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"All the world a stage and all the men and women merry players,  
they ~~each~~ have their <sup>entrances</sup> ~~entrances~~ and their <sup>exits</sup> ~~exits~~ and ~~each~~ <sup>one</sup>  
in his time plays many parts." [William Shakespeare's words  
so well gives to us a background in our study for the many  
merry players walking through the pages of history. Not unlike  
you and <sup>me</sup> I, they had their problems. Illnesses in the form of  
consumption, diphtheria, and pneumonia took a toll of many  
children and young adults. To quote the editor of the ~~Boonesborough~~  
there many horrible and terrible things <sup>were</sup> ~~happening~~. <sup>happening</sup> ~~happening~~  
with horses, stage coach hold-ups, train accidents costing lives,  
burglaries and robberies. One night as W.C. Finke returned from  
delivering stock to St. Louis and left his train at the railway  
station, he was waylaid by two individuals and relieved of \$100.  
~~murders, because of intemperance, and shootings~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~happening~~  
ments over politics, where there was an attempt to solve ~~disputes~~  
pugilistic encounters on the street, were frequent. They lived  
through three wars before 1900, the Mexican, Civil and the Spanish-  
American. There were culprits, who out of fun, meanness, or spite  
work, annoyed their neighbors and destroyed property. There were  
communists and the unemployed and the poverty victims. Besides  
the regular returns from the mines, many made themselves quite  
wealthy by means of mining and lumbering. The lumber business  
was very lucrative with the native forests and the ready market

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for fuel and ties offered by the Atlantic and Pacific railroad.

These people and their activities make up the background for our <sup>interest</sup> consideration. [The city of California has geographical areas

within its confines. These areas are additions to the city. Our concern is the one named Boonesborough and commonly known as

"downtown". Boonesborough was located on a fifty acre tract of land that came into the possession of the established Moniteau

County government through Alfred T. Byler. On Sept. <sup>4, 1845</sup> ~~the~~

~~4th day of 1845~~, John Defoe was commissioned by the County Court to survey and lay off the land for the seat of government,

Boonesborough, a mile and a half east of town, being named the

place of meeting until ~~the 14th of November 1847~~ <sup>14, 1846</sup>, when the

site of California would become the county seat. [On February

1847, the court met in the home of E.M. Hand. His house stood

on the back of the lot on the west end of present north side of the Square. In the survey of the land, one acre was set aside

for the Boonesborough Square. [The Court House was to be in the

center of the Square at the top of the hill. The block around

the Court House was to be 210 feet square. On each side of the

Court House running through the Boonesborough <sup>Area</sup> was to be a street

sixty feet wide. There were to be five lots on each side of

the Square facing the Court House. Each lot would be 42 feet

wide and ninety-seven feet deep. [The area as <sup>97</sup>laid out had

fifteen blocks excluding the Court House block. In this area

115 lots were laid off. One row of blocks was laid out on the

north side of the square only because the Hand house stood on

this side and it must be included. On the east side were two

rows of blocks and on the west side were two rows. On the south there were four rows of blocks. The streets within the area were North, South, between which were Main, Third and Madison. Running north and south were East, High, and Oak. (There were commons on each side of the <sup>Boonesborough area</sup> ~~square center~~ except on the North. The west commons was twelve feet wide, on the east fifteen feet wide and on the south twenty feet wide. The commons in early days was a mutual tract of land sometimes used for gardening or grazing and even sometimes setting defense against invaders.

It is assumed that the blocks were numbered with the first numbers closest to the center. Block ~~one~~ was on the west side of the square, block 2 ran on the west side of High street from Main to Third, block 3 was on the south side of the square, block 4 on the east and block five on the north side. (Early L.L. Wood moved his store house in the country to lot 40, block 5. He was the first to purchase a lot which was lot 40. He paid for this \$91.50, and on <sup>it</sup> ~~this~~ he built the first house ~~built~~ in the new town. On lots 36 and 37 he built the Wood Hotel which became the stop for the stage coach from St. Louis to the West.

(The building was a large house with a slave quarters. Open fireplaces were in each room. From the dining room and to the second and third floors was a winding stairway. In the yard at the back were two log houses used as work rooms. the one back of the main house was the kitchen with access to the dining <sup>room</sup>. This hotel was the scene of many social events and many distinguished guests were entertained here, among them was Thomas Hart Benton.

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On the sixteenth day of September 1895, by order of the Court it was ordered that the Plats of the cities and Towns be properly recorded since they had not been transcribed into the Plat book and were in ruinous condition. By testified and sealed statements C.W. Burford, clerk of the County Court testified that the Plat had been truly copied from the original.

The Weekly California News published the first issue on September 18, 1858. The December 15th issue listed the businesses which were operating in California. There were nine dry goods and grocery stores, one jewelry store, one commission house, two saddlery shops, one gunsmith shop, four blacksmith shops, two bakeries, two livery stables, one cabinet shop, two hotels. There were four shoemakers, two tailors, two tinner, and one carpenter. The professions numbered five physicians and three lawyers. In March, <sup>Doctors and Thorpe</sup> J.P. H. Gray built a brick building on the north end of the block west of the Court House. This was a two story building of quite respectable dimensions. The upper part was occupied by the Masonic Fraternity. This corner, into the 1900s, was always occupied by physicians and druggists. There were Doctors Russell, Redmond, Pres Wood, Thorpe, and T.J. Buchanan A.F. Snow, John Haldiman, and the Roths. Possibly there were others at this location. However in 1879, a new building was built by G.A. Burkhardt for his son-in-law, A.F. Snow, who was a druggist.

On the north end of the east side of the Square a building was built by L.L. Wood which became the furniture store for John D. Wood. Various businesses have operated in this building.

It still stands in very acceptable condition and is one of the oldest buildings around the Square.

(However, H.C. Finke was in business at least in 1851. An account book of transactions is dated 1851. In 1857, he built the building in block 2, lot 2. This is the location recently occupied by Peck's Grocery. The business carried on here was very general, clothing, groceries, furniture, <sup>and</sup> queensware. At the closing of the Peck store in September 1971, the old account books of H.C. Finke Store were purchased at auction by the Moniteau County Historical Society. These books date from 1857 until he discontinued business. For 113 years these books had been stored in *the* upper floor of the store. In July, <sup>71</sup>~~seventy-one~~ years ago, Mr. Finke, too, advertised an auction sale at which time he disposed of a \$10,000 stock of goods.

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(In May, 1846, the Sheriff had been ordered to sell the old <sup>house</sup> building on the public square of Boonesborough

(When the Court met in May 1847, it contracted with Alfred T.

Byler for a Court House. Twenty-five hundred dollars was appropriated to build a brick building 50x70. The foundation was made of cut stone. The bricks were made and the stone quarried in the county. The pine lumber was brought from St. Louis to Marion by water and on to California by ox cart. (The lower story of the building had two small offices in the south side. There was no door on the north. On this end of the building ~~but~~ a winding stair led to the second story, <sup>which</sup> ~~there~~ was one large room. The windows, a revival of the classic, had small panes. (W.C. Young was paid \$250 for the foundation and an addition - 2/ amount of \$136 for his work. William Vanover received \$550 for his work on the house. In February 1848, S. DeSpain reported that his work was about finished but resigned and it was completed by Vanover and he was paid the balance of \$400.21. Alfred Byler was granted \$1045.60. The actual cost of the building was \$ 2,176.85. A "Ben Franklin Lightning Rod " was put up by B.F. McCollister <sup>for \$16</sup> / "ready for the storm". (The building was opened November 12, 1849. A grand ball was held to celebrate the opening. Headquarters were set up at the Wood Hotel. The ladies were admitted free. The fee for the men was \$2.50. This paid for dancing and four large meals. Many young people came for the occasion. The ball began at 1p.m. and lasted until noon the next day-24 hours.

(By the year 1867, there was a demand for a new Court House to be erected on the present site. The old building was in a ruinous condition and was "a dangerous cracked rookery". Estimation for the cost was between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Controversy arose as to where it should be placed. In the period since the Atlantic

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Pacific Railroad had gone through <sup>the</sup> town, business sections had grown up near the railway station and on the corner of Oak and Howard streets. There were those who felt the Court House should be located half way between. But the downtown opinion prevailed in that it should be put on the top of the hill.

(On April ~~the~~ 12<sup>th</sup>. H.C. Finke bought the old Court House for \$500, and the offices were temporarily moved to a frame building which stood on the northwest corner of ~~Oak~~ <sup>High</sup> and Third. The foundation of the building was laid by Charles <sup>Asahi</sup> Ashai. The building was to be 89x54 feet. The size of the Court Room was to be 54x54. This room was on the second floor <sup>and</sup> which contained convenient rooms for the jurors. This was reached by a stairway on each side. (On the first floor were to be seven rooms for the county officials. The rooms were to be well finished and furnished. At the southern end was to be a semi-circular portico supported by cylindrical columns of Corinthian architecture. The building was completed and the County Clerk moved back to the Court House on April 8, 1868.

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(In 1887, the Court House received some repairs. The floor was raised and joists put in. The building was strongly braced with iron rods. H.Hern was the contractor for the work. However, the first major improvement was in May 1905. At this time the Court House received a new roof with guttering instead of valleys. The roof had never been satisfactory. The cupola <sup>which was 8 ft high</sup> was made new and more modern. The iron ceiling in the Circuit Court room was painted as well as the woodwork and washboard. The walls were newly plastered. Windows were to be renovated and modernized. The editor of the newspaper commented that he hoped they would "conclude to put in new style windows."

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(The first jail was built in 1848. It was a stone building with two or three cells. There was no jailer on duty at this building. At that time there was not too much crime and no longer were people imprisoned for debt. Actually, the jailer at that time lived eight miles from the jail. Arrangements had been made with the Wood Hotel to feed and care for the prisoners. On June 18~~th~~, 1859, a contract was let to Mr. McKim for the building of a new jail. The amount of the contract was for \$3,445. Mr. McKim paid \$300 for the old materials.

(A cry went up in the year 1894 for a new jail, for disease and pestilence ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> breeding in the jail. But 1898 was a campaign year and there being politicians in that year, too, it was not safe to suggest it. The demand for a new jail continued in 1899, but people feared debt so it was felt there should be some <sup>other</sup> way for raising the money. In 1901, it became a necessity. Fire broke out at Mengel's Lumber Yard on the northwest corner of the Square. It spread to a dwelling of Charles Asahl and eventually consumed the jail. [In the last part of April 1902, the County Court accepted the plans for the new jail as drawn by George E. McDonold of Kansas City. The building, according to the editor of the news " was to be a handsome one". It will contain 3 cellars, kitchen, dining room, parlor, two bedrooms, and a sitting room for the jailer and his family. The part reserved for the prisoners will contain eight cells, four for males, two for females and two bathrooms. There will be two porches. The building will have a tin roof, brick walls, stone foundation, and chrome steel cells. The front will be of pressed brick with stone trimmings. It will look more like a residence than a jail."

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Besides the buildings mentioned, several in the Boonesborough area have passed the century mark in age. The third building from the north corner on the west side of the Square was built by Henry Rose in 1859. He offered it for sale January 1861. After another transaction involving \$2005, it was purchased by A. Gropp March 1865 for \$2000. In 1880, Charles Zurmuehlen purchased this building from A. Gropp. In 1877, he was doing business in the J.N.E. Moser building a few doors to the south. Mr. Zurmuehlen lowered the floor and put in an entire glass front. This building was principally used for a bakery and a confectionery. He added a soda fountain and in 1888 he introduced the "milk shake" to the citizens of California. (To the north of this building, a new building was built in 1894 by A.F. Snow. It was taller than the Zurmuehlen building so Mr. Zuhmuehlen, in order to make his building the same height as the Snow building, ~~he~~ added a top story. This made a four story building including the basement. Evidently someone miscalculated for the results are visible today.

The fourth building from the north was known in early days as the Weeneke building. Originally this ground was owned by T.E. Dickerson. In 1867 Christopher Weeneke bought it for \$2500. The Messerlis, grandparents of Lawrence, Ella and Clara Hert, lived upstairs about this period. At sometime ~~it~~ <sup>the building</sup> was used as a saloon.

The Bank of California began business ~~August 12th~~ <sup>Dr.</sup> 12th, 1867. The directors were J.P.H. Gray, Dr. William Hedmon, S.H. Owens, E. Burke, Wm. G. Howard, Wm. Fulk, J.D. Adams, N.C. Rice, R.Q. Roach, and W.D. Adams. The erection of the building began on August 10th. A two story building belonging to the Odd Fellows

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stood on the corner at the east end of the block south of the Court House. It was here on the lower floor that the bank carried on their business until their building was completed. On September 17, 1870, the bank became the Moniteau National Bank. In 1877, the second story was added to this building.

(On the southwest corner of High and Main a building was erected by J.F. Davenport in 1868. On February 26, 1863, he had purchased this corner from Henry Tenbrook for \$425. Mr. Davenport operated a business here selling brandies, wines, whiskey, beer, cigars and tobacco. He served lunches each day. There was also a billiard table in his building. In 1871, he sold the building to C.G. Hickcox who opened a general merchandise store there continuing in business for a short time. (In 1875, it was purchased by F.W. Sarman for \$6000. The upstairs was fitted up as a residence. In 1891 the business went to Tillman A. Todd. In 1894, Tillman Todd moved uptown to the new Fink building. F. W. Sarman bought this business. In 1869 the building on the s 1/2 of lot 2 was built by Mr. Davenport. It was purchased by Will F. Meyer for \$1450. He was a tailor and operated a clothing store. (From Mr. Meyer, Simon Schneider came in possession of the building and had a restaurant. In 1891, it was purchased by F.W. Sarman. He fitted the upper story for offices, which opened into a hall. This was reached by a stairway opening on to the street.

(Across the alley way south of the H.C. Fink building a drug store was built by Owen and Todd and also served Dr. J.P.H. Gray as an office build

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( Entering the seventies, there are several buildings that within a few years will be a hundred years old. The City Hotel dates back many years but because there was also a City Hotel uptown it was difficult to separate the two. Previous to 1872, the owner was Seb Hoffman. On the morning of Feb~~ruary~~<sup>ruary</sup> 6, 1873, between the hours of two and three a.m. fire broke out in the hotel. The building was completely destroyed as well as the furniture and beddings. Mr. Hoffman lost his gold watch and \$800. The loss was between \$10,000 and \$11,000 with \$8,000 insurance. (The building was immediately rebuilt by Mr. Hoffman and opened September 4<sup>th</sup>. 1873. A grand ball was held in celebration with supper and dancing. Music was furnished by the Silver Cornet Band and Freeman's Quadrille. In 1893, the building was taken over by Jacob Schmidt and <sup>he</sup> made some changes and improvements. In the same year it was leased by William Born and the next year he purchased it. The board fence that included the sample room was torn down and the yard opened up for the convenience of guests. ( In 1895 the entire building was renovated. Carpets were put in the parlor and many rooms. The walls were papered. Miss Christine supervising the work. In 1896, Mr. Born purchased an omnibus for a comfortable and easy convenience for people going to and from the trains. In 1898, the hotel was sold as Mr. Born retired. T.B. Sanders took over the hotel on December the first.

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( On the corner of East and Main at the <sup>near</sup> northeast corner of the Square, W.G. Suggs had a carriage and wagon business. L.L. Carter, writing in 1939, stated that there was a building there when Hert and Roth went into business in 1874. This building of Mr. Suggs was no doubt the building that stood there when Hert and Roth opened their Wagon and Carriage Works. This was the beginning of a business that operated for fifty years. In 1885, they

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added a warehouse to the east side of their building. This was a building 40 by 97 feet. It contained a blacksmith shop, paint shop, woodwork shop, and a display room. There were always between thirty and fifty men employed here.

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Early in 1876 R. Kiely <sup>and Bros.</sup> began to move in lumber on a lot on the east side of High street. Here they built a commodious warehouse which was finished in 1876. <sup>One Kiely placed</sup> In 1891 an elevator ~~was placed~~ in the building. This building is on the northeast corner of Third and High. <sup>and now</sup> ~~The building~~ is the property of Schiedt Hardware. In the early days farm implements were sold here.

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In 1885 Dr. J.P.H. Gray built a building on the west side of High next to Todd-Owens Drug building. This was a two story brick 27x 65 feet. The builders were Bishop and Stevenson. The work began on August the 13th. In 1886, a unique hitching post was put in front of his drug store. It was a jockey with outstretched arm holding a ring. The jacket was red and the pants were yellow. The top boots were black. This little jockey was to represent the famous jockey, Hall.

The next building south was built by Fred Hemple in 1898. Upon completion of the building it was occupied by J.T. Buchanan, druggist. In August of this year the houses were wired for telephones. This building became the office for the telephone headquarters. By November telephones had been placed in 70 places <sup>and</sup> It was expected that next year the fee for telephones would be \$1 per month.

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was built by...*

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On the corner L.F. Wood built a building in 1898. It was first occupied by Leader Shoe and Clothing Co. In 1903 it was purchased by Ferderick Rombach.

At the end of the next block on the northwest corner, William Barnhill built the building in 1893. It was occupied for a number of years by the Acklin Jewelry Co.

[ The Eitzen block, which is the extreme south border of the Boonesborough Area, was built in 1902. It was built by Charles A. Eitzen for the use by the U.S. Government for a postoffice. The building was 50x60 feet with two floors. Ceilings were 13 or 14 feet in height. It was built of pressed brick with stone trimmings. The cost of the building was \$6000 and furnishings added \$2000 more to the cost. [ The room used by the government was 26x43 feet including the vault. There was 7.6x6.6 vestibule for the corner entrance. There were 300 keyless boxes and 80 large ones. There was a back room 21.6x15 with an entrance on South street. It was opened for business on June 27, 1902. A few weeks later Mr. Eitzen donated a clock for the postoffice which cost \$38. The <sup>first</sup> ~~first~~ week people ~~could~~ go in at any time and get their mail, but an order came from the Post Office Department that the building would have to be locked except when someone was on duty. Soon this order was rescinded after the people raised a furor. G. Haldiman was the Postmaster at this time.

[ About the turn of the century the California Iron Works was located across the street from the 1902 Post Office and on the present site of our Post Office today. W.B. Craig operated this business and was the agency for the Studebaker car at some later time.

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(On May 7, 1888, the last brick was at noon on Saturday for the new Opera House. (For the benefit of many people it might well <sup>be</sup> to ~~say~~ <sup>state</sup> that the present Ritz theater was for many years an Opera House.) Petty and Stevenson were the home architects. W.R. Bishop was pushing the carpentry work, writes the news editor. "This is an Opera House of no mean proportion." (By July 23<sup>rd</sup> the gas chandeliers had been put in place. The seating capacity was for 600 persons. Above the Opera House were halls dedicated to the Masons and the Oddfellows. Ushers for the evening performances were H.E. Blakeman, N.C. Hickcox, and Charles E. Pearson. The first performance was on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a musical concert directed by Prof. Lenzen. People were urged to buy their tickets early.

(In February 1888, the Opera House building, with seats, gas fixtures, and scenery were sold under a deed of trust at the Court House. It was bid in by Dr. J.H.P. Gray for \$4,600. A stock company was formed selling shares. In 1890 a dividend of 4% was declared.

(In 1891, the Opera House stage was made 8 feet larger. The dressing rooms were placed in the basement. In 1894 billiard tables were placed in the basement.

In 1875, the California Fire Department was organized. The extent of the organization was a fire captain and three lieutenants. The only water available was cistern water. They had no hose or engine for the pumping of water. The only means for fighting fires was with the bucket brigade. A building could only be saved if the wind were in the right direction.

Droughts came frequently. In August 1874, the cistern at the Court House had completely failed. The editor of the newspaper stated that it was easier to get whiskey than it was to get water.

Cisterns were the only source for getting water. In 1885 it was decided to drill a well on the Court House lawn. Artesian wells had not been used before. Water was abundant but they had to have the necessary force to bring the water to the top. A soliciting committee was formed to obtain enough money for a windmill, a pump, and troughs for watering the stock. At this time there was a fence around the Court House yard, and hitching racks around the outside. This was a nuisance and inconvenience but they were necessary for the good of all. In 1886, Dr. Gray set up an artesian well in front of his new drug store and Markworth Inc. drilled a well in front of their business on the east side of the Square. At least three wells were drilled <sup>up town</sup> near the railroad.

~~In May 1884~~ Gasoline street lights were installed in California in May 1888

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The Boonesborough/suffered from four great loses by fire in the period between 1898 and 1906. On the south side of the Opera House there were four one story buildings owned by W.C. Finke. One was occupied by Herfurth-Buchanan millinery shop, a grocery store operated by J.S. Cooper, Henry Gentzsch's barber shop and a fruit store occupied by Tony Candito. Just at the time church was out on Sunday morning, ~~December~~ 1, 1898, someone walked into the fruit store of Mr. Candito and informed him his building was on fire. The four buildings of Mr. Finke were destroyed. It was one of largest fires California had ever experienced. Mr. Cooper was able to save everything in his store. Henry Gentzsch saved his stock and furnishings. The millinery stock was damaged. The Candito, <sup>contents</sup> ~~was~~ removed / <sup>with some damage.</sup> The regalia of the Odd Fellows and Masons over the Opera House was damaged to the extent of \$400. The editor of the local <sup>News</sup> commented that we are practically in the backwoods when it comes to protection. We need to construct cisterns and engine houses."

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W.C. Finke announced that in the spring/the construction of good business houses. In November 1899 the building was finished. The rooms were handsome. Kate Peaker's ~~with a~~ millinery shop was next door to the Opera House. The other building was occupied by Henry Gentzsch with the barber shop. The Peaker family <sup>have</sup> ~~have~~ the residence rooms upstairs. The building has a beautiful front and is quite an additon to the city."



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(On the west side of the Square on the south end of the block are three lots of 42 feet each. Two of these lots toward the north belonged to J.N.E. Moser. Mr. Moser was an ice dealer and had a saloon for a great number of years. (In the year of 1885, J.N.E. Moser and W.F. Sarman hauled 60 tons of ice for storage until the coming summer. Twelve teams were required to do the hauling. It was taken from the Moreau and the Railroad Pond. The ordinary depth of ice was six inches. This particular winter the ice that was taken was eight inches thick. Mr. Moser retired from the saloon business, when new liquor laws were passed.

(Mary Moser, the daughter of J.N.E. Moser, was the wife of Henry Herfurth. *The one story Moser building, known as Union Hall, was next to Zummucklen's.* This particular building became Herfurth - Buchanan *and a second story added in 1898* selling merchandise. The building was improved, In 1891, the building was torn down and a new ~~building~~ <sup>one</sup> put up. J.N.E. Moser contracted with Sprouse and Ross for ~~building~~ the new building. The front was beautiful and something different. In 1891, the business of Herfurth and Buchanan was incorporated and became Herfurth - Buchanan Mercantile Company. H.B. M. Co. appears on the marker over ~~the site~~ <sup>this building</sup> today.

(The next building belonging to Mr. Moser was built about 1872. C.G. Trieber had a clothing store in the south. Mueller - Ashahl, a saloon, in the north building. The Messerlisch had a bakery, probably south, about 1865.

(In April 1871, negotiations took place which involved Peter Conrad, Charles Doellinger, and L.M. Messerly. This represented the purchase of the south 42 feet. In April 1872, a contract was let by Conrad and ~~Doellinger~~ Doellinger for building a block of brick buildings. (A block today means

from one street to another. At that time a block meant the lot upon which the store was to be built. Every building was called a house, thus, a dwelling house, a tenement house meaning rented property, a Court House, school house, church house, store house which was a place of business, and a public house which was a hotel. ~~This was~~ immediately south of the Moser building. It was to be two stories high, with 43 foot front, and 55 feet deep. It ~~would~~ have a commodious basement with steps leading from the street. Interpretation here was difficult, since it so nearly described the building which stands on that corner today. After continued research it became evident that Peter Conrad's meat market, which was on the corner, was at that time ~~in~~ a one story frame building. This information has given rather a definite clue as to when some ~~of the~~ pictures were taken.

As these buildings stood in 1901, at the south end ~~was~~ Peter Conrad in a little frame building with his meat market. It must have been very small, since the size of the building ~~he was building~~ <sup>of 1871</sup> had a 43 ft. foot frontage. ~~consideration might be given for property lines that he could have gotten~~ ~~in to street which probably had no marked boundaries.~~ The next building belonging to Peter Conrad was occupied by R. H. Garrettson with a general merchandise store. In the Moser building was C.C. Trieber with <sup>1</sup>clothing store and merchandise on the second floor. Next to this was Mueller-Asahl saloon. The next block of buildings was Harfurth-Buchanan Mercantile.

Every year or two California had a fire, but on Sunday morning, May 20, 1901, it was visited by the probably the biggest fire in the history of the town. When the fire was discovered the rear of

Mueller-Asahl was on fire and had made good headway. Since it was impossible to enter the room, the entire stock on the ground floor, the second floor and cellar <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ destroyed, as well as all the books of the firm. [The Herfurth-Buchanan Mercantile Co. was ablaze and word was given to rush the merchandise out of the building. The stock was a big <sup>one</sup> and soon the crowd had the Court House yard covered with a big stock of laces, ribbons, and dry goods generally. Very little was removed from the grocery department. The flames crept up to the second floor where L.L. Carter had established the Herald office. (The crowd turned loose on Trieber's Clothing Store and rushed a big lot of stock to the street. Yet a considerable amount of the clothing was on the second floor and it was consumed by the flames. No one seemed to take the responsibility of breaking into the store of R.H. Garrettson, and when the doors were opened it was too late to save but little of the stock. Much of the goods of <sup>the</sup> Conrad Meat Market was saved, although an adjoining back building with quite a stock of meats was consumed.

(There was little or no wind and with a hose and a stream of water, three of the buildings could have been saved. Bucket brigades worked manfully upstairs and downstairs and saved the buildings on the north. <sup>The two</sup> ~~These~~ story brick occupied by R.H. Garrison, the two story building occupied by C.C. Trieber, <sup>the Mueller-Asahl building</sup> and the one story frame of Peter Conrad's meat market were all consumed. Garrettson insurance had run out. Property loss from the fire amounted to \$20,000, none of which <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ completely covered by fire ~~insurance~~.

(The next week's issue of the newspaper announced that Ben Inman was busy cleaning up the debris from the fire. All are rebuilding from the loss. There will be two <sup>new</sup> Conrad buildings and two <sup>new</sup> Moser buildings.

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( G.A. Burkhardt was one of the first merchants in California.

In 1857, he purchased the business from Conrad Meyer. He began his merchandising in partnership with C. F. Eberhardt. The store was a general merchandising, selling groceries, clothing, furniture, and queensware. The ~~store~~ <sup>business remained</sup> has stood on the northwest corner of the square since its beginning. (The Burkhardt family lived in the upper rooms for many years. Here were reared Ida Burkhardt Fulks, Julia Burkhardt Blumstengel, Laura Burkhardt Snow, and Cornelia Burkhardt Born. Many happy occasions were experienced here by the family including several weddings of the girls. In 1892, a partnership was formed for the operation of the store between Mr. Burkhardt, A.F. Snow, and Robert Blumstengel, sons-in-law of Mr. Burkhardt.

( In February 1905, fire consumed this building with an estimated loss of between \$28,000 and \$30,000. At this time on the second floor, were the offices of Hunter and Kraemer, lawyer and abstractors, and C. M. Gordon, a lawyer. Law books and important papers were destroyed. Some books and papers in the safe were saved but were charred by the heat. Dr. Klueber, well known physician of the day, had a sleeping room on the second floor. He escaped with only his pants and boots. Besides the general merchandising store, Robert Blumstengel operated a hardware business. To the east of the building was the building that had been the Wood Hotel. For a number of years this building had been used by Peter Herfurth for the manufacturing of buggies and wagons and as a blacksmith shop. At the time of the fire the business was operated by Sonnen and Eckerle selling fine carriages and wagons. The building was ~~completely~~ <sup>partly</sup> destroyed. ~~Time has permitted the removal of~~ the wagons and buggies and much equipment to the Court House lawn.

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The Nischwitz Furniture and Undertaking building on the north side of the Square was not destroyed. In 1909, E.C. Nischwitz built a new building which was destroyed by fire in 1921.

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Immediately, Mr. Burkhardt rebuilt a <sup>improved</sup> ~~larger~~ and much larger business ~~house~~ and the same business was carried on. At the present time the building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Friedmeyer. They have a deep appreciation for the past. In preparing the building for their use in the California Construction Co., they worked around the old foundation of the building as it was built in the original building of 1857. On one of the plastered walls of the second floor are inscribed signatures with dates that go back of 1900. Also, the date marker bearing the date 1857 is left undestroyed.

Frederick Markworth established in 1854 as a wholesale and retail dealer in saddles, harness, and findings. Henry Begelman was his partner until Mr. Begelman's death ~~in~~ 1865. In 1878, William Heck joined the business and it became Markworth Inc. In 1888 a new building was built. In 1900, Mr. Heck became the sole owner of the business. Also, in that year an addition was made to the rear of the building. This was a three story building of 32x32 in ~~dimension~~ <sup>width</sup> ~~there was~~ a basement. One floor was used for collars, one for harness and another for a display room.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1906, fire was discovered in the Livery Stable belonging to L.A. Schmidt <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ was located on the southeast corner of the square. It was discovered at 1 a.m. The lower story of the building was where the horses were kept and it was all ablaze when it was discovered. Twenty-two horses were cremated in

this holocaust. Not an animal could be saved. Not even the office fixtures which were in the room above could be reached. L.F. Wood's law office was in the second story of the building and not a paper was saved. An excellent law library went up in flames at a loss of \$2000. Mr. Schmidt's loss was severe. Eighteen of the horses belonged to the stables, four of them to outside parties. James L. Buchanan kept his family horse and surrey there. ~~that were burned~~. To Mr. Buchanan, the horse was a great favorite and he would not have taken less than \$500 for it. Nim Wear had stopped there the evening before and left two horses and a buggy, all being consumed. Price James had a horse and two rigs at the stables. (Dr. Wm. Horst, a veterinarian, lived on the second floor. He did not have time to get his clothes on, He donned them outside in the sleet and the snow. He lost his library and masical instruments. Arch Linville, sleeping in the office, made his escape with clothes only.

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(The wind being from the northeast was decidely favorable for the William Heck Saddlery Establishment. An artesian well had been drilled in front of the store a few years before so water was very accessible. Still there was no hose or hand engines available. The fire was well underway, <sup>when</sup> a start was made to remove the saddlery stock. The dividing wall of the Heck building weakened and the fire spread rapidly and consumed everything. The safe, books, and probably \$2000 of goods was saved.

(Edmund Burke's law office north of Heck's was saved, but much damage was done as everything was moved from the office and scattered over the Square. This building was a landmark of the city at the

time. It had been occupied by Edmund Burke continuously for <sup>51</sup>~~fifty-one~~ years, since 1854. A frame building standing north of Mr. Burke's office, belonging to Mrs. Lewin Ryan, was torn down to prevent the spread of flames. The two story brick on the north corner, which had just been purchased by L.L. Carter and George Ingersol for the Herald office, was saved.

Conservative estimates placed the loss at \$50,000. About fifteen men <sup>were</sup> employed at Heck Saddlery and ~~will be~~ <sup>were</sup> out of work for some time.

The March 29th. issue of the paper stated that Mr. Heck had established business temporarily in the two Gray buildings on High Street. Everything, Mr. Heck said, was in order. Goods were coming through and they would be able to supply everyone with their needs. Plans were already underway for the new building.

This business is probably the only business of the early days that is still operating under the family name that it had always carried, Richard Heck being the proprietor of the business today.

A few other business that operated around <sup>Square</sup> the ~~Square~~ were Francis Gentzsch, barber, Apperson Livery Stables, both on the south side of the Square. On the east side was Heinen 's Blacksmith Shop. Christ Muesch with leather goods was located ~~on~~ one time on the west side of the Square, another time on the north side. Swillum had business on the west side, Gross west of the Square. J.F. ~~Stumck~~ <sup>Stumck</sup> had a hotel over Sarman and later had a restaurant in the building that had been vacated by the Finkes.

( The building on the southeast corner of High and Third was built by Sid Kiely in 1902.

( Just off the Square are a number of residences which should be noted . On High Street just north off the Square is a snug little Swiss home built in 1874 by Frederick Affolter a shoemaker by trade. His shop was in his home. Generously he shared his home with the new comers from his native land. Mr. Affholter was the grandfather of Mrs. Oscar Wegener. ?

( West of the Court House, on North Street, J.N.E. Moser built a brick ~~house~~ <sup>house</sup> 20x40 in 1873.

( Back of the City Hotel is a white cottage that sits near the street. This ground was first purchased October 23, 1847. In July 1866, George Wachter secured it for \$800. In November 1898, Mr. Wachter died. On June 14, 1899, Johanna Unglaup was married to F. Rombach at the home of her <sup>grand</sup> ~~grand~~ mother, Mrs. Wachter. Thus this house came to be known as the Rombach house.

( On the southwest corner of Third and East streets the James Buchanan house was built in January, 1868.

( The Edmund Burke site for his home on the corner of South and Oak streets was purchased in 1855.

} The Eitzen house was built in 1898 by Charles A. Eitzen.

( The ~~Wachter~~ site for the home of Christopher Weinske was purchased in December 1874. This house is on North Street east of East Street.

( Land for the August Seyfert house was purchased in July, 1875. Location on East Street north of North Street.

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Some gleanings from the past

In 1871, the people of California raised \$215 for the ~~the~~ relief of the victims of the Great Chicago Fire. Tipton contributed \$67.

After three attempts to have a satisfactory vote for electricity to come into California, the people voted favorably on September 1894, by a vote of 248 for to 16 against. The cause of the defeat in previous voting was a fear that it would raise taxes. The light plant was built near the Woollen Mill. Lights from electricity were first turned on the last Saturday in January 1895.

The Western Union went through California in 1870.

A vigilance committee was organized in California in 1874.

Photography in California was the work of B. S. Cooper, who set up a gallery in 1869. His business <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ at the present location of Speiler- Chrysler-Plymouth. This was his residence and the gallery was across the front of his dwelling. In 1870, pictures could be obtained for 50 cents, which was on order of sixteen pictures.

When the Evangelical Church was built in 1895 (now the United Church of Christ) it was to the interest of the citizens of California to have a clock for the public good. Therefore a clock was put in the tower of the church at a cost of \$380. The city paid \$75 of the cost. The remainder by the citizens of California.

~~The sources for the preceding information have come from the newspaper files of the California De- . . . . . history~~

The newspaper files at the California Democrat from 1858 through 1905, J.E. Ford's " History of Moniteau County, Goodspeed " History of Missouri 1889" with Moniteau County supplement, information obtained from residents who have given clues as to locations of certain businesses- all have made possible this story of the environs of Boonesborough Square.

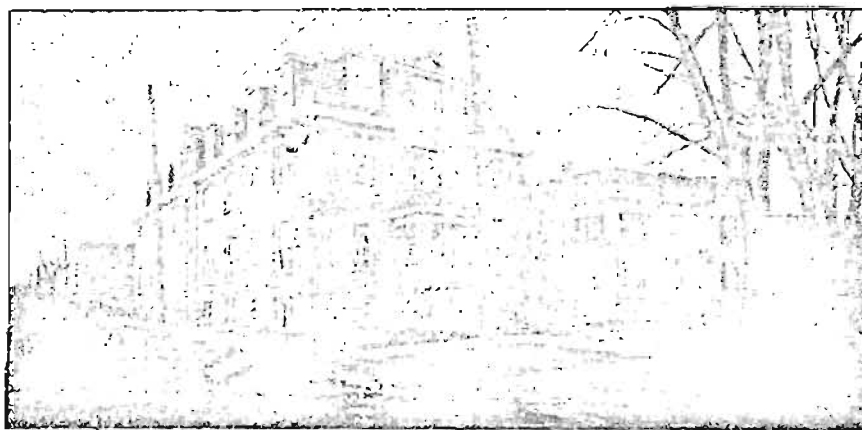
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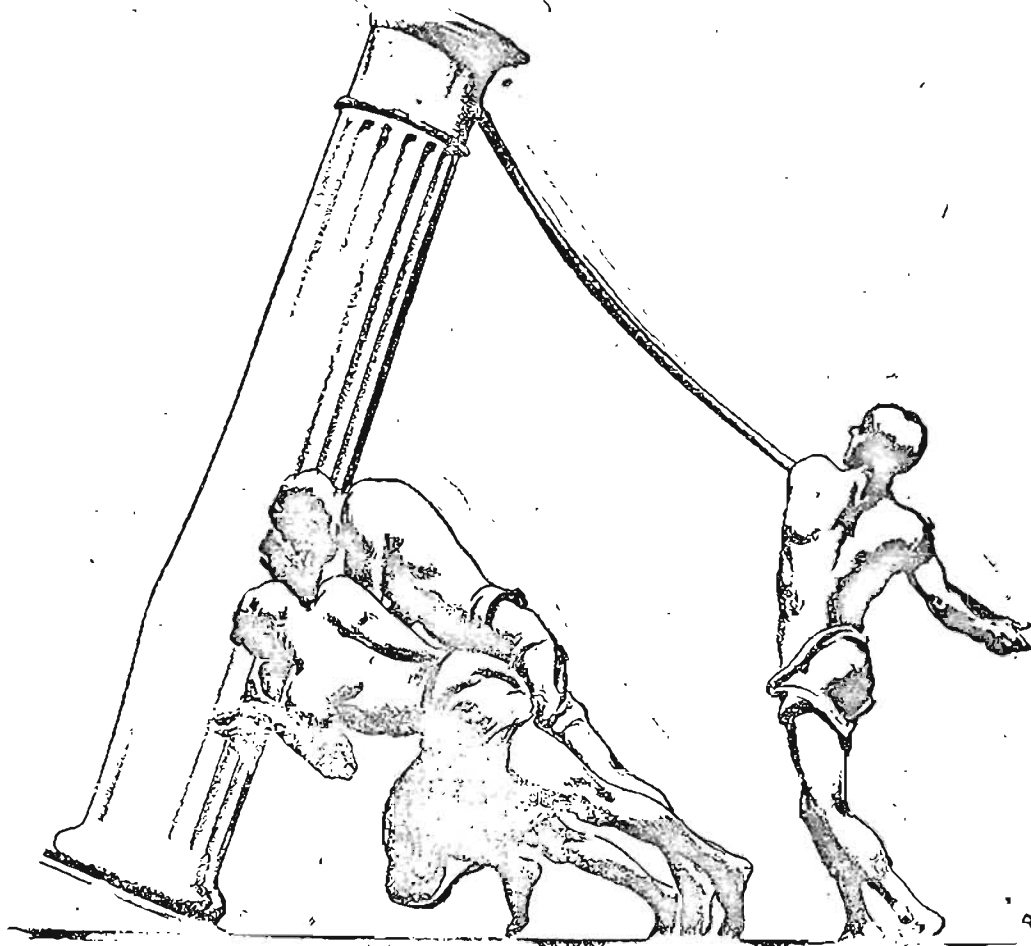
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the Early Days, and Tribute to  
Dr. H. W. Latham

I have been requested by the Editors of the Democrat and Herald to contribute a short article to the special edition and I am glad to comply with the request. In the first place I wish to thank all who have in any way helped me in promoting the building of the Sanitarium. I deeply appreciate the many favors that have been shown me and I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to J. R. Proctor, Lumber Co., Harris Lumber Co., Mr. Herman Meadors and his workmen, all of the carpenters who helped for so many months, Virgil Inman and his brick masons, Mr. Geo. Gehrig & Son, Plumbing and heating engineers and Mr. Bender, Mr. McDonald and the other painters, and Mr. Griebel, the tinner. And I especially want to thank Mr. Spruce for the efficient manner in which he has managed the construction of the building from first to last. I am also very grateful to Mr. Porter and the Electric Light Co. for many favors and most efficient service. I wish also to thank the editors of both papers for much valuable publicity and much encouragement. Also thank Mayor Kuhn and the City Council for many favors. I am grateful to all who have helped in any way, either directly or indirectly.

A great many people have asked me to state my policy in regard to how I intend to operate the sanitarium. Primarily, of course, I have constructed this building and equipped it in order to take better care of my own patients, and be able to do my work to better advantage than I have in the past. I will accept medical and surgical cases and later will have a small obstetrical department if there is any demand for that kind of service. I will not accept any infectious or contagious disease if it is recognized as such at time of entrance. In case such disease develops while in hospital it will be isolated and quarantined and cared for, according to Board of Health regulations. I extend the privilege of the hospital to all regular practitioners of the county, who may, if room is available, bring their patient here and retain full care of patient and have full charge of treatment. I also extend the privilege of the hospital to Dr. Harry Moore of St. Louis who has a wide and enviable reputation as a surgeon and is a well known native son.



THIS ISSUE DEDICATED TO  
DR. L. L. LATHAM

whose enterprise has added one of the greatest assets to a city and county rich in things which make life worth while.

In case of any accident or emergency any M. D., if he so desires, and thinks he can better care for his patient in hospital than otherwise, is welcome to any facilities that the hospital affords.

It is not my object to make any kind of a drive or campaign for new patients or more of them. As a matter of fact, for a great many years before the death of my uncle, Dr. H. W. Latham we contemplated building a hospital to enable us to care for our work more efficiently but we never quite got around to it on a very large scale. On his death I found there was left to me work that has taxed me to the utmost to take care of properly. In passing, I wish here to say just a word to the memory of the many noble old physicians who once lived and worked in this part of the state and who have now passed on—I am thinking of Dr. Russell, Dr. J. P. H. Gray, Dr. Stewart, Dr. DeVilbiss, Dr. Teel, Dr. Alice, Dr. Latham, Dr. Burke and others. We younger fellows owe to the memory of these men a debt of gratitude, that I am always glad to acknowledge, for the wise counsel they have given

us, for the helping hand so often extended and for so often giving us so freely the benefit of their experience and judgment acquired after many years of hard work. In the past several years I have had occasion to visit many of the large clinics and hospitals of this country and have come in contact with a great many physicians and famous surgeons and I have never yet met one who has impressed me as having any more general all around ability and the knack of knowing how to take care of sick people than Dr. H. W. Latham. He built a practice in a small inland country town that, so far as I know, has had no equal.

Recently I have found it necessary to have more modern equipment in order to care for my work. I want to add a line here of regret in having to leave my old home town, the town of my birth, and my many friends in Latham. I have an affection and a high regard for the good people of the Latham community that I cannot express in words. The only regret I have in moving to California is that I had to leave the good people of Latham. If it had been possible

for me to have had electricity, water works, etc. at Latham, I never would have left there even if it is off the rail road and the principal highways. That community is fortunate in having Dr. Robertson there in active practice. He is one of the Monticau county's best physicians. I hope we shall be able to help each other in the future as we have done in the past.

It is my purpose and desire to manage the Latham Sanitarium in such manner that modern hospital service may be available for the common people. While hospital rates throughout the country have not advanced any more than the average living expense has, it has reached a point where it is almost impossible for a person of average means to afford hospital services. Unfortunately, no one has yet learned how to conduct a hospital without spending quite a lot of money, and I do not expect with my small institution, to revolutionize the whole hospital business. Even at the high rates charged in the cities, hospitals are not money making institutions and very few are self supporting.

Our equipment includes modern surgical equipment. However I expect to spend a great deal more time and effort in trying to avoid operations than I will in performing them. I believe there are many unnecessary operations performed. I have no fads of any kind. Have no cure all system, no "get-well-quick" system and make no claim of having any superior knowledge of any kind. Possibly I will not operate the sanitarium according to your ideas at all. Our first efforts will be to try to please the patient.

In conclusion a few words in regard to the ones associated with me in this enterprise. My brother, R. H. Latham is general business manager, and buyer, and has charge of the drug department. Mrs. R. H. Latham, matron and manager of hotel and housekeeping department. Miss Mildred Robertson Registered nurse and graduate of Michial Reese, Chicago, is head nurse and has charge of all nursing and operating rooms. Miss Matilda Robertson, graduate X-ray and laboratory technician will have charge of that work. Mrs. Ellen Latham will have charge of diet of bed patients. Mrs. Lissie Lyles is night nurse. Miss Elsie Kumpf is stenographer. Also have competent help available for bath department and obstetrical department when they are opened.

I am not soliciting any business of any kind and do not claim to have any magic equipment but I respectfully invite all the doctors of the county to come in at any time and inspect what modest facilities I have and if, at any time, you feel you can make use of it you are welcome to do so.

We wish to thank the merchants of California who have shown us many courtesies. The furniture dealers have been especially courteous to  
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up and have sold us quite a bit of equipment at practically cost. We shall not forget the many favors shown us by all California and we thank you.

LATHAM SANITARIUM  
By L. L. LATHAM.

## LATHAM NAME HAS COSY PLACE IN COUNTY HISTORY

Judge F. A. Latham Came to County  
in 1812, and Located at  
Latham in 1858

DR. W. H. LATHAM SOON  
BUILT UP LARGE PRACTICE

The Family Was Interested in Nearly  
All of the Enterprises of  
The Town

Written in a cosy niche in the history of Monterey County is the home of Latham. In the current events of Monterey county, the name of Latham is standing out with prominence. To this name the present issues of the two California newspapers are dedicated. Energy and enthusiasm in the Latham and civic improvement, alleviation of pain and vision by Dr. L. L. Latham is represented by Dr. H. W. Latham, and vision by Dr. L. L. Latham. The aim of this edition is to notice in a way the public service and the service to humanity that has been done and is being done by the two physicians. Frank A. Latham was the pioneer of the family and came to the county in 1812. He first located on a farm near the confluence of the Moraga and Butte Fork, and had a general store on what is now known as the Tom Allen farm. Of the family of Frank Latham there were three boys, Peter Latham, father of the Sanitarium one; Dr. H. W. Latham, J. J. Latham, Mrs. J. M. Robertson and Mrs. T. A. Scott.

Lathams Bought Land  
At Latham in 1858

The Lathams bought considerable land in the vicinity of Latham in 1858 from the man who had entered it from the government. Included in this was the village of Latham site. This was first called Bitzville, but when the family of Frank Latham had all settled either in or near the town, it was changed to Latham. Dr. Latham belonged to the pioneer group of Monterey county physicians including Dr. J. F. H. Gray, Dr. R. J. Russell, Dr. James Dunlap, Dr. Redmond and possible others.

Dr. H. W. Latham who makes a part of the very interesting story of the Lathams in the Medical World was born at High Point where the family lived for a time, on March 25, 1852. He died at Latham, June 18, 1913, at the age of 61. Dr. Latham became especially noted for building a country-wide practice in a small town with the methods of the coun-



DR. H. W. LATHAM (Short Studio Photo)

The late Dr. H. W. Latham was born at High Point in 1852 and died at Latham, in 1913, building up during his lifetime at the inland town of Latham a medical practice which is believed to have been without a parallel in the nation, in a small town.

try doctor fifty years ago. His local practice was extensive, and his surgery work was done at the family home without a hospital. His son Greg who drove him over the country much of the time says if there were no tables for an operation they would take the door off and use it, thus taking care of a critical case immediately. The practice grew and grew and the reputation spread until people came from the coast and far to the east. The only reason for this was that his patients told others. In connection with this, soon came a mail order business, and when Dr. L. L. Latham became associated with him, H. H. Latham, a brother became druggist. During this later days it took five automobiles to take care of their county practice. Dr. H. W. Latham first read medicine with Dr. Dunlap at High Point, attended the Boonville high school, and attended the St. Louis Medical School graduating in 1873. His mother was a sister of Dr. Dunlap, and died in 1920 at the advanced age of 89 years. Dr. Latham was married to Miss Lela Telford of Boonville, who will be the only Latham living in Latham when the hospital becomes operative. She lives in the fine Latham home that was built several years ago and is still well preserved, and at modern

prices would cost eight or ten thousand dollars. Their children are County Clerk W. T. Latham, Gregory, who has recently moved to California, Peter C. Latham of Medford, Oregon and Mrs. Sallie L. Alexander. The only great grand child is Eleanor Louise Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter, near Fortuna. Mr. Baxter is a son of Judge D. B. Baxter Eleanor Louise's mother was Lucile Alexander, a few years ago, a California high school student. There are ten grand children, Virginia, Marian and Billy, children of County Clerk and Mrs. W. T. Latham; Lucile Alexander Baxter and Henry Alexander children of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Alexander; Gerald, Geraldine, Conway, Allen Helen and Betty Lou, children of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Latham.

Peter Latham died and the orphan children became the special care of Dr. H. W. Latham, and it is through his guidance that Dr. L. L. Latham received his inspiration to do still greater things for humanity if possible and through his vision and the necessity of caring for patients in a modern way that the Sanitarium has been built.

Dr. L. L. Latham was born at Latham July 25, 1882. He attended Barnes University and graduated from the Medical Department

in 1905 and at once commenced the practice with his uncle whom he had been assisting in vacation time. After the death of his uncle he continued the practice of the partnership and extended it, took care of more patients than before, and built up a hospital practice of large proportions. His mother and Mrs. R. H. Latham, and Mrs. W. H. Latham and many others cared for the patients. He always took a month off during January to attend some clinic and better prepare himself and get in touch with new methods. Two years ago he concluded it necessary to have a larger X-ray machine, and it was put in the Finks Building, as there was not sufficient electricity to care for it at Latham. This and the need of running water gave strength to the idea of the needs of a strictly modern Sanitarium, and the building was planned and work commenced last Spring.

Dr. L. L. Latham and  
Effie Barton Married 1915

Dr. Longan Lancaster Latham was married June 2, 1915 to Miss Effie Barton, a California girl, and daughter of former L. W. Barton. They have one daughter, Frances Wilson Latham.

Elected Director Of  
Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Latham has been considered a public spirited man, and he has taken much interest in civic affairs of California during past years. The California people appreciate this and his welcome is to be much more cordial than should a stranger have done the same thing. The business men's banquet, and the fact that he was elected one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night, before he gets fully moved to town, should be testimony of the heart felt greeting that he is to have in his new home. As one of these welcomes his issue of the papers were thought out and the idea is original, and is already receiving much comment before it is issued. A greeting heartfelt, a greeting unusual, and individual greeting from the business life, a greeting from the social life, a greeting from the professional life, a greeting that prays for and has confidence in the success of Latham Sanitarium.

Latham The Historic  
Home Of Latham Family

In the center of a rich farming community and near one of the branches of the Moraga nestles the historic town of Latham. It is given a population of 200 by the last United States census. The population did not change much in number and name for many years. Since Frank A. Latham bought land there in 1858, it commenced to grow and its industries have been fostered by the Lathams and their relatives largely during these nearly seventy-five years. In its early days the merchants were Frank Latham, Marion Fulk, Press



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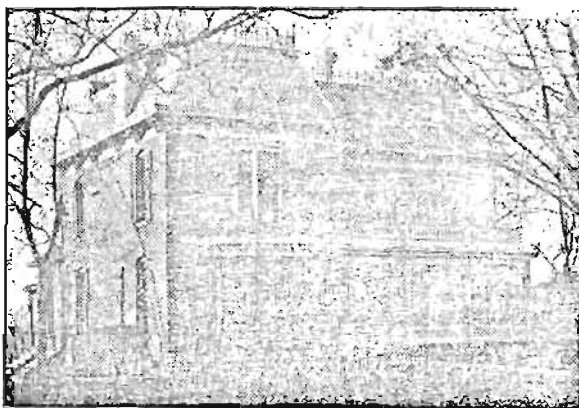
Wood and others. Dr. W. H. Latham and Dr. L. L. Latham, although busy physicians gave time to its business activities. They were prime movers in the building of the Christian church which is the only church in the town; Dr. J. M. Robertson, the brother-in-law and uncle joined with them. When U. G. Sterling ventured into business he decided to locate there, and is still running a general merchandise store. F. W. Scott, cashier of the bank, is a nephew and cousin. The Lathams were active in the promotion of the bank and both have served as officers. They were interested in the Medlin Millings Company. T. A. Scott and F. M. Hill had a hardware store many years ago and D. P. Moore was one time owner of it. J. J. Latham and R. H. Latham were in the mercantile business. For the past few years, B. L. Folks has been running a general merchandise store, and the large Folks family has become interested in the town. Mrs. Ellen Latham, mother of Dr. L. L. Latham has long been in charge of the hospital and rooming house, and has a big share in the unheralded work of the family, as has Mrs. H. W. Latham, who has helped care for the patients and has not fully made up her mind to move to California, although two of her sons are here; Mrs. T. A. Scott, a sister and aunt, and Mrs. R. H. Latham, also contributed in the work of caring for and feeding the patients who make their way to this Mecca, and the homes generally have been thrown open when needed. Alger Sterling is now running the restaurant, Mr. Moore, the mill, and Mr. Peters, the garage. The people in this short paragraph are known by many, and some of them help to make up the history of the county. Dr. L. L. Latham and his brother Robt. H. Latham owned and operated an opera house and with it a picture show. Dr. J. M. Robertson, who is a relative and has been associated with the Lathams as a physician, will remain to take care of those who may need medical assistance. Latham is a good business point, and will continue to be such, because it is in a good trade territory and has enterprising men in charge of its affairs.

Mrs. Ellen Latham  
Run The Hospital

Peter C. Latham is the third son of Frank A. Latham. He was married in 1879 to Miss Ellen English, daughter of former County Judge John English. Peter Latham died in 1884. The three children are Dr. L. L. Latham, Robt. H. Latham, the Sanitarium druggist, and Mrs. Lou Alldredge of Kansas City. Mrs. Ellen Latham has always helped care for the patients and took care of the Latham Hospital. She has an important place in the new Sanitarium.

#### Made Trip to St. Louis

Mayor and Mrs. H. W. Kuhn returned Tuesday evening from a two days visit in St. Louis.

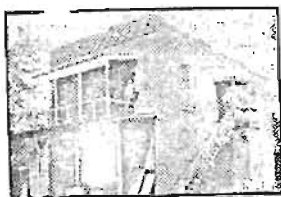


THE LATHAM RESIDENCE

This was the home of the late Dr. H. W. Latham at Latham. It is now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Lulu Latham, who is now the only person by that name left in the town. At one time there was a dozen Mrs. Lathams at Latham.

#### GROWTH IN THE LATHAM SANITARIUM IDEA

Dr. L. L. Latham must for many years have had in mind a sanitarium like the one he has placed at California, though it took him a long time to realize that ambition. A few years after he was out of medical college, he and his uncle, the late H. W. Latham, established a small sanitarium there with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Latham, chiefly in charge. Later Mrs. R. H. Latham took over much of the management of it. This sanitarium seemed to be the younger man's idea for practice for the older doctor had carried on his extensive work without a specific place for treatment other than his own office.



LATHAM'S OLD OFFICE

This brick building in Latham was built many years ago by the late Dr. H. W. Latham and served him his life-time and then his nephew, Dr. L. L. Latham, as an office until the present date. They used only the second floor, however. Untold thousands of patients from many sections of the United States have toiled up this stairway for treatment at the hands of the two Lathams. Definite plans for use of the building, now that Dr. L. L. Latham has moved to California, have not been made.

Dr. L. L. Latham will have all departments of the new sanitarium functioning by the fore part of next week, he has announced, and will take care of his practice there. It will be several weeks, however, before everything is completed and up in the shape to which he intends to bring it.

#### R. H. LATHAM TELLS OF THE OLD TIME HOSPITAL

"Yes," says R. H. Latham, brother of Dr. L. L. Latham and his right hand man in carrying on his practice, "we will be equipped to take care of patients here at the new sanitarium in a way we could scarcely imagine in Latham a few years back. Before we established the sanitarium there we just loaded the operating table up, took a few buckets and pans and the necessary instruments and went to any house in the town to do operations. It was the best we could do under the circumstances."

#### Three Teams of Fleet Horses

Citizens of Latham and vicinity for many years were able to recognize the late Dr. Henry W. Latham and his turnout about as far as they could see it. He always kept two or three teams of fleet footed horses in order that one might rest while he had another on the road. These animals drawing a buggy in which the doctor sat swaying back and forth in a peculiar movement he had as he jostled hurriedly over the rough roads became a familiar sight. In the later years of his practice before the coming of the automobile and roads which a machine could travel, Doctor Latham practically always had a driver, his son Gregory serving in this capacity for several years.

#### Heart Felt Tribute

Dr. L. L. Latham in a talk made at a banquet of business and professional men in California recently paid a big and heart-felt tribute to the late Dr. H. W. Latham with whom he was associated in the early years of his practice. "Speaking of the country physician," said the doctor, "I must say that while I have attended some of the greatest clinics in the country and have been in touch with many outstanding physicians, I have never from anyone gotten the gold hard common sense facts about medicine and surgery from anyone that I got from the old Doctor Latham."

#### DR. H. W. LATHAM

##### ANSWERED ALL CALLS

Although the late Dr. H. W. Latham always went when called regardless of weather, roads and the probability of pay, some one was once cold-hearted enough to attack and rob him on a long, lonely drive one cold night. The attack made near High Point. He was stopped by the roughian and ordered to give up the money he had on his person, which proved to be a small amount. He was then knocked from the buggy, down between the wheels, sustaining a broken collar bone. The rascal was never caught.

#### Patients Cared for by Family

Gregory Latham of California, who for a number of years was driver for his father, the late H. W. Latham, says that his father's idea in treating cases was to a considerable extent to have them cared for by their own families and to give members of their families specific instructions for looking after them. His idea was that a member of the family would usually take greater pains with a patient than a disinterested person could be expected to take. However, for the many cases which went to him from a distance, it was not possible to carry out this idea.

"You're goin' a get well," was a favorite expression of the late Dr. Henry W. Latham to his patients and the confidence with which he said it put faith and renewed vitality into many a very sick individual during the doctor's long period of practice. This, without a doubt, proved a great benefit to the doctor in his practice and must in many cases have caused persons to recover faster under his well-applied treatments they would otherwise have done.

Hunting has been one of the chief sports of Dr. L. L. Latham. The writer can recall the time when L. L. and his uncle, the late Dr. R. W. Latham brought to Latham the first motor car to be owned in that town. It was a Reo of the old type with the motor underneath and a shift bar for steering. In the fall of the year when the roads were good he made his calls in this. Tucked away in the machine was his shotgun. He often stopped by the roadside and started up a covey of quail, generally being fortunate enough to bring down one or two to take home for a meal.

From the time of his early boyhood, Dr. L. L. Latham has been a great baseball enthusiast. Latham used to turn out some good teams and he was always on them. He is likely to be seen yet in his hours of recreation in the baseball season knocking flies or playing catch with the boys.

#### Burger in Arkansas

Arthur Burger, well-known local stockman, was in Arkansas this week on a stock buying trip.

## A Community Benefit

We appreciate the fact that there has been added another enterprise to our city, one of mercy. In the Latham hospital we see our future growth assured by an institution of which any community should be proud.

The strength of a community is known by the business it does the way it does it, and the people who go to make it up. We hope to hold a place in this big splendid community by being willing to help whenever called upon and are glad indeed to be a part of the best community in the land—which we are pleased to call OUR COMMUNITY.

We would not have accomplished our desires, if we were to fail in our efforts to serve every kind of business, and take this opportunity to assure Doctor Latham that our aim is to serve, our desire to help, and our wish for his success in our community is sincere.

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Erected At a Cost of \$60,000, While  
Entire Project Represents  
\$80,000

Three stories of brick and mortar, an attractive structure with imposing entrances and lines designed to give it beauty and grace as well as strength, the new Latham Sanitarium stands in the heart of the city of California as the greatest enterprise ever brought here, greatest because its purpose and design is to give relief to suffering humanity.

Great commercial enterprises of which the city is justly proud have been developed and are now in operation in California. But because they are purely commercial they cannot be ranked with the institution to which a portion of this edition is dedicated.

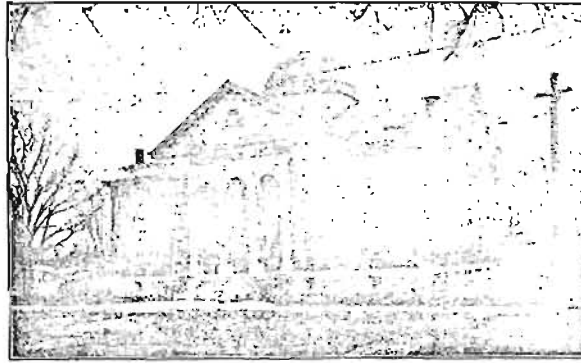
R. M. Embury, prominent local attorney, in an address before California business men at a recent banquet given in honor of Dr. L. L. Latham, owner of the Sanitarium, said that the commercial benefits to be gained by California from the coming of the Sanitarium, great though they might be, were nothing as compared to the humanitarian side of the enterprise. And Mr. Embury was right.

Few human ailments, whether resulting from accident or disease are such that they cannot be cared for, and cared for with every precaution and every effort to eliminate unnecessary suffering on the part of the patient at the new Sanitarium, so complete is the equipment. Dr. Latham's long experience with difficult cases, attendance at the great clinics and continuous study assures the correct management of the institution and proper administration of treatment.

The Sanitarium building alone represents an investment of \$60,000. This, together with the residence, grounds, stock of drugs and equipment raises the total to \$80,000.

The building has 33 bedrooms for patients along with numerous suits and rooms for attendants and for various uses in connection with the institution.

The basement is equipped with a laundry room, 25x40 feet. It has its own hot water plant, a large electric washer and a 46 inch electric mangle. A clothes chute with an opening on each of three floors above conveys and floors above conveys and the used bedding and garments to the basement, where they fall into a large covered container. This is on small trucks and can be pushed to the



THE BAPTIST CHURCH

This large, splendid building, completed just a few years ago, is perhaps the largest church plant in the city and serves as a place of worship for one of the largest congregations.

Laundry room and unloaded.

The steam heating plant with a coal bin of a curved capacity nearby, is also in the basement. Next to it is a separate heater for water.

Two rooms, each about 40 feet square, are being laid off for steam baths for certain types of cases. These rooms will be divided into compartments so that several patients can take these treatments at the same time without coming into contact with one another. One of these sections is for men and another for women.

The packing room, where medicines for patients who are being treated away from here are prepared for shipment, is in the basement. Next to it is a store or wear-room from which the stock in the drug room on the first floor may be replaced at any time.

A considerable area of the basement is available as a general store room.

Entering the building at the main doorway on the north, just across from the post office, one goes into the main reception room. It is 39 feet one way by nearly half that distance the other. In either end is a library table in the center of a large rug. About the walls are comfortable, upholstered chairs.

Two private offices and the main corridor open off this reception room. Next to the office on the west is a room for minor operations and next to the one on the east is the drug room, in which a stock valued at \$5,000 is carried. In the drug room stands Dr. Latham's private desk. The head nurse's desk and the filing cabinet stand in the corridor near the door that opens from the main reception room.

In the west wing of the building is another entrance from the north. This opens into a small reception room to be used when patients are brought in after closing hours for the regular reception room. It is next to a suit of 4 rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Latham, two of which are in the new building while the other two are in the residence.

Directly across the hall from Mr. and Mrs. Latham's suit is the kitchen,

a large room with built-in cabinets and tables, running water and large electric and coal ranges. Next to it is the dining room in which forty persons may be served at one time. Most of the tables in this are for four persons and are equipped with marble tops. A dumb waiter which travels from the basement to the third floor passes the kitchen and on this food for the patients who are confined to their beds can be sent up to the floors above.

On this floor there are also five bedrooms 12½x15 feet, each with running water and some with toilet connections, besides a handy nook under the stairway for the storing of splints for use when bones are broken, several toilets and store rooms.

The entrance from the east brings one into a short corridor leading to the main one. The drug room opens onto this at the right.

The X-ray room and its equipment is also on this floor.

On the second floor are 12 bedrooms 12½x16 feet, the operating room and 8 room suit occupied by Mrs. Ellen Latham, mother of the doctor, the physician's kitchen and numerous toilets and store rooms.

The operating room is 16x28 feet and has a smoothly finished, painted concrete floor. Next to it is the sterilizing room, which is equipped with the things needed to put instruments in condition before they come in contact with the human flesh.

Some of the beds on this floor are adjustable, enabling the attendants to put patients in various positions for both their bodies and limbs in order that they may rest in greater comfort.

At the top of the stairway leading to the third floor is a vest room, comfortably furnished with chairs and the furnishings necessary to make at ease persons waiting to see friends. There are 16 bedrooms 12½x12½ for patients on this floor and 7 rooms for help.

On this floor is also located the sewing room, in which Mrs. R. L. Latham, matron, is taking considerable pride.

The halls throughout the building, will be laid with rubber matting, thus deadening the sound of footsteps.

Rooms are furnished with a dresser, table and two chairs, besides the bed. Those without closets also have chiffoniers.

Patients who are in a critical condition will be taken from vehicles at south entrance, where there are but two few to go up to be at the door.

The hospital was planned and built by Doctor Latham as his own enterprise with only such support as it was necessary for him to secure in a financial way in his own name. He did not ask California for one cent—just decided that this was the place he wanted to build, made his preparations and stuck to them, in spite of the fact that vigorous attempts were made by other places which wanted him to locate with them to change his mind.

He kept contractors at work on the job throughout the long months required for the construction and at the same time cared for his big practice and had time for civic affairs as well.

A representative of the Victor Company was here Tuesday adding new equipment to the Latham Sanitarium X-ray machine. One of the additions was an overhead wiring arrangement which makes the machine practically free from any danger which might result from wiring.

The first patient treated at the new sanitarium was W. E. Wickham of Tusculum, who called upon Dr. L. L. Latham Saturday morning. He had gone to Latham, not knowing that the doctor had moved here. Upon learning what was taking place, he came on to California. He is a member of a family in which Doctor Latham has been practicing for some time.

Two appendix operation cases and two persons who wished to have their tonsils removed were waiting in California the fore part of this week until Dr. L. L. Latham was ready to take care of them. They had come from a distance and secured lodging until he was ready to take them in.

Before erecting the sanitarium, Dr. Latham purchased from the estate of the late Jno. M. Williams, what was known as the Sink residence property. It is a huge frame house standing in the center of grounds covering a half-block, just south of the post office. The sanitarium was constructed along the east end of this property with a wing leading up to and adjoining the residence, the interior of which was repapered and painted. This residence is now the home of Dr. Latham and family. A part of it has been included in the suit occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Latham.

Miss Florence Holt of Jeff City was a weekend visitor of Miss Myrl Kay.

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### A BIG FORCE WORKS ON IN HURRYING ERECTION

Gehrig From Windsor, a Former Resident, McDonald Contract Painter

O. E. Spruce, master architect and builder of California, is the architect of the building and Superintendent of construction. Mr. Spruce grew into the building business in California from boyhood and has been a carpenter for forty years. He has designed and help construct nearly all of the brick buildings of California and many of the frame ones. He first worked with Stevenson & Stevenson as the brick layers, then with Bea Inman and dated with Virgil Inman. The two lines of builder contracting together. In the Sanitarium Mr. Spruce was not a contractor, but looked after the contract for the different lines of work. The work commenced about the first of April and it is to Mr. Spruce's credit that there was little delay. Mr. Spruce is the architect of the Citizen home, the postoffice building, the Kelly Hardware, the Heck Saddlery, the Burkhardt building, the Finkle building, and almost without exception all the business houses, and nearly always had charge of the carpenter part of the construction. He planned the Presbyterian church and parsonage, and constructed them, Christian church, The Catholic church and parsonage, and the new Baptist church. He helped build the Evangelical church but was not the architect. There are a large number of buildings that he constructed that are not mentioned in this article for a man building 40 years can almost build a town. We doubt if any town the size of California can point to a man who has done so much construction work. He has contracted with many out of town buildings with Mr. Inman but it is not necessary to enumerate them in this article. The building of the fine hospital is a crowning event of his long and successful career as an architect and builder in California.

### Virgil Inman Does Much Brick Contracting

Although Virgil P. Inman, contractor who did the brick work on the new Sanitarium, has not yet turned his thirtieth year, he has had 17 years experience in the brick building game, first under the direction of his father, Ben Inman who for many years was a prominent contractor here, and then during the last 5 years as a contractor himself.

Virgil has done the brick work on

buildings in practically every town of any size in Central Missouri, including every brick structure that has been put up in California in several years with the exception of the Baptist church, which was built while he was putting up a high school building in another town.

His contracts during the last year totaled \$25,000 and in the last 5 years approximately \$100,000. The high school buildings at Clarksburg, Versailles and Eldon are among the large buildings he has contracted on or upon which he has directed the work. He is now completing the brick work in remodeling of the Methodist church here.

Virgil is a strong advocate of the slogan "Build with Brick." The Alton Brick company of St. Louis, from which he buys considerable of his material, thinks so much of him as a representative in this territory that it bought a page advertisement in this edition to help him promote business.

Virgil invites you to figure with him if you are contemplating building.

### Griebel Says Work

Prospects Good for 1926

H. W. Griebel, local sheet metal worker and furnace man, did the sheet metal work on the new Latham sanitarium. He has the best equipped tinshop in Moniteau county and one of the best in Central Missouri, he says—and Henry ought to know, a well-equipped shop when he sees it, for he has had 26 years experience in his line. Sixteen years of this time has been spent in California.

The tin he used at the hospital was of the best 40-pound coating quality

The spouting is of number 28 ingot, rust-proof iron, the best that could be obtained.

Among the big heating jobs Henry has taken care of in the last year was that of the new Advent Evangelical church on the Moniteau and the remodeled Methodist church here.

Mr. Griebel had an exceptionally good year in 1925 and believes the outlook for 1926 in the building line in this community is better even than it was last year.

### Gehrig & Son Do Heating And Plumbing At Sanitarium

Gehrig & Son of Windsor had the contract for the plumbing and heating of the new sanitarium. This is not the first job these gentlemen have carried on in this city. A number of years ago they were in business here. One of the big jobs they carried on at that time was the heating of the high school building.

C. J. Bender, local plumbing, steam and hot water heating contract work who assisted in the plumbing work at the new sanitarium says that the plumbing fixtures in the new building are "the best in the world." The Kohler make fixtures were used and he believes there are none better.

Mr. Bender has been in the plumbing and heating business in California for almost 12 years and is the only one in town following this line exclusively. Needless to say, with the large amount of building and improving that has gone on in the last year, he has had plenty to do.

### N. O. McDonald, Texas Decorator, Does Painting

Painting in the Latham sanitarium was done by N. O. McDonald, a

skilled decorator who holds a position with a paint firm in Texas, ably assisted by Roy E. Johnson, J. R. S. Johnson, 2 T. Thomas and J. E. Hall all local workmen.

The first and second floors are done in soft tone ivory enameled with the new shade of 2-toned brown mahogany doors and the third floor is snow white enamel. The winding stairway is beautifully done in ivory and brown mahogany. The floors throughout are varnished, and polished.

The floors were dressed with an electric sanding machine and the waxing was done with an electric polisher.

The interior color scheme imparts a more home-like atmosphere than the conventional, cold hospital white.

Mr. McDonald used 1,600 pounds of Dutch Boy white lead, 100 gallons of varnish and 70 gallons of enamel. Most of the material he bought direct from the Cook Paint & Varnish Company and John W. Massuy of Kansas City.

Mr. McDonald has received many compliments on the excellent work he has done. And he has also made a lot of friends here.

### L. W. Fuerst A Leading Decorator For Many Years

L. W. Fuerst, who did the re-decorating of the residence at the sanitarium, has held sway in California as a leading painter and decorator for many years. He is not just a painter, workman and contractor in the ordinary sense of the word, but is a real artist in his line. If Mr. Fuerst does the job, one may rest assured that it is properly done and artistic in every respect.



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## MAGNIFICENT CHURCH HOMES IN CALIFORNIA

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MINISTERS GIVE TIME

Baptist Structure Cost Forty Thousand Dollars, and Others Twenty Thousand

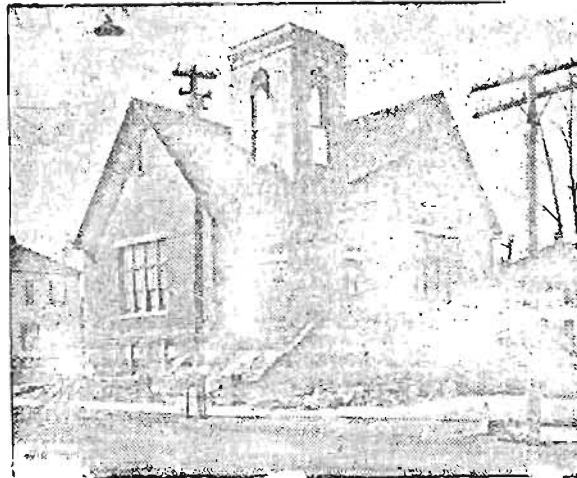
California is a city of magnificent churches, with fine groups of church workers and earnest devoted pastors. With the completion of the new Methodist church, which is near, all of the church homes are fine brick buildings, designed for all departments of church work. The Lutherans were the first to build a new brick building, which was built a good many years ago, and this was followed soon after by the Evangelical. In later years the Presbyterian, Catholic, Christian and Baptist have been built on modern ideas, and the new Methodist church is modern with the basement plan. A canvas of the city shows only about 100 of the required age who are not members of any church.

The Baptist is the latest church built, next to the Methodist and is one of the finest and largest in Central Missouri; it cost about \$40,000. It has a membership of something near five hundred and is equipped to take care of the work. Rev. F. L. Alexander came here from Richmond last spring, and has put many new features into the church work, and success of the church is noticeable everywhere.

The Evangelical church is also one of the large churches with adequate auditorium and a membership of a few less than 600. The pastor Rev. J. C. Bierbaum came here last March and succeeds Rev. F. P. Umbeck, who with his father had been pastors of the church since its organization. Rev. Bierbaum came from Lexington where he was also in charge of a large church. He is an active worker and a good talker caring for his large congregation with foresight and enthusiasm for the work.

The Christian Church was built in 1917. It is different from the other churches in that it has a two story annex with the Adult Sunday School below, and the primary rooms upstairs. The upstairs was made with sliding doors and the ladies use it for their parlors and work rooms. Rev. O. K. Posey, is serving his second year as pastor. He is an enthusiastic worker, and furnishes his congregation with carefully prepared, practical sermons. The congregation owns a modern seven room parsonage.

The Methodist church has been noticed in the write up of the new buildings.



METHODIST CHURCH

This picture shows the building in the process of being remodeled, a work which will be completed within a few weeks at an expense of \$8,000 or more.

The old frame structure is now veneered with brick, a basement has been provided and the interior entirely rebuilt. Considering the amount of money spent, this is considered the most outstanding improvement for the church-going public in California in many years.

The Catholic Church has a new modern building, and has since built a modern home for the Priest, and his needs. Rev. Frank S. McCardle, is the pastor, but has been here only a few months. The church has a family membership of about 70, which makes something like two hundred as counted by other churches. The church has fine buildings and is well equipped in every way, and an active membership. Miss Gerhardt teaches the Parish school which is located near the other buildings.

The Lutheran church has as pastor Rev. F. W. Mueller who has been with the church many years, and succeeds his brother who was also with the church a long time. The church has a good membership who are working faithfully in the Masters cause.

The Presbyterian church has active membership. The pastor Rev. William N. Dewar is a Scotchman and not only the congregation but the people of the community enjoy his different traits, and admire his intense enthusiasm and polished and scholarly sermons. In 1924 the congregation completed a fine eight thousand dollar parsonage on the church lot.

The colored people have a Methodist and Baptist church, with a resident pastor of the former.

### BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS HAVE ERECTED MANY HOMES

Two California Associations Handle Large Business and Are Popular with Builders

California has two Loan and Building Associations which have a part in the California building every year, and many have been able to secure homes that could not have done so otherwise. The associations are both

mutual and the directors serve without pay, thus keeping the expenses to a minimum. The associations have been in operation more than a quarter of a century, the first extending over about forty years.

The California Loan and Building Association is the older. The officers are J. S. Roth, President; L. L. Carter, Vice-President; L. B. Meyer, Secretary; Jas. W. Roth, Treasurer. The directors are J. S. Roth, A. J. Blakeman, L. L. Carter, O. E. Spruce, Emil Treiber, T. B. McKnight, A. L. Howard, W. L. Hert, John Weller.

The Central Loan Building and Savings Association has the following officers: W. J. Fuls, President; L. L. Carter, Vice-President; L. E. Hert, Secretary; H. W. Kuhlmann, Treasurer. The directors: W. J. Fuls, L. L. Carter, A. J. Blakeman, George P. Slegner, H. W. Kuhlmann, W. P. Handley, J. N. Sartain, L. J. Chase, L. F. Hert.

Sold Ford Coupe to Sears Roebuck

The Sears Roebuck mail order house is either well pleased with the patronage it is receiving from this territory or else it is pulling off a fairly good advertising stunt. The company is establishing a representative for their Kansas City House in this territory with headquarters at California. The Company wanted a new Ford coupe for their representative to use, so they wired to the Carr-McKee Motor Company, the local Ford agent for a cash price on a coupe. The deal was made and the delivery Tuesday morning. O. W. Leigh is the representative.

Anne Gamble and Clarence Edward Spanhower, both of California, were married at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Geo. E. Hargis, pastor of the Methodist church, at his home here.

### DR. WILLIAM A. LACEY WAS FIRST PHYSICIAN

List of the Early Doctors, Many of Whom Became Distinguished Citizens

"Dr. William A. Lacey, who died at Prairie Home in 1868," says an old county history, "was the first resident physician in Moniteau county, coming here from Virginia in 1834. Dr. Lacey settled at Old California in 1840. Dr. Ollie replaced him and died there before 1846.

"Drs. Conger, Gregory and White settled near Jamestown about 1838, Gregory moving to Marion. Dr. Cuthrie was here before the Civil War. Harrison McCampbell was at Jamestown in the 50's.

"Drs. Pendarvis, Norman, James Mitchell, S. L. Cook and Robertson came in 1858-59. Dr. Christian came in 1864. Dr. Williams came in 1862.

"Dr. Alexander came in 1865, also A. M. Redding and Drs. J. T. Smith and Dickinson early in 1866, the former leaving in 1868. Dr. Emil Jagerle in 1869. At New California, Drs. Mallon and McClure preceded Dr. Gray in practice.

"The Moniteau Medical Association in May, 1876, elected the following officers: J. P. E. Gray, president; Hugh Klueber, vice-president; James R. Todd, secretary, and J. R. Russell, treasurer. Drs. Latham, Allee, Woodul, Dunlap and Stewart were members. The John McDowell Medical society was attended in May, 1888 by Physicians H. W. Latham, J. E. Stewart, J. J. Russell, J. E. Inglish, E. Klueber, Sterling Thatcher, Frank DeVilbiss, L. M. Gray, E. L. Priest, J. P. Burke and O. A. Williams."

### Paid an Honest Debt

A man came to J. L. Bishop last week and told him he wanted to pay a debt that he owed to Mr. Bishop's father when the latter was in the Lumber business. In administering his father's estate, Mr. Bishop did not find this account, and told the man that he knew of no account against him and would give him a receipt in full for it. The man who was a former resident of the Clarksburg neighborhood insisted on paying the account, although it was outlawed long ago. His name is Turpin and he has been living in Arkansas for many years.

### The Humbolt School

The Board of Education is furnishing the California colored schools with the best that can be given them with the present building. The building is lighted and sanitary toilets were put in last year and the city water is used. The teachers are selected among the best for colored elementary schools. The school has done fine work for several years and the colored inspectors rate it among the best. Equipment is furnished as recommended by the State Superintendent. The present teacher is Mrs. Maria Hogan Wright Miller of Sedalia.



# Kossman's Hardware Store

"Remember the Place"

Kitchen Utensils, Cutlery, Tools, Silverware, Shelf Hardware, Coles Heaters, Ranges, Cook Stoves, New Perfection Oil Stoves, Garden Tools, Rullman Wash Machines, Eclipse Lawn Mowers, Meyers Pumps, Roofing, Gas Engines, Barb Wire, American Field Fence, Pattee and John Deere Farm Implements.

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California, Mo.

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Quick-Sales, Small Profit, and Prompt Service

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California, Missouri

## NEW BUILDINGS IN CALIFORNIA SHOW UP EXTRA

More Than \$150,000 Spent in Improvements During the Past Twelve Months

SANITARIUM, CHURCH, GARAGE,  
HOTEL AND MANY HOMES

Modern Homes Have Been the Rule,  
and Other Homes Have Been  
Made Modern

Traveling salesmen over this territory make it a point to arrange their schedules whenever possible so that they can spend the night at California, owing to the splendid facilities offered by the New Commercial Hotel, of which W. F. Whited is proprietor. The improvement to the hotel by Mr. Whited since last April is, in the opinion of many, the greatest boost to the city in recent years with the exception of the New Sanitarium.

Mr. Whited, who became connected with the hotel some 4 years ago, and later became its owner, saw that there was an opportunity here for a good business in that line. Accordingly, he mapped out a building program to be started last summer. A fire which caused much damage to the interior of the building and the equipment occurred April 13th, and hastened the time of starting the work by 2 months.

After a 4 months' shutdown, Mr. Whited opened again for business in August. In place of the old time-worn and unattractive interior of the years gone by, guests were greeted with an entirely remodeled place. Each of the 28 rooms was equipped with steam heat. There is hot and cold water throughout the building, new beds and bedding, carpets, rugs and window shades and new and freshly painted woodwork.

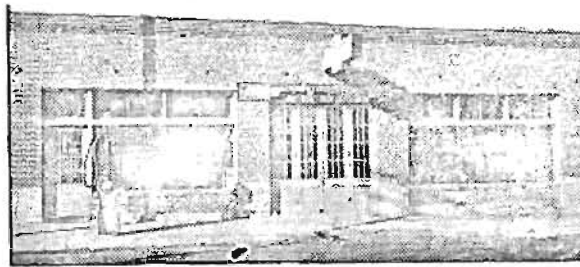
In place of the office being a small affair, it has a large room with a big plate glass window clear along one side and a smaller on the other side, giving a view of two streets.

Hardly had the hotel been opened for business until every room was filled on the rush nights of the week. And this condition has prevailed ever since. Instead of the usual dropping off of patronage, during the winter, caused by the fact that the rooms were cold and uncomfortable, business has been just as good this winter as it was for the portion of the summer remaining after it was reopend and the fall.

Mr. Whited says business has been much greater this winter than it has ever been for the cold months since he has been here and he is of the opinion that all records of the institution are being broken, in spite of its many years of existence.

The work done on the hotel last summer cost Mr. Whited \$7,500.

But the task of remodeling the old building was only a part of the program the owner had mapped out. As



THE NEW POPE GARAGE

soon as things were cleaned up from the first job he began another—that of building an addition on the east. This is a 1-story brick structure, which now houses the Hotel Barber Shop of which H. A. Dorzab is the proprietor. The barber shop was moved out of one room of the hotel, thus providing a place for a living room for Mr. Whited's family. Bed rooms for his own use were provided for in the new building.

This addition was made only one story owing to the fact that cold weather was coming on and it was necessary to push the work to a point where things could rest for the winter. In the spring Mr. Whited intends to build 2 more stories on top of it, thus adding 6 rooms to the hotel.

Along with the addition on the east in the coming season, Mr. Whited expects also to build soon on the south of the hotel, providing 5 more rooms there. This will mean a total of 39 rooms when the building program is completed.

More than 100 men were seated and served in the dining room of the hotel recently at a banquet in honor of Dr. L. L. Latham.

J. W. Pope Builds  
\$15,000 Garage in 1925

Representing a total investment which the owner says is in the neighborhood of \$15,000, the J. W. Pope garage has leaped during the past year from a business using one ordinary store room and a building on an alley to one which is housed in one of the most commodious and best

looking business buildings in the city.

Late last summer, Mr. Pope traded for a lot between the Williams Furniture and Undertaking company store and the D. L. Stark dental office and started immediately the erection of a 1-story brick building 45x100 feet. This is now completed. With a warehouse in the rear it has a capacity of 75 cars, making the greatest capacity in this line in the city, according to Mr. Pope.

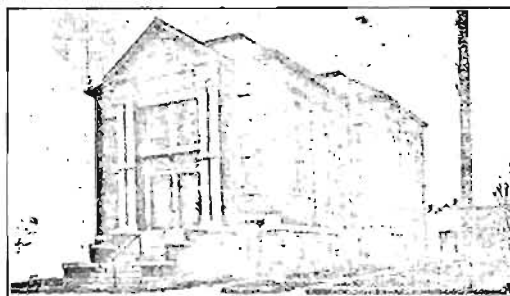
A plate glass front runs the entire width of the building. All partitions are partly of glass.

The south 18 feet is separated from the car storage and repair department by a partition which runs the entire length of the building. The front part of this, a room 18x60 feet is used for the display of Chevrolet cars, which Mr. Pope sells. Back of this comes the office enclosed with glass windows all the way around so that one can see nearly any section of the plant without moving from his desk.

Back of the office is the harness making and harness repair department which Mr. Pope carries on in connection with his garage and car sales business.

Some of The Building  
improvements of 1925

The year of 1925 witnessed the erection of more new buildings in California and the carrying on of more major repair jobs than any year in at least two decades. Local lumbermen estimate that the new buildings put up and the repair jobs represent a to-



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This building was erected some 10 years ago and stands today as a beautiful edifice, stately in appearance from without and artistic and well arranged within, constituting a place of worship for a congregation devoted to the Master.

tal expenditure of at least \$150,000.

The new Latham sanitarium was, of course, the most expensive, the building costing in the neighborhood of \$60,000. Next to this is the remodeling of the Methodist church, the remodeling of the hotel and the building of the J. W. Pope garage. In addition to these buildings, about a dozen residences were erected which range in price from the modest, inexpensive type to perhaps \$10,000.

Among these building new residences were the following:

Bernard Houser.  
Mrs. Cornelia C. Hodges.  
F. C. Harra.  
James Shull (three).  
Bart Francis.  
D. B. Chambers.  
Elmer Bybee.  
C. H. Mann.  
J. N. Sartain.  
Steve Albin.

Some of these have not yet been completed.

Among other outstanding jobs are here made or being made by the following:

George A. Wagner, Remodeling Meat Market.

Mamie Allen, garage.

Bart Francis, repairing.

Woolen Mill, engine house and remodeling.

L. L. Latham, remodeling of residence.

Godlieb Messerli, addition to residence.

Fred Monsees, new filling station.  
H. W. Kuhn, remodeling of residence.

H. S. Meadows, Wingate & Keil and Virgil P. Innman, contractors, purchased a large volume of material for concrete and brick work of various kinds.

Materials for various repairing and building were purchased by the following:

G. F. Lawson, Dr. E. A. Kibbe, A. S. Donley, William Kiesting, Fred Andres, J. J. Bishop, Chas. Collett, Henry Dorzab, Mrs. M. T. Meyer.

And there were numerous others.

Along with the expenditures for building materials and labor in connection with their use, many thousands of dollars were spent by local concerns in improvement of equipment or in purchase of new machinery.

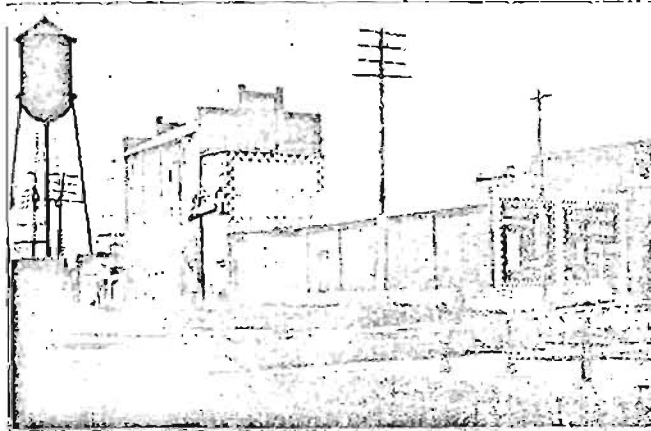
There was also considerable building in the rural district in California's trade territory, the Advent Evangelical church on the Montevue, completed late in 1925 and representing an expenditure of some \$12,000, being one of the outstanding ones.

A few farm residents were also reared, as were various outbuildings.

Attend Cousin's Funeral

J. T. Lee of California, Chas. A. Lee and Mrs. C. M. Gray of Jefferson City, went to Rollo Sunday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. T. B. Adams, making the trip in a motor car. Mr. Lee says the roads were exceptionally good.

Gattermeirs Join In the Welcome to Dr. Latham and His Staff  
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Your Motto should be—trade where your dollar has greatest purchasing  
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## TRIBUTE IS PAID TO JUDGE LATHAM BY JUDGE ROACHE

Clipping From California Democrat  
in 1896 Quotes Eulogy Given  
By Intimate Friend

### HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY CITIZENS OF COUNTY

Record of Honesty, Integrity and Fair  
Dealing Leaves Reputation Spot-  
less and Unfaded

On Wednesday evening, September 23, 1896, Judge Frank A. Latham died at his home near Latham. John R. Q. Roach, of California, delivered a eulogy over the remains, which we give below. Every word of praise spoken by Judge Roach was fully merited by the deceased and was in memory of a worthy gentleman.

Judge R. Q. Roache, an old and intimate personal friend of the deceased paid the following tribute to his memory:

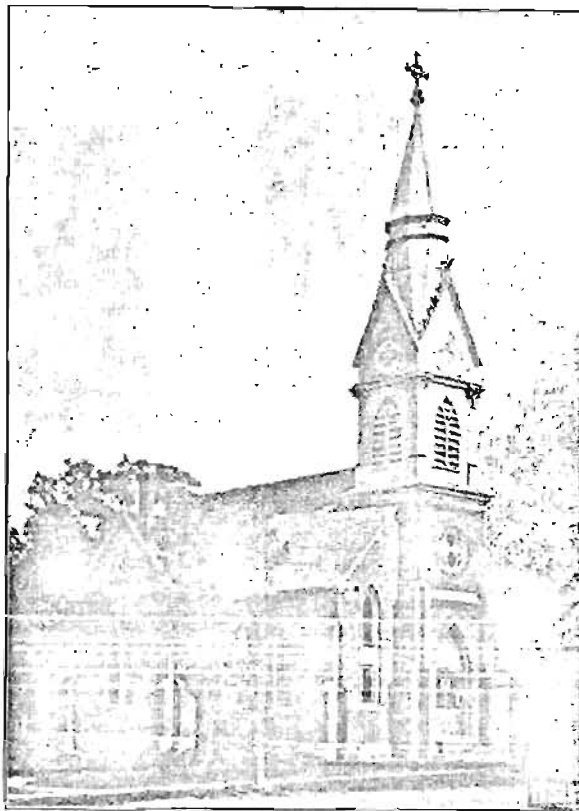
"Neighbors and friends: As one of Judge Latham's oldest friends, I have been asked by his family to say a few last words before laying him away.

Francis Alexander Latham was born April 30, 1826, in Fauquier county Virginia. When ten years old he removed with relatives to St. Louis county, where he resided until F. A. Latham was 16 years and then removed to High Point in Monticau county, so that this good man has been for 54 years a resident of this county. His youth, manhood and old age having been passed among our own people. No man was better known. No man could have been more universally esteemed. No man could pass away whose loss would be more felt. In every position in life in which he was placed he has done well and nobly.

As a business man for so many years a record of honesty, integrity and fair dealing leaves him a reputation spotless and untarnished. As the judge of the county court his economy and good management left Monticau county in splendid financial condition with good roads, good public buildings, good poorhouse and bridges and all without leaving a dollar of debt.

As a neighbor, kind and obliging, ever ready to help when called upon, and the adviser and confidential friend of everybody in trouble or distress. How much such a man will be missed.

In 1849 he was married to Sarah Dunlap and for 47 years they have dwelt together. A model husband and wife, bringing up a family of children. Some of them sadly passing away in early years, but the rest with their children, making a numerous and interesting cluster, grouped around the father and mother and making their old age cheerful and happy, and happy has been this grand old man in his declining years. Sad to part with, and yet who could wish better to round out his seventy years



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church standing just west of the Eitzen mansion, while it is now one of the older church edifices in the city, has stood the wear of time well and stands today perhaps the most ornate of our numerous beautiful places of worship.

with such a perfect life

Words cannot console this bereft widow nor the sorrowing children, but it is sweet to have the loving sympathy of our friends and they well know that we feel with them in this hour of affliction, that their loss is ours also. Soon the older ones of us shall pass over the same road, and it will be well with us if we can have the consciousness of as pure and good a life as this one just ended.

And now we are called upon to mourn over the grave of this one of our best friends.

Full of years, having passed the allotted three score years and ten, he has passed away in the midst of loving relatives and with everybody for

a friend, leaving behind him the memory of one of the most beautiful lives that is possible for a man to live. I feel proud that such a man was my true and cherished friend through so many long years. I can truly say that I have never seen a more perfect character in my long life. Not only blameless, but full of good works. To a perfect purity and rectitude of conduct he added the active, kind, self-sacrificing work that scattered seeds of kindness all along the pathway of life.

To his family none could be more patient, kind and considerate. A loving, helpful husband; a father ever guarding his children, and keeping them pure and good; helping them



This interior view shows the rebuilding and laythe work departments of the California Iron Works, of which James A. Brady is proprietor. It is a splendidly equipped institution and does all classes of mechanical work. Much work in connection with heavy machinery, such as threshing engines and separators, is done.

forward in the world and rewarded at last by having them and their descendants all around him and all worthy, respected and beloved by the entire community.

In charitable deeds he had few equals. Many poor and needy could rise up and call him blessed. Always ready and willing to help in any charitable work, much more often than he could afford. Working always to build up educational enterprises and anything that would make the people among whom he lived wiser and better. All the churches have over and over called down blessings on his liberal hand. While he was not personally connected with any church, helping and saying a good word to all, yet he was a true and consistent follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, believing fully in all his teaching and practicing in life the very honest precepts of the Savior. That he trusted in Christ only as his Savior and that he felt sure that all his sins had been forgiven him, I know from a very precious conversation with this dear friend just before his mental faculties began to fail him. In tears, and with a most loving voice he said to me, "I trust fully in Christ and feel that I will meet all my loved Christian friends in Heaven."

It is hard to part with such a pure, noble, kind and grand man. It is hard that his last days should be full of anguish and suffering. But very soon all his dear old friends will pass through the same gate of death, and the time and the way God knows best. Blessed be his holy name.—California Democrat.

### The Dr. H. W. Latham Residence

The Dr. Henry W. Latham residence at Latham, decidedly the most imposing structure in the town, was built in 1890 by the late Doctor Latham, uncle of Dr. L. L. Latham. It has large rooms. Brick for its construction was burned on land belonging to the late doctor near Latham. Its cost at that time was between \$5,000 and \$8,000 which was somewhat lower than it would have been had the brick been bought on the market.

The residence now serves as a home for Mrs. Lulu B. Latham, widow of the late doctor, who generally keeps a man and his wife living with her. Some of the rooms have been rented occasionally since the death of the doctor to boarders who were receiving treatment from Dr. L. L. Latham.

### Grandson in South Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Buchanan received a message Wednesday morning, January 20, 1896, announcing the birth of a son that morning to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Parker, and his name is to be Austin Parker, Jr.

### Mrs. Scott Leaves

Mrs. B. J. Scott of San Diego, California, left Tuesday after a visit at the home of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stevenson.

We Are Proud of the Sanitarium and Welcome Doctor Latham

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We also repair all kinds of automobiles, regardless of make or model. You  
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California, Missouri

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## SIGNS OF SPRING

We are receiving shipments of Spring Goods Daily.

Our showing in all departments will be the most complete and up to the  
minute in styles it has been our pleasure to show.

To see our goods and prices is convincing that we give the best values.

We want to sell you your groceries. We save you money.

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## TEN INDUSTRIES HELP MAKE BIG CALIFORNIA BOOM

Mills, Factories and Plants Furnish  
Employment for Hundreds of  
Men and Women

WOOLEN MILL IS THE  
ONLY ONE IN MISSOURI

Fifty One Looms Running Day and  
Night Produce 12,000 Yards  
Each Week

Towns of the size of California, which is now considered in the 3,000 population classification, have the industries to boast of that our city has, and it is due to them in no small part that we have such a thrifty community. And unlike the conditions found in many places of this size which boast of their manufacturing concerns, California has some which are of such a capacity that towns of many times the size of this would consider them major enterprises.

The Moniteau Woollen Mills alone would make up for a dozen concerns of which some might boast at other places. Ten of our leading industries are described as follows:

Moniteau Woollen Mills  
Employ 175 People

Greatest of all California's Industries is The Moniteau Woollen Mills, and it is an enterprise in which the citizens take a great pride. With its total floor space of 70,000 sq. ft., practically all in brick buildings, its 165 to 170 employees with an annual payroll of \$144,000 and an investment which amounts to a staggering figure, it constitutes an industry the equal of which can scarcely be found in another town of this size in the Middle-West.

The 51 looms, running as they do now 22 hours out of the 24 each day, are producing 12,000 yards of goods 60 inches wide each week. This in a year's time, were it all put together and laid in one long strip, would form a ribbon of goods long enough to reach from Kansas City to St. Louis, following the Missouri Pacific railway line, and extend 57 miles over into Illinois.

The mill at present is making a kind of specialty of the woollen goods in big checks from which the shirts and "lumber jack," so popular with the boys, are made.

The opening of a new finishing room a few weeks ago has made possible a great increase in the variety of goods that can be produced at the mill. Under the former arrangements the finishing room was in the basement of the main building. Light was not good there and it was not thought advisable to attempt the making of anything but darker colored goods. Now with the new room light colors as well as dark are made and the marketing possibility of the products of the mill greatly increased.

Goods manufactured at the mill here are sent to Eldon, a neighboring county seat town, and made into garments which are shipped to and sold at points as far in the Northwest as Bangors, N. Y.

Cords manufactured at the local mill are shipped to practically all the states.

The entire process of making woollen goods from the raw material to the finished product is carried on at the local mill. And a large part of the goods is from Missouri grown wool.

The mill was established in 1872 by Frank Hugelman and was later owned by Hugelman & Company with Fred Hemple as manager. It enjoyed a gradual growth along with occasional stages of depression until the World War period, when it was increased in capacity by leaps and bounds. This growth continued after the war its capacity being more than doubled since that time.

Several years ago D. M. Oberman of Jefferson City purchased the mill from James Houchin of Jefferson City and is its present owner. Clifford Costine is the manager. Chester Page superintendent, Ned Newton, bookkeeper and auditor, Harry Davenport head of the finishing department, Alden E. Walcott head of the spinning department, Otto C. Meyer head of the carding department, Geo. Heide head of the dressing department, Arthur E. Patton head of the dyeing department of the day force and Herman J. Heidle of the night force, Edward Hutchison head of the picking department. Edward Howard is engineer and Frank Walters, master mechanic.

A. B. Cole and Sons  
Weekly Payroll \$1,000

One of the big business concerns of California is that of A. B. Cole & Sons Produce and Supply Co. A. B. Cole has been in the business in California for over thirty years, commencing in a very small way buying chickens and eggs. The business has grown until the firm has 10 Branch Houses. A. B. Cole, Jr. and E. R. Cole, the sons part of the firm have grown with the business and are thoroughly conversant with all the details. The three members of the firm have always been enthusiastic for California. A. B. Cole and his son A. B. Cole, Jr. have served as Mayor and E. R. Cole is now a member of the Board of Aldermen. All public enterprises have had their support in city and county.

The ten branch buying houses are at Lohman, Russellville, Enon, Olean, Eldon, Bagnell, Versailles, Tipton, Clarksburg, Jamestown and with the main buying and shipping point at California, where much of the poultry is dressed and shipped in ear lots after being put in cold storage. The firm paid out \$1,000,000 for poultry, eggs and butter fat during the year 1925. The average weekly payroll is \$1,000.

The firm has a creamery and cold storage plant, and make ice cream

and butter, the later being shipped in large quantities to the large cities. They also have an ice plant and supply the city with ice. They are the only coal dealers in California, and there is now quite a large business in this article as few burn wood.

The Coles own and operate a 268 acre farm a mile east of California. They have a registered herd of 75 Holsteins, with Mr. Harry Black, an expert from the Wisconsin dairies, in charge. William Sunwald, is in charge of the Poultry farm which is stocked with Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns. Jess Brizendine is in charge of the general farming.

Gattermeir Milling Company  
Caters to Home Trade

One of the old time concerns that has grown in to the new as it has changed hands is the Gattermeir Milling Co. It is the successor to J. E. Person Miller who was located just across the road from the Woollen Mills. The Mill was started in 1863. The Gattermeirs, B. M. and H. E., bought the mill in 1904 and incorporated it. In 1914 the capital stock was increased and the new mill and elevator built on the present site by the railroad. Later the old Gavers mill was bought and torn down and a new brick warehouse built.

The new mill was built with the primary idea of taking care of the home trade, and to this the firm has catered both in buying and selling. They deal in large quantities and sell on a close margin. B. M. Gattermeir was president and Miller until his death in September 1924, H. E. Gattermeir acted as Secretary and Manager. Since H. E. Gattermeir has become President.

There are over 100 stockholders in the corporation, Farmers, Business and Professional Men. The present officers are H. E. Gattermeir, President; George W. Wilson, Vice-President; H. W. Crum, Secretary-Treasurer. The directors are Joel R. Allen, Jake Oesterly, L. S. Peters, C. E. Bolin, Alf Rohrbach, H. E. Gattermeir, H. W. Crum.

This firm buys all from the home producers it can get, but finds it necessary to ship in a large quantity of feed and flour, on account of their large business.

This firm is deeply interested in the affairs of the city and county and are pushing other enterprise as well as their own. The company grinds a large amount of feed as well as flour and are equipped to take care of the farmers grinding, if he desires to haul his grain in and have it made into feed. Their milling plant is a splendid and convenient one and they pride themselves on service.

Wm. Heck Saddlery Sells  
In Missouri, Kansas, Oklah ma

The Wm. Heck Wholesale saddlery, an industry which the man whose name it bears has spent 46 years of his life in building, is one of the big and important concerns of the city of California.

Mr. Heck came to California when he was quite a young man. He formed a partnership with P. W. Heck, worth in the harness business and continued associates in the business of what was known as F. Heck & Co. for the next 10 years.

Mr. Heck bought his partner out. The business continued to grow until in 1906 when the entire plant and salesroom, along with the house, was swept away by fire. Mr. Heck rebuilt at once and again the business grew. In 1919 it was incorporated. Mr. Heck is president and Geo. T. Stegner, vice-president, H. F. Heck, secretary. Mr. Heck has been with the concern for 25 years as foreman in the harness-making department. H. F. Heck, a son of Mr. Heck, has been with the firm since the close of the World War. Mr. Heck, a younger son, was a few months ago added to the personnel.

The coming of the automobile has considerable inroad upon the business, according to Mr. Heck. But the agreement did not throw up its hands in horror because of this, instead there was casting about for some means of offsetting it by branch outlets. The adding of shoeblacks a few months ago was one of the measures for keeping up the volume of business.

The Heck products are sold all over Missouri and parts of Kansas and Oklahoma.

Producers Exchange No. 119  
Has Doubled Business in Two Years

Producers Exchange No. 118 is one of the California business concerns that has developed rapidly since its organization only a few years ago and is growing with the development of the Farm Clubs and the growth of co-operative marketing. It was incorporated in October, 1920, as a local unit of the Missouri Farm Association, under the co-operative by laws of Missouri. Its business is to care for the farmers poultry, eggs and cream, and shipped feed and flour in large quantities for their use. W. Walker has been manager of the exchange since July 1923, and while he has found it necessary to be operated on in a hospital, he has always been active and public spirited. He has shown much interest in California affairs, and thinks that the co-operation of the small cities and farmers are necessary to their mutual welfare. Mr. Walker is regaining his health and at the meeting Friday night was elected a director of the Chamber of Commerce. He takes great pride in the new Sanitarium, and says he could have been taken care of at home had the building been ready when he was stricken. His daughter Naomi has been bookkeeper since about the time Mr. Walker went in. The managers before Mr. Walker were S. E. Lawson, W. Scheidt and G. C. Rosenmiller. At the annual convention of the M. F. A. held in Sahalia in 1923 the delegates voted to adopt Producers Exchange, and the contract drive com-

## HOUSER'S DRUG STORE

Established 1876

Welcomes Dr. L. L. Latham and wishes him and his hospital unbounded success.

As I look back on fifty years of drug store service to the public I know of nothing that has pleased me as much as the addition of a hospital to the health conserving agencies of our community.

May Dr. Latham and the hospital be of service to the community for many years.

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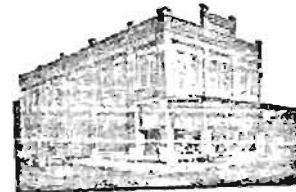
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California, Missouri



The Home of Furniture, shades, floor coverings, Charter Oak Stoves and Kitchen Hardware at money saving prices.

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We carry a big stock, have low prices and do our best to give you the service that pleases and counts.

We take this opportunity to thank the Lathams for their liberal patronage, past and present and hope our business relations in the future will be as pleasant.

**Morrow Furniture Store**



menced in Moniteau County July 28, 1924, and at the present time more than 70 per cent of the farmers of the county have signed the contract. About 50 per cent of the United States have signed the contract, and the outlook for the future is most promising. In California it is expected to provide more room for the exchange so that the business can be handled more easily and with better advantage. The time is not far distant when a central creamery will be established and California has a good chance getting it. Less than 1 per cent of the local units incorporated by the M. F. A. have failed in the U. S.

The volume of the Exchange is increasing rapidly and has more than doubled in the last two years. During the past year the Exchange handled 250,000 pounds of poultry, 10,000 cases of eggs, and 121,000 pounds of butter fat.

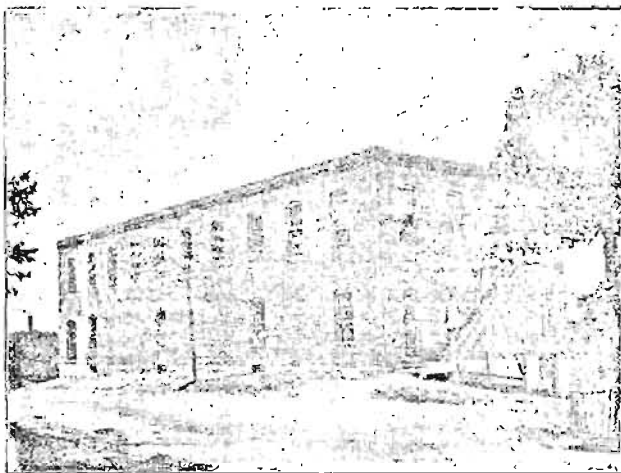
C. E. Hernleben is President of the Exchange and Wesley Keisling, Secretary. The following are the board of directors: C. E. Hernleben, Wm. Isenschmidt, C. E. Gabert, Wm. Hartman, E. W. Hodel, S. E. Lawson and C. W. Zimmerman.

The Missouri Utilities Company  
Furnishes Electricity for 16 Towns

Offices of the Missouri Utilities Company are at California. This Company has grown from the little light plant that California business men started about twenty-five or more years ago. In 1910, F. T. Porter bought the plant and has constantly improved the condition and service until a little over a year ago it was sold to the Missouri Utility Company and Mr. Porter was made manager. For several years Mr. Porter had been extending his service to nearby cities and the Missouri Utility Company is continuing this service. At present the following places are furnished with light, heat and power: California, Clarksburg, Tipton, Versailles, Eldon, Fortuna, Barnett, Syracuse, Otterville, Smithton, Buncheon, Speed, Bellair, Pilot Grove, Blackwater and Nelson. In addition it furnishes with a 630 horse power motor power for a big rock crusher near Blackwater. This plant crushes 20 car loads a day and is used mostly for the highway construction.

During the past year the Missouri Utility Company has built a net work of 150 miles of transmission lines. These 33,000 volt lines are considered the best in the state and serve the places previously named. The services are of the very best.

The communities and towns that these high voltage lines link are receiving 24 hours daily service, the same guarantee that the large city gives. Furthermore, any business enterprise that arises can receive ample energy from the many substations that steps the higher voltage down to usable power. In fact electric current is available for any demand—from the smallest light bulb to the greatest electrically driven mo-



#### O'CRALL FACTORY BUILDING

This building, which formerly served as a home for the overall factory plant, is now filled with raw material for use in the making of woolen goods by the Moniteau Woolen Mills, which owns it.

for. The very wires seem to be virtually alive, driving our factories, lighting our homes and streets with that silent but all powerful energy that only a few decades ago was practically unknown.

To maintain the present services a small army is required to handle the various phases of the work; men who have had long years of training in their particular line of work. At present the Missouri Utilities Company, with headquarters for the Central and Western District at California, Mo., is a subsidiary of the Community Power & Light Company, an organization capitalized at \$16,000,000.00 and employing in this district 60 men and women.

#### Kuhlmann Milling Co. Can Store 65,000 Bushels of Wheat

One of the great manufacturing institutions of California, is the Kuhlmann Milling Company. It has a big wholesale business in the Southern States besides the state and local trade. In the early day it was the Hobrecht mill founded in the north part of California. The Mill is now run by Henry W. and Walter M. A. Kuhlmann, the sons of the late H. E. Kuhlmann, they having bought the interest of Martin Meyer in 1925. Mr. Meyer had been interested in the Mill about thirty years. In 1895 H. E. Kuhlmann bought the Hobrecht mill from F. W. Osick Co. Mr. Meyer became associated with him the next year. The mill first had a capacity of 75 barrels a day and this was increased at one to 100 barrels. The location of the mill was found to be inconvenient and the capacity too small. It was decided in 1890 to move the Mill to the Missouri Pacific tracks which would necessitate a new building which was erected, being the larger building of the plant as it now stands. The capacity was in-

creased to 150 barrels, and a storage

capacity of 5,000 bushels. In 1904 an iron clad elevator was erected, increasing the capacity to 25,000. In 1908 a brick warehouse and office building was erected and in 1912 the capacity of the mill was increased to 300 barrels a day. In 1915 concrete elevators were built of concrete, steel and iron, with a capacity of 35,000 bushels, making the total storage capacity of 65,000 bushels. Their business is immense, and their large output in a year amounts to 31,550 barrels, and the shipping amounts to as much as 200 cars loads. The large elevator capacity of the mill allows them to buy all the Moniteau wheat they can get without having to ship any of it out of the country. They pay the highest market price for wheat and sell flour, feed, etc., to the local market. The statistician says they send the name of California out to the world 250,000 times each year.

A few years ago when the flour became so popular and was used so much they had their favorite brand "Califo" patented. H. E. Kuhlmann who bought the Mill and gave it the Kuhlmann name was a trained miller and brought the best mechanical advice into the Mill. The two sons have grown up with the mill and are thorough imbued with the practical ideas of milling and are public spirited citizens.

#### W. P. Handley Monumental Co. Sells in Many Central Counties

Established in 1873 by its present owner, under whose name the business is operated, the W. P. Handley & Sons Marble Works, one of California's industries, has agencies in 23 traveling men on the road. The entire stock for the sales in the 26 counties is prepared and supplied from the plant here.

Mr. Handley has spent 49 years of

this life building the business to what it now is.

Twelve carloads of raw material to be shaped, dressed and lettered in a modern manner are required daily to supply the demand. The concern spends between \$200 and \$300 annually on the purchase of tea signs for study and for pattern letter.

Along with this at intervals heavy expenditures for new equipment. Last fall a new compressor costing \$1,000 was installed and within a short time a sand blower will be in at an expense of \$2,000. This machine will enable one man to do the work of several in the matter of lettering.

Raw material for the business is shipped from the states of California, Wisconsin and Vermont in this country and from Germany and Finland across the water. Considerable of the red stone comes from Finland and from Vermont comes the famous "Rock of Ages."

Mr. Handley says the Egyptian style of lettering is coming back in to style and a special study of the design is being made for its presentation here.

Traveling men say that the Handley concern handles more material than the yards at Jefferson City and St. Louis combined. Mr. Handley owns his own plant and is able to operate at a low overhead expense from that standpoint, though he pays as high as \$1.00 an hour to stone cutters.

Mr. Handley says he puts on the market \$150 stones which bought elsewhere would cost from \$200 to \$220 and that this is responsible for a large measure for the big volume of business he does. Other pieces when compared run in about the same proportion.

Associated closely with his father in the management of the business is Roy Handley, an expert cutter who has worked in the plant and on the selling and installing end since boyhood. Another son, Ray, who learned the business here, is now a partner in a yard in Texas.

#### 100,000 Negatives on File In Neil Newton's Studio

Approximately 100,000 negatives of pictures made over a period of 30 years are on file at the Short Studio here, of which Neil L. Newton is proprietor. When this industry was established by John F. Short, its founder began keeping every negative. Soon he adopted a system of indexing and this has been carried through out the many years.

One may go to the studio and find the name of the person whose negative he wants. Five minutes or less later the negative will be in hand, though it may have been made a quarter of a century ago.

The Short Studio does all branches of portrait and commercial photography and all the work is done here, something of which few photographers in the smaller towns can boast.

When Mr. Newton bought the business a little more than a year ago



—40 Years of Service—

"Quality First"

Your father and mother, perhaps grandparents were customers of this store, T. J. Buchanan. Drugs, Books, Stationery, Toilet Articles Candy, Perfume.

Strangers Look for the Sign

**BUCHANAN'S DRUG STORE**

410 North High Street



**This Firm Takes Great Pride In  
Welcoming Dr. Latham**

When you trade at

**W. J. FULKS MERC. CO.**

You are assured of FOUR things

Quality—Service

Full Measure

—and—

Low Prices

Groceries—Fruits—Vegetables

**Wagner's Meat Market Joins In  
a cordial welcome to Dr. Latham**



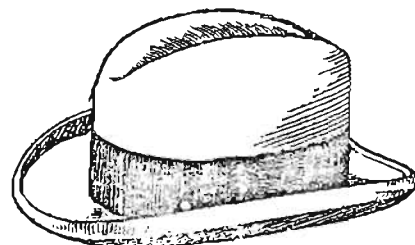
For  
Quality Meats  
At  
Sensible Prices  
Buy At

**WAGNER'S MEAT MARKET**

James Howard

W. R. Flynt

**Howard-Flynt Clothing Co.**



Men's Clothing    Haberdashery  
Fine Tailoring

California, - - - - - Missouri

it had a wonderful reputation in the world of photography, established by Mr. and Mrs. Short. And that reputation is destined to stay at its high standard, for under Neil's direction the studio is turning out as good grade of work as ever. In fact he learned the business from the Shorts, whom he was employed for 10 years before taking it over.

Several hundred dollars worth more business was done during the last Christmas season than was done the year before at the studio and the business for the entire year was up to the usual standard.

Neil has spent something like \$500 in the last year on improvements to his beautiful vine-covered building.

#### Central Bottling Works Located in New Home

The Central Bottling works of California, owned and operated by Floyd Oesterly, manufactures and sells at wholesale practically all the soda pop consumed in Montezuma county and sends some out of the county besides. In addition to this Mr. Oesterly charges storage tanks for soda fountains.

Floyd purchased the business less than a year ago. He was unfortunate in his initial year in that the summer season was short, cutting his volume of business somewhat below what he would have done had there been more hot weather. However, in spite of this, he was satisfied at the close of the season that he could make a success of the business and is going forward with plans for increasing it.

Floyd's father, Jacob Oesterly, seeing the progress his son was making with the business, purchased a building and now the home of the industry is in quarters owned by the Oesterlys.

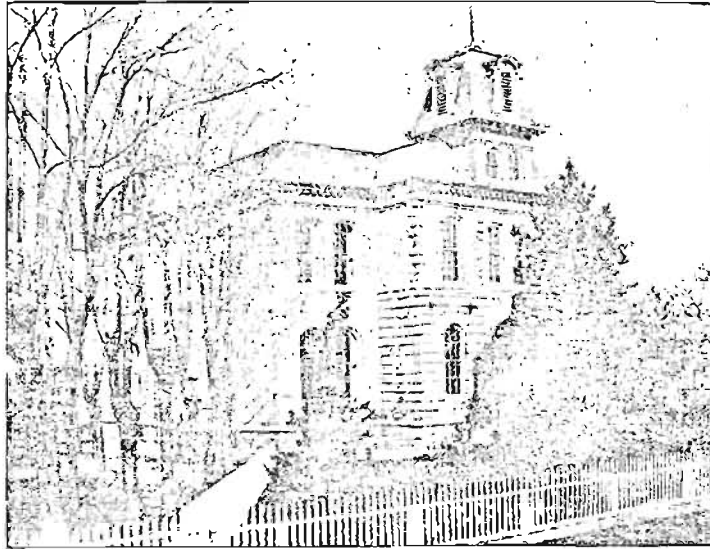
A new carbonator of 300-gallon capacity has just been installed and a new water filter and storage tank has been purchased.

During the coming season the Central Bottling Works will make a specialty of the popular drink "Blue Bird."

#### California Newspapers Are Improving Working Facilities

Covering local field almost to the point of saturation and circulating also in other counties of this state as well as in many other states of the Union, the newspaper industry in California is one deserving to be ranked as among the most important in the community. In fact it is doubtful if any of the industries would be missed more should they be swept away than the newspapers.

The Montezuma County Herald, owned by the Carter Printing Company, L. L. Carter and W. C. Carter, and edited by L. L. Carter, who has been connected with the business for 32 years, has added steadily to its equipment, purchasing some major improvement almost every year, until it is equipped for turning out an eight-page, all home print newspaper for its great list of subscribers



#### CALIFORNIA GRADE SCHOOL BUILDING

This building was erected many years ago and holds perhaps more memories for citizens here today and for former citizens than any other structure in the city. For many years it housed both the grades and high school. Today it is used for the grades and Vocational Agriculture.

and for producing as fine a type of job work as can be secured in any small printing plant in the state.

The California Democrat, which dates back to 1858, has passed through one of the most remarkable improvements in its history during the last year. It was purchased April 1, 1925, by Marvin H. Crawford, a California boy who had been connected with various newspapers in other towns for several years. Since that time Mr. Crawford has practically re-equipped the place, spending some \$3,500 in doing so. Including in the equipment bought is an Intertype, a 4-page newspaper press, a folder, a paper cutter, cabinet, casting box and many fonts of new type. Along with the new equipment has come a big improvement in the newspaper and many new subscribers, besides with a substantial increase in the volume of job work and income from advertising.

This Sanitarium and Booster Edition, one of the greatest works of its kind ever produced in a town this size in Missouri, was turned out in a little more than 2 weeks' time from the date the solicitors first appeared on the streets securing advertising for it and stands as a testimonial of what capacity the California newspaper plants have. The edition was gotten out at the same time both concerns were handling their regular run of job printing, which was unusually heavy part of the period.

Mr. T. E. Allee and daughter Rita May left Saturday for Kansas City to visit his daughter Mrs. Charles Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Howard and three children of Topoka are making an extended visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howard.

#### PINTOS PUT UP STRONG BATTLE AT BOONVILLE

They Lose in Play Off, But Are Highly Complimented for Their Skill And Clean Play

Marvin Kalb, guard on the Boonville High School basketball team, dropped in the most spectacular basket of the contest Friday night at the Central gymnasium and won the most thrilling game played on a local court in years from the California High School five in the extra session of play necessary to determine the winner. The score was 23 to 21. At the end of the regular forty minutes of play the score was tied 21 to 21. Shakerford replaced Captain Soph in the extra session at the center position. The score at the end of the first half was 15 to 13, California leading. Sam Victor Cochran refereed a most difficult contest in a very satisfactory manner.

At the start of the contest the playing gave all appearances of a victory for the visitors. Hardly before the Boonville team was in the game California had counted six points. But soon the score tied by the Boonville players and from then on the game was truly a battle.

Never was there a margin in the score of more than five points and the speed and endurance of the blue and white players coped with the size of the visitors and the excitement of the forty-three minutes of play was great.

Coach Kuhn brought a stronger team than the one of Jefferson City High School to the local court. He sent a team of husky sportsmen to the floor and they won an honor even in their defeat. Though their basket attempts were "off" at many times never did they resort to a rough play

in their attempt to gain a victory. They fought harder and harder as the game proceeded. It was only a case of a strong team losing to a stronger one. California High School has one of the school's best contenders for the basketball honors this season and undoubtedly will bring many laurels to the Montezuma county institution.—Central Missourian.

#### CALIFORNIA WINS FROM J. C. IN HARD DEFENSE FIGHT

The Score Lowest Ever Made on California Court, California 13, Jefferson City 11

In a desperate defense battle the Pintos came out two ahead in the basket ball game at the high school gym Saturday night. Captain Paer, the star basketballer of the California team was out of condition from a sore arm from the game at Boonville and only played a short time, but his team led by Baker fought gamely all the way and won in the last quarter by some clever passing that brought the basket under the goal and Farman, Williams and Baker found the way to a two point lead. The score the first quarter was Jefferson City 2, California 1, half 6 all. third quarter, Jefferson City 10, California 7. In the last quarter California made 6 to Jefferson City 1. The Jefferson City team was not able to get through the Zey defense, and all their points were made on long shots. California failed on all the long shots. California out generated their rival on the floor work and should have doubled the score on their opponents. Both teams had played and lost the evening before Jefferson City to Fayette by 4 points and California to Boonville by two points in an extra period.

Dr. Latham, his staff of assistants,  
nurses and hospital attendants,  
are cordially welcomed to our city.

May success and prosperity  
be theirs

**McCOLLESTER BROS.**

## DON'T WORRY

—and the hospital probably will not  
get you. Worry kills more people  
than all other diseases combined.

## Own Your Home

and you will have nothing to worry  
about. We will sell you either farm  
or city home so you can afford to own  
it.

**A. A. GATSCHET**

Real Estate, Loans and Insurance  
California, Missouri



The welfare of children as well as grown up is often retarded by defective eyes. Millions of school children are handicapped in their studies by defective eyes. Eye strain has caused great suffering and forced many to discontinue their endeavor to acquire an education. It has been conclusively proven that poor eyesight causes backwardness, stupidity, apparent laziness and truancy.

Seven out of ten headaches are caused by eye strain. Many of our complaints may be traced back to deformity of the eyes from birth. A short eye ball, or a long eye ball, or an uneven curve of the eye front, commonly called Astigmatism, may be the cause of your eye troubles that only can be corrected by properly curved lenses. If you suffer from headaches you ought to examine the condition of your eyes. Often with vision apparent they need the help of the lenses. Only an examination can make you sure.

We invite you to our optical room.

**C. J. MILLER, Optometrist**

California, Missouri

**It Is With Pleasure We Welcome**

**Dr. Latham**

Meals

Rooms

Short Orders

Cold Drinks

Home Cooking

Pies Like Mother tries to bake.

**J. M. BUSTER'S CAFE**

# CALIFORNIA, SANITARIUM, AND

## SMITH'S BARBER SHOP

Experienced Barbers  
We strive to please.  
Next to Finke's Theatre

## THE QUALITY SHOP

Our Spring Hats Are Here  
A more exclusive and beautiful  
selection than ever before  
Prices Reasonable.

J. A. TATMAN

California

See me for...  
Storage...  
ing you may...

## See W. F. WHITED

at New Commercial Hotel

## Real Estate Bargains

In California, home of Latham Sanitarium and the best town in Central Missouri.

## Central Bottling Works

Manufacturer and Wholesaler of  
Soft Drinks and Distributor of Gas  
Drums and associated commodities.

## E. A. JACOBS

Gents' Furnishings

Measuring Suits is My Profession.

All my suits must please and fit before going out.

Prices the Lowest

Give me a chance this spring.

Agent for Cut Flowers for all occasions.

## WE ARE SOME OF THE SMALLEST BUSI

—of the city and can't afford to "go to type" like many of our friends are doing. In addition, know we're here, that we are "in the mail" its advancement and that we are.

## PROUD OF THE NEW SAN

We want to express our appreciation to L. L. I done and will do for our city and to the him and sanitarium personnel as they are among r

And let us say, too, that we intend to support ev growth and development of this city and make it a better place in which to live.

## MUELLER & HEINRICH

"The Popular Place for Eating"

Meals—Short Orders

Cigars Tobacco

Soft Drinks

## R. R. BLUMSTENGEL

Hardware of all Kinds

Including Pumps, Fencing, Stoves,

Kitchen Utensils, Guns, Cutlery.

## CHAS. R. MILBUR

Magazine at 1000 per A

California

Your Subscription...  
one or Book...  
New and Old...  
Satisfaction...  
California...  
Special offer...  
Child Life...  
Many other books...

J. A. - FRANK

Carpenter

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On the Highway, East of City Park

Dealer in Gasoline, Kerosene, Lubricating Oils, Compression Grease, Inner Tubes and Auto Accessories. Free water and air service, day or night. Your Patronage Appreciated.

R. J. Scheidt & J. F. Thomas, Props.  
California, Missouri

## General Blacksmithing

B. HOLLINGSHEAD

Vulcanizing and Car Repairing  
 ½ Block South of Elurhardt's Store

fford for a "type" and large display spaces  
 shared by the nation. But we want you to  
 care for the "type" for our community and  
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appreciate the L. L. Latham for what he has  
city and to welcome him and his esteemed family  
and to be among us.

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## Blacksmithing and Garage

## All Kinds of Repair Work

## Motor Oils and Grease

H. A. DORZAB, Prop.

One of the cleanest and lightest  
Shops in Central Missouri  
Our Slogan Is to Please

## Eat Here

Home Cooking    Short Orders  
Lunches            Fountain Drinks  
Cigars and Tobacco

North of Depot

Home Cooked Meals at all Hours.  
Shore Orders.. Candies Cigars  
Tobacco Canned Goods  
We thank you for past favors, also  
solicit your future business

## Up-town Barbers

Agents for Dorn & Cloney Laundry

CHAS. F. MULBURN

Magnum Agency

Newspaper, Magaz  
 as possible.  
 Initially returned.  
 U.S. \$1.50.  
 \$2.50 1 yr.  
 1 year \$3.75.



NORTH VIEW OF THE LATHAM SANITARIUM

(Short Studio Photo)

## FIFTY ACRES IN PLAYGROUNDS OF COUNTRY CLUB

One Hundred and Ninety Family  
Membership in New California  
Organization

### NINE HOLE GOLF COURSE IS ONE OF BEST IN STATE

Tennis, Croquet, Horseshoe, Soft  
Baseball, Polo, Rifle and Trap  
Shooting Also Popular

With fifty acres of playgrounds lying just one mile west of California, the California Country Club offers plenty of wholesome recreation, amusement and all kinds of sport for everybody, making a real community gathering place which equals any club grounds of our neighboring larger cities and which is quite unique in organization and management. There are one hundred and ninety family memberships at present with a constant growth which shows the popularity of the club.

The California Country Club was started through an innovation of W. Frank Harris who talked with numerous business men in the city and then presented his plan at a meeting held in the early spring of 1924. The building was erected and grounds made ready with beautiful landscape effects and the opening event was held June 15, 1924. The building is of a bungalow type, twenty by seventy feet. A wide porch extends around the west and south sides with an additional sun porch covered with vines. On the interior of the building will be found everything tastefully decorated as to furniture as well as every other furnishing found in a club house. Movable partitions are used when parties are held. There is a kitchen and commissary room on the extreme east end of the building.

At the opening of the club, J. T.

Lee was elected president and Miss Adele Harris, secretary. A barbecue dinner was held and it has been decided to have an annual barbecue on each anniversary.

The club grounds consists of a children's play grounds with swings, teeters, slides and every other device found in a park; tennis, croquet, horseshoe and soft baseball courts. Rifle and trapshooting, have become very popular as well as polo and backback riding. A tall flagstaff, with Old Glory flying in the breezes, is in the heart of the playgrounds.

Golf has become, the greatest and newest attraction as this sport was not begun until August 1925. So intense was the interest that at the close of the season in December, 1925, a golf organization was formed with A. B. Cole, Jr., president, and W. C. Carter, secretary. Additional grounds were added and a splendid nine hole course will greet the enthusiasts on the opening of the spring season.

Although no register has been made at the club house, the attendance has been large and many out of town guests have spoken gratifying words of praise. The club house site is noted for its splendid cool breezes in the summer and the cherry glow thrown out from the fire place is most appealing during the winter evenings.

Among the distinguished guests were Col. J. A. Paeglow, commander of Scott Field, Bellville, Ill., and U. S. Senator Geo. H. Williams, both former Californians. Col. Paeglow landed on the club grounds in his airplane and took dinner at the club house on July 4th, 1924. Senator Williams was tendered a huge reception in honor of his recent appointment. Col. C. C. Combs of Washington, D. C., a former Californian, has honored the club with his membership and Mayor Cecil Thomas of Jefferson City was given an honorary membership, as well as A. T. Brainard, a member of a prominent Chicago country club,

who designed the present golf course. The club now has as its officers:

Lewis B. Meyer, president and Miss Adele Harris, secretary.

### PRAYER IS GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE PASTOR DECLARES

Rev. L. V. Buschman Says Nation  
Neglects Powerful Forces  
of Life

From Globe Democrat—

"Our Greatest Undeveloped Resources" was the subject of a sermon at the Tyler Place Presbyterian church, Spring and Russell avenues, last night, by Rev. L. V. Buschman, who maintained that this "greatest undeveloped resource" is prayer. He spoke as follows:

"The subject of our undeveloped natural resources is a theme which finds constant treatment in our papers and magazine. Mining engineers, forestry experts, electrical engineers and chemical engineers are continually reminded us of the fact the vast store houses of our natural resources have just been touched. We can hopefully look forward to a time when all life will be greatly enriched when these hidden forces and treasures are further developed.

"Our greatest undeveloped resource, however, is prayer. We may refer to it as a 'natural' resource for it is natural to pray; or we may refer to it more properly as a supernatural resource, for we implore supernatural aid when we pray. True prayer has been defined as 'giving God the opportunity to say to us, give to us and do through us what he will.' Prayer is not so much asking God for gifts as it is holding communion and fellowship with him.

"Yet St. James says 'Ye have not because ye ask not.' It would be quite difficult to characterize the present generation as a praying generation. Possibly one reason why people do not pray more is because we can pray

all the time. Many people in St. Louis have never visited Shaw's Garden. It is open all the time to the public. If it were open but one day a year more people might consider it a great privilege to see the beautiful displays. So the mere fact that we can pray at any time causes some people to neglect the gift of prayer.

"Our greatest reason for not praying is because people are feeling that they can do without God. They think it more necessary to study the stock report and 'look over the books' than to spend a portion of that time in prayer. They prefer to trust their own shrewdness and foresight rather than any divine aid.

"Prayer is at the same time a Christian duty and privilege. The Kingdom of God awaits a generation of pray-ers. And we all need the refreshing experiences which can only come from a prayer life. We are as helpless and useless as worn-out batteries unless we are charged with that divine energy which alone comes through prayer. Let us in calm faith take Christ at his word when he said: Ask and it shall be given unto you."

### Returns to Oklahoma

Mrs. Simpson Hurst, formerly Mary Blanche Gray, left Friday for her home at Tulsa, Okla., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gray. She and her brother, Russell "Bill" Gray, drove here about the close of the holidays from Oklahoma. He went on to Florida, where he has employment in a bank at Sanford. A few days later. At Sanford he is with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hughes and family. Mrs. Hurst will return later to drive her car back to Oklahoma.

### Called by Death of Brother

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster were called to Eugene Sunday by a message announcing the death of Mr. Foster's brother Stanley Albertson at St. Louis. The body was taken to Eugene for burial.



## BANKING HEADQUARTERS

Make our Bank Your Financial Headquarters.

Visit us often and consult us freely.

Think of us in the broader sense of an institution where business information and credit details can be secured quickly, willingly.

If you can dismiss from your mind that our only function is to accept deposits, pay checks and keep your money safe, we can greatly increase our value to each other.

### The Moniteau National Bank of California

Established 1867

R. M. EMBRY, President

L. F. HERT, Cashier

Member  
Federal Reserve  
System

## BUY A BUICK

You Are Sure That You  
Will Not Have An Orphan Car

First Place For 3 Consecutive Years

Total value of cars sold 1925  
\$275,000,000

Last 6 months total value more than  
\$155,000,000

## KEILS' GARAGE

FRANK KEIL, Prop.

## BANQUET GIVEN DR. LATHAM BY BUSINESS MEN

Turkey Dinner Served in Dining Room  
of New Commercial Hotel  
To 703 Californians

CITIZENS PLEASE SUPPORT  
TO MEN NOT HERE

Dinner of Appreciation Given For Dr.  
L. L. Latham for Dining  
Go to Room 103

The business men of California gave a banquet at the Commercial Hotel Wednesday night in honor of Dr. L. L. Latham who is completing a fine hospital just south of the port-offices. This is the first of several meetings that may be held in honor of Dr. Latham and his family. The object of this particular meeting is to give the hearty stamp of approval from the men who are the backbone of the city, and show that all lines of business are in hearty sympathy and deeply grateful for the patient to the city's improvement and better facilities to take care of the people who may come here.

The menu was a turkey dinner and was served in the dining room of the hotel, narrow tables being put in to give accommodation to as many people as possible, and 103 were seated. The men were loud in praise of the banquet and the way it was served. Although Dr. Latham and his work was the central thought of the gathering.

A group of business men met Monday and provided the plan. A. B. Cole, Jr. was selected as chairman and hostmaster, and it was decided to have only a few talks and not call for extemporaneous remarks. It was also decided to invite Dr. W. A. Clark of Jefferson City, Chairman of the State Board of Health and president of the State Medical Society, and the two hospital friends faced by former of Clarkburg. Dr. Clark has been chief of staff of the Jefferson City hospital since it was founded.

Mr. Cole presided at the speaking after the dinner, and had selected Mayor Kuhn, cashier of the Farmers' & Traders' Bank, F. T. Porter, manager of the Missouri Utilities Co., Attorney R. M. Embury, President of the Montrose National Bank, and Rev. W. M. Dewar, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Dr. W. A. Clark as the speakers.

The addresses were largely complimentary as to the enterprise and venture of Dr. Latham. It is an age when the need of the hospital is becoming more apparent every year. California should show such an appreciation as to be able to call it our hospital. The lawyers are interested in hospitals as a needed place for revenue. Dr. Latham is one man who did not have to leave Montrose County to gain distinction, honor should be given while it is being earned, we are not much inclined to talk here



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A visible miles away in some directions. It is one of the outstanding points of architecture in the city.

about people of our own generation. Dr. Latham is to be commended for his enthusiasm, dreams, and vision. The hospital should not be looked on as a business-making business, but a place to relieve suffering humanity, and many other points of advantage.

Dr. W. A. Clark is a man who has been in touch with hospital work for many years, and has been chief of staff at the Jefferson City hospital since it was erected. He says they are difficult to finance after being built and Jefferson City stockholders had to dig many years before it was on a self-sustaining basis. The view of the hospital is different; years ago when people started to the hospital their friends kissed them good-bye and it was well for they had been neglected until there was little chance for recovery. New people are taken to the hospital before the disease becomes virulent, and only 2 per cent of the dreaded Appendicitis cases are fatal. Dr. Clark related some of his experiences in California when he was a boy and young man. There was much brooding on the horizon, but there should be an abiding faith in it for the sake of relieving suffering humanity.

After the other speakers were through Dr. L. L. Latham was called and spoke his appreciation of the meeting and the favors that had been shown him. He had had visions of a hospital for many years and thought that now is an opportune time because the facilities at Latham were entirely inadequate. California was selected an argument of being a rough line of railroad and a state highway about half surfaced. The doctor told something of what he wanted to accomplish and the vegetation he hoped to establish with the local physicians. He had received much advice, but that had not annoyed him. His aim is to establish a hospital where the people can come who cannot go to the high priced hospitals, he has treated 3,000 people during the year who are not residents

of Montrose county.

There is no question about the welcome of Dr. Latham to California, and if there had been any doubt, it would have been removed from the minds of those who attended and partook of the banquet.

### TAKES THEIR OFFER

Fellow-Workmen Pay for License and Prescher

Lace W. Howard, who gets his mail at Fortuna, gave fellow-workmen at the Methodist church, where he is employed at remodeling, a real surprise early this week when he took them a proposition they made.

"I want each one of the workmen to pay for a license, and I will get it for you. I'll pay for the license." "Yes," said a group of plasterers, "and we'll pay the plasterer."

The matter was dropped at that. Late Saturday afternoon Lace slipped down to the circuit clerk's office and secured the license. At 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon he appeared at the home of the Rev. Geo. E. Hargis with Miss Lola Frances Ivy of Clarkburg and announced he was ready to be married. The ceremony was performed.

Mr. Hargis looked to the plasterer for his pay and Lace intends to reflect from the one who offered to pay for the license.

Mrs. V. D. Miller and daughter who had been visiting their father R. H. Enloe left Saturday for Warrentonburg and will go from there to their home in Arkansas. Mrs. Elsie McDaniel who had been visiting her relatives the Milburns in the county and her sister Mrs. Conner at Elton returned to her home at Kansas City Sunday.

File the Booster Edition away for your future use.

There is a lot of work in this county. The crop is just what the farmers need. The crop is just what the farmers need. The crop is just what the farmers need.

Quite a lot of work. It seems to be a lot of work. It seems to be a lot of work. It seems to be a lot of work. It seems to be a lot of work.

Among the advances of the crop are:

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4. Banks well as a cash crop.
5. Is adapted to a wide range of soil types.
6. Being a legume has been a good soil builder.

Recent statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture and Management from cooperators who keep records on a number of farms show Soybeans, during the three year period, 1922-24, a period which is entirely more nearly representative of proportions of grain prices, is lower than any other three years since the crop has been raised.

During this three year period soybeans produced an average of 24 bushels when corn produced 47 bushels, wheat 23.1 and oats 20.1. The respective farm prices for the crops were \$1.80 for soybeans, \$1.16 for corn, \$1.16 for wheat, and \$1.16 per bushel for oats. After deducting such crop with the value of the respective roughage and pasture, soybeans show a profit equal or slightly better than that for corn. But are better than wheat, while oats were found to be produced at a loss.

In studying the records kept by these farmers, it was noted that the cost of producing soybeans was essentially the same as the cost for corn. The credits, pasture roughage, etc., however, are considerably greater than for any other crop. This is due to the fact that soybeans, in addition to being sold at \$5.12, the value of the crop and pasture, is allowed a credit of 10 per cent on the seed and pasture for wheat.

The soybean will pay for a cash crop and it will help get back into the rotation.

—E. R. CONRAD





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Extending over a period of 40 years and graduating its six hundred and fifty-two young men and young women, the California high school is one of the institutions to which the people of California can say with pride it is our very best community interest. The grade schools have been established longer and are the preparatory section of the high school. In 1886 there was one graduate of the high school, Harry Biggs, the number has increased gradually and certainly and the usual number is now about 40. The largest class was in 1923 when there were 53. The school usually graduates as many as many cities twice as large. Many of the graduates have gone out into the world and become leading citizens of their communities. The California high school has made its mark as a community builder for the greatest and best. The people have taken a just pride in its progress and a tax levy has never been turned down. The tax levy in California is the lowest of any city of its class in the state although it usually has a larger number of high school teachers. This is accounted for in part from the fact that the board prepares to get every cent of the state appropriation available. The state supports in a large way the Teachers Training, Vocational Agriculture and Vocational Home Economics Departments. The California high has all of these and gets a state contribution \$3,600 for these. The tuition usually runs about \$3,000, although it is lower than in most districts. The country boys and girls have always been encouraged to come to California, and have been shown every courtesy and won at least half of the honors. Usually about half of the graduating class are non-resident students.

This year the school is having one of its most useful and successful years. A large number of the teachers have been teaching here for several years and the new ones are proving worthy. Supt. Henderson and Principal Swinney are in their sixth year and Miss Dewey Shikles, the grade principal is serving her third year. Miss Doretta Mueller has been in the high school for about twelve years. The present faculty is John O. Henderson, Supt., Teachers Training; C. Swinney, Principal, Science; R. R. Conrad, Vocational Agriculture; Rowan Elliff, Vocational Home

Economics; Carl Kuhn, Physical Education, Science; Clarice Johns, Physical Education and Latin; Doretta Mueller, Mathematics; Georgia Stegner Commercial; Inez Stark, English; Ernestine Thomson, Music; Edna M. Johnson, History; Phoebe Schafer, English and History. The grade schools are run on the department plan in the five upper grades. The teachers being specialist as the high school teacher, and have only two branches but teach these in the last four grades. Miss Dewey Shikles is Principal and teaches Mathematics; Miss Mary Turney teaches History and Art; Miss Ruth Zahn, Geography and English; Miss Vaughan, Physical Education and Reading. The other grade teachers are: Margaret Latham, Fourth; Ruth Elliott, Third; Alice Hays, Second; Marion Flynn, First.

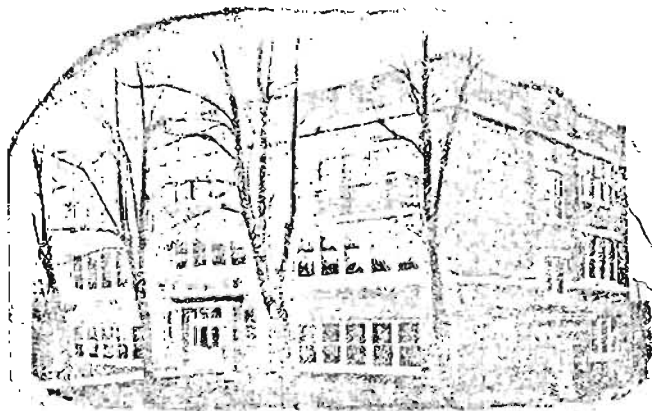
#### Clay Family Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clay of Conway and four of their children were visiting this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. D. Walsei. The oldest child, a son, remained at home to look after Mr. Clay's big store. Mr. Clay says that the Conway bank, in which he and his father were among the heavy depositors when it failed last fall, has been reorganized and is now functioning well, a certain part of the deposits being taken out in stock. Mr. Clay, who is a director, was put in as cashier for a time and then the old cashier was re-elected. The father, who is now 77 years old, is enjoying good health. The Clays formerly lived at Lupus.

#### Capital Transfer

I haul by truck to Jefferson City and return, making the trip three times a week starting Monday. I am equipped to haul passengers and freight. I also do a truck transfer in California.—C. L. Yost.

George Friedmeyer was at Boonville Saturday to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the C J Harris Lumber Company. He was re-elected vice president of the company.



THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL

## Moniteau County Probate Court Docket February Term, 1926

### First Day, Monday, February 9, 1926

Leonard, Mike	John Leonard, admr with will annexed
Fisher, Rudolph	James I. Lawson
Pake, W. C.	Mrs. Sarah Margaret Finke
Messers, Fred	Mrs. Anna Messerli
Weyland, William	Henry Weyland
Hutchison, W. B.	M. S. Mae Hutchison
Swanson, Kate	L. F. Hoyt
Moore, William	Forrest Moon

### Second Day, Tuesday, February 9, 1926

Taylor, W. M.	Orla M. Taylor and James Luckert
Reusser, Fritz	J. B. Reusser
Conner, Joseph A.	Mrs. Fannie E. Conner, Admrx. with will annexed.
Dearing, Charles	H. A. Meyers
Haldeman, Mathias	John M. Haldeman
Reidel, Herman, et al	M. S. Sophie Koedel Tuttle
Bennett, C. Fred	Henry G. Roesch and Lisetta Roesch
Overbay, D. P. and M. A.	Levi F. Overbay

### Third Day, Wednesday, February 10, 1926

Kavanaugh, John B.	Can Kavanaugh
Bestgen, B. P.	Mrs. Gertrude E. Bestgen
Stark, Elsie	E. B. Stark
Hessman, J. Christ	C. M. Gentzsch, Admrx. with will annexed
Fischer, N. E. and D. H.	C. J. Fischer
McDroom, Thalia E., et al	D. G. Moser
McDroom, Achilles, et al	S. W. McDroom
Tincher, Nora M.	Mrs. Kate Tincher

### Fourth Day, Thursday, February 11, 1926

Callison, Mary C.	C. W. Callison
Hays, John D.	Mrs. Mollie I. Hays
Mayhew, James	Mrs. Dixie Price Mayhew
Henry, Elizabeth A.	Ada G. Henry
Kennedy, John M.	Elias A. Medlock
White, Cecil Alva	Mrs. Louise B. Schwickrath
Gross, Sophia	William Gross
Thomas, William P.	Miss Eva M. Gavers

### Fifth Day, Friday, February 12, 1926

Williams, John M.	George Howard Williams
Selken, Frank Muri	Mrs. Mayme E. Selken
Wilson, Harold Stephens	G. S. Wilson
Clark, Mabel and Wallace	H. L. Clark
Ried, Oona and Irwin	J. C. Welfrum
Brient, W. R.	R. M. Embry
Talley, R. G.	W. W. Talley

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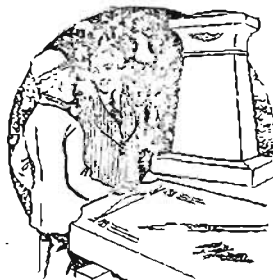
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## PORTER ELECTED HEAD OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

California Business Men Met Friday  
Night and Formed New  
Organization

### MUCH ENTHUSIASM AT FIRST MEETING OF CLUB

Nine Directors Selected and Officers  
for the Ensuing Year  
Were Named

A public meeting which had its inception at the Merchants banquet to Dr. Latham two weeks ago was called at the Court house last Friday night for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce. The committee of five appointed by A. B. Cole Jr., who had the plans of organization in hand, drafted a constitution and by-laws, which cover the plan of action, and offered 20 names from which to select nine directors. The constitution will be published at a later date. The directors were elected by ballot and those present enjoyed an hour of counting. The ballot showed the following nine men to have been chosen: F. T. Porter, A. B. Cole, Jr., Edw. C. Nischwitz, Dr. L. L. Latham, W. W. Walker, J. T. Lee, V. P. Imhoff, C. E. Tieman, Walter Kuhlmann. After the adoption of the Constitution and the election of Directors, Mr. F. T. Porter made a report for the committee who had been investigating some road prospects that the committee had been looking after.

Those present were of the opinion that the report was strictly O. K., and that it presented a good working program. Excepting the President and Treasurer, each member was given a Vice-Presidency, with a definite assignment of the nature of his duties. The board has organized by electing the following:

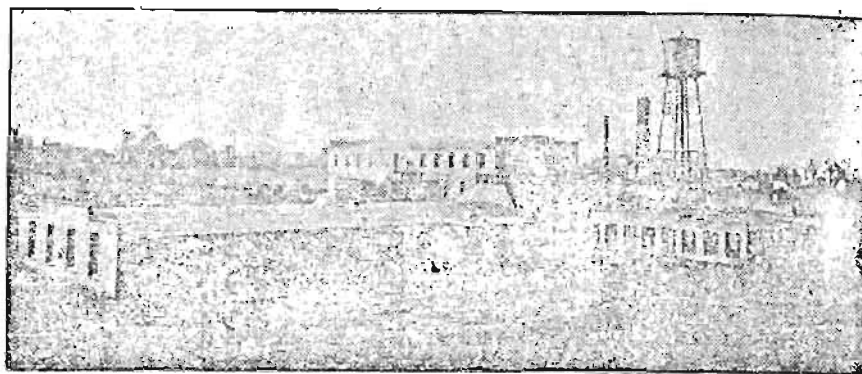
F. T. Porter, President.  
Dr. L. L. Latham, Treasurer.  
F. H. Hart, Secretary  
Membership, V. P. Imhoff.  
Legislation, Edw. C. Nischwitz.  
Transportation, A. B. Cole, Jr.  
Civics, C. E. Tieman.  
Production, Walker.  
Commerce, Kuhlmann.  
Industry, Lee.

The directors drew for the one, two and three year term, as follows: One year: Porter, Tieman, Kuhlmann; Two years: Nischwitz, Lee, Imhoff; Three years: Cole, Latham, Walker.

The membership fee is two dollars and the dues fifty cents a month thereafter.

The meeting was one of enthusiasm and the unanimous opinion was that there should be a united effort to increase the vitality of the business life which has been stepping along quite lively during the past year.

Mrs. Mary Burger returned Wednesday to Fortuna, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Hood.



MONITEAU WOOLEN MILLS

(Short Studio Photo)

The Moniteau Woolen Mills plant has a total floor space of 70,000 square feet. In other terms this would amount to more than an acre and a half. Fifty one looms in this mill are now running 22 hours a day, producing 12,000 linear yards of goods 60 inches wide a day.

### DAVE HUTCHISON TELLS

#### OF LATHAM SCHOOL DAY

David Hutchison, farmer and poultry fancier living south of California attended the district school with the late Dr. Henry Latham when they were boys and recalls those days quite vividly.

"One thing I remember especially well," says Mr. Hutchison, "is an old slouch hat Doctor Latham wore in those days. He called that hat 'Betsy.' When we played shinney it soon got off his head and usually made the round on the end of the club of first one boy and then another and as a rule ended up in the creek."

"When the bell rang Henry would get 'Betsy' then hang it on a limb some place, to dry. And say, do you know, when we got inside, and were at our books again he learned more than all the rest of us put together."

The old Pilot school house, which stood near the creek about a quarter of a mile east and a little south of where the present Pilot church on the Latham road now stands, was the one attended by Doctor Latham and Mr. Hutchinson's brothers, still living in this county, also attended the school with Doctor Latham.

### ALTHOUGH STILL ACTIVE—IN LUMBER BUSINESS 89 YEARS

"Yes, I've been in the lumber business 89 years," said J. R. Proctor, who furnished the lumber and mill work for the Latham Sanitarium, when in a reminiscent mood recently. His eyes twinkled and the listeners began to sense a joke.

"Count it up for yourselves," he continued. "I've been in business 11 years at California, 30 years at Olean, 24 years at Barnett, was in 3 years at St. James, was in 8 years at Meta, was in 6 years directly and indirectly at Jefferson City, was in 3 years at Eldon and was in 1 year at Rixon, besides 3 years at Longstreet, Va. Add these together and you'll see I'm right."

Mr. Proctor, after being graduated from the old Hooper institute at Clarksburg, spent the earlier years

of his manhood as a farmer and school teacher, being elected county commissioner of schools in Cole county when he was 26 years old.

In 1906 he decided to embark in the lumber business and purchased the lumber yard which he now operates at Olean, going heavily in debt. He worked hard, attended closely to business and in a few years had sufficient capital to begin broadening out in the purchase of other yards, his first extension being a partnership at St. James.

For a number of years he kept his eye on California as a place where he would like to have a yard and where he would like for his family to live. Eleven years ago the opportunity to come here presented itself and he took it. He says he has never been sorry of his choice.

During the last few years many of the details in connection with management of the business has been taken from Mr. Proctor's shoulders by his son, Ernest, who has the commendable traits which have aided so materially in bringing success to the father.

### VISIT OF THE STORK WHEN THERMOMETER WAS 31

While sorting the contents of a drawer in our desk, yesterday, we found a cartoon which we clipped from a newspaper several years ago. Under the cartoon is the legend, "The Stork is not a migrant." The cartoon exploits a country doctor making his way thru the storm to a farm house on an obvious mission.

We remember when we cut the cartoon from the paper and filed it away, and why. It brought to mind the first time we went stork chasing. The weather was of the type the cartoon portrays.

The snow had been falling 24 hours. At noon it was 18 inches deep on the level. At night it measured 2 feet in sheltered spots, and in the open the northwest wind was piling miniature mountains along the hedge rows, and swirling it in billowing clouds across the open fields. And there was a trip of 5 miles to be

made after Doc. L. M. Gray.

The first stage of the round trip—a journey on horse back against the storm, and rich in incident of wallowing drifted lanes by taking to the adjacent fields, was done and shivering from cold and half blinded by the snow, a young father-to-be stood in old Doc's office urging him to hurry.

Doc. Gray ordered his pony, put on his great coat and fur cap, lighted a cigar and remarked "It's goin' to be an awful trip!"

Next morning at daybreak the thermometer marked 32 degrees below zero. A little fuzzy head that had not been there the night before rested on the young mother's breast.

Old Doc. Gray, having had his breakfast, put on his great-coat and fur cap, lighted a cigar, and said, as he turned up the great-coat collar: "well I gotta go. Got to make a 12 mile ride after I get back to town—and its goin' to be an awful trip."

That's the stuff the old time country doctor was made of—the country doctor we country folk swore by.

—Contributed.

### LATHAM'S BUILD TOWN THEATRE AND PICTURE HOUSE

Believing that Latham should have a place for amusement, Dr. L. L. Latham at one time opposed the removal of the Latham hall over the school building, being successful in his endeavor at that time. He and his brother, R. H. Latham, later built the Latham opera house in which they operated a motion picture show, running about 2 nights a week. The Deleo plant that supplied current for lights in the doctor's office was used for running the machine and it was the operator. A few months ago the Deleo got so it would not furnish enough current for the machine, so the show was closed.

Attended Hardware Convention  
H. F. Heck, George P. Stegner and Henry Giebel spent part of last week at Kansas City attending the Hardware Dealers convention.

### IN APPRECIATION

We deeply appreciate the many good turns Dr. L. L. Latham has done for our institution and for our community and as he passes out from among us to another community we cannot do less than wish him the greatest success attainable in his new venture.

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# GRAND JURY FINDS THAT COUNTY NEEDS REPAIRS

Attention is Called to Needs of Court House and Jail, Suggests that Improvements are Part of Economy

County buildings were found in need of numerous repairs by the grand jury, which made its report at the circuit court Saturday, to Judge H. J. Westhues, and recommendations were made that various improvements along this line be made for the sake of economy and safety. The full report of the jury with regard to county buildings follows.

To the Honorable Circuit Court, Moniteau County, Missouri:

The grand jurors for the January Term, 1926, of the circuit court of Moniteau County, Missouri, respectfully make the following recommendations concerning the county property:—

The walls of the county jail are lined with metal; we believe that the metal lining of these walls should be tied with metal to the bars at the windows so that it will be impossible for the bars at the windows to be removed by prisoners.

The floor in the kitchen of the county jail is in need of repairs.

The smoke pipe of the jail furnace is in immediate need of a new asbestos (or fire proof) casing.

The north kitchen door at the jail is in need of repairs so that a screen door can be hung on same

The doorway from the men's department of the county jail and some of the plastering around it seems to be coming loose and should be repaired.

One of the metal screens on on a west window of the men's department of the county jail is loose and should be made secure.

Parts of the metal ceiling above the cage in the county jail are loose and should be made secure.

We have also examined the county court house. The basement of the court house should be cleaned of rubbish to minimize the danger of fire. The openings in the foundation of the court house should be closed in.

We believe that this would save fuel. We also find that some of the windows in the court house are badly in need of repair. Also the arch above the stairway leading to the men's toilet in the court house is apparently in very dangerous condition.

We have also visited the county farm and found the care and management of same good. The doors and windows in the men's department and the foundation thereof, at the county farm, are in bad condition. The woman's building and the home of the superintendent have many broken windows glasses. The farm and buildings at the county farm are in dire need of paint. We believe that if he had any wish he would like to the ladies' closet at the county farm should be removed to the east end of the north porch of the women's building and a rail built around such

steps and porch. We also find that the kitchen floor in the women's department is badly worn and the sleepers under same seem to be weak so that the floor gives under weight.

The cistern top at the county home is also in an extremely dangerous condition.

We believe that it would be the part of economy to make such above suggested repairs as are possible in order to prevent undue deterioration in the condition of the county property. We therefore, recommend that such money be expended on all of the county buildings as is commensurate with economy and the stringency of the times and, as the same time, tend toward the preservation of the county property.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) J. S. ROBERTSON,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

**Sandy's Recovery**  
Sandy MacPherson had left Scotland for Canada. After the third day of the voyage Sandy became very ill. He grew worse as the voyage continued and on arrival at Quebec he was taken to the Hospital. His condition became critical and finally the Doctors agreed that there was no hope for him. Sandy was told about it and asked if he had any wish he would like to make before he passed away. In response to this request Sandy's eyes brightened up and he replied with some degree of animation, "I would like, before I die, to hear the bagpipes playing once more."

It was found out that Sandy had a friend in Quebec who could play the pipes. Duncan Macdonald, for such was the friend's name, was sent for and arrived in due time. He had a conversation with Sandy in which he agreed to go outside, march up and down beneath Sandy's window, and play all the Scotch tunes he could think of.

So Duncan went out, tuned up his pipes—which sounded like the wall of a lost soul—and launched into the tune "Flora MacDonald's Lament." After that he played the "Strathspey," and from that glided into that stirring tune "Sterling Castle." Duncan played with might and main for three quarters of an hour. Thinking he had played enough he went to the door of the Hospital, rang the bell, and was answered by a nurse.

The nurse seemed tremendously excited and her face wore a tragic look. Duncan seeing it asked tremulously, "Well, how is Sandy now?" "Sandy," said the nurse in a tear filled voice, "Sandy is alright. He has been dancing around the floor for the last half hour; but all the other patients are dead."

**Invited to Baptist Church**  
The Baptist congregation has invited the Methodist congregation to meet them for the evening and the invitation has been accepted and Rev. Hargis will preach the sermon.

Welcome to Dr. L. L. Latham and the New Sanitarium

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Heavy Receipts in Money Orders and  
Stamps To Be Increased  
Next Year**

The year of 1925 was the greatest on record at the local post office for total business transacted, according to Post-master Walter L. Hert, who says the indications are that it will be even greater in 1926.

"Our total increase was \$950," says the postmaster. "This may not seem like a very large figure but when you compare it to our volume it is quite substantial. And this increase has not been due to anything but the fact that our town is growing and the business is better."

"The coming of the new sanitarium will, I am sure, add considerable to our volume of business for this year and I believe the increase of 1926 over 1925 will be greater than the

increase of 1925 over 1924.

The total sale of stamps at the California post office during 1925 was \$10,985.97 and the total in money orders sold more than \$52,000.

An English cantata will be given by the choir of the Lutheran Trinity church of Jefferson City at the Lutheran church here at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. This choir has twenty-five members. Work on the cantata has been going on for some time and it is said to be an excellent production. Prof. D. C. Maurer will be at the organ. Everyone is welcome to attend.

James Reece was arrested early this week by Sheriff Joe B. Powell on a charge of driving a motor car while intoxicated. He was indicted by the grand jury in session here last week on this charge. Reece furnished bond for \$500 for his appearance at the May term of the circuit court.

We heartily endorse Dr. L. L. Latham's new sanitarium enterprise in our city and are glad to welcome him.

We, too, are new comers to this city and wish to cooperate with everybody in boosting California.

We are remodeling our place of business and will make an up-to-date ice cream parlor and confectionary.

We will appreciate your trade.

**C. B. REA**

**FERD DAUSMAN**

Drugs, Jewelry, Paint, Oil

Wallpaper, Etc.

School Books and School Supplies

California, Missouri

We join with our fellow townsmen in welcoming Dr. L. L. Latham and in showing appreciation for the wonderful sanitarium he has added—

### TO OUR ENTERPRISES

We also welcome our friends to our place of business, where every courtesy and consideration is shown. We can supply your necessities and wants in the best of everything in our line, which includes furniture, floor coverings, music, undertaking.

We wish especially to call your attention to the famous Atwater Kent Radio, which in 1925 out sold any other radio in its class by 60 per cent. We also call your attention to the New Brunswick Phonograph, the marvel of the age in musical reproduction.

These wonderful musical instruments together with our line of pianos player pianos, Edison and Brunswick Phonographs, footpower and electric White sewing machines, are found in abundance on our floors and it is our delight to show and demonstrate them to you.

Fair dealing, good quality and small profit is the inducement we offer in soliciting your business.

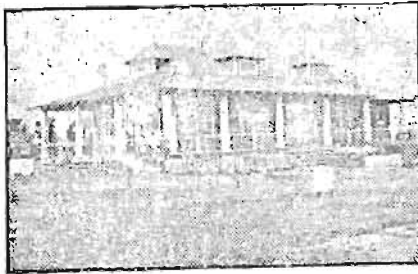
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### California Country Club



50 acre play ground, consisting of children's play ground, horse-shoe, croquet, tennis, playground baseball, rifle and trap-shooting, 9 hole golf course, polo and horse-back riding.

Membership—190.

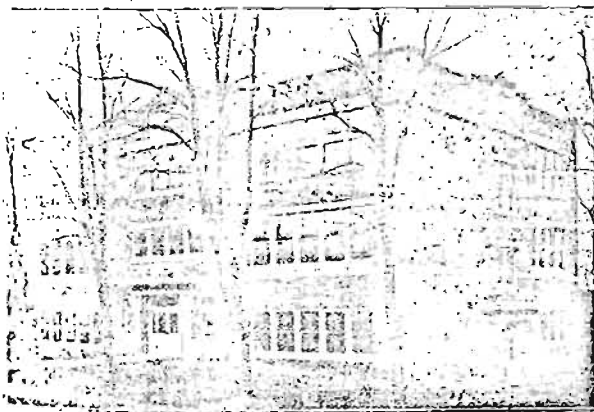
L. B. Meyer—President.

Adele Harris—Secretary.

A. B. Cole, Jr.—Pres. Golf Club.

W. C. Carter—Sec'y. Golf Club.

Frank Harris—Manager.



### CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL None Better

California High School offers a liberal education—34 Units  
COURSES OF STUDY

Vocational Agriculture  
Commercial Course

Vocational Home Economics  
Teacher-Training Course

General

Music is elective for all students

Physical Education is Required of All.

Sixteen Units are Required for Graduation

High School Enrollment 204.

Twelve College Trained and Experienced Teachers

California High School is open to all eligible boys and girls.  
Nothing is so essential to success in whatever calling, as an education.

For information, address:

JOHN O. HENDERSON, Superintendent

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L. L. CARTER, Treasurer

H. E. GATTERMEIR

H. M. ALLEN

### The Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company

—is glad to have Dr. L. L. Latham as one of its new subscribers and welcome him to our city. We take particular pride in the fact that his splendid sanitarium is next to our own busy little office.

### "Use The 'Farmes' Phone"

We give you connection with practically every farm residence in this community and with the business concerns in the city and many of the city's homes as well. New subscribers added almost daily.

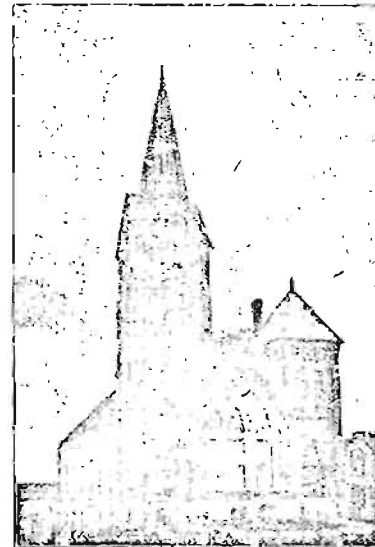
#### FREE CONNECTIONS WITH

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Jamestown	Lohman	Eldon	Woodridge
Clarksburg	Elston	Barnett	Lupus
Speed	Russellville	Enon	Fortuna
McGirk	High Point	Latham	

MAGGIE STROTNER, Mgr.

### THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

A FRIENDLY CHURCH WITH A GOSPEL MESSAGE



J. C. BIERBAUM, Pastor

Come In—REST, PRAY, WORSHIP—This Is Your Father's House

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face  
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven  
Here feed upon the Bread of Life  
Here feel the calm of sins forgiven.

GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

# EDITION TO SANITARIUM BECAME VERY POPULAR BEFORE TIME OF ISSUE

Printers Got Lull Meaning of Twenty  
Four Hour Day—The Publishers  
Appreciate Cordial Support of  
Business Men

Yes, we are late getting in the mails with the Sanitarium Opening and Booster Edition, but there was a reason—one which we believe will be considered sufficient by all our readers. The job was simply so immense that it was a physical impossibility to be out sooner.

To make the thousands of impressions required it necessitated 60 hours running on one or the other of our big presses, allowing no time for the stops for adjustments and changing of forms. Strung out in a matter of 10-hour days this would have amounted to six days. However, if we had run on the basis of a 10-hour day this edition would probably have reached you about the time you should get next week's paper.

Presses rumbled all through the night until the late dawn when weary pressmen stole away to their homes for food and to snatch short naps as others came on to take their places. Typesetting machines rattled until after midnight and printers labored over the stones, getting the numerous advertisements and news pages made up. The printers' part of the work had been going on for several

days and nights before the presses were started.

Ten persons worked on the edition, comprising a force which included the personnel of both the newspapers and extra help besides.

The paper and cover used in the edition amounted 1398 pounds. The weight of the two papers in the mail this week is several times in excess of what it ever was before.

We had no idea when we started out to issue this edition what a tremendous task it would prove to be before we were through. It has been a task which has worn about everyone connected with it almost to a "frazzle" and the expense has been tremendous. Paper, power and fuel alone cost \$175 to say nothing of extra hire, wear and tear on equipment and extra pay for regular employees.

We have also been forced to turn away job work and advertising which we could have handled under ordinary conditions, on account of the edition.

The special edition was never designed as a money-making proposition for the publishers, and has not proven such. However, owing to the support from advertisers, which has no equal in any proposition ever put on in the city, our income from the edition will be sufficient to cover all expenses.

One of the greatest values of the Sanitarium and Booster Edition lies in the fact that such a high per-

centage of the business concerns and professional men of the city ran advertisements in it.

The enterprise of a city is judged to a considerable extent by outsiders by the amount of advertising the local merchants do in the home papers. Foreign advertisers often inquire if newspaper publishers regarding the support they are receiving from local merchants before placing advertising contracts.

The great mail order houses are said to place their direct by mail advertising to no small extent according to the way home merchants are advertising. If these merchants are using much newspaper space, the mail order house does not send such a field of advertising matter, for they feel that the home merchant is going after the business and that the field will not prove very fertile. If, on the other hand, the home merchant is just taking the business that comes and doing little or no advertising to get more, Mr. Mail Order Man figures that it should be a fertile field and he drives for business.

No one can run through the many interesting pages of this edition without being impressed with the fact that this is a community of real live business concerns and get the impression, which is the right one, that this is an outstanding place for business enterprise.

The great number of advertisements also shows a splendid spirit

of co-operation in that they were designed in one way or another as a welcome and a boost for a enterprise.

Congressman W. L. Nelson, who is a newspaper publisher for many years, has written the *Sanitarium* and the *Herald* that he has never seen of an instance in the relations of all newspapers which shows the spirit of co-operation displayed by two publications in issuing this edition. Mr. Nelson commends it highly.

The two papers combined in every department and have an edition identical for both papers, changing only the captions.

This made it possible to get a vastly better edition than it would have been possible for either to have issued alone and it also means a considerable saving to advertisers, as compared to what the expense of running their advertisements would have been had both the papers issued special editions and done it separately.

Thirty-five hundred were thus allowing hundreds of extra to distribution to further advertise the splendid community.

Mrs. Lloyd Tising of High Road went Tuesday to Selah to visit her sister, Mrs. Olive Reichel.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will hold a food sale at the Battery Friday and Saturday.

## ARE YOU LISTED



We are now making up the directory for our spring issue. Are you listed among the progressive people? A home without telephone service is in the heart of loneliness.

You lose out on many quickly planned pleasure trips. It does you many errands in a few moments instead of hours.

A few minutes telephoning may save a day's trip. Consider this opportunity to broaden your business and social influence.

In emergencies our reliable telephone meets your needs and often pays for years of service by quick action.



Subscribe Today	Rates per Month
Business .....	\$2.00
Residence .....	\$1.00
Farm Switching .....	.25

The one company that never raises prices

## CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

The New Latham Sanitarium  
Is Protected With A

### PARAMOUNT TYPE "X"

Built Up Roof  
and

**Paramount Hexagon  
Shingles**

USE

PARAMOUNT  
PRODUCTS  
FOR

PROTECTION

We have now arranged to handle  
this line.

**J. R. PROCTOR**

**GEO. J. GEHRIG**

Windsor, Mo.

### All Heating and Plumbing

In Dr. Latham's Sanitarium was installed by Geo. J. Gehrig & Son for the consideration of \$9,000.00.

The people can well be proud of the fact that Dr. Latham is equipped to give his patients such accommodation. Neither time nor money was considered in getting everything as he wanted it.

We never found nicer people to deal with than Dr. Latham and his family.

**GEO. J. GEHRIG**

All Sheet Metal Work  
on Dr. Latham's Sanitarium  
Done By

**H. W. GRIEBEL**  
Sheet Metal Worker

Dealer In  
Warm Air Furnaces  
and General Sheet Metal Work  
South Side Court House Square

Both Phones

**H. W. GRIEBEL**  
Sheet Metal Worker

### Special Prices

on

### FLOUR

The advance in grain prices is causing an advance in the price of flour. Now is a good time to lay in a supply. We have a good-sized stock on hand and can save you money if you buy now.

All Kinds of Mill Feeds At  
Reasonable Prices

**DAHLER FEED STORE**  
At New Location North of Depot

# **BANK RESOURCES SHOW INCREASE OF \$33,000**

The total resources of the three banks of California were \$33,000 greater December 31, 1925, than at the corresponding date in 1924. The total resources for the last quarterly statement published for 1926 was \$1,566,000 against \$1,533,000 for the last quarterly statement published for 1924, given in round numbers.

Bankers say that citizens of California and its trade territory are entering upon the year of 1926 with brighter prospects before them than they had at this time last year.

"General conditions are much better than they were a year ago," says L. P. Hert, cashier of the Montevideo National Bank. "People seem to have had a more prosperous year during 1925 than in the preceding year, and naturally this is putting them in better condition for 1926. This is true of both the farming industry and business concerns."

"Conditions are less strained for many persons now than they were this time last year," says F. C. Harris, Cashier of the California State Bank. "A number of obligations of our citizens have been met within the past year."

"There is just one thing so far as I can see that does not look good and that is the prospect for a wheat crop. Still, this may possibly be overcome through the sowing of oats, planting of more corn and through the use of soybeans. I hope that a large crop

of the latter is sown, since it should not only produce a big crop of feed but will prove a benefit to our soil as well."

## **Local Marine in West Indies**

Washington, Jan.—Starting on a tour of duty in the West Indies, Marion Clyde Hunter, formerly of McGirk, near California, Mo., is now on duty with the U. S. Marines at the naval station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He will probably remain abroad for a year or longer, and may visit other islands of the Caribbean before returning to the United States.

Marion lived at the home of his father, Martin B. Hunter, in McGirk, before he joined the Marine Corps last August. He was stationed at Paris, S. C., some time before leaving Hampton Roads, Va., on a naval vessel which sailed recently with detachments of Marines bound for the West Indies.

Guantanamo is a naval base for the Atlantic Fleet and is close to San Diego, at the eastern end of Cuba, where the famous battle was fought in 1898 that resulted in the destruction of the Spanish Fleet. It has one of the finest rifle ranges in the world, and crews of various battleships frequently come ashore for target practice. The waters of Guantanamo Bay abound with big game fish, and boating and swimming are enjoyed by the Marines every month of the year.

California Merchants are Boosters.

## **If You Are Planning**

on a new bath room or plumbing of any kind in new construction, we want to figure on your job.

Our prices are always reasonable and our work is of the highest quality. Plumbing fixtures are no longer a luxury but a real necessity in every home.

For any immediate work or estimates call on me at the Latham Sanitarium where I am assisting in finishing the plumbing.

Work done by contract or by the day.

**C. J. BENDER**  
Plumber

## **Don't Wait Till the Last Minute**

When you need a physician and medical attention—the new up to date Sanitarium and the best surgical doctors are at your command.

Likewise when your buildings are sick for want of Paint you should consult us for a remedy in which we would suggest that you use the best paint to be had which is Lowe Bros. High Standard Paint.

In connection—we are dealers in all kinds of Building Material.

Yes, our prices are exceptionally "attractive". But at that we make quality the most important feature of our business.

This is worth considering.

We have acquired the habit of satisfying our customers:

If we can be of any service to you command us.

**C. J. HARRIS LBR. CO.**

Geo. Friedmeyer

We Specialize In

### Home-Cooked Meals

at meal time

### Modern Rooms

Confectionery

Soft Drinks

Cigars and Tobacco

South of Depot

**MILLER'S CAFE**

### John T. Milliken & Co.

Manufacturing pharmaists of St. Louis, Mo. who have long had pleasant business relations with Drs. H. W. and L. L. Latham, are glad to contribute this space to the success of the boosters editions of the California papers, and wish the Latham Sanitarium much success.

**John T. Milliken & Co.**

JOHN D. GILLIS, President

### CALIFORNIA IRON WORKS

We are offering some good bargains in new and used Threshing Engines, Separators, Well Drills, Circular Saws Etc. and parts for same.

### WE CARRY

A full line of Belting and Lacing.

A Line of Farm Machinery

Advance-Rumley and B. F. Avery Agency.

All Kinds of Repair Work.

Lathe Work. Actyeline Welding

Blacksmithing and Horseshoeing

**JAS. A. BRADY, Prop.**

### CERTAINLY

The Big Red X Brand of Plaster  
was used on the New Hospital.

### They Purchased the Best

All the Texas Cement Plaster Co's.  
Brown and White Plaster, Plaster  
Paris Finish and Moulding Plaster  
carries the Big Red X Brand—

**The Emblem of Quality**

**Ship in Hogs**  
Ed. Herzig, John Francis and Geo. Scott have shipped in this week 2 car-loads of hogs, weighing about 80 pounds to the head, from Donopham, Mo., and divided them up to feed out on their farms.

Mrs. Burger who has been visiting her daughter Mrs Jack Hood and her son Arthur Burger returned to Fortuna Wednesday.

**Congratulations**  
**To Dr. L. L. Latham**  
**and welcome to our city**  
**Dr. B. M. Miller**  
**Veterinarian**  
**California, Mo.**

## **W. A. Baker Machine Shops**

California, Missouri

Agent for Harrison Machine Works.  
Monitor & Fairbanks Morse Engines.  
Repairs on Hand. Supplies for all  
kinds of machinery—belting, pipes,  
and fittings. Steam heating and  
Plumbing. Pumps, Wind Mills, Feed  
Grinders, Corn Shellers.

General Repair Work  
Success to the Sanitarium



## **Money Without Strings Attached**

Let's DEPOSIT with the bank. They say they will loan us money when we need it. That is a world of satisfaction to me. I don't like to borrow from friend or relatives. It frequently causes hard feelings. Then too, this way no one knows our business, its confidential.

COURTEOUS, WILLING AND HELPFUL  
SERVICE  
WHEN YOU NEED IT

**California State Bank**

# **Farmers and Traders Bank**

CALIFORNIA, MO.

T. G. Ehrhardt, President

H. W. Kuhn, Cashier

A. W. Yarnell, Vice-President

B. F. Howard, Asst. Cashier

This bank invites your account and assures you that you shall be given special personal attention and individual courtesy. There is no charge for the service and you will be surprised at the many ways we can serve you, once you have opened an account with us.

## PORTRAITS MEMORIES — MILESTONES

A man may be brave enough to beard the lion in his den but as shy as a deer when it comes to facing the camera in a photographic studio.

Seriously, isn't there a loved one whose portrait you would cherish as one of your most precious possessions? May we suggest that you urge him to arrange a sitting? It will take very little time and we will make it as easy for him as is humanly possible.

He, too, will appreciate the kind of portraits we produce.

### SHORT STUDIO

Neil L. Newton, Prop.  
California, Missouri

## We Extend Dr. Latham A Hearty Welcome

We are proud of his Hospital.

We are for all improvements for the  
good of California.

We are in the Drug Business and at  
your service.

### ROTH DRUG COMPANY

Both Phones No. 5

We Extend Greetings and  
Welcome to Dr. Latham

### LEADER CLOTHING CO.

California, Missouri

Everything in men's wear. Suits  
tailored to measure. Fit guaranteed.  
Spring samples now on display.

### LEADER CLOTHING CO.

Service Station for Men

## The New Commercial HOTEL

Steam Heated  
Hot and Cold Baths  
28 Rooms

\$7,500

—spent in making improvements in  
last year and more to be spent  
year.

Let us serve your club and party  
dinners.

W.F. WHITED, Prop.

### CALIFORNIA TO HAVE NEW THOUSAND FOOT WELL DUG

The 3-ton bit of the drill of the Weldon Well Company of Piedmont, Mo., with J. F. Arnall of Joplin in charge is scheduled to start driving the 1,000 foot hole for a new well for the city's water supply today. The machine was started Monday but a breakdown just as the drill was well in motion necessitated a layoff until today.

This well is at the city's pumping station just west of the Catermeir Milling Company plant and is between the two 500-foot wells from which the city has been drawing its supply for the last 15 years and which have now become inadequate to meet the demands during the hot weather.

The new well and its equipment for pumping is to be paid for with money derived from a \$20,000 bond issue voted by an overwhelming majority by the citizens of California last summer.

The bit which is used at the beginning drives an 18½ in. hole. When rock is struck it will be replaced with one which drives a 15½ inch hole and this size will be carried on down to a depth of 1,000 feet.

Mr. Arnall, who has drilled wells for both water and oil in various places in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, California, Arizona and Illinois, says that a large flow of water should be struck in this region between 900 and 1,000 feet. It will come when a stratum of white sand is reached.

Mr. Arnall has been employed by various oil, gas and petroleum concerns and knows the drilling game from the beginning to end. He put down the second of the big wells which supply the city of Columbia, Mo., with its water supply.

The big drill here is the same as is used in the oil fields. It is driven by a 20-horse power steam engine. The placing of the drill, including the freight on it and the expense of setting and housing, cost the Weldon Company about \$1,500 before over a stroke was made with the bit, according to Mr. Arnall.

The new well is designed to meet the needs of the city of California for a water supply for many years to come. The old wells will probably be held in reserve for use in case of an emergency.

#### Entertain at Masked Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carr entertained sixteen couples at a masked party at the Country Club Friday evening. Mrs. A. L. Howard in the role of "Topsy" received the lady's prize or the best costume and J. W. Rath as "Village Constable" received the men's prize.

#### Horses and Mules

We will ship horses and mules Monday, January 25. Now is the time to dispose of your surplus stock as buyers from the South are on the market.

M. F. A. Shipping Association.

11. Ed. Herzog, Mgr.

### We Take This Means

of welcoming Dr. L. L. Latham and his staff of associates in his new splendid enterprise of giving our city an up to date sanitarium and wish him every success in his great undertaking.

### California Cleaners

Z. M. Semmler

Wm. Semmler

California, Missouri

# Solve--

## Your Car and Finance Problem

—By buying a Ford. Its original cost is low, its operating expense is low and its trade in value as compared to other makes and their original prices is the highest. It also has a more ready sale as a used car than any other make.

AND when you need repair work remember that Fords are our specialty and that we give unsurpassed service at reasonable prices.

## CARR-McKEE MOTOR CO.

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## Christian Church Welcomes Dr. Latham and Staff

When we consider the magnanimous spirit of this republic in extending a warm welcome to the stranger from a distant land, it would seem strange neglect of a pleasant privilege if we the citizens of California did not welcome with open arms a product of Moniteau county.

Especially would this neglect be inexcusable on the part of Dr. Latham's friends who wish for him and his family every blessing which a long life of faithful efficient service can heap upon them.

We do not wish for any one the misfortune of sickness or serious accident, but, if such should befall them, then, we hope that Dr. Latham may have an opportunity to relieve their suffering.

So, on behalf of the membership of the Christian Church, I am pleased to welcome into our midst, Dr. and Mrs. Latham, Mother Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Robt.) Latham and Mathilda and Mildred Robertson.

Sunday School at 9:30      Christian Endeavor at 6:30  
Preaching and Communion at 11 a. m.      Preaching at 7:30 a. m.

O. K. POSEY, Pastor

## J. T. LEE

### Abstracts of Title

### Real Estate and Farm Loans

Write all kinds of Insurance in  
Reliable Old Line Companies  
Abstracts furnished for any land or  
town lot in Moniteau County.

Is Your Title Good?  
California, Missouri  
Both Phones

## COOK'S CONGRATULATE California and Moniteau County on the Latham Sanitarium

To be the home of an institution such as the Latham Sanitarium is distinction, indeed! We rejoice with you wide-awake California boosters who have helped make this fine new building a reality!

Cook's had a small part in the work, by furnishing through our California and Barnett Agent, E. R. Proctor of the Proctor Lumber Company, the woodwork stains, enamel undercoat and enamels used in decorating the building.

And thus California, with the Latham Sanitarium, is making use of the same high quality Cook Products that were used to decorate the wonderful \$2,500,000 Kansas City Club—the magnificent new state capitol building at Lincoln, Nebraska—the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, Kansas—the beautiful new Fort Worth Club—the Colburn Hotel in Denver—the First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa—the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas—and such lovely homes as that of Gordon Taylor in Oklahoma City.

Some folks think that paint is paint and varnish is varnish—that it's all pretty much alike, regardless who makes it.

But E. R. Proctor knows different.

That's why he's had his eye on the Cook Paint and Varnish Company, of Kansas City, Ft. Worth and St. Louis. He knows we're the biggest paint concern west of the Mississippi, and the tenth largest in the whole country. He knows we make the famous line of Cook Products—"Best for Wear and Weather." He knows there's a Cook paint, varnish, stain, enamel or lacquer for every painting purpose—and that every Cook Product is the best of its kind!

That's why he wanted the Cook Agency. And because he knows the paint business—because he is worthy your confidence in all matters pertaining to paint—he was able to secure the Cook Agency Franchise.

If you're going to paint this season, drop in and look over Proctor's samples of Cook-painted panels. You'll find there the paint or varnish best suited to your purpose, at a price that will please you. Ask for free color cards, suggestions and estimates of cost.

No obligation, Proctor is at your service.

# COOK'S

## Paint and Varnish Products

Sold Exclusively in California and  
Barnett by Proctor Lumber Company

## Rombach's Bakery and Confectionery

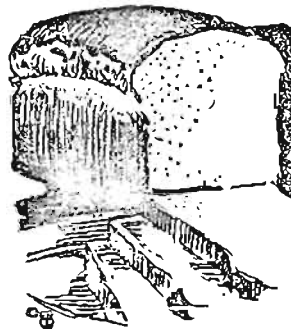
Cake  
You  
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Serve  
With  
Pride

no appoligies are required when serving Rombach's Cake to company or to the family. Rather, you will be complimented upon its excellence. Special cakes baked to your order if you wish.

A  
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Get  
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Ovens

It's so convenient to buy your bread and so much saving in time, fuel and material that the thrifty housewife does not bake her own. She tells her grocer she wants Rombach's bread.

## A Rare Combination

THE new Latham Sanitarium is but one of the thousands of buildings—homes, hospitals, churches and office and public buildings—in which the use of Long-Bell trade-marked oak flooring has resulted in floors of a rare combination of beauty, durability and economy. This nationally known flooring assures "The Perfect Floor." J. R. Proctor sells Long-Bell trade-marked oak flooring and other lumber products in California and vicinity. Ask him about "The Perfect Floor" and how easy and inexpensive it is to have it in your home.

Know the lumber you buy

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## THE BAPTIST CHURCH

F. L. ALEXANDER, Pastor

The new Sanitarium is designed and intended for the relief of physical suffering and this church is laboring for the welfare of the spiritual being. These two works go hand-in-hand. It is therefore with a deep feeling of fellowship that we welcome the sanitarium, its owner, its personnel, their families and the patients in our midst.

### Weekly Program

#### SUNDAY—

Bible School .....	9:30 a. m.
Preaching Services .....	10:45 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. ....	6:30 p. m.
Preaching Services .....	7:30 p. m.

#### TUESDAY—

Men's Prayer Service .....	7:30 p. m.
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#### WEDNESDAY—

Mid-week Prayer Service .....	7:30 p. m.
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Departments for all ages in Bible School and B. Y. P. U., with various other church organizations.

A hearty welcome to everyone to attend all our services.

## PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA

The PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH extends to you a cordial and sincere welcome to attend its services.

We endeavor to make our services worshipful and inspirational and Spiritually worth while.



We believe they will furnish the vigor and courage needful, in the daily life, to meet hopefully and successfully life's problems and difficulties.

The Gospel we preach is not remote from the complex life of today, but intimate with all that concerns him in his struggles and ambitions and hopes. It is the mighty and manly Gospel of "the Abundant Life."

MEN! You need the church—the church needs you.

We hope you will catch the strength and need and urgency of this appeal. We can be of mutual help to each other. Come to church next Sunday, join us in the fellowship of worship, and let us get better acquainted.

We Extend A Special Welcome to the People of the Sanitarium.

### OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship at 10:45. Evening Worship at 7:30

Sermon by the Minister at both services

Special Music by the Senior and Junior Choirs

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND WILLIAM NELSON DEWAR, MINISTER

## GREETINGS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WHICH STANDS FOR

The Preaching of God's Word in all its Truth and Purity.  
That Man is Saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

We invite YOU to worship with us.

English service every first and third Sunday at 10 a. m.  
and every Second Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

German service every second and fourth Sunday 10 a. m.  
German service at 10 a. m. and English service at 7:30 p. m. on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Come you are welcome at all services.

The Lutheran Church also owns and maintains  
Radio Station K. F. U. O. St. Louis (545.1 Meters)

### "THE GOSPEL VOICE"

The Gospel Voice is on the air every Sunday at 4 p. m.  
and at 9:15 p. m. Every Monday at 8:00 p. m. and every  
Wednesday at 9:15 p. m.

Tune in on the "GOSPEL VOICE" Station K.F. U. O.  
St. Louis and Hear:

Jan. 24 4 p. m.—"Arise go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole."

Jan. 24 9:15 p. m.—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jan. 25 8 p. m.—"Young people and their church."

Jan. 27 9:15 p. m.—"What must I believe, and what must I do to be saved?"

Jan. 31 4 p. m.—"The prince of this world is just dead." Comfort against the temptations of  
of Satan.

Jan. 31 9:15 p. m.—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and son, and the Holy Ghost."

We appreciate the things Dr. Latham has done for our community and wish for him unbounded success in his new venture.

We continue at the old stand with a fine line of general merchandise and solicit your patronage and good will.

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GREETINGS FROM  
THE  
PROFESSIONAL MEN  
AND  
OFFICIALS

Extend a most cordial welcome to Dr.  
L. L. Latham at California, desire to  
express their appreciation for the  
splendid improvement he has added  
to the city and county and to wish him  
well in his new venture.

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—of this concern has visited many towns and cities on both sides of the "Big Pond," he has never yet seen one that appeals to him like our own California, Mo. It is therefore with great pleasure that we welcome—

**DR. L. L. LATHAM**

—and with much pride we point to the

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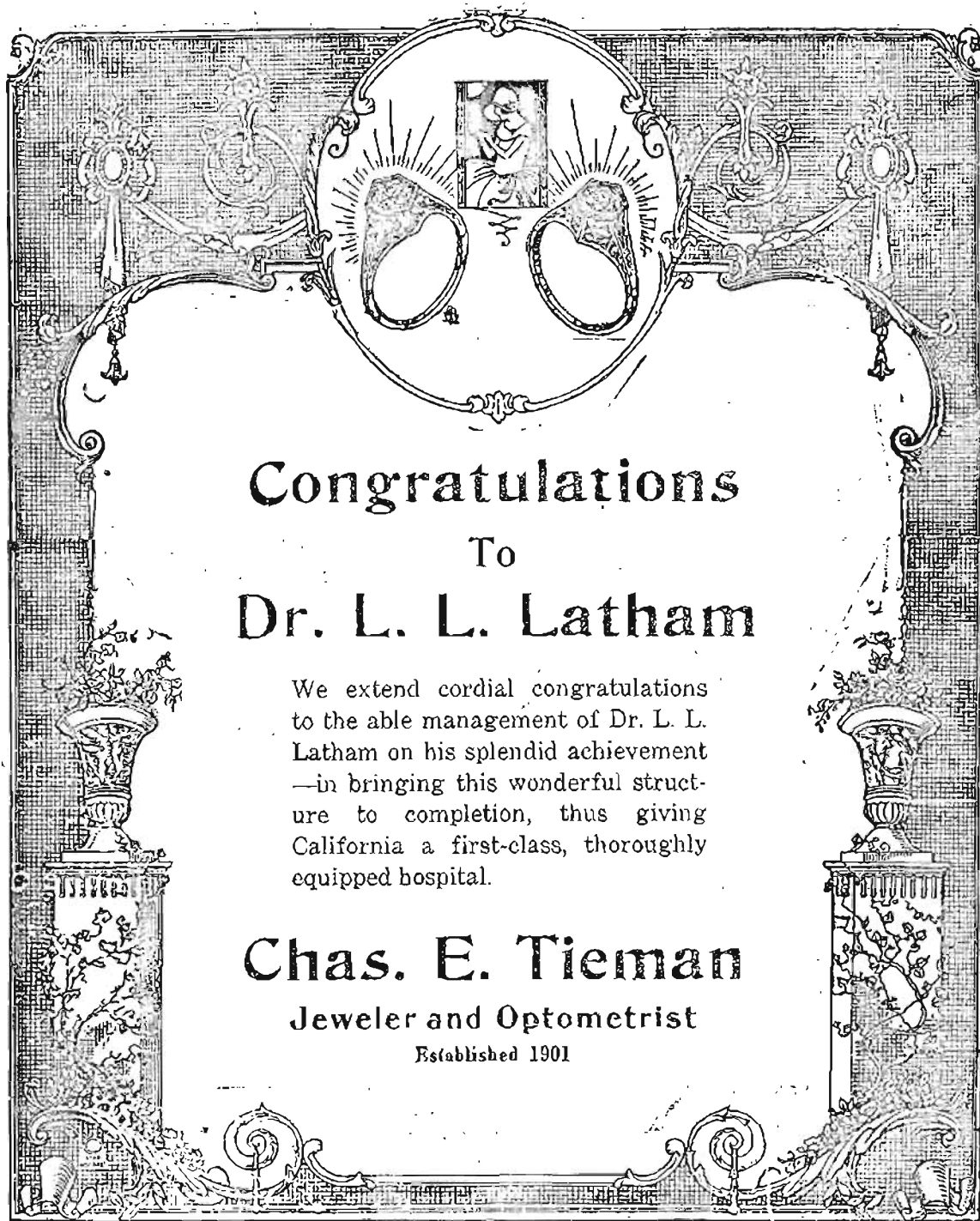
—as one of the greatest of the many good things in our town. We're for this town and community first, last and always and will be found ready and willing at all times to back every movement for its improvement.

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**Dr. L. L. Latham**

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