

MISSOURI LID ON SURE

Freak Laws Bar "Coke" Fiend, "Knucks," Dirks, Booze on Trains and Cigarettes.

BED SHEETS NINE FEET LONG.

Fine \$100 to Give Boy "Makings"—Nude Art Goes—Publish Scandal? Mercy, No!

That sentiment in Missouri is drifting toward the puritanical is evidenced by a glance at some of the eighty new laws enacted by the State Legislature last winter and which have now become effective. One measure provides that even the nude in art must go. Another makes it an offense, punishable by fine or jail sentence, for any newspaper or periodical to publish scandalous items, even though they be a matter of record in court. Revolvers, "knucks," dirks and all deadly weapons are practically driven from the State. A dealer may not even exhibit these weapons in his show windows, and if any one other than an officer be found with one in his possession, "it's the pen for him."

Except on dining cars no liquor may be drunk on any train within the borders of the State. Colored and white women are to be segregated hereafter in the State reform schools. Because a Kansas City man covertly hooked up an electric fan with an electric wire passing his lodgings by means of a steel "stick" umbrella, a law was passed making it a felony to steal electric power. It will be a misdemeanor to publish anything promoting divorces. Any boy under 18 years of age caught smoking a cigarette will be liable to a fine of \$10, and anyone selling to such a youth, or giving to him a cigarette, or "the makings," will be liable to a fine up to \$100, one-half of which is to go to the informer.

A hog, no matter how much of a razor-back, is to be held to be worth more than \$30 for criminal prosecution purposes, at least. It will be grand larceny to steal one.

The new game law is practically prohibitive. The man who never hunts will feel it, in that it is to be a jail offense to sell any game whatever in the State. There will be no more game served in restaurants. Hunters may eat what they kill, or may give it away, but they may not sell it. No game may be shipped into Missouri from other States.

Traveling men now sleep under nine-foot bedsheets, made that long so as to fold back over antique "comforts."

"Coke" fiends may find themselves deprived of the right to run their own business by the appearance of a guardian.

One more law of State-wide importance limits the working hours for women to fifty-four in the week.

DIVORCES MEAN U. S. FALL.

Archbishop Glennon Says Evil Will Rain Republic.

Declaring the greatest curse that hovers over the United States is the divorce evil, Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, delivered a masterful sermon at the dedication of the Cathedral of St. Mary Magdalene in Salt Lake. Cardinal Gibbons was present. Archbishop Glennon said: "We are going through a crisis. How long will it stand, this republic of ours, if the home begins to fall? When the home falls the republic falls, and when the republic falls, the last support of liberty and progress falls. Our homes are overshadowed by divorce. With every divorce at least one home is broken and one home is ruined. If we would maintain the standard of Christianity we must maintain its sweetest blossom, the Christian home."

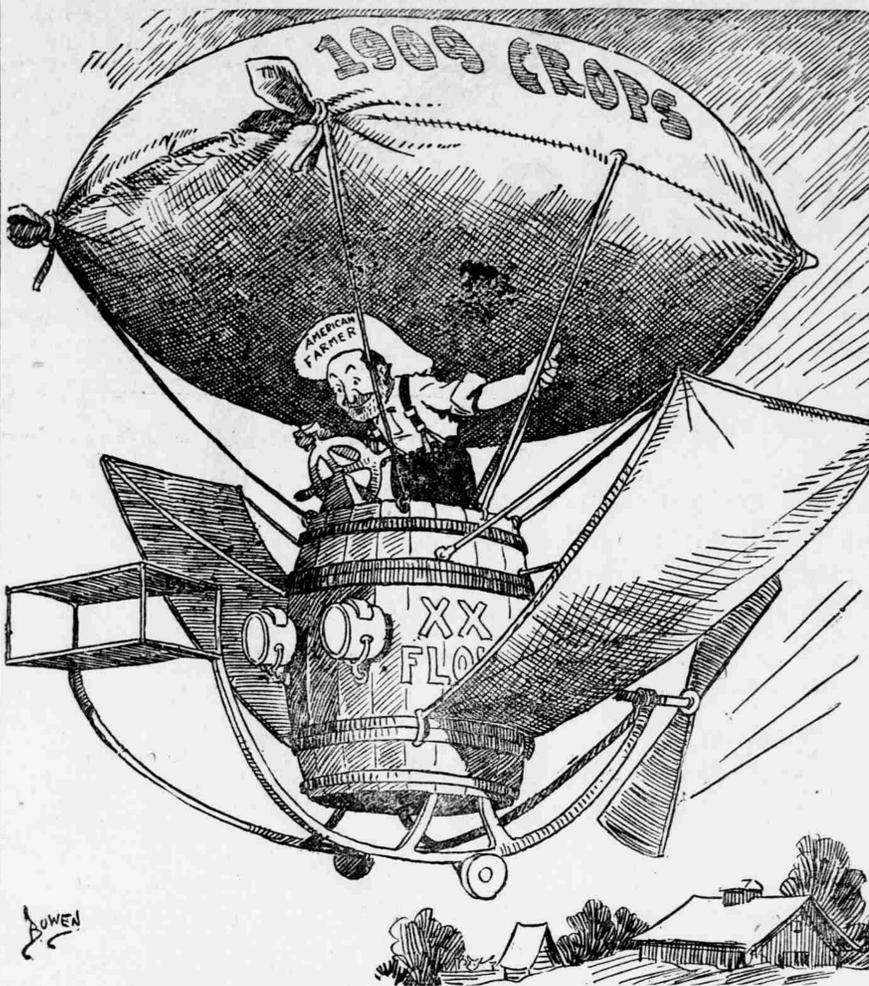
LAST OF THE STAGE COACHES.

The last of the old-fashioned stage coaches that supplied the scattered settlers of the plains country in southwestern Kansas with mail from the outside world once each week will soon be discarded and automobiles will take their place. In that country of long distances the settlers and ranchers are so progressive that they want to hear from the outside world every day. The twice-a-week mail service with stage coaches and buckboards would not do. The railroads have halted and hesitated about plunging through this long stretch of plains country and the lonely settlers of the prairies appealed to Uncle Sam for relief. The government is now determining the feasibility of serving the people living in three counties in southwestern Kansas and one county in southeastern Colorado with a daily mail service by automobile.

Investigating Straw Disease.

Dr. Joseph Goldberger, of the Marine Hospital service staff, who was sent to Philadelphia to investigate the nature of the epidemic known as straw disease, because first taken by members of a yacht crew who slept on fresh straw beds, has proved at least its infectious character by at once catching the disease. The disease is described by the city health authorities as a hive-like inflammation of the skin, resembling chicken pox, ordinary hives and itch. Dr. Goldberger, to make the test, held his bare arm in contact with the straw taken from one of the beds on which a person afflicted with the disease had lain.

A RECORD BREAKER.



CALLS INHERITED RICHES EVIL.

Aged Millionaire with Large Family Leaves Wealth to Church.

Theodore Harris, the aged banker who died a few days ago in Louisville, leaving more than \$1,000,000, left practically his entire estate to the Baptists of Kentucky. He left comparatively few cash bequests to his family, which is large. His blood heirs will have a life tenure in certain portions of his estate, enough to net them an income of \$150 a month each.

In his will, written and signed on April 15, 1907, he provides further that should the beneficiaries he names die or become otherwise disqualified, the portion set aside for them shall revert to the estate as a whole and be paid eventually into the hands of the Baptist Church organizations.

The discrepancy between his bequests to the church and those to his own children he explains by saying: "The observations of a long life have taught me that inherited wealth is seldom useful to the one inheriting it, while, on the other hand, with the blessings of God, these benefactions will do good to thousands yet unborn."

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburg	.76	29	.47
Chicago	.70	35	.43
New York	.63	33	.37
Cincinnati	.53	52	.26

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadel'a	.67	42	.53
Boston	.67	44	.49
Detroit	.65	43	.45
Cleveland	.57	54	.32

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Minn'polis	.70	54	.58
Milw'kee	.67	54	.58
Louisville	.63	60	.57
Columbus	.61	62	.56



Country Jay, the 13-year-old trotter, in the grand circuit races at the State fair at Detroit, reduced his record from 2:11 to 2:07 1/4. The old gelding was not considered in the betting and sold in a \$12 field in pools of \$42.

Harry G. Legg, of the Minnikahda Club, Minneapolis, won the trans-Mississippi golf championship by defeating Bernard G. Guinand, of the Wavel Club, of Des Moines, 10 to 8 to play in the final match at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

The Ghidde tourists, while in the Twin Cities, were entertained at M. W. Savage's stock farm by a race in which Dan Patch and Minor Hoir paced a dead heat. It was a magnificent race, the time being variously figured at from 2:05 3/4 to 2:06 3/4.

Fifteen Russian racing horses of the famous Orloff breed from the imperial racing stables of Moscow are to be exhibited in America this fall at various State fairs to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest in this class of animals to warrant importation for sale.

BANK ROBBERS KILL AND WOUND

Surprised in Oklahoma Town, They Slay Marshal, Injure Cashier.

Two robbers, surprised while looting the State Bank at Kiefer, Okla., Monday night, shot and killed City Marshal Inford and probably fatally wounded Cashier Calmer Wobbling. They escaped. A posse was quickly organized and hurried in pursuit. Cashier Wobbling, who lives over the bank, was awakened by a noise in the bank shortly after midnight. Upon investigation he saw by the dim light burning in the rear two men at work on the vault door. Hastily summoning Marshal Inford, he procured a revolver. The marshal and cashier entered the bank by the front door while the robbers were busily engaged in drilling the safe door. A slight noise made by the city marshal attracted the attention of the robbers. The next moment they extinguished the light and then opened fire. After half a dozen shots had been exchanged, Inford sank to the floor with a bullet through the head. The next moment Wobbling also fell, shot through the chest. Then both robbers hurried for the door and fled. The men had just succeeded in drilling the safe and were preparing to pour in nitroglycerin when surprised at their work.

ALABAMA TO BE DRYEST STATE.

House Passes Bill Prohibiting Sale or Shipping of Liquor.

In almost a frenzy the House members of the Alabama Legislature on Friday made a violent assault on the sale of intoxicants of all kinds, passing the Fuller bill, beyond question the most drastic ever offered in the South. By its provisions no liquors may be sold; no advertisement of liquors may appear in any paper or upon any billboard, and no train may leave a car that contains liquor upon any track. No place of selling any sort of goods may be called a saloon. Officers may raid any place under suspicion and destroy goods found. The presence of an internal revenue license, whether liquor is found or not, is prima facie evidence of guilt and the proprietor may be arrested.

KILLS RELATIVE AS THIEF.

Kentucky Man Also Shoots at Sister Who Is Guest at His Home.

Believing they were burglars trying to break into his house at Fulton, Ky., George Speed shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, Abe Vinson, and fired upon but missed his sister, Vinson's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson were guests at the home of Speed. Because of the heat they went out on the balcony to sleep for a while. When they were returning they were discovered by Speed, who fired without making an investigation.

Argentine Admits American Cattle.

Cattle from the United States hereafter will be allowed importation into Argentina, the president of that country having rescinded the embargo against such entry. The action of Congress in putting hides on the free list is believed to have influenced Argentina to take this step.

Hindoo Murderer Hanged.

Madarial Dhinagri, the Indian student who shot and killed Lieut.-Col. Sir William Hutt Curzon Wylie and Dr. Cawal Lalcaea, has been hanged in London.

FIND COAL FRAUDS IN ALASKA.

Ballinger to Begin Prosecution in Seattle Shortly.

Investigations that have been under way for some time—which have been laid before Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Commissioner Fred Dennett of the General Land Office—will unquestionably prove one of the greatest scandals in connection with land fraud investigations ever brought to light by the General Land Office.

It is known that in the valuable coal fields of Alaska many thousand acres of land have been fraudulently filed upon and attempts made to force the department, through financial, political and even social pressure, to patent these lands. Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner Dennett have evidence showing unlawful combination of nearly 500 coal entries in Alaska. Commissioner Dennett, while in Denver recently, it is understood, said these entries would be canceled. To that end hearings will shortly begin, and the General Land Office has assigned its best coal engineers and lawyers to Seattle to aid in the coming trial.

Several railroad corporations owned in New York, Boston and Philadelphia are making indirect efforts to delay these land hearings, hoping that the next Congress will pass legislation to permit of greater consolidation of coal entries or else pass a curative act legalizing the entries about to be attacked.

KANSAS TOWN BARS SWEARING.

Only "By Chowder" Is Permitted in Once Wicked Waterville.

"By chowder" is the official swear at Waterville, Kan., now. The people of this burg cannot use any cuss words stronger than that under pain of going to jail. The street loafers of Waterville, it was charged, became so profane that the women of the town hesitated about going out on the streets. They would rather stay at home than to hear men using vile language. The merchants felt the loss of the women's trade keenly and prevailed upon the City Council to enact a drastic law against swearing. In obedience to the demand, the Council made it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and imprisonment, to swear within the city limits. In order to help the chronic cussers out, however, the Council ruled that "by chowder" would not be considered a swear word.



An explosion of fire damp occurred in one of the mines at Clermont, Ferrand, France, which resulted in the death of twelve miners.

All the members of the cabinet of President Gomez of Cuba, except the Secretary of Justice, resigned to enable the president to reconstruct it in accordance with popular demands.

The South Australian government has purchased 1,600 acres of land for the purpose of encouraging and demonstrating the best methods of dairy farming. A government expert is to have charge of the farm.

WEST SWEPT BY HEAT WAVE.

Oklahoma Thermometer Registers 112, Hottest in Fifteen Years.

Unusually intense heat, officially recorded by the government weather bureau as high as 110 degrees, caused at least three deaths Monday in Kansas City, numerous prostrations and much damage to crops in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Southwest generally. Throughout the Southwest the day was the most trying since the devastating drought of 1901. As the withering winds swept across the plains much vegetation fell. The day was the hottest Topeka has had in eight years, 102 degrees being officially recorded. Two prostrations resulted there. The past eight days in Kansas have shown a maximum temperature above 90 degrees and a minimum which has now been below 70—the hottest period of that length of time since 1901.

In Oklahoma City the government thermometer registered 103, while thermometers in the business district reached 112. It was the hottest day recorded there in fifteen years. At Muskogee the government thermometer registered 110. This was the highest recorded in the three States. Dispatches state Oklahoma crops have been materially damaged by the sultry wind. Enid, Okla., reported 105; Fort Smith, Ark., 102; Concordia, Kan., 102, and Lamar, Mo., 101. Three deaths were reported in St. Joseph, Mo., due to the heat, among them being William A. Kenyon, a civil war veteran, aged 74.

Reports from the Panhandle in Texas indicate that moderate temperature has prevailed on account of the altitude and prevailing winds.

EXTRA SESSION COST \$500,000.

Uncle Sam Pays Out Large Sum to Pass Tariff Bill.

Further investigation of the cost of passing the tariff law shows that before Uncle Samuel gets through footing the bills of the lawmakers incurred during the special session he will have to pay out close to \$500,000. The principal item of expense is the mileage, because every member of both houses is allowed mileage at the rate of 20 cents a mile from his home to Washington for every session which he attends. By the time the Senators and Representatives from the Pacific coast put in their bills this account is pretty big. Members of the House get just \$154,000, while Senators took away from the Treasury \$17,000 for traveling expenses. Extra pay for the employes of the Senate amounted to something more than \$73,000, and as there are many more clerks, messengers and other workers on the House side, it is estimated that the pay for extra services of the employes was about \$100,000. The urgent deficiency bill carried an item of \$25,000 for general expenses, and it is said that most of this was used for expediting the passage of the tariff bill. The official reporters of both houses got about \$10,000 to pay extra clerk hire and other expenses.

BONES BARE OLD TRAGEDY.

Fifteen Skeletons with Coins Dug Up in Washington.

Fifteen skeletons, lying together in such a position as to indicate hasty burial, and three English copper coins bearing the date 1712 found with the skeletons during the excavating for the United States Medical School Hospital, near the banks of the Potomac, bring to light, it is believed, some Indian or piratical tragedy of early American days. As authentic history sheds no illuminating ray on the case, the finger of suspicion wavers in its pointing, looking first toward the red man who stole silently along the wooded Potomac banks a century and a half ago, then to a mythical pirate crew which is believed to have made its rendezvous in the upper Potomac, and lastly to a mutiny-infested slave-trading vessel. But the bones may remain forever as silent as they were in the grave.

Powder Explosion Kills Two.

Two men were killed and property to the value of \$25,000 was destroyed in an explosion at the Aetna Powder Mill at Aetna, Ind., Friday. The explosion occurred in the gelatin mixer department. The shock broke glass in windows for miles around and in the city of Aetna scarcely a window glass remained.

Desire to Kill Grips Woman.

Every time Mrs. Maria Coseo, of Middletown, N. Y., sees her husband she feels like killing him, and, as she does not want to commit murder, she has asked the police to send her to jail or have her deported to Italy to avert a tragedy in her home circle.

300 Drowned; Ship Sinks.

It is now certain that the Australian steamer Waratah, now a fortnight overdue, with 300 persons aboard, has been lost at sea. A Natal steamer arriving at Durban reported passing four bodies floating ten miles from shore.

Police Dogs Are Permanent.

After a careful investigation, Commissioner Baker, of New York City, has come to the conclusion that the police dogs have earned for themselves a permanent place in the machinery of the police department.

Robbed of \$2,810 in Depot.

Pickpockets robbed Robert Miller, a merchant of Sheridan, N. Y., in the Polk street depot in Chicago. They stole \$170 and certificates of deposit for \$2,640.

DEATH TAKES DR. H. W. THOMAS

Founder of the People's Church, Chicago, Expires in Florida.

One of Chicago's most noted clergymen of days gone by has been claimed by death. The Rev. Hiram W. Thomas died Thursday night at De Funiak Springs, Fla., where he had lived recently because of his feeble health. The body was taken to Chicago for burial. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of All Souls' Church conducted the funeral services.

Dr. Thomas ranked with Prof. David Swing as one of the most noted preachers of the West when both were tried and convicted of heresy nearly a generation ago. Theological opinions have changed since then and many orthodox clergymen now accept and preach the same doctrines which caused the expulsion of Thomas and Swing from their respective denominations.

After the expulsion of Dr. Thomas from the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1879, he established the undenominational People's Church, which held regular services in McVicker's Theater. In 1901 he resigned as pastor and was succeeded by the Rev. Frank Crane.

Hiram Washington Thomas was born in Hampshire County, Va., on April 29, 1832. He was converted at the age of 18 and at once began to prepare to become a clergyman. He took a private course of study and afterward attended Cooperstown Academy and Berlin College. He came West and joined the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856, having married Miss Emmeline C. Merrick of Pennsylvania the preceding year. For three years he was chaplain of the Iowa penitentiary, which position he left to become pas-



REV. DR. H. W. THOMAS.

tor of Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago in 1869. Later he was pastor consecutively of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, First Church at Aurora and Centenary Church, Chicago. While pastor of this church he was accused and convicted of heresy.

His first wife died on Jan. 5, 1896. They had seven children, the only surviving one being Dr. Homer W. Thomas of Chicago. Early in 1899 the Rev. Dr. Thomas met Miss Vandalla Varnum, a lecturer on liberal religion and ethics. They married several months later, and she was ordained soon afterwards as assistant pastor of People's Church.

BOY BANDITS ROB BANK.

Hold Up Cashier, Get \$7,000 and Flee in Auto—Arrested.

Two young men, armed with shotguns and unmasked, walked into the Valley Bank of Santa Clara, Cal., shortly after 10 o'clock Friday, and, covering the cashier and his three clerks, demanded \$7,000. After securing the money they fled in a waiting automobile, but were captured two hours later seven miles from town, submitting without resistance. The boy bandits appear to be under 19 years old. They are well dressed and apparently come from good families.

HANGS HIMSELF NEAR HOARD.

Economical Husband Whose Wife Left Him Had \$2,119 in Garret.

When Albert Burt's wife left him several weeks ago she said he was so economical that she could not stand it any longer, and in a few days he committed suicide. Mrs. Burt has returned to their home at Mineola, L. I., and has just found \$2,119 hidden in the rafters of the garret where her husband hanged himself. With the expectation of finding much more money she has begun a systematic search of the house.

BARS "GRIPS" OF NEGRO LODGES.

Georgia Law Also Wipes Out Colored Lodges of Elks and Pythians.

A recent act of the Georgia Legislature prohibits the use by negro secret societies of the insignia, ritualistic work, grips, etc., or orders composed of whites. The act legislates out of existence the organization of Elks and Knights of Pythias, but the negro Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations may continue in operation by changing their badges, rituals, grips, etc., as the latter have names slightly different from the white Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations.

BOYCOTT WORRIES ENGLISH.

Proposed Hindoo Move May Mean \$100,000,000 Annual Loss.

English merchants are plainly perturbed to-day over the outcome of the Indian boycott on English goods. If the boycott becomes as effective as now feared it will make a loss of \$100,000,000 annually by English merchants and the gain of this in trade by American, German and Japanese merchants.