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What If Missouri has no poets?
There's more money in raising mules
anyway.

We call attention, as worthy of reading and consideration to the article we print in this issue under the head of "Phenomenal Railroad Results." These results go to show that the Erie railroad is fast forging to the very front in progressive railroading. They have gathered together a force of railroad men whose equal for efficiency can not be found on any other railroad organization on this continent. Every detail of operation along safe, prompt and profitable lines to the traveling and shipping public, have been brought to a condition that is remarkable, and each month reports are issued from head-quarters which show a steady, upward increase in the volume of business handled, prompt delivery of freight, and a record of arriving and departure of passenger trains on time, that is not surpassed by any other road; and the men behind the guns, the intelligent, faithful, hard-working corps of operating employees deserve great credit for the high state of efficiency acquired through their devotion to, and ability displayed in the discharge of their duties.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A nation never tires of honoring the birth of its greatest men. The 22nd of February brings to us the one hundred and seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, and celebrations in his honor will be held in every section of this broad land.

Washington was great as the world measures greatness and there is a constant calling to mind his earthly deeds to true greatness. It is true he did not have to struggle with poverty, as so many of our Americans, who have obtained greatness have done, for his parents were wealthy for the times in which he lived. But his wealth did not, as is so generally the case, fasten upon him idle and dissolute habits. From the beginning of his career until its close his life was a busy and active one, free from vices of every kind. Indeed, Washington's morality has ever been held up as an example for the youth and even the mousing historian has failed in his attacks upon it. His devotion to his country in times of war and peace are conspicuous features. His public services as President were devoid of selfishness and ambitious motives, free from party prejudices and prompted by motives that he believed to be for the best interests of the nation. In purity of character and freedom from vices of every kind, Washington stands as a model for American youth. His reply to his indignant father, whose impetuous nature was aroused by the apparent wantonness of the cutting of his favorite cherry-tree: "Father I cannot tell a lie; I cut the tree," was a striking symbolic illustration of the development in boyhood of the character of his manhood. It was not his public life and services alone that have given him the commanding positions he holds in the affections of the American people. His personal character, his unimpeachable integrity, the purity of his motives and the tenor of his whole private life have had much to do with it. No better evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his contemporaries could be given him than the fact that the public observance of his birthday began during his lifetime. This has been true of no other American.

DAIRY AND FOOD DEPARTMENT.

James Foust, Dairy and Food Commissioner, is out with a circular letter making a comparison between the work done under his administration and that of his predecessor in the war on oleomargarine. During three years of Commissioner Foust's administration, 497 cases have been terminated and \$45,366.28 of fines and costs paid into the State Treasury, as against 435 cases and \$28,961.09 paid into the State Treasury in six years, which goes to show that Foust has been paying into the State Treasurer at the rate of \$15,133 per year, while his predecessor averaged only \$4,827. This ought to be a satisfactory showing to those who are interested in this department, enough to keep tab on results.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

February 19, 1910.

The question of who is to be State Treasurer of Pennsylvania after the first Monday of May next seems in a fair way to be settled. Attorney General Todd has advised the Governor that he has the power to appoint an official to fill the vacancy created by the death of Treasurer-elect Stober, and there is no doubt but the Governor will perform this duty, in reasonable time. Mr. Sheatz will serve until noon of the first Monday of May and his successor will undoubtedly be qualified by that time.

The present Treasurer believes that because he took the oath of office to serve until his successor was qualified and because his commission reads until his successor is qualified, that he is bound to serve until that time, regardless of the spirit and letter of the law, which clearly provides for a single term for the State Treasurer, the same as for the Auditor General.

No oath or commission, however administered or issued, can extend the term of an official beyond the limit fixed by the law. The Constitution as amended, and prior to the amendment, provides for a single term, and that is all that was intended. It is believed that Mr. Sheatz has taken legal advice and intends to retain the office, at least until the Supreme Court decides he is not entitled to it.

Some correspondence was given out on the subject this week, which showed that the Attorney General's Department was trying to get a decision in advance of the date when the vacancy would occur, so as to avoid any troublesome complications in this important office, and it is possible that the case may get into court in time to get a decision. In case of failure to do this, there are possibilities of grave difficulties, and no State official should invite such a situation.

Should Mr. Sheatz serve several months beyond May 2d, and the court finally decide that he was not entitled to, he would have to hand back some salary. Few people care to serve the state without compensation and this feature may help to solve the difficulty.

The death of Colonel John E. Stott on Wednesday last removed from service one of the oldest clerks on the Hill. With the exception of Hon. Henry Houck, the Secretary of Internal Affairs, Stott had been about the Capitol longer than any other official. He had not been in good health for some time, but his death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. He had been to his home at Coatesville the day before to participate in the spring election, and had expected to report for duty as usual at the Auditor General's Department, when the summons came. It is generally supposed that Stott was an important witness in the Capitol cases but such is not the case. His only connection with it arose from the fact that he was for many years, and during the time that the new Capitol was planned and constructed, Secretary of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings.

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NEW STEAMER ON LAKE GEORGE

The officials of the Lake George Steamship Co., have decided to call the new steamer, which will be ready for service on Lake George next year, the "Horicon." The name "Horicon" signified Silvery Waters, and has its origin from a tribe of Indians once inhabiting the shores of the Lake; it is suggested by the romance of J. Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans."

The present steamer "Horicon" has been in service on Lake George since 1877 and has carried thousands of people through the Lake each season without interruption or accident. She has been a steamer popular alike with all, and it is notable that no serious accident or loss of life has ever occurred in her long and distinguished career.

The advent of the new steamer will mean the discontinuance of the old one, and trips operated by the new boat will be from Lake George to Baldwin and return, and will be the service which is now and has been performed by the "Sagamore" since 1902. The "Sagamore" will perform the service from Baldwin to

Lake George and return, which is now operated by the "Horicon," and will also take care of the large number of excursionists who come to Lake George over the Delaware & Hudson R. R. for a day's outing.

Every effort has been made to provide commodious and comfortable accommodations for the tourist travel; the dining room will have twenty-five per cent. greater seating capacity than the "Sagamore" and most careful attention has been given to the kitchen arrangement, providing larger quarters and greater facilities for prompt service. Other marked improvements have been arranged for and it is expected that the New "Horicon" will be a most welcome substitute for her ever popular predecessor.

GOOD NEWS FOR PRINTERS.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A restriction of the printing duties of the postoffice department is included in the postoffice appropriation bill, which is practically completed. This prohibits the department from furnishing stamped envelopes containing the names and addresses of business houses to which they are supplied.

Heretofore for a slight additional compensation the department has been permitted to perform this work, and banking firms found it particularly useful.

Various printing firms throughout the country protested, however, and the committee decided to stop the practice. It will still be permissible for the department to print the words,

"If not delivered in — days, return —"

THE THIRD DEGREE."

For the first time in the history of American theatricals, a play showing the workings of the detective department of a large city, is vividly shown and faithfully portrayed in Charles Klein's latest contribution, "The Third Degree," which comes to the Lyric theatre on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, for one night. In "The Third Degree," Mr. Klein attempts to show the methods used by ambitious police heads, who in their efforts to produce a perpetrator for every crime, resort to the sweating process

of the third degree and in many instances, one of which provoked Mr. Klein into writing this vital drama, by reason of their liberties, never endowed by law, succeed in convicting an innocent man. The cast of

"The Third Degree" includes Marion Kerby, James Seeley, Margaret Drew, A. W. Ellis, Walter Thomas, Lawrence Eddinger and others of equal note.

LEAP-YEAR MASQUERADE.

An old-fashioned leap-year masquerade would be good for any February evening. Send out quaint little invitations written in old English on folded parchment paper. The following curious extract, which I once stumbled across, could be stiffly inserted in the invitation:

"Whereas it hath now become a part of the common lawe in regard to social relations of life that as often as Leape Year doth return, the ladies have the privilege during the time it continueth of making love either by wordes or by looks, as to them it seemeth proper; and moreover no man will be entituled to benefit of clergie who doth in any wise treatre a prospose with slight or contumelie."

Have the guests come in "powder and patches." The "ladies" with their gentle escorts should be blindfolded and turned loose in the reception-room to find partners for the evening. Each "lady" should be told that, while blinded, she may address a proposal to any man she comes across without having the slightest idea who that man may be. Give each girl a heart and man a mitten. When a maid delivers her proposal she must at the same time hand over her heart. If her proposal is declined her heart is returned to her and she has the proud privilege of again addressing a member of the sterner sex. When a blindfolded man declines a proposal he must surrender his mitten; if he accepts the proposal he may hold fast to his mitten, and also the heart that his unseen suitor presents to him.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bear the

Signature of *Patricia H. Hause*

JURORS FOR MARCH COURT.

The following Grand Jurors will serve for week commencing March 1.

Berlin—S. N. Dilis.
Buckingham—J. A. Carey.
Cherry Ridge—Robert Bonear.
Clinton—Fred J. Cook.
Damascus—E. B. Shepard.
Dreher—D. L. Frey.
Dyberry—Wesley Bodie.
Hawley—Louis Geisler.
Honesdale—Walter Fowler. Alton VanHorn.

Lake—Samuel Black.
Lehigh—M. E. Smith.
Lebanon—Frank Avery.
Manchester—Richard Nichols.
Mt. Pleasant—J. D. Brennen.
Preston—James Hoag. Frank Mc Kee.

Salem—Frank Westlake.
Seelyville—George Moules.
Scott—L. E. Ecker.

South Canaan—John Buckley, Delbert McKinney.

Texas—John Myers. Thos. R. Vane.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Week Commencing March 14.

Bethany—H. A. Bennett.
Berlin—R. L. Woodley.
Buckingham—Ralph Dillon.
Canaan—Wm. H. Reilly.
Clinton—Thomas Bates.
Cherry Ridge—Thos. Rutledge.
Damascus—Junius Young. Clifford Blair, P. J. Keesler.

Dreher—Christian Lang. A. C. Angel.

Dyberry—Spencer E. Bates. Fred Stephens, James Hensey.

Hawley—Wm. C. Ames. John J. Sheridan.

Honesdale—Frank Wasman. Christian Hartung, Henry Theobald.

Lake—George Swingle. William Brooks.

Lehigh—James Surplus.

Lebanon—Thos. Ridd.

Manchester—Alfred Oden. John W. Keyes.

Mt. Pleasant—Clark Spencer. Frank Hauenstein, Thos. Meagher.

Oregon—Wm. Colwell. Arnold Sluman.

Palmyra—Augusta Laabs.

Paupack—Charles Utt.

Preston—Richard Sherman.

Prompton—E. R. Bodie.

Salem—Thos. Gerrity. Samuel Kimble.

Scott—Wm. Rockwell. C. D. Tarbox.

South Canaan—A. J. Piatt. Harvey Daniels.

Sterling—I. M. Kipp.

Starrucca—F. A. Stoddard.

Texas—Julius Keltz. Fred Clark.

Clifford Gray. Bert Bassett. A. W. Eno.

Waymart—B. S. Hull.

Second Week, Commencing March 21.

Berlin—Fred Frey.

Buckingham—Bernard McGarry.

Canaan—Geo. Munson.

Cherry Ridge—Peter Switzer.

Clinton—John Schermer.

Damascus—A. M. Rutledge. F. W. Tegeler. Walter Branning.

Dreher—Merriett Smith.

Dyberry—A. K. Kimble. Lucian Mumford.

Hawley—James Flynn. M. J. Bohan.

Honesdale—L. S. Partridge. J. A. Brown. Leopold Fuhrer. R. P. Schmidt. Walter B. Kimble.

Lake—Geo. E. Miller.

Lehigh—John Roth.

Manchester—John Ewain. John P. Flynn.

Mt. Pleasant—Simon Pomroy. J. F. Connor.

Oregon—J. M. Knorr. Warren Miller.

Palmyra—John Kellerman.

Preston—T. C. Coffey.

Prompton—Stephen Kegler.

Paupack—John Drake.

Salem—Henry Sternier.

Scott—Wm. Evans.

South Canaan—John Bronson.

Sterling—Samuel Fitz.

Starrucca—George F. Brooker.

Texas—Perry Tallman. John Dorflinger. Geo. J. Bergman. Chester Smith.

Waymart—F. S. Hinds.