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Mother's Appeal

WHERE ARE MY
CHILDREN?

PROSPERITY

CHILDREN

“They are idols of hearts and of households;

They are angels of God in disguise.

His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses, His glory still gleams in their eyes;

Those truants from home and from heaven

They have made me more manly and mild

And I know now how Jesus could liken The kingdom of God to a child.”

—Chas. M. Dickinson, The Children.

MRS. IDA HOLCOMB Says:

“I feel their little fingers clutching at my heart.”

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LEGALIZED KIDNAPING

This issue carries the pathetic story of Mrs. Ida Holcomb, whose children are as securely submerged in this great commonwealth as is the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh. The baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., who was kidnaped from his wealthy parents' home, and who is still in seclusion by this illegal and atrocious act, has and is stirring the heart sentiment throughout the entire world. At no time, has sentiment been so universally akin and so united in bringing back to the bereft parents their little babe.

Weeks are slowly but securely lapsing into months and still there is no return.

Detective skill, money and every human artifice known to man has been put into action. The parents have exercised the greatest virtue, in charity and forgiveness toward those who have abducted their child for the sake of its safe return, and yet they are forced to abide by the painful throbbing of their soul prayer—Where is our Baby?

To them however, there is a final hope that through some source their child will eventually be restored. They, in their distress have the most profound sympathy known and the cooperation of the entire law-abiding human family.

But, what hope has Mrs. Holcomb to ever see her four babies again?

She was deprived of her family by legal manipulations, her children were legally taken from her at a dependent time in her life, (as her story indicates). Besides the county in which she resided paid a bonus of fifty dollars per head for each one of her children, to the society chartered under the laws of our state for just such transactions.

These societies are known as the “Homefinding Societies,” operating in every state in the union. Children who become their property through these legal proceedings, are later advertised and exploited in their periodicals, which they publish as available for adoption, giving just their first names and a full description (color of eyes, hair and age, and their points of merit are also mentioned), but their constitutional right to the name of their parents is omitted. So their identity is forever shrouded and buried under the supposititious belief of charity to them. She, Mrs. Holcomb, is considered legally dead to her children.

Yet, she is alive; she says, “Nights I feel their little baby fingers on my cheeks, I hear their laughter and share their little grievances, and then my heart sobs. The eternal question is: “WHERE ARE MY CHILDREN?”

The gamut of pathos in either case is beyond normal conception, since only kindred experience can bring forth kindred sympathies.”

Mr. and Mrs. Lindbergh are deprived of their son illegally through “kidnap- ping.”

Mrs. Holcomb is deprived of her children through legal sanction. Therefore is it not “legalized kidnapping?” Read her story on page 4.

KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THIS GREAT MOVEMENT SUBSCRIBE TO DAY

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Relating to Facts and Fiction

Concerning Ed. Howe's statement regarding Henpecked Husbands. There are three persons: the speaker, the one spoken to, and the one spoken of. Let us look with attention.

Ed. Howe says, (in the K. C. Star, October 6th), "A gentleman writes me: "What proportion of American men are henpecked? Answer: All who get along with their wives."

Mr. Howe possesses a master mind, stored with wisdom and knowledge, and versatile, far, far, above the average; and his opinions, sayings, advice and proverbs, are usually, yes, almost always, right, and convincingly effective. He speaks to the people, and through the Star, to almost all the people; and when he promulgates the above, we cogitate and question, is he, this time, right?

His answer, we think, assumes many conditions, that will not prove true, under the searchlight of investigation.

Certainly, all men who have wives are married; but not every man who is married, possesses a wife. Pope speaks to the point, and thus expresses himself.

"All other goods by fortune's hand are given,
A wife is the peculiar gift of heav'n.

The woman to whom a man is just married, and who cares for and uses him only for a "meal ticket," frequently "henpecks," but the wife, and if she is indeed and in fact a wife, she is always true. And what is more, she will see to it that he is not "chickenpecked." Henpecked, a well understood term, thus defined by Webster. To subject to petty or annoying attempts to rule; to harrass by exercise of assumed authority, to dominate over; said of a wife who thus treats her husband.

Robert Burns thus described a Henpecked Country Squire:

"As father Adam first was fool'd,

A case that's still too common,
Here lies a man a woman rul'd,
The devil rul'd the woman."

He also says of a Henpecked Husband:
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A TRUE STORY FROM A MISSOURI POORHOUSE

By Meigs B. Russell

Field Secretary American Assn, for Old Age Security

The Judge told them the tax payers were complaining of the high taxes and the amount paid for the care of the paupers was too high.

The farm was a good one, 270 acres of which 70 were tilled, the rest in pasture and woodland. One acre must be reserved for the garden. The county was willing to pay \$10 a month for the "keep" of the two old ladies who were the only inmates.

There had been nine, but during the year seven of them had died and were buried in the field back of the barn.

There was some whispering among the farmers and finally the bidding began with the result that the farm with its barn and tools were leased for \$150 per year. The farmer was to receive \$10 per month to keep the two old ladies.

One of the old women was insane, but the other was all right and could help about the place. Both were nearly 100 years of age.

The insane one had a mania for tearing her clothes off, so she had to be kept locked in her room. It would not hurt in the summer time, but would take more fuel in winter. Maybe when it got cold she would not tear them off. Anyway she could not live much longer as seven out of the nine had died. Perhaps these two would do the same after all there wasn't much profit in looking after, feeding and providing clothes and bedclothes for them.

Then, too, the county paid the funeral expenses.

If you believe in this humane legislation, form a committee in your town. Just write to

Mother's Appeal and you will receive literature on pension laws and how to form your town committee so you may help in removing a blot from the fair name of Missouri and putting it in line with the seventeen other states which have passed Old Age Pension laws and enable them to live in their own homes in security, free from want, destitution, contact with the insane and diseased, and be buried in a decent way.

Can we do less?

And, too, states where pension laws are in effect find them cheaper than to keep the poor old souls in the misery of the poorhouse.

HON. CHARLES U. BECKER IS A GREAT HUMANITARIAN.

HON. CHARLES U. BECKER Sec. of State, Missouri

Mother's Appeal recalls with much pleasure the fight made by Representative Charles U. Becker for Women and Children during the season of the Missouri Legislature in January, February, and March, of 1919.

Mr. Becker represented Polk County at that time and though from a rural community he proved to be the best informed member of the State Legislature along humanitarian lines and wielded powerful influence for the passage of much good legislation for the benefit and protection of the women and children of Missouri.

Children's Code bills, as these measures were styled and known during the Fiftieth General Assembly, were of far reaching effect and stand out in bold relief in the annals of Missouri's legislative history as being the most beneficial ever introduced in the Legislature. These laws of the Children's Code series were drawn up under the direction of the Women's Welfare organizations and church bodies prior to the assembling of the Legislature and they had the support and endorsement of the women of the churches, women's clubs, civic organizations, labor bodies, and other societies who recognized their merit.

And to the credit of Charles U. Becker, who jointly introduced these Children's Code Measures with the Nick Cave of Callaway County be it known that Mr. Becker helped draw up the many bills, then introduced them in the lower house, advocated their

passage in the House, then in the Senate, and then urged the Governor to sign them.

Mr. Becker is now a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of the great state of Missouri—Becker's home state—and the writer and hundreds of other women who know of Becker's strong Humanitarian inclination and past record feel justified in advocating the nomination of Mr. Becker by the Republicans at the coming August primaries in every voting precinct in the state. Women everywhere in Missouri should remember Becker's fine record and then support him.

PRESIDENT GUY THOMPSON FAVORS A BIG CLEAN-UP.

No less a personable than Guy Thompson, president American Bar Association, made a ringing speech condemning methods of "Scofflaw" Lawyers and attracted favorable comment on his fearless declaration to the effect that the legal profession should drive these leeches and crooks from the privilege of practicing before the courts. Other states are going after the "criminally inclined" lawyers, and be it known to their credit the lawyers are leading the fight to save the legal profession.

MOTHER

All that I am my mother made me.

—Benjamin West.

PUBLISHERS' STATEMENT

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On March 3, 1932, in the state of Missouri, the county of Jackson, before me a Notary Public of and for the state [o]f Missouri, in the county aforesaid, [a]ppeared Mrs. George M. Shelley, manager and publisher of said Mother's [a]ppeal, and declares the following to [b]e the facts regarding said Mother's [a]ppeal.

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[S]tate of Missouri,

[C]ounty of Jackson, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a

1932.

Notary Public, this third day of March,

H. J. Zeller,

Notary Public.

Jackson County, Missouri.

(My term as a Notary Public expires [S]eptember 24, 1932.)

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MRS. IDA HOLCOMB'S LIFE STORY

THOUSANDS OF OTHER MOTHERS ARE AND HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS
TERRIBLE TREATMENT.

My father and mother lived in Tarkio, Missouri. My father was a blacksmith by trade, and I am one of five children. I was born October 9, 1896, in Tarkio, Missouri. I spent all my childhood there attending public school, as long as my father's financial condition permitted my going. I went as far in school as the third year in high school. My real mother died when I was four years old; sometime later my father remarried.

When I finished school, I went to work in the telephone office, until I decided to make nursing my vocation. As I did not have a high school diploma, I could not be a graduate

nurse, so I became a practical nurse. Later I met Walter A. Holcomb, the man whom I was later to marry. I fell deeply in love; after our marriage we were as happy as any couple could possibly be. We made our home in Kansas City, Missouri. My husband worked faithfully as a mechanic, supporting our little family of three children ,two girls and a boy. Then came the first real tragedy in my life. Our baby boy fell into hot water and was fatally burned by it. After a while another baby boy came into our home, making us happy again, and in as much as possible, taking the place of the one we had lost.

About this time, my husband experienced difficulty in finding employment, so in July, 1928, we decided to go south to Wainwright, Oklahoma, where my husband had an offer as a mechanic. We made the trip in a covered wagon. In November, 1928, a baby girl was born to us. When my baby was twelve days old, my condition was such that I was rushed to the hospital in Muskogee, and for three weeks I hovered between life and death, lingering in a semi-coma. After six weeks in the hospital I was dismissed and gradually regained my strength.

In the following March we accepted an offer at Chekotah, Oklahoma, where we raised cotton on a crop-sharing basis. This arrangement made it necessary for my husband to do outside work, and was away from home. It was necessary for me to hitch up the mules and go into the field and harrow the ground so it would be in shape for my husband to work when he returned. We had extreme difficulty at this time, in getting sufficient food for our family, and our nights were spent in planning just how we could make ends meet. All this time my children never complained, although at times their food was not in as large quantities as we would liked to have it. Finally one night my husband decided that he would have to go away to the harvest fields and obtain money for us, and I would stay on the farm with the children and he would send money until we could be reunited.

He left on June 22, 1929, during a severe rainstorm about six o'clock in the morning, and the next great tragedy in my life was in the making, because his tracks led to a crossing in the river known as "Dead Man's Gulch" and my husband has never returned. He promised he would send me money in two weeks time. I waited patiently for word from him, and I never heard from him after that day. I was torn by grief and worry, and I wrote to my people in Missouri about my circumstances. This was in October. I told them

I was frantic with worry, and did not know which way to turn. My half brother came to Oklahoma and took my family and myself back to my parents' home, where I made my home, and the two oldest children went to school.

My parents were well up in years and not in very good health. We decided to see if we could not place the children in the Baptist Orphanage in St. Louis. I was quite sick at the time, and knew I had to be operated on again. We were members of the Baptist church and were told that under their care my family would not be separated. But this home was full, and the first thing I knew, a representative of the Home Finders Association approached me and wanted me to turn my children over to this home right away. They said they would not separate them until I came back from the hospital, and that they were asked by the Baptist preacher to come and see me. They promised my children would be well taken care of and educated. Pressure was brought to bear on me through my family.

I was in an extremely nervous condition, needing an operation very badly. I did not know what to do. Finally I did let them take my children, but God

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WHERE ARE HER CHILDREN?

Virginia, Ruby, Frank and Ruth.

HER STATEMENT

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 30, 1931.

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned, Mrs. Ida Holcomb, mother of the following four children: Virginia Alice, Ruby Louise, Orville Frank, and Mildred Ruth Holcomb, who were given to the Missouri Children's Home Finding Association, by the Juvenile Court of Atchison County, wishes to state that I never gave up the said four children willingly. I was in such a nervous state of mind and body on account of bad health, but since I have been operated on and my health is improving. The loneliness and longing for my children almost overcomes me.

With the help of my oldest children, as well as my friends I know I will be able to care for the four children now.

The reason I gave them up was that certain representations were made to

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me that they would have proper care and opportunity for education; also another reason was because I was financially unable to care for the children as I wished to. I also wish to state that I would gladly take my children and care for them if financial help was given me to fulfill this obligation as a mother.

I want it known that I would NEVER have given consent for the removal of my four children from my custody and control had I not been sick and have been unable to care for the four children.

I have made this statement freely because I do not want my friends and the public to believe I wilfully deserted or gave my children away.

Very sincerely,

Signed Mrs. Ida Holcomb.

Witnesses to this free statement:

Signed Mary M. Huegel

Signed Mrs. I. D. Pebley

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

PAID \$50.00 PER CHILD TO CARE FOR THESE CHILDREN. ONE NEVER REACHED THE HOME BEFORE IT WAS ADOPTED.

IN THE ATCHISON COUNTY, MISSOURI, CIRCUIT COURT, ATCHISON COUNTY, MISSOURI

Be It Remembered, That heretofore to-wit, on Friday, August 29th, 1930, the same being the 11th day of the regular August, 1931, term of said Court, and one of the regular

judicial days of said Court, the following among other proceedings were had and done entered of record:

State of Missouri ex rel

vs.

Virginia Alice Holcomb

Mildred Ruth Holcomb

Rubie Louise Holcomb

Orville Frank Holcomb

This cause is submitted to the Court, evidence heard, and the Court finds that each and all defendants to be neglected children, under the age of 17 years, and in the need of the care and protection of the State of Missouri, and the Children's Home Society of Missouri having offered to take said defendant's children, in its care and custody and the Court being satisfied that the interests of such children will be best subserved thereby does order and adjudge that such children and each of them be and are committed to the custody and care of said Children's Home Society of Missouri, until further orders of the Court.

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Atchison

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT—JUVENILE DIVISION THEREOF, REGULAR TERM,
AUGUST 29, 1931

Among other matters coming up for hearing and disposition:

Now comes Mrs. Ida Holcomb, mother of the following named children all under 17 years of age, Virginia Holcomb, Ruby Holcomb, Frank Holcomb, Ruth Holcomb, said mother having signed her release to the above named children and expressed a desire for the Court to make an award to the Children's Home Society of Missouri, located in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Rev. C. J. Barnham, an authorized agent of the above named Society, personally appeared before the Honorable Court, and states to the Court, that the above named Society is an institution duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, having for its object the receiving, caring for, and finding, and placing its wards in good homes. Further stating that said Society is ample able to care for said children and would be willing to receive and care for them, provided the Honorable Court deems it advisable to make the Commitment.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Atchison

I, F. M. Dunham, Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County of Atchison, in the State of Missouri, hereby certify the within and foregoing pages numbered one to four inclusive to be a true and correct copy of the records of the Juvenile Court as pertains to the commitment of Hazel Glendoria Hague, Fred Blaine Hague, and Robert Harding Hague; also Virginia Alice Holcomb, Rubie Louise Holcomb, Orville Frank Holcomb, as the same appears of record and remains on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and affixed the official seal of said Court. Done at office in Rockport, Missouri, this 28th day of November, A. D. 1931.

(Signed) F. M. Dunham.

Clerk of the Atchison County
Circuit Court.

CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDER OF COURT

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Atchison

August Adjournment Term, 1931

In the County Court of Said County

On the 1st day of September, 1931, the following among other proceedings, were had, viz:

Now comes, C. J. Barnham, representing the Children's Home Society of Missouri, at St. Louis, Missouri. Who has an order from the Juvenile Court of Atchison County, Missouri, for the care and custody of three Hague children and four Holcomb children all from Tarkio, Missouri, and the Court orders warrent drawn on the pauper fund in the amount of \$350.01 for the care of these children.

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HON. FRANCIS M. WILSON IS FOR HUMANE LAWS.

FRANCIS M. WILSON Democratic Candidate for Governor

Mother's Appeal can not refrain from giving especial mention to one of the prominent candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri at the coming August Primaries.

Senator Francis M. Wilson of Platte City, Missouri, who served in the Missouri State Senate—who is now seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri—made a wonderful and most enviable record as a friend and supporter of Humanitarian Legislation while in the Missouri Senate. Recently the Missouri State Federation of Labor took action friendly to Senator Wilson and gave him a wonderful endorsement because of the fact that he voted and worked for the passage of many bills for the benefit and protection of both women and children and supported real constructive legislation for the people of the state generally.

Mrs. Francis Wilson, formerly Miss Ida E. Cockrell, is the close companion and

adviser of the Senator and much credit is due to her constant advice and encouragement in all that he undertakes to do. Senator Wilson was married to Miss Ida E. Cockrell on September 23, 1903, and is his constant adviser. The two are campaigning the state for the nomination and the close companionship has attracted many women throughout the state to the Wilson movement for his nomination at the August primary.

While Senator Wilson is a resident of Platte City, where he owns a beautiful home, he is well known in Kansas City, St. Louis, Jefferson City, Hannibal, St. Joseph, Joplin, Springfield, and throughout rural Missouri.

His record as city attorney of his home town, and as prosecuting attorney of his home county, as United States attorney for the western district of Missouri, and as Receiver of Kansas City Railways Company, commends him to greater activities.

Mother's Appeal feels that Senator Wilson is especially well fitted for the position of Governor of the State of Missouri.

LIFE STORY

(Continued from page 4, col. 2) knows that I did not do it because I wanted to. That was the last thing on earth I wanted to do, and it has proven another great tragedy in my life. But I was ill and had no income and no help to care for the dear little souls.

The agony and pain and intense suffering that I had endured, I can not find words to express. How I have gone through all this I don't know. After the children were gone I went to the hospital as a charity patient, and Dr. Wallace of St. Joseph, did my surgery. No better men ever lived than those doctors. When I went to the hospital, I told Dr. Wallace of my circumstances and he thought that one of the most terrible things a mother could go through with was to lose her children.

I go to bed at night and wonder if my babies are hungry or cold and are treated with kindness. During the two months before my children were taken from me I would gather them around me in the evening and look at them thinking how could I give them up to this living death. Thinking of the baby that died from burns I knew that he was no longer faced with the terrors of life as were my other children I was going to have to give up. Had the county court given me the \$50 a child they paid the Home Representative to take my children away, I could have kept my family together. Why they did not do this, I

don't know, because Atchison county is a rich county and my family have paid taxes and been citizens there for years.

The children would have been taken from me sooner than they were but the representative wanted more to take them away than the court would allow, finally the representative and court compromised by paying \$50 per child. There were three other children besides my own, and that mother has suffered too.

On the train before the children reached St. Louis, my baby was taken by a woman off the train, and when I asked for the privilege of hearing from my children that was denied me. I asked if could have a picture of them, that too was refused. What I wouldn't give to have a picture of my children, or better still to see those baby faces again.

As I was walking down the streets of Tarkio ,the Prosecuting Attorney told me I was to appear in court August 29.

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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

[C]ounty of Atchison

I, John J. Wright, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said county, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings of said County Court, on the day and year above written, as the same appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of said court, at office in Rock Port, Missouri, this the 28th day of November, 1931.

(Signed) John J. Wright.

Clerk of County Court.

PRESERVE THE HOME

The Higginsville Advance says: "The object of the Mother's Appeal is the

conservation of home and family and in time a revision of Missouri's laws pertaining to orphans, as our present laws are somewhat obsolete, having been in use more than 40 years. At present there is little effort made to conserve the home where a mother is left penniless with one or more children. For the sake of the children the home should be preserved."

Mother's Appeal has been gathering a lot of data to publish, showing up some of the terrible things that are being done to mothers and their children in the name of the law of Missouri. It is hard to believe that trafficking in the sale of children is permitted and being done in Missouri, and yet that is what the adoption system really amounts to when thoroughly understood. First, the county pays to have the child taken away from the mother and taken to some other place and then is adopted to the man and woman who wants the child, by the family—wrecking professional homefinders. Mother's Appeal urges that Missouri adopt a Mother's Pension law with teeth.

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MISSOURI'S WOMEN CLUBS SHOULD INVESTIGATE THIS.

Communications received at the home office of Mother's Appeal call attention to methods adopted in several cases of framing up on sick persons and in railroading them to insane asylums without the formality of even having them declared insane. Women's clubs of the state should look into the conditions under which their weaker sisters are deprived of all their wives' rights and property by designing, scoundrelly husbands and conniving, crooked lawyers.

WORTHY OF SUPPORT

The Cole Camp Courier says: "Mother's Appeal is a very instructive magazine, advocating conservation of home and family ties, defending homeless children, distressed parents and broken homes. It is indeed worthy of support."

TELL CHILDREN THE TRUTH Dorothy Dix in the Kansas City Journal Post says:

“Your foster parents have done a very foolish and very wrong thing in not telling you from the very beginning that you were an adopted child.

1931-1932 BLUE BOOK BEING DISTRIBUTED

Missouri Manual Issued from Office of Secretary of State, Charles U. Becker

Secretary of State Charles U. Becker has favored this office with a copy of the 1931-1932 Missouri Manual (Official Blue Book).

The 1931-1932 Missouri Manual consists of 743 pages of data regarding each and every political activity of the state of Missouri, and will prove to be a very valuable book for those who may be fortunate enough to procure a copy.

The editor of the Mother’s Appeal has thoroughly scrutinized the contents of the Blue Book of Missouri for 1931- 1932, and finds in it so much information of value that it is impossible for us to give a satisfactory write-up in our limited space to the last volume of Missouri’s popular manual. The excellence and preciseness of the manual reflects great credit upon Secretary of State Charles U. Becker and his editor and compiler, Charles W. Fear, both of whom are veterans in the publishing work, thus giving them the advantage of knowing how to produce the largest amount of information in the minimum space.

HON. L. D. THOMPSON HAS MADE A VERY GOOD RECORD.

L. D. THOMPSON Republican Candidate for Secretary of State

Mothers’ Appeal learns that our good friend and supporter of many years standing is a candidate for the position of secretary of state of Missouri, and we take pleasure in commending his candidacy to our many readers in Missouri—his home state. For years Mr. Thompson has given his support to Mother’s Appeal and the theme it represents.

He has been honored by the voters of Missouri repeatedly, having been state treasurer of Missouri and is now serving as state auditor. He has always worked for the

best interests of the people of the state of Missouri and his record is most commendatory.

Mr. Thompson has collected \$3,666,469, in interest on state money during his term as state treasurer, which is more interest than was collected in eight years prior and four years following his term. Though the records show that in the three periods referred to more than twice as much money was handled by Thompson, only \$3,610,020 in interest was collected.

Mr. Thompson's record in the offices of State Treasurer and State Auditor fit him well for the office of secretary of state and that he will make an excellent official in that position is assured by his past record.

It is suggested that those who wish a copy of the Missouri Manual immediately see our state senator, or our state representative.

PROGRAM OF MOTHER'S APPEAL

During the past 20 years Mother's Appeal advocated the following:

1. Conservation of Home and Family Ties.
2. The passage of laws by the National Congress and by the State Legislature that will give to all widows, orphans, mothers and dependent children, financial assistance to keep them together and make it possible for the mother to rear and educate her children.
3. The enactment of law by the National Congress and by the State Legislatures of all states of old age pensions for women and men who have given life's efforts for the benefit and for the development of the community in which they live.
4. The establishment of a system of compiling and keeping of vital statistics by all states which will keep the record of mothers and the birth of children for their protection.
5. The enactment of laws within states for the prevention of trafficking in the selling adoption of children, without records being kept and available for all parties interested.

6. The proper regulation within city, county, and states of all institutions where women are cared for in connection with child birth.
7. The keeping of records protected by law in all children's homes and by home finding associations, which records will be available under proper protection for the inspection for all who may be interested.
8. The passage of laws which will require cities and counties of each state to render financial aid and support for mothers and children when the father is incarcerated in a prison for a crime.
9. To pass laws which will prohibit traffic in the state or in any political subdivision thereof in the selling of children by adoption for financial returns of children who may be charges of the county or political subdivision, who may be bereft of parents and who are placed in care of the county because of that fact.
10. MOTHER'S APPEAL has at all times rendered support and advocated legislation for the benefit of women and children along humanity lines.

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Not knowing why, I asked him what I had done that I must go to court, and he said I would have to go to the court and I would see. My half brother took me over to Rockport and there the judge told me this separation would have to be legal, and I told them I was doing it but not willingly but because there seemed no other way.

While I was lying ill in the hospital, a man from Stewartville brought in his family which had been injured from burns received in an explosion. When he learned that his baby had died, he screamed and said that he could not give his baby up. I lay there helpless and thought that if I could give my babies and not know where they were, surely he could give up his child to death knowing that it would suffer no more.

Rev. Barnham said that he did not want to leave Tarkio with all seven of the children as it would attract too much attention, so I was to meet him in St. Joseph and he would have the other three with him.

In my weakened condition, it seems that some charity might have been given me, because nothing but good has ever been said about me.

COUNTY COURT WOULD BENEFIT

The passage of a Mother's Pension Law by the Missouri General Assembly would be a great relief to County Couris. Needy mothers would receive that help to care for the children under their care and county courts would not be continually hounded for money to help to care for the children under their care and county courts would not be continually hounded for money to help rob children of their identity.

The coming general assembly will be given an opportunity to consider a model mothers' pension bill that will provide adequate help for mothers in case of need, and stop the breaking of family ties—the separation of children from the care of mothers.

WOULD BE A GREAT RELIEF

The enactment of a Mother's Pension Law by the Missouri Legislature would be a great relief to the ministers of the churches of Missouri, who now have to assist in obtaining money to help the home wreckers carry on their work. No more money raising for needy mothers and orphan children would be necessary.

FACTS AND FICTION

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“Curs'd be the man, the poorest wretch in life,
The crouching vassal to the tyrant wife;
Who has no will but by her high permission;
Who has not a sixpence but in her possession;
Who must to her all his dear friend's secret tell;
And dreads a curtain lecture worse
than h--l.”

Pope observes.

“Great is the blessing of a prudent wife, Who puts a period to domestic strife.” And again:
“Though fortune change his constant spouse remains,
Augments his joys or mitigates his pains.”

And then again:

“A wife! ah, gentle deities can he That has a wife, e'er feel adversity.” And this from Longfellow:

“As unto the bow the chord is,
So unto man is woman,
Though she bend him, she obey him, Though she draw him, yet she follows, Nothing
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