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E. J. Melton, formerly news editor of the Boonville daily and later owner of the Republican at Carathersville, still likes the newspaper game, despite the fact that he holds a good position as deputy state oil inspector with fifteen southeast Missouri counties as his territory. He never comes to town without browsing around The Advertiser office, and his visits are always welcomed, not only because of past association but because he invariably brings along some clever ideas for printers and publishers. He spent Sunday night in Boonville with his brother-in-law, Roy Utz, coming here from Jefferson City, where he attended a meeting for the State Oil Department employees Saturday. He says that according to figures compiled by his chief, W. A. McAtee, his department last year collected about six million dollars by means of the state 2-cent gas tax. Melton makes his home at Cape Girardeau and occasionally does some news work for the Southeast Missourian, when his spare time permits, as well as selling feature stuff to the metropolitan dailies.

There's a North Boonville now. The M-K-T Railway Company has changed the name of Kingsbury, its station just across the river from Boonville to North Boonville, and the latest time tables carry the names. The railroad company doubtless realized the growing importance of that section of Boonville lying at and adjacent to the north end of the Boonville bridge and made the change accordingly. Kingsbury station was named in honor of Taylor Kingsbury, member of a long-prominent family of southern Howard county and who built the grain elevator there and managed it for a number of years. Mr. Kingsbury is still living at an advanced age near New Franklin. Leo Felten is now operating the elevator at North Boonville.

O. H. Drennen and his bride, who before her marriage last week was Miss Lydia Stock, of Boonville, left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, where they will reside. Mr. Drennen, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Drennen, of near Boonville, has been employed by the St. Louis Dairy Co. for 15 months. The company handles daily about 30,000 gallons of milk, which goes into the retail and wholesale market in St. Louis. The company buys the milk from producers and distributes it. C. H. should understand the milk business pretty well, as his father owns a splendid lot of dairy cows and furnishes butter and other dairy products to a list of private customers in Boonville.

Cooper county friends of Rev. Walter M. Haushalter, pastor of the First Christian Church of

J. T. Steele, of Webb City, visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rennison, of Boonville, as well as other Cooper county relatives this week. His brother, C. E. Steele, Blackwater banker, spent Tuesday night in Boonville with him. Mrs. Steele accompanied her husband to Morgan county and visited near Marvin and also at Clarkburg before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Steele are former residents of Cooper county but have lived in Webb City for 28 years. Over 30 years ago Mr. Steele, who was born and reared near Boonville, taught 11 terms of school in his native county, teaching his first two terms at Crab Orchard. One year while teaching at Washington his pupils won an unabridged dictionary offered by Walter Williams, then editor of The Boonville Advertiser, for the greatest improvement in penmanship. Mr. Steele has been successfully engaged in the undertaking business at Webb City for many years.

Leo Felten, a Boonville business man who operates the Felten Grain Company at North Boonville, has developed a local market for loose straw, which has heretofore been largely a waste product in the Howard county bottoms. Since last fall he has bought, baled and shipped 1,500 tons. Of this amount 500 tons went to the A. P. Green Brick Company at Mexico, Mo., to be used for bedding cars of brick, and 1,000 tons to the North Star Strawboard Mills at Quincy, Ill., which entered into the manufacture of egg fillers, pasteboard cartons and heavy paper. Mr. Felten is the exclusive dealer in Cooper and Howard counties for the two concerns and says that he has a market for all the straw he can get baled. The price to the farmers is \$1 per ton, loose, wet or dry. Mr. Felten uses two International tractors in operating his power balers. Heretofore much of the surplus straw in the Howard county bottoms and even in Cooper county has been burned or allowed to rot.

Mrs. Ethlyn Nelson, of Bunce-ton, entertained 26 guests Sunday in honor of the seventy-sixth birthday of her father-in-law, Squire J. O. Nelson. An elegant dinner was served cafeteria style at noon, and in the afternoon Congressman W. L. Nelson took a number of group pictures, including a four-generation picture. It was composed of Mrs. T. A. Nelson, her son, A. J. Nelson, his son Tom Nelson, and his daughter, Wauneta. Squire, or Judge Nelson, as he is familiarly known in Bunce-ton, has served as police judge and justice of the peace for a number of years and is one of the town's best known

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