...well, it's an Ozarker reporting.]*

September 11

LOCAL ITEMS—Hopen the mule buyer was in here last Friday and bought several mules. *[Mule colts were reportedly going for \$200.]*

Good peaches selling for 25 cents a bushel.

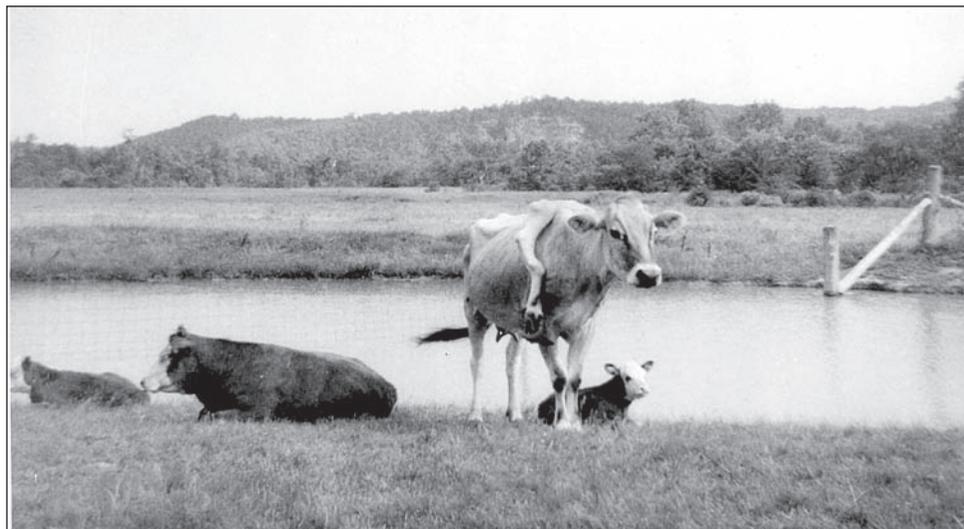
R. L. Christeson, a prosperous Roubidoux farmer, is filling his silo this week. In our opinion the time is almost here that farmers will find that a good silo is an absolute necessity on every farm where much feed is produced.

NORTH BLOODLAND—A traveling salesman, of Lebanon, is traveling in an auto. He came to this place Friday. He covered a distance of 75 miles and took orders on the way so he reported. He left here Saturday going east.

Mr. Copeland ran the mill Saturday the last time until it rains or more water is furnished by hauling. The Bloodland spring is a great standby. It never did go dry as some report it did in 1901. *[Most correspondents remarked upon the drought. Mills were closing and stock sold, feed being hard to come by.]*

One more month of dry hot weather and frost won't have the job of killing leaves on the timber, quite a lot are dead now.

BIG PINEY—Ben McDonald is visiting his mamma and other relatives and friends, Ben is one of Big Piney's boys who has taken the advantage



We do not have a picture of a two-headed snake as mentioned in the news article on the previous page. However, we do have this picture of Pete O'Malley's five-legged cow, standing by a pond in the Big Piney River valley. Courtesy of Judy Lane.

of the opportunity of education and now holds a high position in a wholesale house in Springfield. *[The Big Piney community was justly proud of Ben McDonald and his rise in management of the Springfield Grocer Co. We profiled him in last year's Gazette, page 22. He was the youngest son of W. W. McDonald, who built the Waynesville House, now known as the Old Stagecoach Stop.]*

September 18

CHURCH DEDICATION

There will be a dedication service also dinner on the ground at the Christian church Sept. 21. Everybody cordially invited to attend these services to be held at Crocker, Mo. Joseph Gaylor is conducting these services.



These are probably not the lost railroad ties Roy Duncan was looking for as reported by the Elbow correspondent on October 2. This lost section of a tie raft, still in alignment, was found in a clay bank and photographed in 1961 on the Gasconade River near Nagogami Resort in Phelps County. Courtesy of Robert Elgin.

businesses was well underway after the devastating fire in August.]

BEREAN—Monroe Evans is preparing to fill his silos. He has four, each is supposed to hold 180 ton. Monroe is using two men and expects to have feed if there is a drouth.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Col. Geo. Ebersole and Chas. Schlicht with teams, shovels and picks started for Templar Park road work. Such as they do will last. Gov. Major do be the boss.

Col. Ebersole proprietor of Cave Lodge came home from road work in a bad condition blistered hand and knees through buckskin gloves and corduroy pants. *[This is the first time that the Schlicht correspondent has used the term "Cave Lodge" rather than the nickname "Hotel-de-Cave."]*

September 25

CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Adjutant General J. B. O'Meara has announced that the payment of pensions to dependant ex-confederates, under the provision of a law passed by the last legislature, will commence Oct. 1 and thereafter payments will be made every three months. The amount to be paid each veteran will be \$10 a month. The legislature appropriated \$30,000 to pay these pensions for 1913 and 1914. This sum will begin to reach. One thousand two hundred ex-Confederates have made application up to date for pensions and of this number 700 have been passed and 300 are under consideration. Out of this entire number only four had discharges. In lieu of honorable discharges, the department accepts paroles and actual proof of service for six months.

It has been discovered that very few of the Missouri ex-Confederates who were in service in the southwest at the close of the war have discharges. A good many of them were paroled as prisoners of war and not a few of them never surrendered at all but ceased fighting of their own accord when they learned peace had been declared.

SCHLICHT SPLINTERS—Joel Lane, ex-merchant of Swedeborg *[and founder of Cave Lodge resort]*, bought fifty acres of good land from Joe Ledbetter. This gives him a forty acre river front on the famous Franklin Eddy, the finest fishing

ground on the Gasconade river. Consideration \$1,000.

Jim Carr, a good carpenter and builder, will build ten canoe style of boats for Joel Lane. Jim knows how to build them.

WILDWOOD—G. W. Davis has been digging a well for Hooker school which is very much needed.

October 2

ELBOW ITEMS [a new correspondent]

Roy Duncan was at the Elbow Sunday hunting some lost ties but did not succeed in finding them.

BIG PINEY—Now we have rain some people wish it would not rain so much. See how some are.

LOCAL ITEMS—Several times last summer when the temperature was hovering around the 102 mark in the shade many of our friends and subscribers in passing the office incidentally dropped in for a social chat, and among other things told us that they were going to bring in a load of wood soon on subscription. As it is about time for wild geese to migrate southward we beg to modestly

remark that whosoever will let him bring a load of wood any time.

DIXON—A medicine company here the first of the week attracted considerable attention with some very large snakes which they exhibited. [The traveling medicine show is still alive and well.]

COLLEY HOLLOW—Molasses making is the order of the day.

October 9

As we understand it, the new currency law proposes to take the control of the money of the United States out of the hands of the stock gamblers of New York and place it in the hands of the government. Such an arrangement would make it impossible to pull off a "made to order panic" in order to force congress to do the bidding of the money changers of Wall street. If the new currency bill becomes a law, you can always get it when you want it. [The currency law established the Federal Reserve Bank system.]

LOCAL ITEMS—Our jail is empty now for the first time in several months.

John Jackson who was serving a sentence for violating the local option law [Pulaski was dry; it was against the law to sell alcohol.] was released yesterday and Clyde Pennell who was also "doing time" on a similar charge succeeded Tuesday night in making a hole through the ceiling and roof, after which he tied enough blankets together after the fashion of a modern fire escape and proceeded to descend to mother earth and liberty. About daylight Wednesday morning he was at J. J. Bailey's inquiring the way to Richland.

NORTH BLOODLAND—There is a R. R. tie banking at North Bloodland, freighter then delivers them to the R. R. Ties now seem to be a legal tender nearly anywhere. [As John Bradbury pointed out in his 2005 Gazette article ("Tie-hackers, Tie-rafting, and the Railroad Crosstie Industry at Arlington and Jerome"), "... tie hacking was an auxiliary enterprise for most farm families. It was a significant source of income during the winter, producing cash money for tax and planting

seasons. Most merchants in the county stores along the railroad bought crossties, and taken as trade, ties settled many an account for groceries and sundries." Pulaski tie hackers hewed 197,500 railroad ties in 1912.]

SWEDEBORG—Robert Walker of Jefferson City has a force of men erecting the sheds and building for the lumber yards at this place and expects to be ready for business in the near future.

October 16

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Contractor Sweet is having the concrete foundations put down for two substantial brick buildings he will erect for Mr. and Mrs. T. L. DUBY of St. Louis. One building is to be 27 x 68 ft. and will adjoin the T. A. Murphy & Co. building on the east. It is to be occupied by J. McGregor & Bros. general store. The other building will join it on the east and will be 23 x 50 ft. and will be occupied by James Rugg's restaurant. Part of the brick is on the ground for the Murphy and Walker

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buildings and the laying of brick is to begin in a day or two.—Dixon Pilot.

October 30

HALLOWEEN DOINGS

The way Young America handles the hoary old festival of Halloween is typical of his rollicking type. Across the water this survival of old superstition is quaint, poetic, imaginative. Here it is rough-house.

There is a characteristic Irish superstition, in which a girl throws a ball of yarn out of the window. She repeats the Pater Noster [the Lord's Prayer] backward and the vision of her future husband is supposed to appear. The weirder side of it is seen in the old English bonfire habit, in which every member of a family would throw a white stone into the ashes. The stones were dug up next day, but if one was missing the one who threw it was expected to die in a year.

Polite and proper little Halloween games have been in vogue in this country for many years and are played with enthusiasm at children's parties. Bobbing for apples, walking down cellar stairs with a mirror to see your future husband, throwing apple peelings over your shoulder to read his name in the shape it falls—these amuse little girls in starched dresses and combed hair.

No such innocuous pursuits please the American boy. A typical stunt was long prevalent in Washington and other cities. Long narrow bags were filled with flour. These bags were of filmy material. When slightly thrown against another boy, or better still at an unoffending passer-by, they would let loose a fine white cloud destructive to store clothes.

Halloween doings no longer take place Oct. 31 alone. As soon as the early dark throws a curtain over the neighborhood after supper, the boys are careening about the back yards, rattling window blinds, rigging tick tacks, throwing corn at windows, all which gives them a sense of exultant freedom that the grownups dislike to abridge.

As only one person in 200 has to pay the new income tax, there is great enthusiasm for the law among

99 1/2 per cent of the people. [The newly enacted 1913 income tax set the tax rate at 1 per cent on personal and corporate income, with a personal exemption of \$3,000, leaving the vast majority of individuals untaxed.]

NORTH BLOODLAND—Report comes that the Union school house was burned the night of the 23rd. It is located near the Logan pond. This is the third school house of that neighborhood to burn, first the Vaughan school house and two at that place called Union.

November 6

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Abraham Lincoln never said "Hello Central," never dodged an automobile, never held a strap in a trolley car, never pushed a button for light, never heard a phonograph and never posed for a motion picture, and yet Abraham Lincoln died only 48 years ago. —Miller Co. Autogram.

LOCAL ITEMS—Gov. Major has appointed Judge Berry as one of the delegates from this state to attend the United States Good Roads Associations meeting to be held in St. Louis, Nov. 10 to 15. Twenty-eight Governors have already notified Gov. Major that they expect to attend. One-hundred and twelve delegates have been appointed to represent this state. [We are keeping a close watch on the local good roads movement.]

November 13

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

A Georgia town has voted in favor of saloons and here is the reason as given by a citizen: "If we are going to stand for our women folks to wear shadow and slit skirts and tight form fitting dresses and vulgar hobble skirts, and our younger women learning to dance the boll weevil wobble, Texas Tommy Tango, the bunny hug, the bear dance, the calf canter, the buzzard flop, and so down the line, the men folks had just as well have their saloons, and the whole push go to hell together.—Pineville Herald.

November 20

BIG PINEY—Mr. T. P. Jeffries, R. R. tie inspector, the two last weeks has branded 6,588 ties which speaks well for him and the tie makers. **WHARTON**—The Union school board met and voted to build a concrete

school house to replace the one that burned. It will be larger and better in every way and when finished will be a house any district might well be proud of.

NORTH BLOODLAND—Fifteen years ago there was a population of 14 in Bloodland and the Blood spring was the only water supply; now there is a population of 96 and about 14 wells.

November 27

Although modern boys are very precocious, careful parents do not send their boys out hunting with a long range rifle until they are at least seven years old.

NORTH BLOODLAND—Quite a lot of caskets have been brought in lately by the Jaspar—Fisher firm.

HAWKINS—Hawkins is getting to be quite a city these days as there was an automobile on these streets Saturday.

December 4

COUNTY COURT

In the matter of the bridge at Maysford, it was ordered that this cause be continued until Thursday, Jan. 1, 1914, pending the injunction proceedings now in the higher courts. [The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the pro-bridge faction, stating the County Court had the authority to build the bridge. For all of the ire and litigation this controversy stirred up among Pulaski citizens, the issue just faded away. The county did not build the bridge. For an excellent treatment of the subject, see J. B. King's article, "County Split Over May's Ford Bridge," in the 1984 Old Settlers Gazette. A bridge was finally built in 1925, spearheaded by E. A. Steckel of Ozark Springs Resort. For that story, see John Bradbury's feature in the 2011 Old Settlers Gazette, page 34.]

December 11

HANNA—Roubidoux up so they can raft. Sam York has been here lately with a large number of ties headed for Arlington. [It is hard to imagine today that tie rafts floated down the Roubidoux.]

DIXON—The Modern Mercantile Co. has moved into the new brick building just completed by T. A. Murphy and Co.

December 18

LOCAL ITEMS—It will pay you to visit the 10 cent counter at Wheeler & Mitchell's while buying your Xmas

gifts.

WHARTON—There is much talk of a high school at Bloodland now. Work and not talk is what counts and a high school is badly needed in this part of the country. Let everyone that wants to see their country progress get to work and help carry the good plans out.

December 25

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW

Just how mad is a wet hen? and how dry is a fish? and how green is a gourd? and how drunk is a goat? and how tough is a tripe? and how full is a tick? and how smart is a whip? and how fit is a fiddle? and how slick is a whistle? and how deaf is a post? and how dead is a doornail? and how poor are church mice? and how cool is a cucumber? and how right is a rabbit?

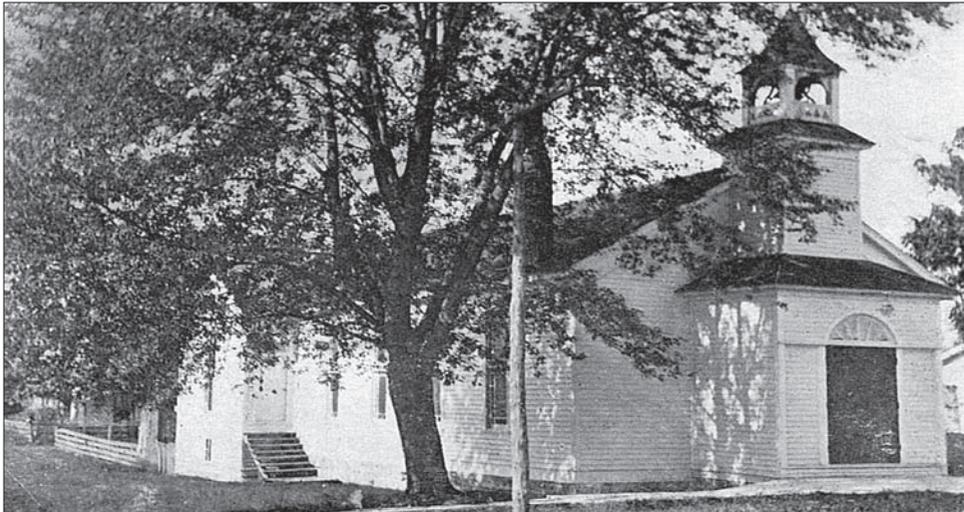
LOCAL ITEMS—If you want to give a real Christmas present, one that will be appreciated and do more good than if you had prayed for the poor in seven different languages, just get your check book and in a plain American hand write a check for what you owe the Democrat and send it to this office. It will be a real Christmas present and duly appreciated too.

DIXON—Messrs. Diffenderffer and Harris, of Lebanon, were here in the interest of an electric light plant which they hope to establish very soon. Up to the present the details have not all been agreed upon, but conditions seem to be favorable to a first class lighting system.

The Basket Ball team from Crocker met the Dixon High School team in a match game here last Saturday and a very pleasant game was played, the result being 15 to 18 in favor of Dixon High School. [Basketball teams must be improving. Both teams scored in double digits and was the highest scoring game we saw in these pages.]

It is very unkind to snore in church, because it keeps others awake.

The 1913 news was compiled and edited by Terry Primas, editor of the Old Settlers Gazette. Primas is co-author, with John Bradbury, of **Old Pulaski in Pictures**, a pictorial history of Pulaski County.



The Christian Church in Richland has occupied four houses of worship. The first was a frame building (upper left), built in 1884. It burned in 1912 and the brick church with offset bell tower (above) was constructed the same year, with mention in the Democrat in 1913. The brick church was ravaged by fire in 1927 and a new building (lower left) arose on the site. The congregation left the narrow lot on Washington Street, across from the old high school, and built the current church (below) on Highway 133, near its junction with Highway 7. Images courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.



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