All the world a stage and all the men and women merry players, they each have their entrance and their exits and some 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 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 newspaper there many horrible and terrible things happening. Burglaries with horses, stage coach hold-ups, train accidents costing lives, burglaries and robberies. One night as W.C. Finke returned delivering stock to St. Louis and left his train at the railroad station, he was waylaid by two individuals and relieved of valuables, because of arguments and shootings. Arguments over politics where there was an attempt to solve 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 mining 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.
for fuel and ties offered by the Atlantic and Pacific railroad.

These people and their activities make up the background for our 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. 4th, 1845, John Deese 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, 1846, 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 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 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 square 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 two ran on the west side of High street from Main to Third, block three was on the south side of the square, block four 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 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. This hotel was the scene of many social events and many distinguished guests were entertained here, among them was Thomas Hart Benton.
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 tinners, and one carpenter. The professions numbered five physicians and three doctors and lawyers. In March, J.P. Foray 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, and 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, seventy-one years ago, Mr. Finke, too, advertised an auction sale at which time he disposed of a $10,000 stock of goods.
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 was a winding stair led to the second story. 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 additional amount of $136 for his work. William Vanover received $650 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 $1045.80. The actual cost of the building was $2,176.85. A "Ben Franklin Lightning Rod" was put up by B.F. McCollester 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 1 p.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
Pacific Railroad had gone through the 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 12, 1868, 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 and Third. The foundation of the building was laid by Charles Ashd. The building was to be 89x54 feet. The size of the Court Room was to be 54x54. This room was on the second floor 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.

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 was made new and more modern. The iron ceiling in the Circuit Court room was painted as well as the woodwork and wainscoting. 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."
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, 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 were 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 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. McDonald 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."
Besides the buildings mentioned, several in the Poonesborough 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. Zurmuehlen, in order to make his building the same height as the Snow building, 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 Weinke building. Originally this ground was owned by T.E. Dickerson. In 1867 Christopher Weinke bought it for $2500. The Messerlis, grandparents of Lawrence, Ella and Clara Hert, lived upstairs about this period. At sometime it was used as a saloon.

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. Duvenick in 1868. On February 26, 1863, he had purchased this corner from Henry Tenbrook for $425. Mr. Duvenick 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 Finke building. F. W. Sarman bought this business. In 1869 the building on the s 1/2 of lot 2 was built by Mr. Duvenick. It was purchased by Will F. Meyer for $1450. He was a tailor and operated a clothing store. From Mr. Meyer, Simon Schmeier 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. Finke building a drug store was built by Owen and Todd and also served Dr. J.P.H. Gray as an office build
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 February 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 4th, 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 made some changes and improvements. In the same year it was leased by William Born and the next year he purchased. 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 Christina supervised 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.

On the corner of East and Main at the 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
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.

Early in 1876 R. Kisly 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. In 1891 an elevator was placed in the building. This building is on the northeast corner of Third and High. The building is the property of Schiedt Hardware. In the early days farm implements were sold here.

In 1885 Dr. J.P.H. Gray built a building on the west side of High next to Tedder & King Drug building. This was a two story brick 27 x 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. It was expected that next year the fee for telephones would be $.1 per month.
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 Frederick Kombach.

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 $35. The first week people 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 furore. 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.
On May 7, 1886, the last brick was laid at noon on Saturday for the new Opera House. (For the benefit of many people it might well to state 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 23rd 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 14th. 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 Courthouse 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 Courthouse 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 Courthouse yard, and hitching racks around the outside. This was a nuisance and inconvenience but they were necessary for the good of all. In 1888 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 near the railroad.

In May 1884, gasoline street lights were installed in California.
The Boonesborough suffered from four great losses 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 the 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 was removed. The regalia of the Odd Fellows and Masons over the Opera House was damaged to the extent of $400. The editor of the local commented that we are practically in the backwoods when it comes to protection. We need to construct cisterns and engine houses.

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 millinery shop was next door to the Opera House. The other building was occupied by Henry Gentzsch with the barber shop. The Peaker family the residence rooms upstairs. The building has a beautiful front and is quite an addition to the city.
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 1862) 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, which is Union Hall, was next to Zumwalt's selling merchandise. The building was improved. In 1891, the building was torn down and a new building 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 door today.

The next building belonging to Mr. Moser was built about 1872. C.G. Triebel had a clothing store in the south. Mueller-Ashahl, a saloon in the north building. The Messerlish 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 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 foot 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 and 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 had a foot frontage. 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. Triebel with 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-Asa 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 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 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 Triebel'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 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. The two story brick occupied by R.H. Garrison, the two story building occupied by C.C. Triebel, and the one story frame of Peter Conrad's meat market were all consumed. Garrettson's insurance had run out. Property loss from the fire amounted to $20,000, none of which 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 Conrad buildings and two Moser buildings.
C. 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 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 destroyed. Time has permitted the removal of the wagons and buggies and much equipment to the Court House lawn.
The Nischwitz Furniture and Undertaking building on the north side of the Square was not destroyed. In 1909, B.C. Nischwitz built a new building which was destroyed by fire in 1921.

Immediately, Mr. Burkhardt rebuilt it and much larger 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 Segeman was his partner until Mr. Segeman'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 32 x 32 in dimension, with a basement. One floor was used for collars, one for harness and another for a display room.

On March 13th, 1906, fire was discovered in the Livery Stable belonging to L.A. Schmidt 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 would 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 snow. He lost his library and musical instruments. Arch Linville, sleeping in the office, made his escape with clothes only.

The wind being from the northeast was decidedly 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, 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 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 were employed at Heck Saddlery and will be 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 the 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 at 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. Stumm 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 Affholder, a shoemaker by trade. His shop was in his home. Generously he shared his home with the new comers from his native land. Mr. Affholder was the grandfather of Mrs. Oscar Wegener.

West of the Court House, on North Street, J. N. E. Moser built a brick house 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 Unglaub was married to F. Rombach at the home of her grandmother, 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 Ritzen house was built in 1898 by Charles A. Ritzen.

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

Land for the August Seybert house was purchased in July, 1875. Location on East Street north of North Street.
Some gleanings from the past:

In 1871, the people of California raised $215 for 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 Woolen 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. St. Cooper, who set up a gallery in 1869. His business was 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 source for the preceding information has come from the newspaper files of the California.
The newspaper files at the California Democrat from 1858 through 1905.

J.R. 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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LATHAM SANITARIUM
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Pleasant Memories of the Doctors of the
Early Days, and Tramend 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 given me and I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to J. R. Proctor, Lumber Co., Morris Lumber Co., Mr. Havman, Mechanics and workmen, all of the carpenters who helped for so many months, Virgil Immen and his brick men, Mr. Coo, Gehle and Son, Plumbing and heating engineers and Mr. Bender, Mr. McDonald and the other painters, and Mr. Onkel, the laborer. 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 thanks to Mayor Toon 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 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 diseases 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 also discharged according to Board of Health regulations. I extend the privilege of the hospital to all regular physicians of the county and to all 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.

THIS ISSUE DEDICATED TO
DR. L. L. LATHAM

whose enterprise has added one of the greatest assets to a city and county

In case of any accident or emergency any M. D. if he so desires, and
I wish here to pay just a word to the memory of any of the many noble old physicians who once lived and worked in this 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 little here of regret in having to leave my old home town, and 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 electricity, better work, etc. at Latham, I never would have left there even if it is off the railroad and the principal highways. That community is fortunate in having Dr. Robertson there in active practice. As one of the best physicians I know he represents the best in the Latham community.

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 need 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 faith in any kind. Have no cure all system, no "get well quick" system and make no claim of having any super service. I wish to thank the doctors and nurses who helped for so many months, and for so many years of hard work. In the past seven years I have had occasion to visit many of the large cities 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 that has impressed me so having any more general all around ability and the knack of knowing how to take care of sick people as Dr. H. W. Latham. He built a practice in a small inland country town that, so far as I know, has had no equal.

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 community to come in at any time and I am thinking of Dr. Russell, Dr. J. H. Gray, Dr. Stewart, Dr. DeWitt, Dr. Turl, Dr. Allen, Dr. Latham, Dr. Burke, and others. We have a new apparatus for the treatment of cancer, a new apparatus for the treatment of syphilis, a new apparatus for the treatment of tuberculosis, a new apparatus for the treatment of diabetes, a new apparatus for the treatment of tuberculosis, and a new apparatus for the treatment of diabetes.

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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— that Doctor Latham, has used good judgment in buying the best material, making a building of such substantial construction that it will appear new and up-to-date for many years. Certainly, in doing this he has built something in which both he and the community can take a greater pride and which will in the long run prove a saving to him over and above what he would have been out in making repairs or changes in a structure less well constructed and planned.

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The family was interested in nearly all of the enterprises of the town. Written in a cozy niche in the history of Moniteau County is the home of Latham. In the current events of the Civil War, the name of Latham is standing out with prominence. To this name the present issues of the two California newspapers are dedicated. Frank C. Latham, in the Latham and civic improvement, alleviation of pain and vision by Dr. L. L. Latham, is represented by Dr. H. W. Latham, prevision, and vision by Dr. H. W. 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 1842. His first house was a farm near the convergence of the Missouri and Burma 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, Peter C. Latham of Medford, Oregon, and Mrs. Sallie Eleanor Louise's mother was Lulu Talam. In the center of a rich farming community, it is believed to have been without a parallel in the nation, in a small town.

The late Dr. H. W. Latham was born at High Point in 1852 and died at Latham, in 1919, building up during his lifetime at the inland town of Latham medical practice which is believed to have been without a parallel in the nation.

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 carried on 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 many others cared for the patients. He always took a month off during January to attend some clinics 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 Flinck 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. H. W. Latham (Short Studio Photo)

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

Dr. Longman 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 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, shows 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 welcome words 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. C. L. Latham, Gregory, who has recently moved to California, Peter C. Latham of Medford, Oregon, and Mrs. Sallie L. Latham. They have a large family child in Eleanor Louise Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter, near Fortuna. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are the issue of Judges D. B. Baxter, and Eleanor Louise's mother was Alice Alexander, a few years ago, California high school student. There are two grand children, Virginia, Mary, and Billy, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. 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 than 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 28, 1852. He attended Harvard University and graduated from the Medical Department in 1873, and at once commenced the practice with his uncle whom he had been assisting in vacation time. After the death of his uncle he carried on 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 many others cared for the patients. He always took a month off during January to attend some clinics 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 Flinck 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.

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Washington and others, Dr. W. W. Latham and Dr. L. L. Latham, although busy physicians gave time to their business activities. They were prime movers in the promotion of the Christian church which is the only church in the town; Dr. J. M. Robertson, the brother-in-law uncle joined with them. When J. C. 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 Lathamhs were active in the promotion of the bank and 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. F. 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. Polk has been running a general merchandise store, and the large Fulks family has become interested in the town. Mrs. Ellen Latham, mother of R. L. Latham has long been in charge of the hospital and resonant name, and they would seriously take up the work and its hereditary work of the family, as has Mrs. H. W. Latham, who has helped care for the patients who have not fully realized her ambition. A few years after he was out of medical college, he and his wife, 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 care of his extensive work without a specific place for treatment other than his own office.

**THE LATHAM RESIDENCE**

This was the home of the late Dr. H. W. Latham at Latham. It is now owned by his widow, Mrs. Lathams at Latham in the name left in the town. At one time there was a dozen, Mrs. Lathams at Latham. R. L. 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 turnouts as few as they could see it. He always kept two or three teams of fleet footed horses in order that one might ride while he had another on the road. These animals showed a buggie in which the doctor was a delight and comfort. He would take his patients and take care of his practice there. He was a true, kind-hearted enough to attack and rob them on long, lonely drives one cold winter's night. The attack made near High Point. He was stopped by the roughcast and ordered to give up the money he had on him, 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 caring cases was to a considerable extent to have them cared for by his own families, to give members of their families specific instructions for looking after them. His idea was that a member of the family would be better acquainted 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 gone 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 was put faith and renewed vitality into many a 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 than 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 in a number of cases which a machine could travel. Doctor Latham practically always had a dray, his son Gregory servign in this capacity for several years.

**GROWTH IN THE LATHAM SANITARIUM IDEA**

Dr. L. L. Latham must for many years have had in mind a sanitarium like the one he 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 care of 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. N. W. Latham and served him for life-time and then his nephew, Dr. L. L. Latham, as an office until the present date. They used only the second floor, however. Undated thousands of patients from many sections of the United States have fatted the steps of the Latham Hospital at Latham. It is now owned by his widow, Mrs. Lathams at Latham in the name left in the town. At one time there was a dozen, Mrs. Lathams at Latham. The writer can recall the time when L. L. and his uncle, the late Dr. R. W. Latham brought in a number of cases which a machine could travel. Doctor Latham practically always had a dray, his son Gregory servign in this capacity for several years.

Heartfelt Tribute Dr. L. L. Latham in a talk made before a banquet of business and professional men in California recently paid a big and heart-felt tribute to the late Dr. H. W. Latham while whom he was associated in the early years of his practice. "Speaking of the country physician," said the doctor, "I cannot 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 seen anyone-given the gold standard's instruction about medicine and surgery from anyone that I got from the old Doctor Latham."
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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SANITARIUM AN IMPOSING SIGHT WELL LOCATED

Three stories of brick and mortar, a veritable monument of imposing entrance 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 already proud have been developed and are now in operation in California. But because they are a purely commercial they cannot be matched with the institution to which a portion of this building is dedicated.

H. M. Embry, prominent local attorney, in an address before California business men at a recent banquet given in building of 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 may be, were nothing as compared to the humanitarian side of the enterprise.

Mr. Embry said:

"Few human ailments, whether resulting from accident or disease are such that they cannot be cared for, and every effort to eliminate wretchedness suffering on the part of the patient at the new Sanitarium, so comparatively small.

Dr. Latham's long experience with difficult cases, attention at the great ethics and continuous study assures the correct management of the institution and proper administration of treatment.

The Sanitarium building alone represents $60,000. It is, together with the residence and additions, stock of drugs and equipment, the total to $90,000.

The building has 22 rooms for patients along with numerous suitcases and rooms for attendants and for various uses in connection with the institutions.

The basement is equipped with a laundry room, 25x40 feet. It has its own hot water plant, a large electric refrigerator a 40-inch electric mangle. A clothes closet with an opening on each of three floors above conveyors and floors above conveyers and the heated hanger and garret in the basement, where they fall into a large covered container. This is on small truck that can be pushed to the kitchen and unloaded.

The steam heating plant with a capacity of 3,700,000 B.T.U. capacity is to a central boiler house with a vapor separator and boiler, 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 patients in this area are for persons and are equipped with movable tables. A deep water which travels from the basement to the third floor passes the kitchen and other food for the patients who are fixed it their beds can be sent up to the floors above.

The hospital was planned and built by Dr. 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, but 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 in 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 Tuscumbia, 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 Dr. Latham has been practicing for some time.

Two appendix operation cases who are patients in Dr. Latham's private room. The sick room is open from the past office, one goes into the main reception room. It is 35 feet one-way by nearly half that distance the other way. In either end are library rooms, 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, in a room for minor operations can be seen the one on the east is the dressing-room, in which a steel bucket at $25 is carried. In the drug room LCD. Dr. Latham's private desk. The hand nurse's desk and the filing cabinet stand in the corner near the door that opens from the main reception room.

In the west wing of the building is another entrance from the north. Here 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 suite of 4 rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Latham, two of which are the new building while the other two are in the residence.

Directly across the hall from Mrs. Latham's suite in the kitchen, she pride.

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

The halls are furnished with a dresser, table and two chairs, besides the bed. Those without cots also have chifferobes.

Patients who are in a critical condition will be taken from vehicles at south entrance, where there are two few to go up to the elevator. The hospital was planned and built by Dr. 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, but decided that this was the place he wanted to build, made his preparations and stuck to it. In spite of the fact that vigorous attempts were made by other places which wanted him to locate with them to change his mind.

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The Producers Exchange Extends a Hearty Welcome to Dr. L. L. Latham and the Sanitarium

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California, Missouri
O. E. SPRUCE
THE ARCHITECT
NATIVE OF CITY

Has Record of Designing and Building Nearly All of California Brick Buildings

A BIG FORCE WORKS ON IN BURLINGTON ERUPTION

Gebr. Fred Wintour, a Former Resident, McDonald Contract Painter

O. E. Spruce, master architect and builder of California, is the architect of the building and Superintendant of construction. Mr. Spruce grew up in the construction business in California from boyhood and has been a carpenter for forty years. He has designed and built nearly all of the brick buildings of California and many of the frame ones. He first worked with Stevenson & Stevenson on the brick layers, then with Bob Ream and later with Virgil Inman. The two lines of builder contracting together in the Sanitation, 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's great to see Spruce's crews that there was little delay. Mr. Spruce is the architect of the Elton house, the postoffice buildings, the Holy Redeemer, the Holy Salvation, the Heck undertaker building, the Flinn building, and almost without exception all the business houses, and nearly all ways had charge of the carpenter part of the construction. Henry has been in business for a number of years and has contracted on many outside buildings in the Flinn building 20 years can start build a house. We should see some change in California soon to paint in a man who has done 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 Flinn house is a coming 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 for the big brick work on the new Sanitarium, has not yet turned his third year, he has had 12 years experience in the brick building trade and under the direction of his father, Virgil Inman who for many years was a prominent contractor here, and the last 5 years as a contractor himself, Virgil has done the brick work on buildings in practically every town of this state 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 totalled $25,000 and in the last 5 years approximately $100,000. The high school buildings at Clarksburg, Vassar, and Elgin 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 reconstruction of the Methodist church here.

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

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

Grachel Says Work Prospects Good for 1926

H. W. Grachel, local sheet metal worker and furnace man, did the biggest metal work on the new Sanitarium, for the best equipped shop in Montana county and one of the best in Central Missouri. Mr. Grachel and Henry sought to know the well-equipped shop when he sees it, for he has had 25 years experience in those fields. Silvers of this time has been spent in California. The til he used at the hospital was of the best 40-pound casting quality.

The spouline is of number 23 inlet, 35 pounds iron, the best that could be obtained.

Amour the big heating jobs Henry has taken care of in the last year was that of the new Advent Evangelical church, and the new Methodist church here.

Mr. Grachel had an exceptionally good year in 1926 and believes the outlook for 1927 in the building line in this community is better than it was last year.

Gebr. & Son Do Heating And Plumbing At Sanitarium

Gebr. & Son of Windsor have 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 school building.

Mr. Grachel, local sheet metal, 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 Ruhmann milled company plant buildings of the best 40-pound casting quality.

THE RUMANN MILLING COMPANY PLANT

The Ruhmann mill has a grinding capacity of 500 barrels a day and a storage capacity of 65,000 barrels. It is situated as high as 200 cartons of wheat a year. Much of the products from this mill are shipped to the Southern States.

The business has been going on for over 200 years, and is a real artist in his line. Mr. Fuerst does the job, one may rest assured that it is properly done and at a price in every respect.

L. W. Fuerst A Leading Decorator For Many Years

L. W. Fuerst, who did the decorating of the residence at the sanitarium, has held sway in California for a leading painter and decorator for many years. He is not just a painter, workman and contractor to the ordinary sense of the word, but is a real artist in his line. He has an eye for color and he is the leading decorator in California.
Chase & Hinkel Hdwe Co.

The Place to Get Quality and Service

We are now selling American Field Fence and the DeLaval Cream Separators. We also carry a line of Simmons Tires and Tubes. Farm Implements, Galvanized Roofing, Pumps, Oil and Gas, Watch our windows for specials on Winchester tools and cutlery.

The Winchester Store

Both Phones California, Missouri

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Suits for Boys
with vest and long pants
20 per cent off the price

Curlee Suits
for Men and Young Men

$32.50 now $28.50
30.00 now 26.50
26.50 now 23.50
Others specially priced as low as $12.00

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T. B. McKnight Mer. Co., California, Mo.

We Welcome Dr. Latham and His Staff of Assist ants

Short-length Overcoats
$12.00 value, sale price $6.50
Cloth woven in Local Mills

One Lot, 20 Overcoats
Curlee Make
Value $16.00 to $19.50
Now $14.48.

One Lot 26 Overcoats
$22.50 to $25.00 now $19.48
Some overcoats specially priced as low as $12.50

New and up to date line of Lion Hats and Star Brand Shoes on Display
See Windows
MAGNIFICENT
CHURCH HOMES
IN CALIFORNIA

New Methodist Church Just Being Completed. Complete the List in Brick

ACTIVE AND ELOQUENT
MINISTERS GIVE TIME

Baptist structure cost Forty Thousand and 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 the other, 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 is still considered as having been foreseen soon after by the Evangelicals.

In later years the Presbyterian, Catholic, Christian and Baptist have been built on modern lines, and the new Methodist church is modern with the basement plan. A canvass of the city shows, only about 106 of the required 1,000 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, its cost about $40,000. It has a membership of something near five hundred and is equipped to take care of the work. Rev. T. C. 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 Calvinistic church, which was built a good many years ago, is receiving from this territory or else.

The Methodist church has a new modern building, and has once built a modern home for the church. Rev. Frank S. McCord, is the pastor, but has been here only a few months. The church has a fine membership of about 50, 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 ample membership. Miss Gerhardt teaches the Parish School, which is located near the other buildings. The Lutheran church has a pastor Rev. F. W. Mueller who has been with the church many years, and succeeds Rev. A. Blakeman, 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 sidewalks are well kept.

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"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 Implementa.

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The Store that is always filled with the goods you want, at prices that suit everybody.

Dry Goods  Chinaware  Groceries
Notions  Glassware  Fruits
Shoes  Dinner Sets  Vegetables
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Quick-Sales, Small Profit, and Prompt Service

J. R. Pummill
California, Missouri
NEW BUILDINGS IN CALIFORNIA SHOW UP EXTRA

More Than $170,000 Spent in Improvement During the Past Twelve Months

SANITARIUM, CHURCH, GARAGE, HOTEL AND MANY HOMES

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

Traveling salesman over this territory makes 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 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 12th, and hastened the time of starting the work by 2 months.

After a 4 months' shutdown, Mr. Whited opened again for business in August. To place of the old tumbledown and unattractive interior of the year gone by, guests were greeted with an outside skylighted place. Each of the 26 rooms was equipped with steam heat. There is hot and cold water throughout the building, new beds and bedspreads, 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 drooping 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 remainder after it was reopened and the frost fell.

Mr. Whited says business has been much greater this Winter than it has ever been for the cold months since he has been here, due to 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 and mapped out. As soon as things were cleaned up from the first job he began another—that of building an addition on the east. This is a 3-story brick structure, which now houses the Hotel Barber Shop of which H. A. Dorroh is the proprietor. The barber shop was moved on 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.

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.

This will mean a total of 29 rooms when the building program is completed.

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

J. W. Pope Builts $15,000 Garage in 1925

Representing a total investment which the owner says is in the neighborhood of $16,000, the J. W. Pope garage has opened the door for a business using one ordi-

nary store room and a building on in alley to which is housed in one of the most commodious and best looking business buildings in the city.

Late last summer, Mr. Pope traded a lot between the Williams Furniture and Undertaking company store and the D. L. Stark dental office and started immediately the erection of a 3-story brick building 45x900 feet. This is now completed. With a warehouse in the rear it has a capacity of 76 cars, making the greatest capacity in this line in the city, according to Mr. Pope.

A plate glass front runs the entire length 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 18x50 feet is used for the display of Chevrolet cars, which Mr. Pope rents. Back of this room 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 hammers making and hammer repair department which Mr. Pope carres on in connection with his garage and car also business.

Some of The Building improvements of 1925

The year of 1925 witnessed the erection of more new buildings in California than 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 total expenditure of at least $160,000.

The new Latham sanitarium was, of course, the most expensive, the building costing in the neighborhood of $500,000. Next to this in the building of the Methodist church, the remodeling of the Hotel and the building of the J. W. Pope garage.

In addition to these buildings, houses in dense residences were erected which range in price from $5,000 to $15,000. Among these building new residence were the following:

Bernard Houster.

Mrs. Cornelio C. Hodges.

P. C. Hannan.

James B. (three).

D. B. Chambers.

Diner Bybee.

C. H. Manzo.

J. N. Clark.

Steve Albin.

Some of these have not yet been completed.

Among other outstanding jobs were the following:

G. W. and W. H. Waddell, Remodeling Market.

Mamie Allen, garage.

B. B. Price, remodeling.

W. H. Kuhn, remodeling of church.

R. M. Meadows, Wingate & Kellogg.

A. J. Cullen, contractors, purchased a large volume of material for concrete and brick work of various kinds.

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


And there were numerous others. Along with the expenditures for building materials and labor in connection with their use, more 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 districts in California's trade territory, the Advent Evangelical church on the Mississippi, completed late in 1926 and representing an expenditure of some $12,000, being one of the outstanding features.

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

J. T. Lee of California, Chas. A. I. and Mrs. C. H. Gray of Jefferson City, went to Rollo Sunday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. T. B. Albin, making the trip in a new car. Mr. Lee says the roads were exceptionally good.
Gattermeirs Join In the Welcome to Dr. Latham and His Staff

THE MILL BY THE WATER TOWER
Solicits Your Business

Our Motto—take care of the local consumer by small profits—quick returns
Your Motto should be—trade where your dollar has greatest purchasing power. Your business appreciated.

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Prompt Service and Prices Right

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California, Missouri

Dodge Brothers Motor Cars

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Tires, Tubes and Accessories, Gasoline and Mobiloils, Battery Station.
Located Opposite Post Office Day and Night Storage
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TRIBUTE IS PAID TO JUDGE LATHAM
BY JUDGE ROACH

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 Faith
Dealing Leaves Reputation Spotted and Unblemished

On Wednesday evening, September 22, 1895, 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 B. 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, ten years old being the age of my first recollection of him. He was born April 30, 1826, in Fauquier county, Virginia.

In 1849 he was married to Sarah E. Ellison, now Mrs. C. A. Latham, of Roanoke, who was formerly a member of the family of the late Judge H. W. Latham.

As a boy I remember seeing Judge Latham at the market.

Judge Latham's eldest child, Sarah Eliza, was born May 7, 1850, and in 1871 was married to Charles P. L. Latham.

The residence now serves as a home for Mrs. Lula B. Latham, widow of the late doctor, who lived at Latham, and who was always known as the "Mother of the town.

In 1881 Judge Latham began to reside at Lexington, and for many years was a prominent and useful citizen. He was a man of many parts, and was well known for his public spirit and generosity.

Judge Latham was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of its most active and influential members.

He was a man of high principles, and was always true to his word.

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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

forward in the world and regarded as best by having them and their done shall do all around him and all needs respected and beloved by the race, 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 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 ever and over called down blessings on his liberal hand. While he was not personally connected with any church helping and saying a good word for all, yet he was a true and constant follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, believing fully in all his teaching and practicing in life the very human precepts of the Savior.

That is true in Christ only as his Savior and that he felt sure that all his sins had been forgiven him, and that he had 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 as I feel that I will meet all my love: 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 at the time the way God has set before us, shall 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 1852 by the late Doctor Latham, uncle of Dr. L. L. Latham. It has large rooms. Brick for its construction was bargained on by bringing to the late doctor near Latham. Its cost at that time was between $5,000 and $6,000 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. Lula B. Latham, widow of the late doctor, who genially keeps a room and his wife living with her. Some of the rooms have been rented occasionally for the rest of the doctor to board, and who were receiving treatment from Dr. L. L. Latham.

Grandson in South Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. 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 Learce

MRS. B. J. Sultz, of San Diego, California, left Tuesday after a visit at the home of her mother and sister, Mrs. E. L. Stevenson.
We Are Proud of the Sanitarium and Welcome Doctor Latham

Willys Overland
and
Studebaker Cars

We carry a line of quality oils, greases, tires and accessories of all kinds.
We also repair all kinds of automobiles, regardless of make or model. You will find us always ready to serve you.

W. G. Heidbreder's Garage
California, Missouri

We Take Pleasure In Welcoming Dr. Latham and His Staff

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.

T. G. Ehrhardt Mer. Co.
TEN INDUSTRIES HELP MAKE BIG CALIFORNIA BOOM

Mills, Factories and Plants Poured Employment for Hundreds

WOOLEN MILL IS THE ONLY ONE IN MISSOURI

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

Few 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 thriving 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 much larger size would consider them major enterprises.

The Monticello 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:

Monticello Woollen Mills

Employ 175 People

Greatest of all California's Industries is The Monticello Woollen Mill 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 175 to 190 employees with an annual payroll of $144,000, and an investment which amounts to a staggering figure, it constitutes in industry the equal of which can scarcely be found in another town of this size in the Middle West.

The plant, 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 is in a year that has put large quantities into every field and in the hands of the best mills in the Middle West, followed by the Missouri Pacific railway line, and extended miles over into Illinois.

The mill at present is making a kind of specialty of the woolen goods in big checks from which the shirt and "tumber jack" so popular with the boys are made.

The opening of a new finishing room a few weeks ago has made possible a great variety of goods in the woolens that can be produced at the mill. Under the farmer arrangement the finishing room was in the hands of the farmers who needed wool 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 possibilities of the products of the mill greatly increased.

Goods manufactured at the mill here are sent to Elma's, a neighboring county seat town, and made into garments which are shipped to and sold at points as far as the Northwestern Carolinas.

Gelts manufactured at the local mill have shipped to practically all the states.

The entire process of making woolen 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 cotton.

The mill was established in 1872 by Frank Nepelium and N. J. Ooble of the firm formed the management. Chester Page superintended, Ned Newton, bookkeeper and auditor, Harry Davenport, foreman of the finishing department, Alden E. Walsot head of the spinning department, Otto C. Meyer head of the carding department, George C. Oatman, head of the dressing department. Arthur E. Patton head of the dyeing department of the day force and Herman J. Heilige of the night force, Edward Hutchison head of the knitting department. Edward Howard is in charge of the weaving department, and Frank Walters, master miller.

A. B. Cole and Sons

Weekly Payroll $1,000

One of the big business concerns of California is that of A. B. Cole & Sons, Producers and Supply Co. A. B. Cole and his son A. B. Cole, Jr. have served as Mayors and E. R. Cole is now a member of the Board of Directors. All public enterprises have had their support in city and county.

The ten branch buying houses are in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles, Eudson, Ruppertville, Enos, Elkin, Bagnell, Versailles, Tipton, Chilmark, Jamestown and with the main buying and shipping point at the main building. Eight of the ten houses are shipped and dressed in car lots after being put in cold storage.

The firm paid out $22,000 wages and $4,000 rent and business tax during the year 1925. The average weekly payroll is $1,000.

A. B. Cole 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 town 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.

Mr. Cole owns a 668 acre farm a mile east of California.

They have a registered herd of 75 Holsteins, with Mr. Harry Blake, on the proper care to Peninsula. In charge of the sow land, which is stock fed with purebred Plymouth Rock and White Leghorn. Here Breeder is in charge of the general farming.

California Milling Company

Caters to Home Trade

One of the old time concerns that has grown into the new as it has changed hands in the Gattermeier Mill. It is the successor to E. P. Person Miller who was located just across the road from the Woollen Mills. The Mill was started in 1863 by E. P. Person Miller and was bought by H. E. Gattermeier in 1904 and incorporated it. In 1914 the capital stock was increased and the new mill and extension built on the present site on the railroad. Later the old Gatters mill was bought and torn down and a new present mill built.

The new mill was built with the primary idea of taking care of the home trade, and to this the firm has added both in buying and selling. They deal in large quantities and sell on a close margin. B. M. Gattermeier was president and Miller until his death in September 1925. H. E. Gattermeier, formerly a director with Ironside and Manager, is now H. E. Gattermeier has become President.

There are over 100 stockholders in the corporation, Farmers, Businessmen and Professional Men. The present officers are W. E. C. L. D. Gattermeier, President; George W. Wilson, Vice-President; H. W. Crum, Secretary-Treasurer. The first officers were Joel W. Smead, Jake Oatman, L. E. Peters, C. E. Bollin, Alf Robach, H. E. Gattermeier, H. W. Crum.

The firm buys all from the home producers it can get, and 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 is pushing other enterprises as well as their own. The company grinds a large amount of feed as well as flour and are equipped to take care of farmers grading, if they desire to haul it in and have it milled into feed. Their milling plant is splendid and convenient one and they pride themselves on service.

Mr. Herb Safford Sells

In the Farm, Harness, Oriental line

The Herb Woolen Wholesale on a industry which the man whose name it bears has spent 65 years of his life in building, is one of the highest and most prosperous concerns of the city.

The firm was started in 1910 under the old name of Herb Woolen and continued as such until 1925, when the present firm was formed with Mr. Win. P. A. Hill, and in the last year the firm has spent over $10,000 in improvements.

The business started in 1885 when a hat store was opened by Mr. Herb Woolen and Mr. Fredo McTavish. The company has been in business ever since and Mr. Herb Woolen has been the sole owner until the present firm was formed.

The Woolen Company has been the focus of the town since the days of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and is one of the oldest in the state and is one of the oldest in the state.

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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.

F. W. HOUSER
Your Druggist For 50 Years

DILL & DILL
Exclusive Ladies Store

Where you find the Best in Millinery, Dresses and Coats

Van Raalte
Hose, Gloves and Silk Underwear

Hudson
ESSEX
$1165.00
$765.00
f. o. b.
f. o. b.

Largest selling 6 cylinder cars.
World's Greatest Values
Everyone Says It—Sales Prove It

We also sell

Day-Fan, Fada and Crosley Radios
Radio Parts
Batteries of All Kinds
Tires, Gas and Oil

Nu-Way Battery Station and Garage
California, Missouri

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

Co-operation is to conduct yourself so that other folk can work with you. We are trying in every way that we know to cooperate with our community.
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
O'CHALL 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 wood products by the Monteith Wood Mills, which owns it.

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

To maintain the present service 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 $16,000,000,000 and employing in this district 50 men and women.

Kuhlmann Milling Co. Can Store 60,000 Bushels of Wheat

One of the great manufacturing institutions of California in the Kuhlmann Milling Company. It has a big wholesale business in the Southern States holding the state and local trade. In the early day it was the Hoboken mill founded in the north part of California. After years of usage by Henry W. and Walter H. A. Kuhlmann, the sons of the late H. E. Kuhlmann, they bought the mill and gave it to the Kuhlmann name was a trained miller and breeder of the best mechanical device into the 114. If the two sons have grown up with the mill then the business is now complete. The practical idea of milling and all public service is continued.

W. P. Handley Monumental Co. Works in Many Central States

Established in 1874 by its present owner, under whose name the business is operated, the W. P. Handley & Sons Marble Works, one of California's industries, has operated in 22 states. Its name is recognized by the men of the industry.

Mr. Handley has spent 45 years of his life building the business as it is now:

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 2,000,000 pounds of poultry, 10,000 cases of eggs, and 125,000 pounds of butter.

C. E. Hornibrook is President of the Exchange and Wesley Hickey, Secretary. The following are the board of directors: C. E. Hornibrook, Wm. Isenschmidt, C. E. Horne, Wm. Hornibrook, J. P. Rosen and W. G. 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 hovel plans 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 it is little over a year ago it was sold to the Missouri Utilities Company and Mr. Porter was made manager.

For several years Mr. Porter had been extending his service to near-by cities and the Missouri Utilities Company is continuing this service.

At present the following places are furnished with light, heat and power: California, Tipton, Verlo, Paris, Portales, Narrows, Yacon, Otterville, Sinton, Larkin, Bonsall, Speed, Bellair, Pilots Grove, Backwater and Wilson. In addition it furnishes with a 650 horse power motor power for a big rock crusher near Backwater. This plant crushes 100 car loads a day and is used mostly for the highway construction.

During the past year the Missouri Utilities Company has built a network of 150 miles of transmission line.

Mr. Handley says he puts on the market 150 stones which bring somewhere between $200 to $250 and that this is responsible for the heavy revenue of the town.

When compared run in about the same proportion.

Associated closely with the friends in the management of the bank is Roy Handley, an expert mason who worked with the mill and on the building and installing and since being a son of Roy, who learned the business in the town of California, is now a partner in a yard in Texas.

100,000 Negatives on File

In Moll Newton's Studio

Approximately 100,000 negatives of pictures made over a period of 25 years are on file at the Short Studio here, of which Moll L. Newton is proprietor. When this industry was established by John P. Short, for whom she began keeping record in 1879.

He adopted a system of indexing and this has been carried throughout the many changes of office.

One may go to the studio and fill the name of the person whose name he wants. Five minutes he 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 photographic photography and all the work is done here, something of which few photographers in the smaller cities are not far.

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 16 years before taking it over.

Several hundred dollars worth many buildings have been done during the past 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 Rome

The Central Bottling works of California, owned and operated by Floyd Oesterly, meets demands and sells at wholesale practically all the soda pop consumed in Manistock county and many other states 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 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 in the business, purchased a building and now the home of the industry is quarters owned by the Oesterlys.

A new exchanger of 100-gallon capacity has just been installed and a new water filter and storage tanks have 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 praised as among the most important in the community. In fact it is doubtful if any of the industries could be missed more should they be stopped from doing business.

The Monte Carlo County Herald, owned by the Carter Printing Company, and the Times, whose editor and owner is B. C. Carter, and the Daily Journal, whose editor and owner is L. C. Carter, who has been connected with the business for 22 years, has added steadily to its equipment, purchasing some major improvements almost every year, until it is equipped for turning out an eight-page, all printed newspaper for its great list of subscribers and for producing as fine a type of work as can be secured in any small printing plant in the state.

The California Democrat, which dates back to 1868, has passed through one of the most remarkable improvements in its history during the last year. It was purchased April 1, 1925, by Martin 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 $2,000 in doing so. Including in the equipment bought is an Intertype, a four-page, one-column newspaper press, a four-copy, one-column, composing machine, and many other improvements.

Along with the new equipment, there has been a great increase in the volume of job work and income from advertising.

This Sandhius and Dooste 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 six weeks’ time from the date the editors first appeared on the streets for advertising for it, and stands as a testimonial of what capacity the California newspaper plant has. 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. Allen 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 Tecumseh are making an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howard.
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

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

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 distress and forced many to discontinue their endeavor to acquire 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 serious 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 fitted glasses. If you suffer from headaches you ought to examine the condition of your eyes. Often with vision apparent-ly they need the help of the lenses. Only an examination will make you sure.

We invite you to our optical room.

C. J. MILLER, Optometrist
California, Missouri
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.

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.

MUeller & HEINRICH
"The Popular Place for Eating"
Meals—Short Orders
Cigars Tobacco
Soft Drinks

WE ARE SOME OF THE MOTHER BUSI
—of the city and can't afford to be "out of type":
like many of our friends are doing today.
know we're here, that we are "the nail"
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 him,
and sanitarium personnel as the years among us.

And let us say, too, that we will support
the growth and development of this city and
make it a better place in which to

R. R. BLUMSTENgel
Hardware of all Kinds
Including Pumps, Fencing, Stoves,
Kitchen Utensils, Guns, Cutlery.

CHAS. R. MILBURN
Magazine and Advertisement Agent

Your Sale
Free or Risk Free
New and Used
Satisfaction Guaranteed
California Life
Special offers
Child Life and Many other lines

THE WICKER BUSINESS CONCERNS

W. H. R. Wicker

Blacksmithing and Garage
All Kinds of Repair Work
Motor Oils and Grease

D OF THE NEW SANITARIUM

appreciate L. L. Latham for what he has done for our community and for the things which will benefit us.

B Square Service Station
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.
California, Missouri

ECKERLE & HAYS
Blacksmithing and Garage
All Kinds of Repair Work
Motor Oils and Grease

HOTEL BARBER SHOP
H. A. DORZAB, Prop.
One of the cleanest and lightest
Shops in Central Missouri
Our Slogan Is to Please

SNORGRASS CAFE
Eat Here
Home Cooking Short Orders
Lunches Fountain Drinks
Cigars and Tobacco

CHAS. MILBURN
Chase Agency

PHILLIPS' RESTAURANT
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

BYLER & CAMPBELL
Up-town Barbers
Agents for Dorn & Cloney Laundry
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 Country Club offers plenty of wholesome recreation, amusement and all kinds of sport for everybody, making a real community gathering place which associates club grounds with our neighboring cities and which is 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 were ready with beautiful landscape effects and the opening event was held June 15, 1924. The building is of a bungalow type, twenty by twenty-five feet. A large 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 community room on the extreme east end of the building.

At the opening of the club, J. T. Findlay elected president and Miss Mabel Thayer elected secretary. A dinner was given at the hotel, and the several board members and their guests were entertained at a large fire. The club was opened with a grand reception in honor of the company's new member, Col. E. C. Combs of Washington, D. C., a former California resident, who was joined by his wife and all who came to see the new member. The club was opened with a grand reception in honor of the company's new member, Col. E. C. Combs of Washington, D. C., a former California resident, who was joined by his wife and all who came to see the new member.

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The club now has as its officers: Louis D. Heiser, president; Miss Ado Harris, secretary.

PRAYER IS GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE PASTOR DECLARES

Rev. L. Y. Bauschman Says Nation Neglects Powerful Force of Life

From Globe Democrat -

"Our Greatest Undeveloped Resource" was the subject of a sermon at the Tyler Place Presbyterian church, Spring and Summer avenues. The sermon was given by Rev. L. Y. Bauschman, 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 magazines. Mining engineers, forestry experts, electrical engineers and chemical engineers are continually reminded of the fact that the vast store house of our natural resources have just been touched. We can safely 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 as more properly as a supernatural resource, for we involve supernatural aid when we pray. Two prayers have been defined as "giving God the opportunity to say to us, give and ask 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: 'We have not become rich yet.' 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 St. Louis. It is open not only to the public. If they were open but one day a year more people might make it a great privilege to see the beautiful displays. So the more fact that we can pray at any time comes 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 is more necessary to study the stock report and 'look over the books.' man spend a portion of that time in prayer. They prefer to trust their own shrewdness and forethought rather than any divine aid."

Prayer is at the same time a Christian duty and privilege. The kingdom of God awaits a generation of prayers. And we all need the refreshing experiences which can only come from a prayer life. We are helpless and useless as world builders unless we are charged with that divine energy which alone comes through prayer. Let us in calm faith ask Christ to give us the ability to pray, and shudder to think of the eternal consequences of neglecting this powerful force of life.

Returns to Oklahoma

Mrs. Simpson Hearst, formerly Mrs. 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. Hearst will return later to drive her car back to Oklahoma.

Called by Death of Brother

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frazier

Called by Eugene Sumeray by a wire announcing the death of Mr. Frazier's brother Stanley Allen 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 informa­
tion and credit details can be secured quickly, willingly.
If you can dismiss from your mind that our only function is to accept de­
posits, pay checks and keep your 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 8 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

BUSINESS MEN GATHERED for a night of merriment and mirth in honor of Dr. Latham and his family at the Commercial Hotel. The dinner was held to celebrate the completion of the new hotel and to show the appreciation of the business men for the services of Dr. Latham and his family.

A group of business men met Monday evening and planned the event. A. B. Cale, Jr., was selected as chairman and treasurer, and it was decided to have a few talks and call for ten to fifteen remarks. It was also decided to invite the following people:
- Dr. W. A. Clark, a native of Jefferson City, and a former mayor of Jefferson City.
- Dr. L. L. Latham, the host.
- Major Kuhn, a retired soldier and a former mayor of Jefferson City.
- J. M. Embry, president of the Missouri National Bank.
- Rev. W. M. Duvall, pastor of the Presbyterian church.
- Rev. W. A. Clark, the speaker.

The addresses were largely given by the speakers, who were joined by a few other guests. The speeches were well received, and the evening was a success.

The Catholic Church

This structure built at the highest points of the city is a visible mile away in the city's main streets. It is the largest structure in the city.

Dr. W. A. Clark, a man who has been in touch with hospital work for years, and has been chief of staff at the Jefferson City hospital since it was opened, spoils his players. He is able to build up the City's stockholders and to get more patients for the hospital. The view of the hospital is different, and there is a feeling that the hospital should be located on a hill overlooking the river, but no one has suggested it for some time.

Dr. L. L. Latham called and spoke in appreciation of the building and its growth. The church was entirely unoccupied.

CALIFORNIA

California was selected on account of being the only state in the nation that has a railroad and a highway. The city is a wonderful place for a vacation, and the people are very friendly.

The doctor told the patient that he wanted to accomplish the surgery and then go home. The operation was not successful, and the patient died. Dr. L. L. Latham and his family were very sad. The doctor was much admired, but he had not many friends.

The hospital was built on a hill overlooking the river, and the view is beautiful. The building is a mile away in the city, and it is a visible mile away in the city's main streets. It is the largest structure in the city.

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The building of a hospital in California by Dr. Latham is an important event in the history of our city. We assure him our loyal support in this undertaking and wish him continued success.

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Six Hundred and Fifty Two Have Graduated from C. H. S. in Part 40 Years

SCHOOLS ARE BIGGEST AID TO COMMUNITY BUILDING

Faculty in Ruth High School and Grades are All College Trained

Extending over a period of 48 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 1885 there was one graduate of the high school, Mary Yost, the number has increased gradually and certainly and the equal number is now about 52. The types have been taken out in 1922 when there were 23. 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 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 school has all of these and gets a state contribution $3,000 for these. The tuition usually runs about $2,000, 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. Mrs. J. R. Henderson and Principal Swinney are in their sixth year and have done splendidly. Mr. Swinney, the grade principal is serving his third year. Miss Duretta Mueller has been in charge about twelve years. The present faculty is: John O. Henderson, Sopt., Teachers Training; C. Swinney, Principal, Science; R. B. Cost, Vocational Agricultural; Rowan Ellis, Vocational Home Economics; Carl Kuh, Physical Education, Science; Clara Johnson, Physical Education and Latin; Duretta Mueller, Mathematics; Georgie Stegall, Commercial; Miss Easton, English; Evadene Thomson, Music; Emma M. Johnson, History; Phoebe Schaffer, English and History. The grade school are in their sixth year and have only two teachers teach these in the last four years. Miss Dewey Shillings is principal and teaches Mathematics; Miss Mary Turner teaches English and Art; Miss Ruth Zahn, Geography and English; Miss Vought, Physical Culture and Reading. The other teachers are: Margaret Latham, Fourth; Ruth Elliot, Third; Allen Hayes Second, Marion Purl. 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 their mother, Mrs. R. W. Clay. The eldest child, a ten-year-old, remained at home to school, after Mr. Clay's big store. Mr. Clay says that the Conway bank, on which he and his father were among the depositors when it failed, has been reorganized and is now functioning well, a certain part of the deposits having been taken out in stock. Mr. Clay, who is a director, was put up as candidate 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 had to hand by truck to Jefferson City and return, making the trip three times a week during Monday. I am equipped to haul passengers and freight. I also do a truck transfer in California and 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 6, 1926

Leonard, Mike... John Leonard, both with will

Seker, Samuel... James E. Lawson

Seker, W. C. ... Mrs. Sarah Hernwek Finke

Wiget, Fred ... Mrs. Anna Weaker

Henderson, W. B. ... Mrs. Mary Weiden

Hutchison, W. R. ... R. C. Jostice

Swanson, Kate ... L. F. Hart

Yost, William ... Forrest Yost

Taylor, W. M. ... O. D. Taylor and James Ackere

Fur العشر, Finka ... J. B. Heusner

Conner, Joseph A. ... Mr. Thomas, E. Conner, Acting

Patterson, Charles ... R. A. Meyer

Hibbs, Mathias ... John W. Halbian

Frist, Man, et al ... V. S. Sipple, Robert Wolfe

Bennett, C. Fred ... Henry G. Rickey and Adelia toe miller

Oberley, D. P. and M. A. ... Lloyd M. Oberley

Second Day, Tuesday, February 7, 1926

Kavanaugh, John H. ... Con Kavanaugh

Bostrom, E. P. ... Mrs. Gertrude P. Bostrom

Park, Ella ... E. H. Stark

Frisman, J. Christ ... L. M. Frisman, Acting

Spencer, F. H. ... Ada C. Spencer

Gentzsch, A. ... Mrs. Walter A. Gentzsch

Fourth Day, Thursday, February 11, 1926

Collison, Mary C. ... C. W. Collison

Pates, John D. ... Mrs. Holttet J. Haley

Hayne, James ... Mrs. Dora Price Hayes

Henderson, Elizabeth A. ... Ada G. Henry

Kuykendall, John ... Flora A. Mefford

White, Cari Alva ... Mrs. Laura D. Schonburg

Grobe, Sophia ... William Grose

Thompson, William P. ... H. A. Morren

Fifth Day, Friday, February 12, 1926

Williams, John M. ... Grover Howard Williams

Shep, Frank M. ... William B. Shep

Wilson, Harald Stephens ... G. W. Wilson

Clark, Mildred and Wallace ... H. L. Clark

Hicks, Owens and Irwin ... J. C. Weilren

Rogers, W. P. ... T. C. Rogers

Tuller, R. C. ... W. W. Tuller

Court will be in Session Five Days Only.

J. R. Elliott, Judge of Probate
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Established 1878
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 convention of five members attended by A. B. Cole Jr., who had the plans of organization in hand, drafted a constitution and by-laws, and the meeting was then called to order. The constitution will be published at a later date. The members were elected by ballot and those present rejoiced on hearing of the results. 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 Kaufmann. 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.

There was no report of the road. O. K., and that it presented a good working program. Excepting the President and Treasurer, each member was given a Vice-President, with a definite assignment of the road business. The report was ordered by the committee to be presented to the Board of Education for the coming school year.

SPECIAL BOOSTER EDITION

MONTEAU WOOLEN MILLS

The Monteaup Woollen Mills plant is a real floor space of 70,000 square feet. In other terms this would be 20 acres. 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

Tales of LATHAM SCHOOL DAYS

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

"One thing I remember especially well," says Mr. Hutchinson, "is an old trick that Doctor Latham would play on me during those days. He called that 'Bun Bun.' When we played Friday it came 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 'Bun Bun' then hang it on a limb some place, to dry. And say, do you know, when we get inside and went 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. B. Porter, who furnished the lumber and mill work for the Latham Sanitarium, when we reminded him of it.

"He says he has never been sorry of his choice.

"During the last few years I use the mill for fuel. The condition of the business has been taken care of by my son, the Lathams, who has the command of the output of the business and material in bringing success to the father.

VISIT OF THE STOCK WHERE

THEMOMETER WAS 32

Justifying the sentiments of a manuscript in our desk yesterday, we found a cartoon which which clipped from a newspaper several years ago. Under the cartoon is the legend, "The Stock is not a migrant." The cartoon explains 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 fit it away, and why. It brought to mind the first time we ever saw stock change. The weather was of the type the cartoon portrays.

The storm had been failing 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 pelting miniature mountains along the ridge line, and whirling it in billowing clouds across the open fields. And there was a trip of 8 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 whirling drifted lines by toning to the adjacent fields, down and down, 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 going to be an awful trip!"

Next morning at daylight the thermometer marked 32 degrees below zero. A little fuzzy head that had not been there the night before returned 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 greatest col lar, "Well I got to go. Got to make a 12 mile ride after I get back to town—and his goin' to be an awful trip!"

"That's the stuff the old time country doctor was made of—the country doctor we country folks know by.

THEMOMETER WAS 32

THAMS BUILD TOWN THEATRE AND PICTURE HOUSE

Believing that Latham should have a place for entertainment, 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 H. H. was the operator. A few months after the Deleo got us and changed current for the machine, the show was closed.

Attended Hardware Convention

H. F. Nock, George P. Senger and Henry Garber spent part of last week at Amos 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.

BANK OF LATHAM

Dr. Latham is gone and we wish him well in his new venture. But the

B. L. FULKS STORE

where "appreciation of your patronage sticks to every package" will

Remain in Latham

with its big general line of

Fancy Groceries

and

Dry Goods

and we continue to take delight in serving you to the best of our ability now and at all times

B. L. FULKS

FINKE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, January 22-23

Zane Grey's
"THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS"

With Jack Holt, Noah Berry and Billie Dove

Juvenile Comedy

Admission 10, 25 and 30 cents

Next Monday and Tuesday

D. W. Griffith's Production
"Isn't Life Wonderful"
"The Peacemakers"

Admission 10 and 25 cents.
Welcome to Dr. L. L. Latham and the New Sanitarium

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—will find that they can sell to a better advantage through the M. F. A Shipping Association. We handled 93 carloads in 1925 which brought an approximate

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Stetson Gloves  Parkhill Fabrics
Pictorial Review Patterns

Hert Dry Goods Co.
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 arc remodeling our place of business and will make an up-to-date ice cream parlor and confectionery.

We will appreciate your trade.

C. B. REA

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.

WILLIAMS FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING CO.
The Farmers and Merchants
Mutual Telephone Company

—we are glad to have Dr. L. L. Latham as one of our 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 subscriber added almost daily.

FREE CONNECTIONS WITH

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.
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W. C. Carter—Sec'y. Golf Club.
Frank Harris—Manager.

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None Better

California High School offers a liberal education—34 Units

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Music is elective for all students

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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 read aloud the Words of Life

Here feel the power of sins forgiven.

GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
SPECIAL BOOSTER EDITION

EDITION TO SANITARIUM

BECAUSE: VERY POPULAR

Printers Get Half-Month of Twenty
Four Hour Day—The Publishers
Appreciate Cordial Support of
Business Men

Yes, we are late getting in the
news 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 im-
more that it was a physical impos-
ibility to be out sooner.

To make the thousands of impres-
sionons required it necessitated 60 hours
running on one or the other of our
big presses, allowing no time for
the stops for adjustments and chang-
ing of forms. Strung out in a mat-
ter 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 pressmen stole away to their homes
for food and to match short naps as
others came on to take their places.
Type-setting machines rattled until
after midnight and printers labored
over the stoves, getting the numer-
ous 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 this edition,
comprising a force which included the
personnel of both the newspapers and
which is to be found in the
edition amounted 10,000 pounds. The
weight of the two papers in the mail
this week is several times in excep-
tion what it ever was before.

We had no idea when we started out
to make this edition what a tremen-
dous fast it would prove to be be-
fore we were through. It has been
an experience which has worn about every-
thing connected with it almost to a
"frazzle" and the output has been tremendous. Paper, power and feel
down to 250 to say nothing of ex-
tra 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 ordi-
nary conditions, on account of the
edition.

The special edition was never de-
ed as a money-making proposi-
tion for the publishers, and has not
proven such. However, owing to the
support from advertisers, which has
not been par to any proposition ever put
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 percen-
tage of the business concerns and
professional men of the city ran ad-
vertisements in it.

The enterprise of the city is judged
by its advertising—by the amount of advertising the local
merchants put in the home papers.

Foreign advertisers often inquire if
newspaper publishers regarding the
support they are receiving from lo-
cal merchants before placing adver-
sing contracts.

The great mail order houses are
said to place their direct mail ad-
vertising in the way home merchants are
advertising. If these merchants are
using much newspaper space, the
mail order house does not send such
advertising matter, for they feel that the home merchant is going
after the business and that the home
will not move very far. If, on
the other hand, the home merchant
is not taking the business that comes
and using little or no advertising to
get more, Mr. Mail Order Man fig-
ures that it should be a fertile field
and he drives for business.

The great number of advertise-
mants also shows a splendid spirit
of cooperation in this city as re-
duced in one way or another to a
welcome and a boost for local
enterprise.

Congressman W. L. Nelson,
the Sanitarium will probably have
amended its laws. The Hera
ted that he has some
of an instance in the relations of
other newspapers which show it
of cooperation displayed by its
in setting up new
lines.

Mr. Nelson comments as
The two papers combined
in every department and home
edition to bring local for such
changing only the captions.

This makes it possible to get a
better edition than that
have been possible for other reasons
to have issued alone and it was a
centralized saving at a
ery, as compared to what the paper
running their advertisements
have been had both the papers
in the special editions and done it separa-
ately.

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

Mrs. Lloyd Willis of High Point
went Tuesday to Salisbury to see
her brother, Mrs. Olive Reichel.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will
hold a bazaar at the Nazarene
fri and Saturday.

ARE YOU LISTED

You lose out on many quickly planned pleasure trips. It does your money counts 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.

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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 isolation.

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Rates per Month
Business ............... $2.00
Residence ............... $1.00
Farm Switching ........... 15

The one company that never raise prices
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.

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All Heating and Plumbing

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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

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and General Sheet Metal Work
South Side Court House Square

Both Phones

H. W. GRIEBEL
Sheet Metal Worker

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All kinds of Mill Feeds At Reasonable Prices

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At New Location North of Depot
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

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John T. Milliken & Co.

Manufacturing pharmacists 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

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Success to the Sanitarium

Money Without Strings Attached
Let's DEPOSIT with the bank. They say they will ban us money when we need it. That is a world of restriction 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
A. W. Yarnell, Vice-President
H. W. Kuhn, Cashier
B. F. Howard, Asst. Cashier

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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.

Serious, 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
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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. P. 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 action necessitated a layoff until today.

This well is at the city's pumping station just west of the Garver's Milling Company plant and is between the two 500-foot wells from which the city has been drawing for supply for the last 16 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 of the citizens of California last summer.

The bit which is used at the beginning drives an 18 in. hole. When rock is struck it will be replaced with one which drives a 15% 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 500 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 that 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 $5,000 before ever 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. E. D. Carr entertained sixteen couples at a masked party at the Country Club Friday evening. Mrs. A. L. Howard in the role of "Popeye" received the lady's prize of a pair of boots, and J. W. Rath as "Village Constable" received the same'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. P. A. Shipping Association.

Ed. Herzig, Mar.

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.

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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 Milo Robertson.

Sunday School at 9:30 Christian Endeavor at 6:30 Preaching and Communion at 12 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 a. m.

O. K. POSEY, Pastor

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 Agency, 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 capital building at Lincoln, Nebraska—the Fairview Hotel in Wichita, Kansas—the beautiful new Fort Worth Club—the Colborn Hotel in New York—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 Paints—‘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!

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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."

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F. L. ALEXANDER, Pastor

The new Sanitarium is designed and intended for the relief of physical suffering and for the welfare of the spiritual being. There two works go hand-in-hand. It is therefore with a deep feeling of fellowship that we welcome the sanitarium, its owners, 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.
WEDNESDAY—
Mid-week Prayer Service ......................... 7:30 p.m.
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.

GREETINGS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 and English services 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 at 4 p.m.—"Arise go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole."
Jan. 24 at 9:15 p.m.—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.—"Young people and their church."
Jan. 27 at 9:15 p.m.—"What must I believe, and what must I do to be saved?"
Jan. 31 at 9:15 p.m.—"The prince of this world is judgeth."
Comfort against the temptations of salvation.
Jan. 31 at 9:15 p.m.—"Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Holy Ghost."

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 needed, 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 mighty Gospel of "the Abundant Life."

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

We hope you will catch the spirit 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 10:15. Evening Worship at 7:30.
Sermon by the Minister at both services.
Special Music by the Senior and Junior Choirs.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE REVEREND WILIAM NELSON DEWAR, MINISTER

We appreciate the things Dr. Latham has done for our community and wish 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.

U. G. STERLING
Latham, Mo.
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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.
Although the Management

—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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