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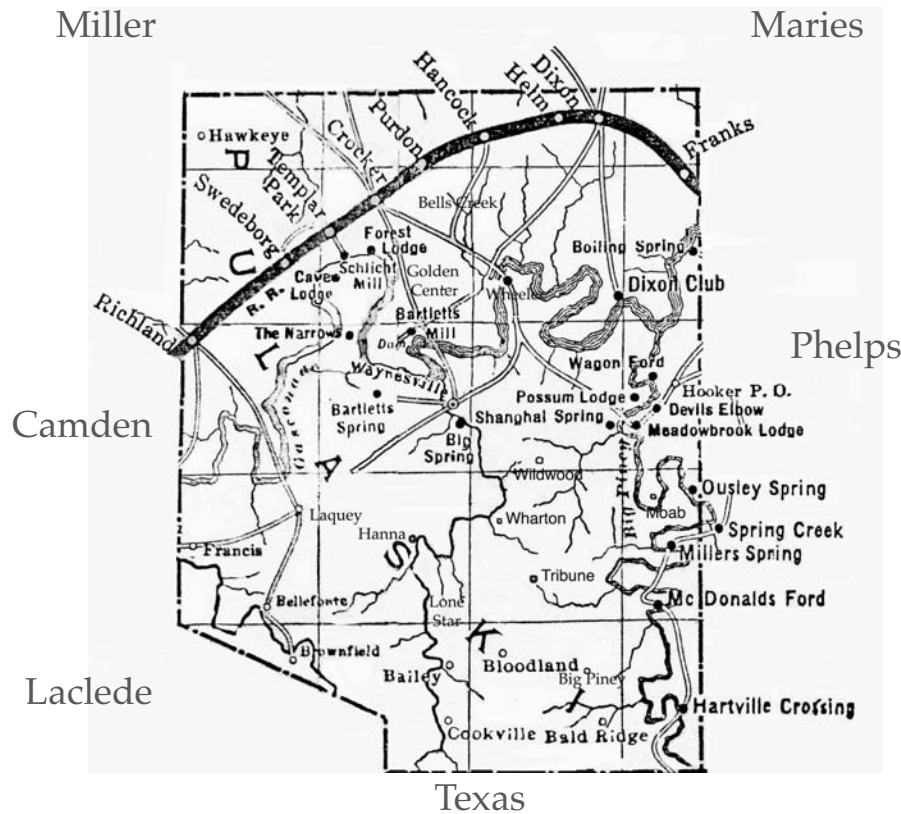
IN OLD PULASKI

The year 1908 in Old Pulaski County (which includes present Pulaski and most of the surrounding counties) began with apprehension about national economic climate. The Panic of 1907 was the worst of several (previously in 1873, 1884, 1890 and 1893.) The stock market fell 50%, there were runs on banks, and a recession followed. Not much was mentioned in the local newspapers about the national financial woes in 1907 but its effects were apparent by early 1908. The panic also proved to be the last. It led to the creation of the Federal Reserve System.

Theodore Roosevelt honored the George Washington precedent of not running for a third term. William Jennings Bryan made his third unsuccessful bid for the presidency and was defeated by Roosevelt's hand-picked successor, William Howard Taft.

Local issues of last year still simmered. The stock law, which would end free range in the county, continued to spark debate. Phelps County began restriction and Pulaski County brought the question to a vote again.

Infrastructure improvement (as we call it today) garnered support from the public. Two new bridges were built in Pulaski County and agitation for better rural roads started in earnest, mostly as a result of the desire for Rural Free Delivery.



The newspapers had a network of community correspondents. Each correspondent reported who was sick, who visited whom, who sold what, and what was being built. This type of news accounted for about 90 per cent of the local news ink. We have generally omitted the sick call and the visitation reports. The larger railroad towns (Dixon, Crocker, and Richland) usually reported each week. News from the smaller communities (e.g. Big Piney, Decker, Bailey, and Hooker) was reported sporadically. Some of these communities in Pulaski County have lost their identity today for the general public (see map at left). The items below are from the 1908 *Pulaski County Democrat*, unless noted otherwise.

Pulaski County Democrat
January 3

Eight townships in Phelps county adopted the stock law last week to prevent hogs, sheep, and goats from running at large.

Don't fail to notice the new ad of the Dixon Hardware Co. in this issue of the Democrat. This firm, under the able management of Chris Veasman, has enjoyed an unusual amount of prosperity since their establishment several years ago. Mr. Veasman has just completed a neat and substantial business house across the street from the Hardware store, which represents \$10,000. He has also erected "The Cottage" of the traveling men's home in Dixon, which is one of the nicest hostleries in this part of the country. In all he has made about \$30,000 worth of improvements in Dixon. Since the Dixon Hardware Co. began its existence, over \$200,000 worth of goods have been sold. One can easily see the wonderful prosperity which it has enjoyed.

The largest amount of letters that has ever been received by any one person at one mail was that of Collector Lane who received 52 letters on the last day of 1907. Evidently people were paying taxes.

Parties from Bloodland passed through

town Tuesday with the safe for the new bank at that place. The safe was said to weigh 6000 pounds and was drawn by six horses.

The old year stepped out very quietly in Waynesville and thus far the new baby, 1908, seems as quiet as a lamb. Jan. 1 was a bright sunshiny day and the marble game was in full blast, and the boys were enjoying their usual summer pastimes. Those who hold to the old adage "come in like a lamb and go out like a lion" and visa versa, we suppose are taking notes and preparing for next December. Any way these warm days suit the editor's clothes and woodpile best.

BAILEY—The Christmas tree at Bloodland was well laden and a nice program was rendered. A few men (not boys) had an overdose of booze and are now trying to place the blame on our merchants for bringing in jugs, but we do not believe this, as our merchants all voted for Local Option, and strongly oppose the liquor traffic and besides they are men who would not sell principle for the small amount of profit there would be in hauling a few jugs of booze from the railroad.

GASCONADE—Several private Christmas trees were indulged in by various neighbors of this community, to the

delight of the juvenile tribe.

January 10

CROCKER—C. E. Teeple's new hotel is nearing completion and he expects to move in about the 25th.

R. P. Thornsberry has returned home from a two weeks' drive and will soon take charge of the Hotel De Wagoner.

Henry McKinnon found some valuable specimens of gold in his mine this week paying forty-eight dollars per

ton. We all hope he will find it in more paying quantities soon.

The Crocker and Gasconade (hot air) telephone line is now completed. Hello! Hello!!

WILDWOOD—A. A. F. Thomson and Luna Wheeler each have a new well and Bud Carmack means to have one in the near future. The drillers, Cox & Taylor, are finding water at less than 100 feet in this locality.



Chris Veasman's "The Cottage", "the 'traveling men's home,'" in Dixon. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

O. G. Thomson is putting in a new grocery store at Wildwood.

January 17

DIXON—Dixon is getting to be quite citified. We now have two pool rooms, a new one having just been put in by Euel Branson, in front of the famous "Chili Joint."

Our city council met in regular session Monday evening and transacted routine business. They also instructed the marshal to strictly enforce the ordinances relating to trains blocking street crossings and relating to drinking and drunkenness on the streets.

SCHOOL REPORTS—Report of Hopewell school, District No. 1, for the month ending Dec. 10, 1907: Number attending every day this month, eight; number absent five or more days, seven; number of days attended by all pupils, 34; average daily attendance, seventeen. Our work this month has been extra good. Patrons are requested to come in and see what kind of work we are doing. We will have a new library to begin the new year with. Murphy Cook, Teacher [*Hopewell School was in the southeastern corner of the county, near McDonald's Ford (see map on previous page), on the east side of the Big Piney River.*]

SCHLICHT—A school of telegraphy has been organized at Schlicht, and all the young men are taking lessons. Col. Heberer [*who owns a cigar factory/store*] is superintendent and Prof. Earl Cox is teacher.

WHARTON—Mrs. Wharton made a business trip to the county seat, one day last week.

Ed Bailey is now postmaster and boss of the yard stick at Tribune.

Will Crossland is having a well drilled on his farm, which is a much needed improvement.

January 24

CROCKER—Crocker now has an I.O.O.F. lodge. The district Deputy Grand Master instituted a lodge here Tuesday evening. For the present they will meet in the Woodman hall until they can build one of their own.

SCHOOL NOTES—Why is there yet some boys and girls in and around Waynesville that are out of school? Can it be that the parents have not yet seen the benefits of an education to a boy or a girl and are they willing to turn them out in the world to battle only by muscular strength? [*It might seem that the relatively new (1905) Compulsory Attendance Law was not being enforced. It*

required that every child between 8 and 14 years and between 14 and 16, when not regularly employed must attend school at least half of the term each year. However, any one of the following could be cause for exemption: parents could not supply proper clothing; mentally or physically ill; school farther than two and a half miles; labor of child necessary for support of family; or child has completed the common school course.]

After a mild first three weeks of the year, a snow storm struck Pulaski with reported depths of three feet on the Schlicht mail route.

LOCAL ITEMS—The last victim of the panic in this vicinity is Claude Bates who had been employed in the Frisco round-house at Newburg for a number of months returned to his home for a visit.

About 37 of the young people of our city loaded themselves into wagons and proceeded out to the Doyle farm Sunday afternoon where they enjoyed several hours merriment on the ice—all report a very nice time.

HANCOCK—The Frisco R. R. company is cutting out the block system to some extent. Guess they want to practice economy.

How many persons are there who

haven't felt the effects of the panic? Two men to a section and 16 days lay off in the month.

January 31

DIXON—Among the many new things in store for Dixon is a new and third bank. Dixon at present has two banks employing two men each, but the business of our city and country surrounding appears to demand another institution to serve the monied interests.

LOCAL ITEMS—Uncle Richard Miller of Big Piney spent several days here last week and accompanied the Odd Fellows to Crocker last Tuesday evening. Before he left town he called at this office and left four dollars on subscription, not wishing the new postal ruling to cut him out of his paper. [*"Uncle" was a term of respect for the older citizen. Richard Miller owned Miller Spring, a site of some local fame. Miller bought the spring, previously known as McCortney Spring in Big Piney Township (see map on previous page), in 1867. McCortney Spring/Mill had been owned by Alexander McCortney. The mill was a notorious hang-out for southern sympathizers during the Civil War. A skirmish occurred there in January of 1865 and three bushwhackers were killed in the vicinity by a patrol from the post at Waynesville. The spring itself is unusual, too. It is one of the larger ebb-and-flow springs in the state. The Indians*

Bank of Crocker

Webster University

called it "Breathing Spring." A little downstream overlooking the Big Piney is Miller Cave, located on what is now Fort Leonard Wood.]

George Kimmel of Crocker sent us four good brooms on subscription last week. [Subscription price was \$1.00 per year, a cord of wood or, apparently, four brooms. See the 2004 Gazette for an article about Kimmel's broom machine.]

Houston has hustlers. Last week electric lights were turned on in that city of 1000 people—out in the backwoods, away from railroads, and what people are pleased to call "civilization." The lighting plant is at Lone Star mill, west of town and it is a monument to the enterprise of Dr. Herrington. (See sidebar on right.)

LAQUEY—H. F. Sesser, proprietor of the Laquey canning factory, delivered a load of tomatoes to the Brownfield merchant Monday of this week.

CROCKER—The Teeple palace [hotel] looks beautiful since it has been given its new dress of paint. The walk running from the hotel to Commercial street makes it in town now.

Freight is scarcer at the Crocker depot than it has been for years. The Frisco has been and is yet laying off section men, operators and trainmen. This may affect that slogan, "a full dinner pail," if matters do not soon adjust themselves. [This was a result of the Panic's recession.]

Roy W. Reed attended church and Sunday School in Crocker, Sunday. There is a cause for everything, and this act of Roy's was the immediate penalty for having missed his train. As to what additional penalty followed we do not know, but he was on hand at the Bostick [hotel] Monday morning for early breakfast.

ANTIOCH—The Crocker-Wheeler Telephone Co. has five or six new stockholders. [Wheeler's Mill was southeast of Crocker, near the confluence of Bell's Creek and the Gasconade. See map.]

February 7

The income tax is a proposition that will not stay down. It is now proposed to submit an amendment to the Constitution so that an income tax can be enacted. At the same time, it might be a good plan to inaugurate a movement to eliminate the Supreme Court. [This is a year to remember. The income tax was ratified.]

The recent ruling of the post office department in regard to publishers sending out papers to delinquent subscribers, will go into effect April 1. This is pretty hard on publishers, but we have no option in the matter and we expect publishers will kick harder than



Lone Star Mill and dam about 1912. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

TO PROGRESS.

Electric Lights Turned on and Burn Brightly. Dr. Herrington Serenaded and Banqueted.

Half a century from now, when the "honk-honk" of the automobile and "clang-clang" of the street car bell are heard at every street crossing in the City of Houston, the small boy of today in swapping reminiscences of the long ago with his neighboring grandfather as they gather around the stove at the corner grocery will remark, "I recollect way back in '08 when the first electric lights were put in this great city, then a town of one thousand inhabitants. Dr. Perry A. Herrington was the originator, promoter, financier, and builder of the entire plant, and I remember how the knockers said it would be a failure, that it was not possible, and how the town pushers said, 'We hope you succeed, Doctor, and we want to help and encourage you in every way we can.'"

And Dr. Herrington is entitled to great praise for the grit that has kept him hammering away at this enterprise for the past year in the face of all kinds of reverses, financial and otherwise. With no experience in this class of work, with everything an experiment to begin with, the Doctor has surmounted all obstacles and today has what apparently is a complete and successful plant in operation, with every indication that he has the power and plant to supply Houston with electric lights for years and years to come. The first lights were turned on Wednesday evening, January 15th, but for some unknown reason they were not bright and predicted failure. Things looked gloomy. But on Thursday the energy and hard work of G. T. Mires, Vin and Burt Garwilz, and S. K. Jackson prevailed over the invisible power. They hitched both wheels together at the plant and they moved off like clockwork. Then the smaller wheel was cut loose and the big one took up the burden and has been supplying plenty of power ever since. The lights are beautiful and bright and the machinery is running nicely.

THE PLANT.

The power plant is located at Lone Star Mill, two and a half miles west of town, on Piney river, which was purchased by Dr. Herrington more than a year ago. He rebuilt the dam, which is now nine feet high and strongly constructed. The power is drawn from a pond that extends two miles up the river and at places is from ten to twenty feet in depth. A well arranged course conducts the water into the forebay, where it is regulated to the wheel by a steel gate. In the forebay are two turbine wheels, the new and large one being a Little Giant double turbine, 42 inches, weight 10,000 pounds; the smaller 35 inches, Little Giant, weight 4000 pounds. This small wheel is what was used in running the Lone Star Mills. The generator is a fine machine, being a General Electric dynamo, 75 K. W., capacity 1500 candle power lights. There are now some three hundred lights in operation, and this number will likely be increased to six hundred at an early date. The dynamo is placed on a solid concrete foundation some twelve feet in height, and the machinery is all well arranged; the mammoth belts connecting the machinery being 13 inches, double leather, 124 feet in length. It will prove of interest to anyone to visit the plant and observe the great power harnessed from our beautiful river. —Houston Herald, January 16, 1908.

[The citizens of Houston were so pleased with their lights and Dr. Herrington that they gathered at his drug store, toasted and smoked cigars in honor of his accomplishment while the Houston Military Band serenaded him. Several days later, a banquet was held in his honor at the Lynch House where speeches, food, and more music expressed the appreciation of the citizenry.]



Lone Star Mill and bridge. The mill was built in 1870. Dr. Herrington converted the old grist mill to electrical generation, completed in 1908. During most of the 1920s, Fred Dablemont and his family lived at the mill. Fred kept the mill operating, backing up water during the day and running it through the turbines at night so that Houston would have lights and power for the movie house. But the electricity was undependable. A log or a big eel could jam the machinery. The mill was closed in 1929. The bridge was moved in 1932 and placed downstream. Picture courtesy of Texas County Historical Society.

their patrons. You can help us by coming in or sending in the amount you owe the Democrat and your paper will be continued as before.

WHARTON—A liberal invitation is given to a letter party at Wharton from 6 o'clock to 9 p.m. February 14, 1908. Each lady and girl is to write a neat and true letter to her ideal so that the man or boy may receive it by 6 o'clock on St. Valentine evening. When they meet here, the gentleman is to answer verbally this letter. He may continue the correspondence or give it away as he chooses. You married ladies take this opportunity to renew your love to your husbands, and each young lady will choose her ideal. There will be games and amusements and the gentlemen are to see the ladies safely home.

DIXON—Strobe, Jones and Branson have "pooled" their business and moved their tables into the old Dixon Mercantile stand. Mr. Strobe has sold his interest and Jones & Branson are the proprietors.

The Smith family, proprietors of the old chili joint have shut up shop and gone to seek a more congenial atmosphere.

February 14

New Pension Bill

The widows' pension, which was supported by the members of the Missouri delegation, was passed by a unanimous vote in the House recently. It will probably have no opposition in the Senate.

The measure increases the pensions of 196,483 widows of soldiers of the Civil, Mexican and Indian wars from \$8 a month to \$12 and makes it possible for about 18,000 widows, heretofore barred by the dependent clause in the pension law, to have their names placed on the roll. The estimated cost of carrying out the provisions of the bill when passed will be more than \$12,000,000 annually.

HANCOCK—The Hancock Canning Co. recently sold two car loads of tomatoes.

We will soon have another telephone line from here to Crocker and there will be several attachments leading off into the country.

CROCKER—C. E. Teeple moved this week into the new building just completed known as the Teeple palace. We understand that Mrs. W. D. Johnson will close the Bostick Hotel this week and that B. Thornsberry will open the Wagoner Hotel Monday. Crocker now

has a fine school house, an excellent hotel, exchange mill, canning factory, the best livery stable, the largest stock of lumber, and more new houses than any town in Pulaski county. Watch us grow.

COOKVILLE—The number of pupils in school is small, due to the prevalence of measles. Another phone on our Cookville and Plato line, at the Plato bank. The lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America, organized at Cookville on the 9th of January, is now nearing the sixty mark in number, and fair prospects for more. How is that for county work?

"In God we trust" has been ordered back on the gold piece. This is proper and right for you cannot trust gold. [Probably another reference to the Panic, as well as the Democrats' support of William Jennings Bryan, whose campaign plank included the silver standard.]

The first sure indication that spring has come was last Saturday when the sports of our city cleared off and laid out the marble ground and began operations. The warm sunshine and pleasant atmosphere of the Ozarks makes it possible for these outdoor games about nine months in the year.

February 28

RICHLAND—Carpenter John Traw finished the M. E. Church South in Stoutland last week. It is a very handsome edifice, one of the finest in Stoutland. CROCKER—Complaints have been made by the Iberia mail carriers as to the roads leading into Crocker. They report them almost impassable during the recent thaw.

DIXON—The Yeoman lodge gave a social and supper for their members and families at the opera house Tuesday evening.



M. E. Church, South, in Stoutland. Courtesy of John Bradbury. day evening. [See picture page 11.]

T. A. Murphy & Co. have been loading their ties at Dixon, Helms, Franks and



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Arlington so as to get the shipment through before the new freight schedule goes into effect. The price of ties has dropped 5 cents each on account of the freight increase.

We publish the financial statement of the Bank of Waynesville on the front page of this issue of the Democrat. After reading it carefully you will find that the Bank of Waynesville is one of the solid, reliable institutions in the state. Panics and depression in money matters have not caused them to refuse to cash checks or call in loans as some have done.

BIG PINEY—John G. Ichord has rented the R. Miller shop and hardware store. Success to John. Big Piney is coming to the front.

SCHLICHT—What about our Crocker and Waynesville electric line? The mud is two feet deep and the road is needed now.

March 13

Henry McKinnon has got another "wildcat" idea in his head that he has struck gold in paying quantities on his farm 5 miles east of Crocker and he is backed up with a certificate from the Rolla School of Mines that shows an assay of two ounces or \$41.35 per ton. The dirt assayed was taken from a hole

about 20 feet deep and the profit is causing considerable excitement and speculation in that section of the country. [*Today the price is \$833 per ounce and climbing.*]

Judge Woodside's Ruling.

According to a ruling of Judge Woodside made here last Tuesday, the game law enacted by the late legislature is almost worthless. The Judge sustained a motion filed by Watson & Holmes, of Rolla, to quash an information filed charging G. V. Randolph, of Phelps county, with hunting without a license in Pulaski county.

In effect, the court holds that the game and fish law provides no penalty for hunting without a license, and, therefore, as there is no penalty there could be no punishment in case of conviction.

Pointed Paragraphs

It's easier for a woman to hold a strong man than her own tongue.

A man is as anxious to make money as a woman is to spend it.

People who make fools of themselves never fail to attract attention.

Lengthen a girl's dresses means shortening her papa's bank balance.

The average husband takes his wife's advice—around the corner and loses it.

While the conservative man waits, the hustler gets busy and goes after the

goods.

It's tough on a man with a chronic thirst to be compelled to swallow his pride.

The bachelor who takes unto himself a wife, gives up the simple for the strenuous life.

The woman who marries for money usually gets what she went after, but it's different for a man.

When a man's dog turns against him, it is time for his wife to pack her trunk and go home to mamma.

It takes a woman to sit down and cry when she happens to think what a hard time her children might have had if some other woman had been their mother.

SCHLICHT—An ice plant is talked of at the Magnesia springs and a 10-ton plant would certainly pay. Frisco people are interested in the enterprise.

A party of tie rafters from Competition came in with Sox Reed as pilot, claiming 6,000 ties in the rafts.

WHARTON—Several are leaving this and surrounding neighborhoods for California. The rush will soon equal that of '49!

March 20

St. James was visited by a \$50,000 fire last week, which resulted in the destruction of Alverson's Mill, one of

the old landmarks of the town valued at \$45,000 and considered the largest between St. Louis and Springfield, also the St. James Canning and Packing Co. had \$3,000 worth of canned goods in the warehouse of the mill and the Barnes Gunstock Co. had \$2,000 worth of material in the wareroom, all of which was a total loss.

A young lad by the name of Pennal, about 15 years of age, was brought over from Richland the first of the week, and lodged in the county jail, charged with stealing coal. Tuesday evening he broke out and was wending his way toward home when he was picked up by the sheriff and brought back. On Wednesday he made his escape again but a second time was captured and lodged in the jail. His reasons for trying to get out were that he was very much afraid alone in such a place.

For sale: 160 acre farm 4 mi. west of Waynesville. S. W. quarter of sec. 32; Two... 30; Range 12. Good level land, well watered, big timber, new house, 7 1/2 acres cleared. Price \$1,000. [*We thought the price was interesting.*]

SCHLICHT—The Hobart Lee tie camp has teams and a force of men here getting out ties. Col. Sox Reed is superintendent.

March 27

Wanted—Tiemakers. Will pay 12 cents at stump. Also men and teams to haul ties to Crocker from north side of Crocker bridge. Apply to Sam T. Rollins or J. C. Fritchel, Crocker, Mo. at Krepps residence.

April 17

High Water

On account of the continued down-pour of rain of about 5 days the Roubidoux and the Gasconade have been on a stampede and much damage to the farms along these streams have been the result. The Gasconade has not been so high since July 1904. On Friday evening the farmers along Roubidoux were greatly surprised to receive a phone message from Plato to get their stock out of the bottoms that the creek was coming down with a rush. The Gasconade was so swollen that the backwater could not be crossed in the Turpin lane [Crocker Bridge area] and as a consequence Waynesville people did not get any mail for two days. However the damage is not what it would have been had it come a little later in the season when the crops were planted.

Some uneasiness was caused the friends of Uncle Joe Laquey of Richland last Monday when it was learned that Mr. Laquey had clean shaved and shouldered a shotgun and left town. Different ideas were advanced, some seemed to think that Uncle Joe had seen himself in the looking glass and decided that he was too ugly to live longer, but wiser heads decided that he had only took the gun along for protection on the perambulations to a farm house near Waynesville where he is frequently entertained by a friend. We have not learned the particulars of the case as yet.

John McDonald

The death of Esq. John McDonald at Richland last Saturday was not unexpected by those of his friends who had taken note of the declining health during the past year. He was born in St. Louis County in the year 1824, as was past 84 years of age. All of these years, except a trip to the gold fields of California in the early fifties were passed in the state of his birth where he had witnessed the transformation of a wilderness into city, town and farm. He held many important positions of honor and trust, tried many cases where much was involved both of life and property, yet every duty was faithfully, honestly and impartially performed. While no man loved his friends with greater devotion than Squire McDonald, yet in the discharge of his official duties the scales of Justice were always equiposed between friend and foe in his hands. He had lived among us for the last thirty years,



Dixon Opera House, 1910. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

declined from vigorous manhood to decrepit old age and while his death was like the setting of the sun at the close of day, his well spent life, his lofty adherence to duty, his fidelity to his friends, his love for the good and beautiful as well as his contempt for the hollow, the base and hypocritical will constitute a halo of glory beyond this vale of tears and will extend into the boundless realms of eternity. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Richland by his Masonic brethren last Sunday evening by loving and tender hands as the sun cast its last lingering rays upon hill and dale typical of the close of an honorable and eventful career. He was a brother to the late W. W. McDonald of this county and to Mrs. Judge [V. B.] Hill, both of whom preceded him to the land of shadows where faith, hope and love cast their effulgent beams into the corridors of gloom and make the pathway of eternity a bright and perfect day. There are few John McDonald's with his integrity, his rugged but loving character, his childlike faith, his kind and noble heart. His absence will be felt in the church circles, the lodge room and in many homes. In the breasts of his relations and friends the accacia blooms brightly with the hope of a reunion where sorrow and death are unknown. [This is the same McDonald family who came into the pineries to harvest the timber in the article "Piney Sawmillers on the Gasconade," beginning on page 30.]

The first railroad in Missouri was a track five miles in length, laid from Richmond to a point on the Missouri river opposite Lexington, some time between 1849 and 1851. It was made of timber, the rails being of sawed oak and the ties of hewed oak, and was operated by horse power. The first conductor of the first train run on this railroad was Judge Thomas McGinniss, who is still alive and resides near Richmond. —Butler Democrat

A fact not generally known is that the County Court does not bury pau-

pers as was the case in past years. Because of the frequent abuse of the privilege the last legislature passed a law abolishing the practice. Now a pauper corpse is held a certain length of time and unless relatives or friends make arrangements to bury it the cadaver is turned over to the State Anatomical Board and later given to medical colleges.

LOCAL ITEMS—Several traveling men were laid up in Waynesville, Sunday, on account of high water. Several of the "natives" were unable to get out of town for the same reason and the result was a good turnout at church.

SCHLICHT—Joel Lane, our boss fisherman, caught some of the Fish Commission's new variety, jack salmon, weighing three pounds, out of the Gasconade.

The Missouri Fish Commission's car was stopped at Schlicht and 300 brook trout delivered to the springs.

BAILEY—N. H. Bivins and S. M. York are the newly elected members of the school board in this district. The district also voted for nine months of school to be divided into two terms. The fall term to begin September 1, and the spring term to begin first Monday in April.

CROCKER—Four walking tourists with two monkeys and a hand organ passed through here Monday, picking up the loose change.

Thos. Peterson, the druggist, has erected a new ice house and has one car unloaded. He will also run an ice cream parlor in the rear of his drug store.

Dr. N. I. Stebbins is building a sanitarium in Crocker. Fred Fellows is doing the cement work and has it about ready for the carpenters.

When I was a boy, the only training

school in our town was the woodshed.

May 1

Prisoner Escaped.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning Ed Teeple, who is held for seduction, and Wm. Patterson and Oliver Newberry, who are charged with burglary and arson, made a successful attempt to break jail by way of the sink or sewer route. The story as told to a Democrat reporter is that the prisoners had been locked in the cell for some time and they planned to escape by the route above mentioned and for 3 days and nights they worked faithfully burning away a sill under the building. He said they would fire up and burn along until the firewood began to make pretty good headway when they would put it out and lay the job over until the next night. Patterson led the way, slipping his nude form through the opening then Teeple by a close run was passed through but Newberry being larger than the other boys was unable to make his escape. They then got their clothes and while putting them on became alarmed and ran down the street past the M. E. Church, Teeple falling a time or two, and losing his shirt and one shoe. After they got out of town Patterson decided to stick to his partner in crime and returned to the jail where he remained until daylight. Patterson says if they had not become frightened and could have got a hammer they could have easily have liberated the other fellow.

The amusing part of the affair was that Patterson did not want to leave his boarding place and called at Lee Baker's [hotel owner and Deputy Sheriff] for the keys so that he could again enter the jail before breakfast time.

Sheriff Sutton was notified and started immediately to hunt for Teeple.

Floor Gave Way.

It has been noticeable for some time that the main floor of the Court House was shaky and giving away and last week Carpenter Rockwell made an examination and found that the sleepers or joists were rotten and many of them were broken in two. It is surprising to think that in the brief time of five years the joists would decay so soon. [The courthouse was constructed in 1903.]

Very soon the work will begin of putting in a new floor.

We wish to correct an error in the article concerning Luke Munz's ginseng farm which appeared in our last issue. The article stated that Mr. Munz's had several barrels of seed, when it should have been several pounds of seed. At the present market price of ginseng seed, any one owning several barrels would not need to take the trouble to raise any more as it is worth about five cents per seed. [We would like to read that article about ginseng farming but the April 24 issue is missing on the microfilm

and has been lost to posterity.]
 We publish the financial statement of Pulaski county this week which has taken much of the time of the office foreman for the past two weeks. Much credit is due county clerk E. G. Williams for the manner in which the statement is gotten up, and few counties can equal it. Our readers will please bear with us in the shortage of reading matter this week, when they know that it is only by the aid of the small amount of work we get from the county that enables you to have a paper at the county seat. Taking into consideration that Waynesville is a village of only about 350 inhabitants, if all the business men were ardent supporters of a newspaper, there would not be enough to pay the expense of publishing a paper. However we only mention these facts as a reminder that it takes money to pay hired help and paper bills, etc., and that every job, be it ever so small, that is sent away from your home town cripples the progress of the home paper and every dollar paid to Sears, Roebuck, Buxton & Skinner, or the Standard Printing Co. is gone and will not return to your county or benefit you. *[This is the reaction of local businessmen and those who depend on them to the beginning and booming mail order business.]*

May 8

New Bank at Crocker

A new bank was organized at Crocker on last Tuesday and will be known as the Crocker State Bank with Chas. Ousley as cashier and Thos. H. Turpin as president. This new institution starts out with very flattering prospects, as they have about thirty good citizens interested.

They will open for business about June 10, and you will be welcome to go in and leave a deposit in the new spherical shaped safe when they are in running order.

Judge McGregor has had a dandy nice new boat made for the accommodation of himself and some of his sporty friends. The name of the launch is "Mermaid" and from what the name implies, will stay half under water. Some of our city's elite had the pleasure of taking a row in the 'big spring' eddy Sunday afternoon by the invitation (?) of the judge.

LAQUEY—A. A. Parson is putting in stock yards around his scales which will make it very convenient for people who have stock to weigh.

May 15

LOCAL ITEMS—Virgil Wheeler will return home the last of this week, after an absence of eight months in school at Washington University and will take up the work on the *Democrat*. He will be glad to greet old friends and make

new acquaintances in his labors for the upbuilding of the *Democrat*, and the best interests of the county.

Two New Bridges

Quite a delegation were here from Richland last Thursday praying the County Court to help them build across the Gasconade river, they offering to put up one third of the cost if the court would make the rest. After advisement by that august body they ordered two bridges built, one at the mouth of Bear Creek and one across Piney River. This will make five steel bridges in Pulaski county besides the County has been to heavy expenses in rebuilding the Court House and a special election was held last year etc., but it is in splendid financial condition. This is a result of an economical court, and the splendid management of democratic officials in county affairs.

J. B. Christeson and G. M. Reed [*who lived next door, south of the Black Hotel/Old Stagecoach Stop*] have completed granitoid [*aka concrete*] sidewalks in front of their residences this week. J. W. Wheeler and M. B. Wyrick built last week and others will follow suit. When the walks are completed there will be built about 500 feet of walks on Second street this spring. Why not build the substantial kind of walk when the material is so near at hand. The gravel and sand and the

rock for the foundation can be had within a stone's throw of town and cement is very cheap, making walk building very reasonable.

May 22

A western woman after thirty years of wedlock has applied for a divorce on the grounds that her husband is lazy, but the fact that it has taken her thirty years to find this out would indicate that she is not much of a hustler herself.

The normal school debate was on the subject: "Resolved that the old bachelors should be taxed to support the old maids." The literary society debated: "Resolved that fire is more destructive than water." The affirmative got the decision and their fire still burns.

May 29

DIXON—Laying of concrete walks is the principal work going on in Dixon now. Everybody seems to have caught the fever.

H. G. Brittain has rigged himself up a new ice delivery wagon and is now furnishing the congealed water to all parts of the city.

BLOODLAND—Crows and candidates are thick. Wrapping twine stretched up in the field keeps crows out but what is

Gasconade Hills Dental Centers

Roubidoux Small Engine

the remedy for candidates?

SCHLICHT—Missouri Fish Car on train number 1 Thursday put off 5,000 fine Jack Salmon for the Schlicht Spring.

We notice in last week's *Democrat* that the County court has granted two more steel bridges to be built across the Gasconade and Piney rivers. Why not grant a bridge to be built across the Gasconade at Schlicht? It is badly needed.

June 4

The city council of Richland has called a special election for June 23rd to vote on a proposition for that city to issue \$5,000 in bonds for the improvement of the roads, alleys and streets of that city. This is a very commendable move on the part of our neighboring city.—*Lebanon Rustic*

FAST MAIL IN WRECK

Engineer, Fireman and Mail Clerk Jump and are Injured

The Frisco's fast mail train which reached Lebanon a few minutes before 7 o'clock a.m. collided head on with a freight train at Swedeborg Monday morning and W. L. Bolton, a mail clerk, and Charles Rhoades, engineer, and James Stockstill, fireman, all of whom jumped, were injured. Three mail clerks who did not jump received slight injuries.

It seems that the freight had orders to take the switch at Swedeborg to let the fast mail pass, but the engineer says the air brakes failed to work and the freight ran past the switch.

Mail Clerk Bolton, who lays over here, had a shoulder dislocated and was otherwise bruised.

June 5

There are no lawyers in Duke, Pulaski County, and disputes there are settled more cheaply by arbitration boards, more expeditiously and more satisfactorily to all concerned than if the courts were appealed to.—*St. Joseph Observer. [There still are no lawyers in Duke but Duke is in Phelps County.]*

Col. E. G. Williams and lady will leave here the first of the week for Birmingham, Ala. where he will be in attendance at the Confederate Reunion which convenes there on the 9th. The Col. holds the office of Assistant Commissary under Major General Z. H. Lowdermilk's Staff, and takes great interest in the meetings.

DIXON—A patent churn man has been vending his wares on our streets the past week. He sells a churn that makes butter in less than a minute.

Notwithstanding the continued panicky times, Dixon's laborers are all employed. The sound of hammer is heard from early morn 'till late in the evening. Our professional loafers have

either gotten lonesome or ashamed and have gone to work or moved on to other quarters. We have two old time loafers but we think they will soon get ashamed of themselves and fall into line with live and up-to-date people.

LOCAL ITEMS—The B.Y.P.U. [*Baptist Young Peoples Union*] ice cream social held in the court yard last Thursday eve was well attended. The band rendered a few selections to enliven matters. All the cream on hand was sold and a sum of \$14.30 was taken in.

BAILEY—Jacob Starnes recently shot a hawk which measured four feet four inches from tip to tip of wings.

SWEDEBORG—The ice cream social given by the Ladies Home Society [*Baptist Church benevolent group founded shortly after the Civil War.*] reports a nice time at the social Thursday night and took in \$15 for their society.

RICHLAND—The R.N. of A will hold memorial services in the hall Sunday at three o'clock. All Neighbors, Woodmen and the public are invited to attend.

June 9

WRECK NEAR RICHLAND
Freight Jumps Track and Fireman and Brakeman are Killed—Two other Injured.

While running at a high rate of speed, a west bound freight train left the track a short distance west of Richland Tuesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, and Charles J. Warren, the fireman, and Joseph A. Hundhausen, the head brakeman, were killed, and Conductor John M. Kirgan and John W. Bowler, the engineer, badly injured. They all lived in Springfield.

The two dead men and the two injured ones were taken to Springfield on a special train, passing through here about 10 o'clock.

Two wreckers went to the wreck, arriving there about 8 o'clock a.m. and it was about 10 yesterday morning when the track was cleared to allow the passage of trains. All the east bound night trains were held here until the track was cleared. The west bound night trains were all on the other side of the wreck.—*Lebanon Rustic*

June 12

LOCAL ITEMS—An item that will be read with much interest by lovers of fishing is the fact that Judge Joe McGregor succeeded in getting 25,000 bass delivered here from the hatcheries at St. Louis last week and they were turned into the Gasconade river at Bartlett's Mill in good shape.

BLOODLAND—There will be a grand picnic at Bloodland on July 4th, 1908. Among the many features of the day will be a grand march by the Big Piney I.O.O.F. lodge, speaking by candidates,



Train crew on the way to a wreck. Wrecks and derailments were common on the Frisco line. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

athletic contest, music by the Waynesville Band and other amusements. Everybody invited to come out and enjoy a day of pleasure. Watch for bills later.

Waynesville Band Suspended.

At a meeting of the members of the band last Monday night the boys decided to disband. Owing to the seeming lack of interest by the citizens and some of the members of the organization, caused a dissatisfaction among the members, and they decided to act as above mentioned. The instruments that were bought by the town have been turned over and will be stored until they can be disposed of. However Waynesville will not be entirely without music as most of the members own their instruments and while they are not an organization they can play any time.

RICHLAND—Quite a number of Royal Neighbors attended the memorial services Sunday and the graves were decorated in the lodge colors, purple and white, and flowers. They have two members buried in the Richland cemetery.

July 10

To Receive Bids for Building Bridges.

Notice is hereby given that I will receive sealed bids at the office of County Clerk in Waynesville, Mo. Thursday, July 23rd, 1908, for the building of Two Bridges. One near the mouth of Bear Creek, over the Gasconade river and one near Ross Ford over Big Piney. A general plan will be on file and bidders are requested to submit their own designs; also cash in the sum of \$200 will be required with bids to guarantee that successful bidder will enter into contract and give bond to maintain bridges for the period of three years. The court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

A. G. Williams
Road and Bridge Commissioner

[See "*Bridges of Pulaski County*," p. 52.]

On last Sunday, John Crane, living on Arlington Hollow, in Phelps county, was shot and almost riddled with bullets from ambush. Dr. McCully, who dressed his wounds, picked out 112 bullets from the young man's body. The shooting is the outcome of an old feud in which several citizens have participated in. At the time of going to press the young man is still living but his death is hourly expected.

BLUE SPRING—Quite an excitement was caused at Hooker last Sunday by John Crain being shot from the brush while coming from Arlington. He was shot twice and 112 shot was extracted from him. Dr. McCully was called from Dixon and pronounced it a serious case, but has some hopes of his recovery. Mr. Crain says he saw them and knew who done the shooting. The shooting was done 1 1/2 miles from Hooker.

CROCKER—R. H. Hawkins is making a ball park, west of the grave yard, which is to be a permanent and valuable addition to our town. The picnic will be held near there.

A. G. Williams, with a force of hands, left here Wednesday for Richland to repair and refloor the Gasconade river bridge near that place.

July 17

The new ferry at the Mays' ford is a great convenience. It makes the trip two miles shorter to the county seat and the roads are equally as good, if not better, than the old road formerly traveled by the way of the bridge.—*Richland Mirror*.

Jaspar Brothers and Cunningham passed through town Sunday on their way from Crocker with the watering tank which has been in use for quite a while as the Crocker public well. The tank will be put in use at the Bloodland roller mills and we are informed that Crocker will put in one of much

larger capacity for the accommodation of the people who go to Crocker with teams.

BLUE SPRING—John Crain, who was shot a week ago Sunday, is getting along fine. *[This is a new correspondent. Blue Spring, on the Big Piney two miles upstream from Devil's Elbow, was later renamed and is now known as Shanghai Spring. The exotic name was probably bestowed by some St. Louis sportsmen between 1908 and 1924.]*

SWEDEBORG—Everybody busy haying and nobody in town.

CROCKER—The Crocker baseball team succeeded in winning the two games here on Friday and Saturday on their new grounds, prepared for them by our hustling real estate agent, R. H. Hawkins. On Friday they defeated St. James by a score of 9 to 6 with E. Ousley and Shipman as battery for St. James, and Draper and Money maker as battery for the home boys. Newburg met their waterloo on Saturday, Crocker winning by a score of 7 to 4. Draper and Ousley battery for Crocker, and Ring and Montgomery of Rolla as battery for Newburg. Both games were well played and everybody well pleased with the decisions of Bohannon for our boys. Return games will be played with each of these teams. The Crocker "Red Sox" will be, as in the past, anxious to give their opponents the best they have in stock.

Much credit is due our fellow townsman, R. H. Hawkins, in opening his ground west of town for a public park, together with the baseball ground. When completed, Crocker will have a valuable addition to her assets.

BAILEY—Our farmers are harvesting the heaviest crop of hay that they have had for several years. *[The peach crop is also reported heavy.]*

SCHLICHT—A gay and happy crowd of fishermen arrived at the Lodge the afternoon of the 12th, from St. Louis, and immediately set to work to make themselves comfortable and to enjoy the fine scenery, excellent water and other attractions for which our place is noted... The party are, at this writing, sitting around the table, covered with fine fried catfish and from the efforts so far made they have an assurance of a full catch. *[Throughout the summer, the Schlicht correspondent notes the many groups from St. Louis who come to the resort to drink the magnesia water and fish in the Gasconade.]*

Sunday was an outing and pleasure day for the citizens of nearby towns and they nearly drank Magnesia Springs dry, Rolla and Lebanon being represented. *[Locals, too.]*

CROCKER—M. P. Evans sold a hog to Bohannon & Bryant, Tuesday, that

weighed 510 pounds for which Mr. Evans received \$31.87.

Frisco Log Rolling at Rolla

The Frisco Log Rolling Association which meets at Rolla July 30, 31 and August 1, will be the leading attraction which is to be held in this section of Missouri this year. Over twelve hundred dollars has been raised to expend for the entertainment of the crowd and for awarding prizes. This association includes the Woodmen camps of Crawford, Dent, Maries, Pulaski, Gasconade, Franklin, Phelps, Laclede and Texas counties, all of which will be represented.

Senator William J. Stone has accepted an invitation to address the assembled crowd on Thursday, July 30, on the issues of the campaign.

Hon. John E. Swanger, Hon. Elliott W. Major and Hon. A. L. Reeves and other speakers have been engaged for the occasion.

Five of the best bands in Southern Missouri have been engaged to furnish music for the three days. The Houston Military Band, the Salem Concert Band, the Vichy Cornet Band and two Rolla Bands.

Each day there will be a balloon ascension, baseball games and contests of all kinds. Prizes will be awarded each day for some feature of excellence. Shows and merry-go-rounds and all manner of entertainments will be found at the Log Rolling.

July 23

The Old Settlers Reunion of Texas County will be held at Houston Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 20th, 21st, and 22nd.—*Lebanon Rustic*

July 24

Waynesvilleites are indeed proud of their little burg and the beautiful scenery round about. Waynesville has an overflow of visitors from St. Louis and other places who are heartily enjoying their outing here; bathing in the refreshing waters of the Roubidoux, fishing, hunting, etc. With a few improvements Waynesville could be made one of the finest resorts in the State.

Mr. Edward G. Williams, formerly a resident of this city, and who is well known and has many friends in Lynchburg, was recently named as a member of the Board of Managers of the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Higginsville, Mo. Mr. Williams was a member of Company E, Eleventh Virginia Infantry. He went west years ago.—*Lynchburg News* [See sidebar]

County court was in session yesterday for the purpose of examining the bids received for building two steel bridges.

For the first time in the history of Pulaski county a woman has been

appointed to the office of Notary Public. Miss Ida January of Dixon was, on July 20th, commissioned by the Governor and she has filed her bond which has been approved by County Clerk Williams.

Dr. A. L. Tice, dentist, will be in Waynesville on August 3rd and remain two weeks, for the purpose of doing dental work.

CROCKER—R. H. Hawkins is superintending the construction of a new cement tank and watering trough located on main street near the wind mill.

The first brick in the new Bank and I.O.O.F. building was laid Tuesday morning by Mitchell Bros. of Rolla. We are assured of its speedy completion under their direction.

A movement was begun last week to incorporate our little town—a much felt need. A petition was circulated and nearly all the taxpayers subscribed but no further action has been taken.

August 21

CROCKER—A valuable addition has been made to the Hawkins' Park in the way of an up-to-date grand stand with a seating capacity of three or four hundred.

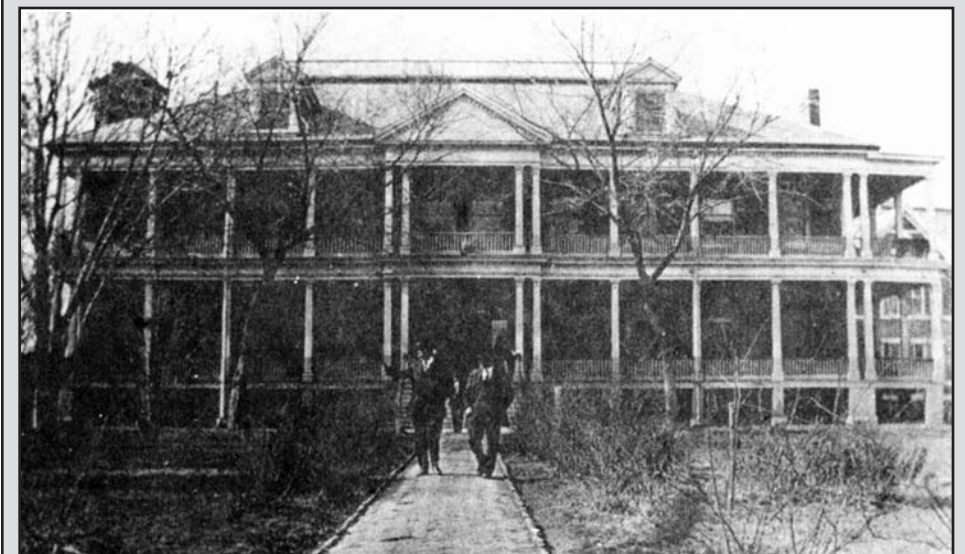
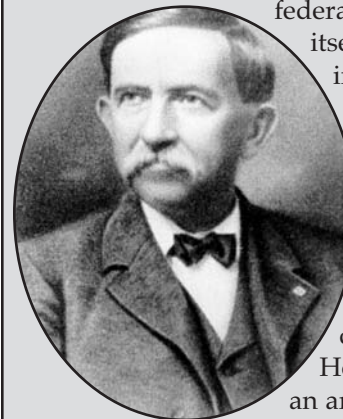
E. G. Williams

Edward G. Williams was a prime mover in Pulaski County and Democratic politics. He served as County Clerk from 1874-1878 and 1882-1914.

In June of 1861, E. G. enlisted in Company E, Eleventh Virginia Infantry, Confederate States of America. This regiment distinguished itself during the conflict at nearly every major battle in the eastern theater. Williams was in the battles at First Bull Run (Manassas), Antietam, the seven days fight below Richmond, Dranesville, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Fredericksburg, Second Manassas, Boonsboro, Gettysburg, and Plymouth. In his last engagement at the battle of Drewry's Bluff on May 16, 1864, Williams was wounded in the leg. It was amputated the same day and he was sent to the famous Chimborazo Hospital to convalesce for sixty days. He requested an artificial limb for his left leg that had been amputated above the knee.

Williams came first to Rolla in 1866 and then relocated to Waynesville in 1869. He clerked in Hancock for a time before being elected to public office. He married Emeline Bostic of Waynesville in 1885. He also owned the Old Stagecoach Stop from 1888 to 1890.

Williams attended nearly all of the U.C.V. Reunions and was held in high esteem by the Confederate veterans and was placed on the Board of Managers of the Confederate Soldiers Home



The Ex-Confederate Association of Missouri incorporated the Confederate Home Association in 1889, and in 1890 purchased a 360-acre farm north of Higginsville. The first four buildings, including the main building (above), were built as a result of fund raising by the newly created Daughters of the Confederacy. The Confederate Home was dedicated in 1893 and within six months had 115 residents. In 1897 the State of Missouri accepted the home. Over the years some 1,500 Confederate veterans, along with some wives and widows, lived there. The home closed in 1950 with the death of the last veteran, John T. Graves, at age 107. Most of the buildings were demolished in 1954. The cemetery was given to the State Park Board by the UDC in 1952. The remainder of the site is occupied by the Higginsville Habilitation Center administered by the Mo. Dept. of Mental Health. The Confederate Memorial State Historic Site consists of 135.22 acres. Courtesy of James Denny and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The Crocker "Red Sox" are to lead a strenuous life. They play with Richland next Friday, with Rolla August 2, and Dixon Aug. 28 and 29, all away from home.

We often hear the cry that Waynesville is a finished town. Is it any wonder when all the available building ground is owned by parties who will not sell an inch of it? We have heard of three or four persons lately who would build in town if they could secure a suitable building lot. Won't some one who has the land lay out an addition and help the town grow?—Waynesville Correspondent in *Dixon Progress*. A splendid suggestion. Let someone consider the matter and start the ball rolling.

Mrs. E. M. Black wishes the public to know that she is still at the same old stand, "The Black Hotel," ready to take care of all who wish to stop with her during court or any other time. This house has the reputation of being one of the best hostelrys in the country. *[The hotel is still standing today as the Old Stagecoach Stop.]*

The following story is told on one of Richland's belles; that she desiring to bleach her already white hands, applied to a New York advertising company for information. The Miss

received the following recipe: "Wash the dishes three times a day while mother rests."

GOLDEN CENTER—An auto, on its way from the Center to Schlicht last Monday, got stuck on the hill near Mose Ray lake. A cylinder head blew out, the gearing broke, and the cuss words that was used. *[One of only two mentions of an automobile in the paper up to this time that we have seen.]*

SCHLICHT—The river is lined with camping parties.

The Hobart Lee Tie Company is moving about 3000 of its railroad ties and several teams are employed.

Boring for mineral in Moccasin Bend is going on daily and they have fair prospects on H. Roams' farm.

BLOODLAND—Ben Posten of Friendship was exhibiting the bumper tobacco leaf Monday. It was the Connecticut seed leaf variety and measured 22 1/2 by 37 inches. Who can beat it? *[People seem surprised to learn that tobacco was grown here in Pulaski County. However, it makes sense. Many, if not most, of the settling farmers were from the South (Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia) and brought tobacco cultivation with them to the Ozarks. They also grew some cotton. Many of the early farmsteads devoted a patch to tobacco for domestic use and in*

some years, Pulaski produced a surplus crop.]

Once more the threshers have made the farmers glad and the mill whistle of Bloodland can be heard again.

BAILEY—L. M. Bailey recently completed the work on his large fish pond which he intends to stock with carp this fall.

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended church at Friendship and heard the "boy preacher" last Sabbath night.

In the County Court of Pulaski County, State of Missouri at August term, 1908.

Among others, the following proceedings were had:

Now, at this day comes A. A. Parsons and more than One Hundred householders of the county of Pulaski, State of Missouri, and present their petition to the County Court, praying the County Court of said county to submit or cause to be submitted, to the Qualified Voters of said county, at the usual voting precincts in said county of Pulaski, on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 1908; the question of enforcing the law of restraining Horses, Mules, Asses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats from running at large in said county, as provided in Article 2, Chapter 69, Revised

Statutes of Missouri, 1890, and as amended by the 44th General Assembly of the State of Missouri, at page 66, Session Acts 1907, and after due examination and consideration of said petition the Court finds that said petition is signed by more than One Hundred householders. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the prayer of this Court publish their order, according to law, in the *Pulaski County Democrat*, a newspaper of said county, and cause the question of restraining Horse, Mules, Asses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats from running at large in said county, to be submitted to the qualified voters in said county, according to the provisions of the aforesaid law, and that there shall be printed on each ballot,

For enforcing the law restraining Horses, Mules, Asses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats from running at large—Yes.

For enforcing the law restraining Horses, Mules, Asses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats from running at large—No.

Attest: E. G. Williams, Clerk County Court.

[The controversy and effort to pass a stock law in Pulaski County was still alive in 1908, as it would be for decades to come.]

September 11
L. N. Hufft will pay 25 cts for good ties



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until further notice.

Occasionally one will hear the remark, "I wish I was out of this town," and then one feels like saying, "I wish you were," for a man who stands on the street corners cursing the town, finding fault and claiming that the merchants are a lot of thieves, that the lawyers and newspaper men would skin a man to a finish, and a whole lot more, is a nuisance and an abomination. Any town pestered with one or more such worthies would be justified in exercising cowhide authority on the bosom of their pants. No one is obliged to live where he is not suited. If one hasn't an encouraging word of the business enterprise and institutions of his town, he should shut up and go way back and sit down. A growler and sore-head in a town is an enterprise killer every time.

M. Ramsey of Spring Creek handed us 3 cart wheels to be applied on his subscription while he was attending court this week. *[Add this item to the brooms and wood taken in trade for the paper.]*

The Dixon Canning Company recently had a shipment of their tomatoes seized by the Federal authorities. Through an omission of the shipping clerk to mark out a false brand on the crates, made the goods subject to confiscation. They were branded "3 lbs"

when the cans did not contain that.

There will be a working at the Colley grave yard, Saturday, September 19, 1908. Everybody interested come out and bring dinner.

BLOODLAND—Sam Steward living on the J. B. Christeson farm sent ye scribe the next bumper tobacco leaves measuring 20 x 42 1/2 and 24 x 38 inches. Also a stalk of corn 14 ft. tall with two well filled ears 9 inches in length. So you see we can produce anything in this part except buzzards and we don't need them.

BLUE SPRINGS—The basket dinner and children's exercise was well attended at the Rigsby school house last Sunday. Frank Christeson, wife and sister, Mrs. Christeson's two sisters, Blanche and Gladys, and Miss Mossie Rolenz, all of Dixon, spent a pleasant day catching and eating fish at the Blue Spring, Sunday.

SCHLICHT—Supt. Black has the canning factory running at full blast daily.

September 18

Dr. Pippin, White, Smith, Rhody and Ousley, all of St. Louis, are on the river at Bartlett's mill enjoying a two-weeks outing and chasing the finny tribe. They are all well remembered by our

people and always welcome. Dr. Pippin was formerly of this place and his army of friends are especially glad to see him.

The Busy \$10 Bill.

Mr. Brown keeps a boarding house. Around his table sat his wife, Mrs. Brown; the village milliner, Mrs. Andrews; Mr. Black the Baker; Mr. Jourdan, a carpenter; Mr. Hadley, a flour, feed and lumber merchant. Mr. Brown took from his pocket a \$10 bill with the remark that there was \$10 toward the \$20 he promised her. Mrs. Brown handed the bill to the milliner saying: "That pays for my new bonnet." The milliner in turn passed it to Mr. Jourdan remarking that it would pay for the carpenter work he had done for her. Mr. Jourdan handed it to Mr. Hadley, requesting his receipt bill for flour, feed and lumber. Mr. Hadley gave the bill back to Mr. Brown, saying: "That pays \$10 on my board." Mr. Brown again passed it to his wife saying that he had now paid her the \$20 he had promised her. She in turn paid Mr. Black to settle her bread and pastry account. Mr. Black handed it to Mr. Hadley and asked credit for the amount on his flour bill. Mr. Hadley again returned it to Mr. Brown with the remark that it settled for that month's board, whereupon Mr. Brown put it back in his pocket observing that

he had not supposed a greenback would go so far.

But suppose Mrs. Brown had sent to a mail order house for her new bonnet, the \$10 would have gone out of town and never come back.

The Moral: Spend our money at Home.—Ed.

DIXON—Dixon post office has been advanced to the presidential class and the salary of the postmaster raised to \$1,100 a year. This means that Dixon is growing from a business standpoint. With this issue the *Democrat* partially changes hands. We having sold a half interest in the plant, subscription books, good will, etc., to Mr. O. O. Ragsdale who makes his bow to our large family of readers this week. Mr. Ragsdale does not come among you as a stranger, he having lived in our community and was employed on the *Democrat* from 1903 to 1905 and has proven himself to our minds an honest, trust worthy, competent newspaper man. *[Ragsdale returned to Waynesville from Siloam Springs, Arkansas where he had been office manager for a publishing company. Mrs. Nathan Wheeler and brother-in-law Virgil Wheeler continue ownership/management of the other half interest which was thrust upon them at the death of Mrs. Wheeler's husband, Nathan, in 1907. Virgil was going to Washington University School of Dentistry.]*



Looking from the inside, the large opening of Maxey Cave measures 40 feet high and 100 feet wide. The hollow in front was a favorite picnic ground with excursions into the large cave an adventure. Maxey became a commercial cave in 1953 and the name was changed to Inca Cave. The Missouri Department of Conservation purchased the cave in 1980 and renamed it Great Spirit Cave. The area is no longer accessible to the public. Courtesy of Margaret Wehmeyer.

CROCKER—The canning factory here and others near are right in the tomato season and doing a good business. Some are shipping already.

HANNA—Sam York, Robt. Judkins, Jim Cogan, Mrs. Ritter and children, Pearl Henshaw and Kate Bailey spent Sunday at Maxey cave. All report a good time. [See above.]

September 25

SWEDEBORG—Richland and Swedeborg 2nd nine crossed bats on the Swedeborg diamond Saturday, which resulted in a victory for Richland in the score of 22 to 7. Come again boys.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterians Friday they decided on building a church in Swedeborg and are to commence work as soon as the rough lumber can be sawed. The Presbyterians will commence a revival meeting at the [Modern Woodmen of America] Hall Sunday.

BIG PINEY—W. F. Marlow is having his dwelling painted and otherwise beautified and his roller mill is running at full capacity and our merchants are kept busy supplying goods to the farmers. Lee Thomas & Page are shoeing the horses and renewing the old wagons.

LOCAL—Quite a number of 'phones on the Pioneer line have been out of commission lately and the "hello business" slightly on the bum.

Some irresponsible fellow has discovered that a poor girl has to be awfully good looking to be pretty, and a rich girl has to be awfully homely to be ugly. He might have added that a poor man has to be awfully smart to be intelligent and a rich man almost a

blockhead to be ignorant.

October 2

DIXON—Dixon's public well is the place to buy second-hand furniture. Most every Saturday you can hear G. W. Peck calling out bargains at this stand—selling at auction.

An old maids party was given Wednesday at the home of Dr. Rollins at which no boys or men were invited. We have not been informed as to the nature of the entertainment except they had a mock wedding. Our guess is that these fair damsels after having tried all through the leap year to get up a real wedding and failed and seeing the year nearing a close, determined to have some kind of a wedding—if not real, then the next best thing.

County Polling places in 1908: Franks, Dixon, Hancock, Crocker, Waynesville, Lost Hill, Richland, Swedeborg, Bellefont, Dundas, Bloodland, Big Piney.

A New R.F.D. Route

We are reliably informed that the proposed R.F.D. route leading west from Waynesville will be inspected and passed upon about Oct. 7th or 8th. The petition for this route was circulated by Wm. Bird almost a year ago and has the required number of names. The only draw back to the opening of the route is the condition of the road over which it is routed.

The department requires the road to be kept in good shape and as this route will be a great benefit to the business men of Waynesville, we hope they will take sufficient interest in the matter to insure the road being put in good shape and kept so.

Let everyone interested put their

shoulder to the wheel and do all they can to insure a favorable report by the inspector and by getting the route through draw a large amount of business to Waynesville that is going to neighboring towns. [Delivery of mail to rural homes was still sparse in 1908 but momentum was building to improve the dirt roads. No public monies were appropriated for improving these rural roads. To qualify for Rural Free Delivery, a route must pass inspection by the Post Office Department. It was up to the farmers to get the road in good shape if they wanted mail delivered.]

SCHLICHT—The party of Donzelot from St. Louis left for Marshfield to finish their outing. Could not be accommodated at Forest Lodge any longer. [Here's a story that we wish we knew the rest. Seems the city folks were evicted from the magnesia resort. Wonder how many times that happened?]

LOCAL—Wood! Wood! Wood! those who wish to pay their subscription to the Democrat in wood can not find a more opportune time to bring it in, while the roads are good and we are much in need of that commodity, NOW.

October 9

Gov. Folk Speaks Here.

As previously advertised Governor Joseph W. Folk spoke at the court house Tuesday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for United States Senator to a crowd of perhaps 600 people. He was introduced to the assembly by Attorney Lawrence W. Fisher in a few well chosen words and after holding the crowd for something like two hours, was hurried off by friends to Dixon, where he delivered a like address at night. Mr. Folk has made Missouri a good Governor and has a great many warm admirers in this section of the State.

Judge G. W. Berry was down from

Hanna Tuesday to hear Hon. Joseph Folk speak. He advanced his subscription while here.

In honor of the Governor of our great State, business was suspended for a time and the public school was dismissed and the school children marched in a body to the court house to hear Hon. Joseph Folk deliver an interesting speech Tuesday afternoon. [Now think about that. We know that the court house couldn't seat the 600 reportedly in attendance. Listening to a two hour political speech while standing up (the audience included school children, too) was not uncommon in the old days.]

CROCKER—The Pulaski county canneries are shipping their tomatoes this week. They will have about 13 car loads. The canning business has passed beyond the experimental stage and is proven beyond a doubt the best thing for the people generally that has ever struck this section of the Ozarks.

J. L. Hoops had his big pile of ties inspected and loaded this week. People along the row can see the track now without the use of a ladder.

The Odd Fellows are making final preparations for the dedication of their new hall. Thirty-five representative men of our community have given their application for initiation into the order on the night of the 17th.

Mr. Carroll who was at the Ozark Sanitarium for treatment some time ago has been taken to St. Louis where he will undergo an operation on his leg and foot. His condition is said to be serious.

BAILEY—J. L. Barnes raised eight acres of good sorghum, which he is grinding and evaporating now.

Our school teacher, Harley Dye, at the commencement of his term, offered a reward of one dollar to each pupil who came every day; and we understand that there are about fifty who



Dr. N. I. Stebbins built the Ozark Sanitarium (sometimes spelled "sanitarium", although sanatorium usually means a hospital for the treatment of chronic disorders such as tuberculosis) in Crocker in 1908. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

expected to get the prize.

October 16

CROCKER—Anywhere between 200 and 300 Odd Fellows are expected here on Saturday, 17th, and a great day for Crocker is expected.

Albert Christeson treated his Sunday school class—a crowd of ten boys—to a 'possum hunt Wednesday night. This reminds us of boyhood days when we went on snipe drives and 'possum round-ups.

RICHLAND—A crowd of 26 in number went 'possum hunting Friday night and caught one wee little 'possum.

SCHLICHT—Possum hunting and fox chasing are the order of the night now.

Farmers, vote for stock law and have good stock. Quit the rotten acorn fed hogs.

October 23

SWEDEBORG—Nearly all the I.O.O.F. Lodge from here attended dedication services of the I.O.O.F. lodge at Crocker Saturday and everyone reports the best time ever had any place. Let's have an I.O.O.F. hall in Swedeborg too.

CROCKER—The I.O.O.F. Dedication Saturday was the grandest thing ever seen in Crocker. There were about 300 Odd Fellows in attendance from every lodge near here. Marshall and Wilkerson, two head officers, were here and

delivered inspiring addresses, both in the evening and at night. The Ladies of Rebekah served dinner and supper to over 400 people and deserve great praise for the systematic way in which the crowd was handled.

The Clifton Remedy Co. has a representative of theirs here giving a high class entertainment in the way of Vaudeville and moving pictures this week every night.

LOCAL—The City Council is having a cement street crossing put in from the corner of G. W. Gan's lot to Hotel Baker across Second Street. If that proves a success they are planning to build several others. Oh! let it be soon, before the wet weather sets in.

For Sale—My barn and entire livery business. For particulars call and see me or write.

Lee Baker,

Waynesville, Mo.

[Lee Baker was deputy sheriff to Sheriff A. D. Sutton at this time. Baker was running for sheriff and Sutton was not. Baker also ran the Baker Hotel. He might have figured he was going to be too busy to run the livery. Baker's brother was City Marshal of Lebanon.]

October 30

LOCAL—The walk building continues and a concrete street crossing has been built across Maple street this week.

Samuel Miller of near Richland brought us ten bushels of nice apples

Monday and had his subscription marked up ten years.

Views on the Stock Law.

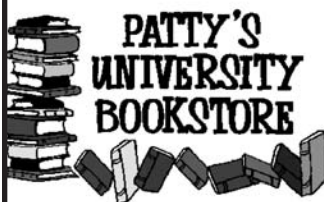
EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

In regard to the stock law I desire to say that personally, I believe it would benefit me, but there are so many more that it would injure that I am going to vote against it. Advocaters of it seem to have the idea that if it carries every man can throw down his fence and raise his crops out side. They forget that it takes just as good a fence to keep stock in as it does to keep them out, besides, how can a farmer get any benefit from his stalk fields and other pastures without a fence? This is not a grain country and stock is about all we can depend on and in order to have a living, most people, especially upland farmers have to keep more stock than they can raise feed for the year round, but what will the renter and the man who has only a small farm do? If the law should be adopted, there are many widow women and poor men who would not be able to keep a cow and thus little children would be robbed of their milk and butter. They say, keep up the stock and improve the breed. I know of no law to prevent those who are able from keeping up their stock now, and those of us who were at the Richland Fair can testify that the breed is improving under present conditions. It is true that Iowa and Illinois and

other States have the stock law and it works well there, but in other states, all the land can be cultivated, and it is a grain county; people do not have to depend on stock entirely, besides, the winters are long and they have to feed stock most of the year anyway. Here stock can live outside, especially in the south part of the county, nine months out of the year, if necessary. Another, and I think most serious problem, is the question of water. Stock has to have water. Make ponds, some one says. But there are farms that a pond can not be made on, besides the best of ponds will go dry at certain times of the year. To bore wells would be expensive and some might fail to find water, and lots of farms have not living springs on them; wind mills are costly and don't always work. I don't see how stock running at large will deteriorate the breed. One may breed to such males as they desire and Chapter 69, R. S. 1899 provides that no male of any kind shall run at large. It is now against the law for any kind of diseased or vicious animals to run at large. As to stock bothering crops now, if a man has a lawful fence and stock bothers him, he can take up such stock and hold it for all damages, just as he will have to do if the stock law carries. The present law relative to males and dangerous or diseased animals running at large is good enough, if enforced. Let the few whom the stock

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law might benefit remember that there are many whom it would injure. Those whom the law would help are able to get along as it is, and remember that we should 'do unto others as we would that they would do unto us.' One other thought. Many thousand acres of our land is held by nonresidents for purposes of speculation, which we would not be allowed to use, without paying big rent. Are we going to vote to benefit them and to injure ourselves.

Geo. H. Jaspar.

James Baker, while on his way home from his store last Friday night, had the misfortune to miss the bridge and fall into the gully. Fortunately no bones were broken, but he was badly scarred and shook up. It is a wonder that there are not more accidents of this kind. [Another incident where a citizen fell into the wet weather creek that ran down the center of Waynesville's main street.]

November 13

1908, as 2008, was a presidential election year. For the past two months or more, the Democrat has been full of political rhetoric and exhortations to vote a straight Democratic ticket. Political items have been sparse since the election. The Democrats took a pounding. The paper extolled the virtues of William Jennings Bryan, the perennial presidential candidate of the era, and he lost to William Howard Taft, although Bryan carried Pulaski County and Missouri. Hadley (R) edged Cowherd (D) for Governor by a little less than 16,000 votes. Minor state offices were all that the Democrats could muster. Locally, it was better for the Democrats. J. L. Johnson was elected as State Representative over G. L. Cole. W. H. Carmack bested J. W. Cox for Assessor. J. M. Long won over C. P. Christeson as Eastern District Judge. Lee Baker was the new county sheriff. W. D. Johnson became the county's Prosecuting Attorney again, having beaten S. J. Manes. The much talked about stock law went down to defeat by a 713 yes and 1280 no vote.

The Crocker State Bank is now at home in their new brick building. With their improved surroundings the bank is better prepared than ever to handle your banking business. We extend an invitation to YOU to call and inspect our new home. We welcome you, and shall be happy to meet and serve you.

T. H. Turpin, President
Chas. Ousley, Cashier

BAILEY—Rev. J. J. Watts will begin a series of meetings at this place on Saturday night before the first Sabbath.

J. L. Barnes and John Judkins wound up molasses making last Saturday. Mr. Barnes planted eight acres in sorghum, from which he expected a yield of 100 gallons per acre; we have not heard whether the yield reached the mark or

not.

SCHLICHT—Sunday being a fine day, all were at the springs. About twenty young ladies of Richland paid the Valley a visit on horseback.

Our barber shop had the misfortune of being robbed of seven fine razors; presume someone needs shaving, which should be done in the penitentiary.

November 20

WANTED—Tie makers at my place near Waynesville. Good white oak timber 15c at stump.

W. H. Carmack

An old time Charivarie was indulged Monday night at the home of Tobias Rayl by the young men of our city. This is the old custom welcoming newly married people and if noise means anything Virgil Rayl and wife received a royal welcome.

SCHLICHT—The Hobart-Lee Tie Company loaded about 10,000 ties at the Schlicht crossing by about 60 negroes who had a boarding car on the train.

November 27

A handsome oil painting of a hen has just been received by the Agricultural department of the University of Missouri. It is a picture of "Peggy," a \$5,000 hen owned by Ernest Kellerstraus of Kansas City. Peggy is a white Orphington hen of the highest type and has a record of 225 eggs a year, which her owner sells them all; at the Tri-State fair at Memphis, Tenn., recently Peggy was presented with a solid gold leg band, set with diamonds.

What came near being a serious accident occurred as the Saling family approached town Friday night. A roman candle was fired and their team took fright and backed the hack into the big gully. It is almost a miracle that the family was able to make their escape uninjured.

WHARTON—Corn gathering and tie making seem to be the order at present.

L.N. Hufft stopped here on the way to Bloodland last Monday and repaired the Telephone by putting in new batteries.

HANCOCK—The M.W.A. had five candidates to add to their list last Saturday night.

Our Road boss is making some much needed improvements on the County roads by filling up with rock and gravel. Let the good work go on.

SCHLICHT—Too many fish are being giggered and the market is overflowed and when so many fish are being hurt and left to die on the shores of the river. The law should be enforced.

GASCONADE—Many pounds of fish have been killed along the river lately.

December 4

The people of Houston, Texas county, are jubilant over the prospect that they are to have a railroad come their way, and well they may be, as nothing would be of greater benefit or worth to them than a railroad. Don't get too enthusiastic, Brother Lyle. Waynesville people had such a proposition before them recently, but the proposed railroad changed to a hot air line.

SWEDEBORG—Col. Jacob Heberer has a new set of razors and is again at this post ready to barber. [The Schlicht correspondent reported earlier that the razors had been stolen. Dutchman (German) Col. Heberer is often in the Schlicht news regarding his other enterprise, that of cigar maker. Apparently, Swedeborg has no barber and the men go to Schlicht to get trimmed.]

LOCAL—J. M. Long is having the partitions removed from upstairs over his store and will fit up and convert it into a sort of a city hall. In the meantime several of our young folks have organized a dramatic club and made arrangements to formally open the same with a splendid Drama during the holidays or shortly afterward. The lack of such an exhibition hall has retarded the development of our local talent along this line considerable and Mr. Long's consent to open it up was a move highly appreciated by the young people.

Col. E. G. Williams departed for Higginsville last Friday on business connected with the Confederate Home at that place. Mr. Williams is a member of the Board of Curators for that institution and he is greatly interested in the Home.

December 11

BLOODLAND—A regular hog killing time was indulged in by Bloodland merchants Thursday. As a consequence meat is plentiful.

Marion Woody, our efficient road boss, was improving some muddy patches in the road Saturday and Monday by giving them a good dose of gravel. That business, quit digging and plowing to increase the mud, but put the time in filling up with rock and gravel and we will soon have good roads.

SWEDEBORG—Quite a lot of ties are being hauled to town now every day and the price is very good being 38 cts. cash.

A school marm down in Barry county has adopted a rule that when the girls miss a word in 'spellin' one of the boys may kiss the girl, provided he spells the word right. She has a room full of poor girl spellers.

December 25

GOSPEL RIDGE—Gospel Ridge has improved greatly in the telephone lines lately. The line runs from V. B. Dell's to Decker, contains twelve boxes, three of which are not hooked on yet. The Gospel Ridge boys are not always behind.

SCHLICHT—Mr. Merriman, tie and lumber man, was negotiating for timber for the Wabash R. R. Co.

Kingfisher John A. McGowan ventured down after a lay up for two months and succeeded in landing some fine trout.

ANTIOCH—M. M. Mitchum, who has been holding a revival meeting at Racket, has been crowned with success.



Interior of drug and tobacco store in Houston, Missouri. Merchants and homes in Houston, county seat of Texas County, came to know the illumination of the electric light in 1908. Residents of Waynesville, county seat of Pulaski County, were still squinting by the light of oil lamps. Courtesy of John Bradbury.