

PASSING OF JEFF D. STORTS

Incidents in the Career of One of Missouri's Most Original Characters.

NUMEROUS NOTCHES ON HIS FIREARMS

His Death Removes from St. Louis a Man Who Gave to That City Some of the Aspects of a Texas Border Town.

A St. Louis traveling man enjoining in Omaha tells many interesting incidents relative to the career of Jefferson Davis Storts, the notorious St. Louis criminal lawyer, whose death was announced in Associated Press dispatches a few days ago.

Jeff Storts had a history. He had served in the Missouri legislature. He had been in jail. He had been tried for murder. He once lacked only four votes of being nominated for congress. He was a lawyer and a lawbreaker. He was once a public prosecutor. He fluctuated between great wealth and poverty—now up, now down. He always carried a gun. He had the general characteristics of a border ruffian, yet he was gentle as a child to those whom he regarded as friends.

Tragedy and Romance. Tragedy, romance, politics, recklessness and adventure—all these entered into the history of Jefferson Davis Storts. He was 42 years old at the time of his death. He was a native of Arkansas, but was reared from childhood in the Ozark mountains of southern Missouri. When a lad he learned to be a typesetter and toured the country as far east as the Atlantic coast.

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Advertisement for BLATZ MALT-VIVINE, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'The Prince of Good Tonics. A Non-intoxicating Malt Extract that is especially recommended for Weak Nerves, Indigestion and Insomnia.'

TIMES THAT TRIED MEN'S GRIT

Recollections of the Days of the Pony Express on the Plains.

AN ERA OF PIONEER ENTERPRISE

First Mail Route Between the Missouri River and the Pacific—Events Recalled by Death of the Founder.

Fifty years is not accounted a large span of time in this swift and progressive age. In the history of the world the events that mark it distinctively might be condensed into a chapter or less. Yet the span of half a century comprehends the settlement and development of the transmissouri region.

Early Freightmen Days. It was in 1848 that Colonel Majors began his freighting on the old Santa Fe trail, running a line of wagons between Independence, Mo., and Santa Fe, N. M. Majors' Overland freight soon became famous all over the world. He was not the first man to carry freight over the trail, but he was the first man to develop overland freighting as an industry and to insure it any degree the safety of his goods.

Over the Sierras. "Boston's" route lay up and over the Sierras. He made the schedule time, and on Friday station was relieved by Sam Hamilton, who pushed on with all speed to Fort Churchill. Both Boston and Hamilton encountered very deep snow on the Sierras, yet the 185 miles from Sacramento to Fort Churchill was made in four days.

Buffalo Hills' Experience. One of the riders of the pony express of the eastern terminus of the route (Dodge Hill), then a much lighter "weight" in avoirdupois and in fame than he is today, rode a route of 116 miles over a rough and dangerous trail, through a hostile Indian country.

Advertisement for BOYS CLOTHING, featuring an illustration of a boy and text: 'LADY-SPEC. JOHNIE. These trousers are extremely too large in the waist for you. Johnnie—Why, Johnnie, we just as well keep 'em Christmuses is cummin'.'

WHY STILL MORE?

The use of Van Houten's Cocoa as a daily beverage in family life is continually increasing.

BE SURE YOU TRY VAN HOUTEN'S Eating CHOCOLATE.

Some Incidents of Kentucky's Great Shooting Carnival. All horrible tragedies are said to have their amusing features, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, and that at Frankfort, January 16, was no exception to the rule.

Who Has Catarrh? A COMMON-SENSE CURE. Those who know what Catarrh really is, the old-fashioned way of treating it, still used by thousands who cling to old methods, seems a woeful waste of good energy.

Advertisement for OZOJELL, featuring an illustration of a man and text: 'Ozojell is like a healing ointment applied to a troublesome and angry sore—It soothes, Relieves, Cures.'

Advertisement for A Hard Cough, featuring text: 'It is sold by all druggists in 50 cent patent Ozojell nasal tubes. Prepared from the formula of the celebrated Vienna physician, Herr J. Muller, the great specialist in diseases of the ear, throat and nose.'

Advertisement for Coltesfoote Expectorant, featuring text: 'The new scientific remedy for Coughs, Sore Throat, Hoarseness and all respiratory diseases. A positive, permanent, harmless, perfect cure.'

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