

November 6

1821 At a session of the state legislature in the capitol building at St. Charles, Governor Alexander McNair delivered the good news. He officially informed lawmakers that Missouri had been admitted to the Union.

1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected president. The Illinois lawyer failed to win a majority of the popular vote. But he carried 18 states, with 180 of 303 electoral votes. Stephen Douglas carried Missouri. Lincoln carried only St. Louis and Gasconade Counties.

1878 Former Missouri Governor Thomas Fletcher said he has secured from President Hayes pardons for five prominent St. Louisans connected with the "Whiskey Ring" scandal of 1874. All of the others convicted had served their time, been pardoned, or died.

1880 G.S. Railton of London was in St. Louis to organize a branch of England's Salvation Army. Railton was appointed commissioner to extend army operations across the United States. Many of the city's most powerful citizens had already pledged their support.

1884 William Wells Brown died at his home near Boston. His owner moved to St. Charles County when William was about two. He was hired out to work on a steamboat, then abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy hired him to work in his print shop and gave him an education. He escaped while working on another steamboat and went on to become the first African-American to publish a novel, a biography and a play.

1888 John George Taylor Spink was born. His uncle had founded the *Sporting News* just two years earlier and his father joined as manager of the paper. Spink started out as an office boy, and took over the paper in 1914. He ran the *Sporting News* for the next 48 years, making it the "Bible of Baseball." In 1962, the Baseball Hall of Fame established the writer's award in Taylor Spink's honor and named him the first recipient.

1901 Nearly 300 horses and mules, almost all of the teams used for collecting trash in the city, were killed as a fire swept the stables at Vandeventer and Forest Park. City garbage contractor (and city boss) Ed Butler, launched a search for all available teams. He promised there would be no delay in services.

1904 Immigration officials wanted St. Louis police to check on rumors that the Chinese "on exhibit" at the World's Fair were gathering weapons. They were said to be planning to resist attempts to make them return home. It was reported that there had already been several escape attempts.

1925 The new \$1,350,000 Union Market on Broadway was dedicated. It was the first project completed under the \$87 million 1922 bond issue. Because of the bond issue, downtown St. Louis was undergoing a facelift like never before. The biggest project was

the leveling of the tawdry saloons and brothels along Market Street, to widen the street and create Memorial Plaza.

1945 Billy Southworth resigned as manager of the Cardinals to take a job with the Braves. Eddie Dyer took over as Cards manager.

1951 The heaviest snowfall here since 1912 dumped a foot of the white stuff on the city. Traffic was paralyzed. Schools and industry were shut down. The storm still stands as the largest November snowfall in city history.

1962 Amid rumors that Cardinals Senior Consultant Branch Rickey wanted Stan Musial to retire, Redbird owner August Busch stated that Stan could play until it was time for him to become a club vice-president. That time would come at the end of the 1963 season.

1962 Voters overwhelmingly rejected another "borough plan" for regional government. The plan would have consolidated the city and county. St. Louis Mayor Raymond Tucker led the campaign against it.

1966 A high school football game took place at Busch Stadium for the first time. Undefeated CBC beat previously undefeated SLU High. A crowd of 28,952 saw it, reportedly be the biggest crowd ever to see a high school sporting event in Missouri to that date.

1971 A five-alarm fire destroyed the Riviera Club at 4460 Delmar. Performers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and Duke Ellington had played there. At the time, it was home to the powerful Democratic organization headed by Jordan Chambers. Chambers was known as "The Negro Mayor of St. Louis."

1989 Tina Isa was stabbed to death by her father while her mother held her arms at their South St. Louis apartment. An FBI surveillance tape captured her screams and her father saying, "die my daughter, die." The Isas were Palestinian immigrants. The parents were upset that their daughter had been seeing a black boy. The Isas were sentenced to death.

1996 The search for Kelly McGinnis ended when he stormed into his former lawyer's office in Vandalia, Illinois and opened fire with a shotgun. No one was hurt. McGinnis had been the subject of an intense manhunt since he killed his ex-wife's divorce attorney in Greenville on August 12th.