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SIEGE OF DUCKTOWN NOW A POSSIBILITY.

Inhabitants Will Resist Collection of City and State Taxes to the Last Ditch.

TWO COUNCILS OF WAR HELD.

Residents of the Quaint Little Settlement on the River Bank in South St. Louis Are Up in Arms.

Ducktown, in St. Louis, is on the rampage, and open revolt against the legally constituted authorities of the Commonwealth of Missouri and the municipality of St. Louis, is threatened—only threatened, because the critical point in the controversy has not yet been reached. When it is, the cliff dwellers of Ducktown declare that the Mississippi shall flow crimson to the sea before they surrender rights, which they lose upon custom and usage, running back to a point whereof the memory of man knoweth not to the contrary.

For the information of those who may not already be apprised of the fact, it is proper to state that Ducktown is situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, within the corporate limits of the city of St. Louis, extending from the foot of Kosciusko street to the foot of Marine avenue. The buildings are all frames, and for the most part consist of hogsheads or upon piles for foundation. The front doors open on bottoms that spread out over the waters of the river, while from the back door, the embankment of the Iron Mountain Railroad, is the only prospect.

The little strip of land upon which Ducktown stands varies in width from fifteen to fifty feet. The ground, if such it may be called, consists of stacks, boards, logs, cordwood, weeds and such other flotsam and jetsam as may have been cast upon the shore since De Soto paddled up the river in his birch canoe.

The question of surface or underground drainage has never been considered by the Ducktown Council. To the wisdom of the original settlers may be attributed the fact that the municipal pride in has been entirely eliminated by the location of the municipality—the Mississippi doing the work. As one of the residents said yesterday: "Our dads showed they had better heads on them than them up in Chicago. It cost them a pretty penny to get their slop into the river, while all we have to do is walk to the front door and pitch it out."

The principal industry of the town is duck and goose raising. Thousands of the fowl are to be seen swimming in the river in the immediate vicinity, and the inhabitants look to them to render the same service they did to Rome of old when the minions of the law from the Collector's office attempt to invade the town.

The trouble in Ducktown is due to the determination of Collector Wenneker to collect taxes on the property of the residents. On Thursday Deputy Marshals served summons on the property owners to appear in the Circuit Court on Monday and show cause if any they have why their lands, appurtenances, privileges in ks and rows should not be confiscated to the State and suffer the failure to pay their proportion of taxes.

After the notices had been received a town meeting was held, and after considerable argument it was decided to resist, at the point of the bayonet, a la Tarkey of Kentucky, any encroachment upon their rights, and to refuse to render unto Caesar the things that belong to him.

Individuals attention was called to the fact that Ducktown was a veritable Lady-smith, with Dewey at the Spanish Kop, ensconced in the knolls at the foot of Marine avenue and Kosciusko street. The river on the east provided approach from that direction and the embankment of the railroad on the west makes a fortification from which enormous carnage could be done and still leave themselves to comparatively little danger.

A secret meeting was held yesterday and the home guard, or, to be more accurate, "landwehr" was organized.

The Board of Strategy will meet tonight and a plan of defense, strategical, tactical and the like, will be decided upon.

In all the calculations the geese are relied upon to prevent the town from being taken by surprise.

Mrs. Ida Jobes, 45 years old, and for thirty years a dweller on the river bank, is one of the leaders of the opposition. She expressed herself yesterday as determined to refuse to pay one cent of taxes.

"I've been living here thirty years," she said. "And never paid a cent and I don't propose to. What right have they to tax us? They don't give us nothing for our money anyway. We can go to the woods, don't want them, don't want their money, and the Lord knows if we could keep these cops from eternally swiping around here, we'd pay to have it done. We mind our business and we don't want no body else to tend to it for us. This property is ours, we've held it for over twenty years without paying any taxes and we're not going to get out now."

THOMAS LEWIS DEAD.

He Was Once a Law Partner of President Lincoln.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Thomas Lewis, once a law associate of President Lincoln, died at the home of his sister here yesterday. He was born at Basking Ridge, N. J., in 1808, and practiced law at Springfield, Ill., from 1836 to 1862. He was one of the promoters of the Sangamon and Alton road and was public administrator for years of Sangamon County, Illinois. He was one of the founders of Springfield, and at one time owned fifty lots in the heart of Chicago.

Mr. Lewis's mother was a daughter of the celebrated Captain Gabin Maffee of Somerset County, New Jersey, in the Revolutionary War. She was a sister of the grandmother of the Reverend DeWitt Talmage.

Howard County Democrats.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fayette, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Howard County Democratic Central Committee met at the Courthouse in Fayette today and adopted rules and regulations to govern the primary election to be held Saturday, May 5. The most important rules are that only white Democrats who are known to have affiliated with the Democratic party and who will pledge themselves to support the nominees of the primary election will be entitled to vote. It was decided to debar from voting nonresident members of the bridge building force at Glasgow. The committee will meet again April 21 to levy assessments on the candidates, arrange for printing of tickets and to appoint judges and clerks of election.

Mail Carrier Robbed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dixon, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Vanoleve mail carrier was held up by two men one-half mile from town tonight. The mail was taken from the bags, which included several registered letters.

Feel bad today?

Over-eating, working and drinking may have caused it, or you may have caught cold. Makes you feel mean—bad taste—and a headache. Go upon our advice just once and take

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No mercurial or pill poison in CASCARETS, but an absolutely harmless, purely vegetable compound. Pleasant, palatable, potent. They taste good and do good. Get the genuine C.C.C. Any druggist, 10c, 25c, 50c. Take one now and

Feel well tomorrow

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DOCTOR OSBORNE TO CONDUCT A MISSION.

Services Will Be Held at Trinity Episcopal Church for Twelve Days.

SPEAKER A NOTED EVANGELIST.

Results of His Work Here Several Years Ago Remain—He Has Labored in South Africa, India and China.

The Trinity Episcopal Church, at Channing and Franklin avenues, has arranged for a twelve days' "Mission," beginning February 9 and closing February 21. The principal speaker during the mission will be the Reverend E. Osborne, S. S. J. E., of Boston, Mass., who is recognized throughout the Episcopal Church as one of its most prominent evangelistic workers. Doctor Osborne was here several years ago, and the results of his ten days' mission then remain until this day. He will be assisted by the Reverend J. Stewart Smith of Kansas City and the Reverend William Barnes, the rector of the church.

During the mission the following order of worship will be observed: On Sundays, holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; service for women, 3 p. m.; service for men, 4 p. m. Evenings, a song service, beginning at 7 o'clock, and the mission sermon and instruction at 8 o'clock. On week days the first celebration of the holy eucharist will take place at 7 a. m.; address to women, 4 p. m.; even song, except Saturday, 5 p. m.; mission sermon and instruction, 8 p. m.

For more than a week the Trinity Church people have been holding special "preparation prayer meetings," and these will be continued until the mission proper opens. A circular to the membership contains the following significant paragraph:

"Give the mission the benefit of your prayers before the throne of grace. At all events, do not hinder any from coming. Let God's message reach those for whom it is intended. Do not put a stumbling block in the way of any of those whom Christ loves, either by depriving them of the opportunity of going to church or by speaking lightly of the mission, so as to discourage them. Many a weak effort of this kind has been blessed by God to the saving of souls."

Doctor Osborne is an Englishman by birth, an American by environment, and a cosmopolitan in that he has labored many years in South Africa, China, Burmah and India. He was ordained a deacon in Worcester Cathedral in 1878, by the Right Reverend Charles John Ellicott, and, after serving two country parishes, entered the society of St. John the Evangelist in Boston in 1881. In 1887 he came to the United States, and succeeded in building effective parochial schools, first in connection with the Church of the Advent, Boston, and afterwards in connection with the Church of St. John the Evangelist of that same city. In 1889-90 he was invited to address a mission on Forsythe street, New York, and at the close of his brief address a young Jewish girl said to the missionary in charge: "Please, sir, will you let the gentleman with petitions come back again soon?"

In 1890 Doctor Osborne went to South Africa, and in a comparatively short time he had organized a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society there. In 1893 he traveled through China, Burmah and India, and only last year returned to his old work in Boston. The doctor is said to be a clear and convincing speaker, and the Trinity Church people and the entire Episcopal Church of the city are expecting great results from his coming.

W. C. T. U. FEDERATED UNION.

Reports of Work Accomplished by Its Various Branches.

The regular meeting of the Federated Union of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at No. 1414 Locust street yesterday. Mrs. Clara Hoffman, State president of the W. C. T. U., was a guest of the federation. The devotional meeting was in charge of the Carondelet Union, and was led by Mrs. Allie Peterson.

Mrs. W. E. Ingalls reported for Central Two Loyal Temperance Legions have been organized under its auspices. Two members are holding home prayer meetings in the neighborhood of Bellefontaine. At a meeting in behalf of the Open Door Mission, eight men signed the pledge. She also told of plans for the future.

Mrs. B. P. Robert, superintendent of work among foreign people, reported especially of the meeting at the Open Door Mission of the wonderful good accomplished among men who have had hard lives, with no opportunities.

Mrs. K. V. Williams, superintendent of antinarcotics, gave some appalling facts in regard to the use of narcotics. Mrs. Robert and Mrs. Hoffman spoke on the use of narcotics among the young. Miss Stella Culver's report, as superintendent of flower mission work, was read, and called for gifts of flowers, books, clothing and delicacies for distribution.

Mrs. Williams reported for the Hoffman social, held at Mrs. Ingalls's on January 18, a success in every way.

Mrs. K. Haines reported on the encouraging anti-wincroom meeting held Friday evening at St. Mark's English Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Blackwell announced a gold medal contest to be held this evening, or February 5, at the Fairmount Congregational Church, with seven contestants. The Willard memorial will be held in the First Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, February 18, at 3 p. m. Mrs. Anna Palmer will be present at the meeting.

Mrs. Hoffman will conduct several meetings in the city this week.

The president, Mrs. W. E. Ingalls, was elected as delegate to the Executive Committee of the Anti-wincroom Crusade. Mrs. Hoffman spoke some encouraging words to the St. Louis workers at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. M. A. Westcott of Denver was introduced and spoke of the work in North Denver.

PARISH NOTES.

St. Alphonsus's Carnival and St. Mark's Euchre.

St. Alphonsus's Parish is arranging to hold a carnival in Rock Church Hall, February 19 to 23, inclusive, and the management of the various tables and booths will be as follows: Supper table, Mmes. Keane, Harrison, Ready, Giraldin, Grace, Gerry, Weber, Houk, Cooney, O'Hearn, Jeffers, Prendergast and Misses Katie O'Hearn, Stella Jeffers, Stella Grace, Belle Dockery, Julia Keane and Susie Laughlin; refreshment table, Mmes. Thompson, Noonan, Strong, Quinn, Bling, Geist, Kerachan, Marshall, Smith, and Misses Duffy, Strong, Lena and Lizzie Morris, Sipe, Quinn, Kernahan, O'Connor, Enright, Brockner and Thompson. The "Old Curiosity Shop" booth will be in care of Mmes. Dan and Edward McCartin and Misses G. McCartin, E. Bauer, Dinkgrave, McLellan, Henry and Hagerty.

The ladies who will manage the "prometers' table" are as follows: Misses M. J. Hackman, Laura M. Brady, Fannie Barter, Jennie Cochran, Clara Dyche, Agnes Kelly, Annie Tozier, Mary E. Kennedy, Nannie Caffery, Sallie Gurre and Mrs. Mary Lynk. The "Japanese tea" booth will be presided over by Misses Blanche Hartnett, Agnes Scott and Keigher. The cigar stand will be in the hands of Misses Hussey, Fujol and Pickard and Mrs. J. J. Kane will act as general treasurer in the ladies' department.

The young ladies' fancy booth will be in charge of the following sodalists: Misses Katie Cooney, Mamie Kane, Mamie Lyons, Blanche Carpenter, Emma Bauer, Elise Guignoux, May Allen, Ella Scott, Angela Devoy, Louise Crabb, Marie Byrne, Edwarna Thompson, Anna Byrne, May Trautman, May O'Neil, Altra Clark, Lizzie Crabb, Mollie Lancaster, Helen Bokelis, Annie Clark, Fanny Casey, Agnes Shaughnessy, Annie Ausbro, Blanche O'Connell, Laura Kilcullen, Nettie Jennings, Birdie Park, Loretta Hawe, Annie Cooney, Kittie Koster, McFarland, Comber, Fortune, Maggie Shaughnessy, M. La Grave, Annie Lancaster, Estelle Horley, Gallagher and Reynolds.

The St. Mark's progressive euchre party, which was to have been given last Friday, was postponed until next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and will be given at the Jefferson Club Hall. Among the prizes are a coal range, gas range, two loads of coal, two barrels of flour, order for one dozen photographs, order for a silk hat, center tables, cushioned chairs, and china paintings. On the second evening a Cabriolet city lot, situated at the northwest corner of Academy and Minerva avenues, will be disposed to the most fortunate one. The committee in charge of the prizes consists of Thomas E. Mulvihill, Martin J. Mullally, William J. Murphy, John A. Schulte, W. R. Rychelicki, William Bagnott, R. F. Shields and R. F. Smith.

The Queen's Daughters and the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Kevin's Parish will give a progressive euchre at the new Jefferson Club Hall, Grand avenue and Pine street, on Friday evening, February 9. The arrangements for the occasion are being made with a view to greatest enjoyment, and more than fifty articles of value will be awarded at that time.

St. Agnes's Parish will hold its annual progressive euchre at Temple Hall, February 22. A handsome and costly array of prizes will be awarded, and other special features will be introduced.

A meeting of Catholic temperance workers was held last night at Knights of Father Mathew Hall, No. 1826 Locust street, to arrange for a series of four lectures to be given next month by the Reverend A. P. Doyle of New York, secretary of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. The lectures will be delivered at the churches of SS. Mary and Joseph's Holy Name, St. Patrick's and Visitation. Father Doyle will also lecture in East St. Louis and Alton.

St. Rose's Branch, No. 187, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, will give an entertainment and hop at St. Rose's Hall, Ezel and Goodfellow avenues, on February 14. Music and dancing will be features of the entertainment. An excellent programme has been arranged, and refreshments will be served. Every effort is being made by Mrs. Charles J. Byrne, who has charge of the entertainment, to make it a success from a social point of view. The object of the entertainment is to give the members of the branch an opportunity of inviting their friends to an evening's enjoyment.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Babies' Home Benefit—St. Louis Cathedral Services.

A "benefit entertainment" for the Mothers' and Babies' Home, No. 2221 Chestnut street, will be given at the Central Y. M. C. A. Hall, Grand and Franklin avenues, next Friday evening, February 9. The home is one of St. Louis's most deserving charities, as it cares for and finds homes for infants under two years of age, and since June last has placed fifty-one babies in good homes. The management has also arranged to care for deserving mothers free of charge until work can be obtained. At present, there are thirty babies in the home. The work is undenominational, and is entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions for support.

All the music numbers on the programme for the entertainment next Friday evening have been kindly furnished by the Beethoven Conservatory of Music, Twenty-third and Locust streets, and the elocutionary numbers by the Perry School of Oratory and Dramatic Art, Y. M. C. A. building. The full programme is as follows:

Piano Solo—Valse Caprice ..... Rubinstein
Mr. H. B. Maxon.
Soprano Solo—Aria ..... Gounod
Miss F. Meyerson.
Violin Solo—Polonaise ..... Holmesdor
Mr. Otto Decker.
Recitation—Duet—Wedding ..... Miss C. Hale
Miss May Friedberg.
Vocal Solo—Tyrolese Song ..... Higet
Mr. J. C. Hubbard.
Piano Solo—Etude ..... Liszt
Mr. H. B. Maxon.
Vocal Solo—Lido ..... Chaminade
Miss F. Meyerson.
Violin Solo—Romance Etude ..... De Beriot
Mr. Otto Decker.
Recitation—Mr. and Mrs. Bertrider.
Miss Adah B. Young.
Vocal Solo—Ah, Tis a Dream ..... Hawley
Mr. J. C. Hubbard.

At the St. Louis Cathedral, on Walnut, between Second and Third streets, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock the following special music will be rendered by a large choir under the direction of Professor E. S. de Fiele, the organist, who will be assisted by Miss Claude L. de Fiele, violinist, Mr. W. H. Reynolds, clarinetist, and Mr. D. T. Rogers, cornetist:

Organ Andante in F ..... Wely
Hymn to Melody for female choir ..... Alexander Gleason
Offertorium in C ..... Stephen Clarke
Mass in G ..... M. Van Weber
Cathedral choir, with violins, cornets, viola and organ.
Solo for Violin—Invocation ..... Schubert
Miss Claude L. de Fiele.
Hymn to Saluaris Hostia ..... Duvernoy and Tenor, Mr. F. A. Torrence; Basso, Mr. J. G. Bellmer.
Postlude for Organ in F ..... Batiste
"Thou art Sublime" ..... F. A. Torrence
Mrs. N. Boden, Mrs. Georgia M. Holden, Anna Holmes, Margaret Walker, Cornelia Moses, Sadie Collins, Ida Cattman, Ethel M. Holden, Anna Johnson, Tenor, Messrs. F. A. Torrence, A. M. Hoover; Basso, Messrs. J. G. Bellmer, W. H. Bawley.

The Reverend Doctor W. T. Smith, one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters in New York City, will preach in the Church Avenue Methodist Church this morning at 11 o'clock. Doctor Smith has had long experience with the mission work of the church, and has the happy faculty of being able to impart his knowledge to others in an attractive manner.

The annual sale of pews will take place at Ethiopian Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church next Wednesday evening, February 7, at 8 o'clock. As this church is rapidly filling up the competition for seats is likely to be quite spirited, particularly since the choice now made covers a period of one year, and includes the change of pastorate from Doctor King to that of Doctor Daniel Dorchester.

The mass-meeting in the interests of the new City Evangelization Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the report of the Committee on Permanent Officers will be held in Union Methodist Episcopal Church next Thursday evening, February 8. A large attendance is expected and desired, as the work of the society will be fully launched at that meeting.

Special evangelistic services are conducted every evening at the St. Louis City Mission, at No. 1727 South Broadway. Services will be conducted today as follows: Sunday school, at 3 p. m.; regular evangelistic services, at 8 p. m. Mrs. M. F. Murphy will speak. Subject, "Invincible." Music by the mission orchestra.

During the Lenten season, the Reverend C. N. Moller, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, will hold Sunday evening services at Anchor Hall, Jefferson and Park avenues. These services will begin February 11 and continue until April 8. The public is cordially invited.

The people of All Saints' Church are making special efforts to complete the fund for their new rectory, and to this end a grand rally and Shakespearean entertainment will be given at the Enterpe Hall, Thursday, February 8.

Mrs. Clara Hoffman, State president of the W. C. T. U., will speak this week as follows:

This evening, Open-Door Mission, corner Seventh and Gratiot streets; Monday evening, Lever Mission, No. 9 North Leyer; Tuesday evening, Mr. Gott's mission, No. 1432 Franklin avenue; Wednesday afternoon, meeting at Mrs. Christie's, No. 617 Haven street; Wednesday evening, Carondelet Church, to be announced later.

JACK KENNEDY ADMITTED.

Warden Starke Objected to Raising the Quarantine.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Jack Kennedy, the famous train-robber, is safe behind the prison walls. Marshal See landed him there shortly after 1 o'clock to-day. When the Marshal reached the city with his prisoner, he found C. H. Young, Kennedy's attorney, here, waiting for them.

The Marshal allowed them a short conference, after which he took his man to the penitentiary. Warden Starke received him under protest. He did not want to make an exception on raising the quarantine even for a celebrated prisoner like Kennedy, and stated that he left the entire responsibility with the Supreme Court should smallpox get into the prison.

It was learned that before the Marshal arrived with Kennedy, the Warden had refused to receive him, but that the Attorney General had advised that if he did refuse, he would institute mandamus proceedings to compel him to do so, and for that reason the Warden let Kennedy in.

Kennedy was assigned to duty in the engineering department for the State. He is an engineer and this is in his line of work. His register number is 2,798, and by this he will be known while here.

Fort Worth Nominations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 3.—The city Democratic primary was held to-day, and T. J. Powell defeated B. B. Paddock by 725 majority. Paddock is serving his fourth term. Nine Aldermen were nominated. Only three of the old board were retained. The city election will take place on the first Tuesday in April, but these nominations are equivalent to election. This is a reform movement.

MANY IN THE RACE FOR SECOND PLACE.

Six Avowed Candidates for Nomination as Lieutenant Governor of Missouri.

ANOTHER IS A "PASSIVE" ONE.

Points About Each of the Aspirants—Other State Offices and the Men Who Seek to Be Chosen for Them.

From present indications the most interesting contest likely to come before the Democratic State Convention is over the nomination for Lieutenant Governor. At the present time there are six avowed candidates in the field and one known passive candidate. Three of the announced candidates are residents of St. Louis. The best political judges admit their inability to name the winner. Evidently something will depend upon the order of business adopted by the convention for balloting. If nominations for this office are postponed until after the other nominations are made, then there may be a disposition on the part of the convention to award a consolation prize to some particular section of the State.

It is a noticeable fact that a good many of these candidates are strong men and well known over the State. John A. Lee of this city came very near securing the nomination for Lieutenant Governor on a former occasion, and made a remarkably strong race in a very short period of time.

Judge E. A. Norman has been Mayor of St. Louis. W. S. Bryan, who is also of this city, is connected with the Mississippi Valley Democrat and Journal of Agriculture. J. W. Farris of Laclede has been a member of the State Senate, and Speaker of the House. For the last twenty years he has been a prominent figure in every State campaign. W. S. McClintic of Marion has been a member of the State Senate for years, and has always rated among the ablest members of that body. R. A. Love of Jackson County has also served in the State Senate, and he, too, has been prominent in State campaigns for years. W. J. Ward of Stoddard was Speaker of the last House of Representatives, and has represented his county in the Legislature four or five times.

From the array of candidates it would seem that the convention need experience no difficulty in selecting a strong nominee for Lieutenant Governor. This is really a very important position, for each should he never be called upon to discharge the duties of chief executive, his position as presiding officer of the Senate is one requiring ability and sterling integrity. He names the committees of the Senate and wields a power over that branch of the Legislature actually greater than that of the Governor.

It can be said to the credit of the candidates for this office that they have conducted their campaign up to date in the most commendable spirit of fairness. Each one seems entirely willing to submit his claim on his own individual merits and without seeking to any wise to belittle any of his opponents. This is a matter that has been commented on a great deal, and a general wish has been expressed that other candidates may follow the good example of those who want the nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

There has been a good deal of shifting around among the candidates during the past three or four weeks. There have been two or three new announcements, and several who were thought to be candidates under certain conditions, have withdrawn, or have announced that they will not allow their names to be presented to the convention. As near as can be ascertained the list now stands as follows:

Governor—A. M. Dockery of Daviess, and D. A. Ball of Pike.

Lieutenant Governor—John A. Lee, Judge E. A. Norman and W. S. Bryan of St. Louis, J. W. Farris of Laclede, R. A. Love of Jackson, W. J. Ward of Stoddard, W. S. McClintic of Marion.

Secretary of State—Sam B. Cook of Audrain, and John A. Knott of Marion.

Auditor—Captain Albert O. Allen of New Madrid, Colonel Frank L. Pitts of Monroe, R. L. McGrath of St. Louis, Thomas M. Bingham of Cole, Samuel Rohrer of Livingston.

Treasurer—A. H. Bolte of Franklin, and Colonel R. P. Williams of Howard.

Attorney General—E. C. Crow of Jasper.

Judge of the Supreme Court—Judge James B. Gantt of Henry, and Judge Noah Given of Cass.

Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—J. E. Blackmore of Dunklin; Joe Harris of Cooper, Joel Bennett of Lafayette, General M. F. Bell of Callaway, C. M. O'Connell of Madison, George W. Trigg of Hay, R. W. Mason of Dade, W. C. Breaugh of Henry.

Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals—John M. Wood and Daniel Dillon of St. Louis, R. L. Goad of Springfield, E. E. Peers of Warren, W. H. Biggs of Pike, E. M. Rhodes of Montgomery.

Judge of the Kansas City Court of Appeals—Turner A. Gill of Kansas City, E. J. Brondlus of Livingston, W. W. Wood of Johnson, H. C. Timmonds of Barton, C. R. Crawley of Charlton, R. H. Fields of Lafayette.

State Insurance Commissioner—Ed. T. Orear has been mentioned a good many times as a probable candidate for State Treasurer, but so far he has made no public announcement of his intention to enter the race. Possibly some candidates for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner have been omitted from the list. There are usually so many out for this office that the candidates themselves cannot keep track of all those who are in the race.

TO DEFEAT POHLMAN.

Democrats Seek a Strong Candidate for Sheriff.

The Democrats of the city are casting about for a good candidate for Sheriff. They believe that John H. Pohlman will be renominated by the Republicans, and that a Democrat who stands well with the people can defeat him. There is a good deal of opposition to Mr. Pohlman in his own party. He was the nominee of the City Hall gang in 1898, and, consequently, experienced no difficulty in securing the nomination after his name was placed upon the slate.

Just now the City Hall gang is in pretty bad odor with the better element of the Republican party, and Mr. Pohlman is credited with trying to make a successful straddle. He don't want it to be known that he is on too intimate terms with the City Hall crowd, and, at the same time, he wants their support. It is generally conceded, however, that he will capture the nomination, and with the consent of the City Hall gang. Probably he will obtain the nomination without opposition, and thus render it necessary for the Republicans who are opposed to him to carry their objections with them to the polls.

A number of Democrats were discussing this office yesterday, and every one expressed the opinion that Mr. Pohlman could be defeated if the Democrats would make a judicious nomination. None of them, however, had thought of a suitable person to make the race.

STAMP SLOT MACHINE.

It Has Been Introduced in Paris, France.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Feb. 3.—(Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.)—The first machine which is to distribute automatically postage stamps on the required money being put in the slot is now ready. In size, the machine is about as large as a city directory, and is elegant in appearance. It is nickeled.

Southwest Missouri Editors.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Executive Committee of the Southwest Missouri Press Association met in this city this evening. There were present: C. N. Van Hosen, Springfield Republican; Phil Griffith of the Vedette, Greenfield, Mo.; W. R. Bowles, Advocate, Greenfield, Mo.; J. F. Rhodes, News, Eldorado Springs; James F. Borbee, Commonwealth, Ash Grove. The next annual meeting of the association will be held at Eldorado Springs, July 13, 14, with an outing through Western Canada to the coast.

SPECIAL DISEASES OF MEN!

W. A. COOK, M. D., SPECIALIST,

LIMITS HIS PRACTICE TO DISEASES PECULIAR TO MEN.

The field of medicine and surgery is entirely too broad for any one man to master. This fact I recognized soon after graduating from college, now over a quarter of a century ago. During all the years since then my persistent and careful study has been on a single class of diseases—*Varicocele, Stricture, Contagious Blood Poison, Nervous Debility, or Weakness of Men,* and their reflex and associate diseases. These diseases alone constitute my practice and specialty, my whole time and attention is given to their study and origin, their effect on the human system and the different methods for their treatment. I have studied them earnestly and persistently, and claim advantages over other physicians in their treatment. I have effected cures in many cases where other physicians have failed and deemed a cure impossible. Out of the vast multitude of men who have taken my treatment during the past year, not a single failure nor an unpleasant result has been reported. ***My offices are equipped with every modern appliance for the successful treatment of my specialties, and are centrally located for the convenience of the professional, business and laboring man. My advice is free to those who need treatment, and you will be at perfect liberty to avail yourself of my treatment or not, as you see fit. I treat and guarantee a permanent cure in the following described diseases:***

NERVOUS DEBILITY OF MEN. Many of you are now reaping the result of your former folly. Your manhood is failing and will soon be lost unless you do something for yourself. There is no time to lose. Diseases of this nature are never on the standstill. With them you can make no compromise. Either you must master them or they will master you, and ruin your whole future with misery and indescribable woe. I have treated so many cases of this kind that I am so familiar with them as you are with the very daylight. Once cured by me, you will never again be bothered with drains, premature losses, small or weak organs, nervousness, failing memory, loss of ambition or other symptoms which unfit you for study, business, pleasure or marriage. My treatment for weak men will correct all these evils and restore you to what nature intended a hale, healthy, happy man, with mental and physical powers complete.

VARICOCELE AND ITS NEW CURE. Whatever may be the cause of varicocele, its injurious effects are too well known for extended comment. Suffice to say that it depresses the mind, weakens the body, racks the nervous system and ultimately leads to a complete loss of manly vigor. If you are a victim of this dire disease come to my office and let me explain to you my process of treating it. Under my treatment the patient improves from the very beginning. All pain instantly ceases. Soreness and swelling quickly subside. The pools of stagnant blood are forced from the dilated veins, which rapidly assume their normal size, strength and soundness. All indications of disease and weakness vanish completely, and in their stead come the pride, the power and the pleasure of perfect health and restored manhood.

STRICTURE PAINLESSLY REMOVED. It matters not how long you have suffered from Stricture, nor how many different doctors have disappointed you. I will cure you fast and painlessly as you come to me for treatment. I will not do it by cutting or dilating. My treatment is entirely original with me, and perfectly painless. It completely dissolves the Stricture and permanently removes every obstruction from the urinary passage. It stops every drain, allays all inflammation, reduces the prostate gland when enlarged, cleanses the bladder and kidneys, invigorates the organs, and restores health and soundness to every part of the body affected by the disease.

CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON CURED. On account of its frightful hideousness, this disease is commonly called the king of all diseases. It may be either hereditary or contracted. Once the system is tainted with it, the disease may manifest itself in the form of scrofula, eczema, rheumatic pains, stiff or swollen joints, copper colored spots or pimples on face or body, little ulcers in the mouth or on the tongue, sore throat, swollen tonsils, falling out of the hair or eyebrows, and finally a leprous-like decay of the skin and bones. If you have any of these or similar symptoms, you are cordially invited to consult me immediately. If I find your fears are unfounded I will quickly unburden your mind, but if your constitution is infected with this virus I will tell you frankly, and show you how to get rid of it. My special treatment for this disease is practically the result of my life work, and is indorsed by the best physicians of America and Europe. It contains no dangerous drugs or injurious medicines of any kind. It goes to the very bottom of the disease and forces out every particle of impurity. Soon every sign and symptom disappears completely and forever. The blood, the tissue, the flesh, the bones and the whole system are cleansed, purified and restored to as healthful and pure a condition as before contracting the disease.

ALL ASSOCIATE DISEASES ARE CURED. In curing a disease of any kind I never fail to remove all reflex complications. If the case is Varicocele, the weakness caused by it disappears, and has developed into years. If it is Stricture, any diseases of the prostate, bladder or Kidney affections, the impaired organs are all restored to a perfectly healthful condition. If it is Blood Poison, any and all Skin, Blood and Bone diseases arising from the taint are utterly and permanently eliminated from the system. If it is nervous debility or weakness, the many distressing symptoms following in its train and indicating a premature decline of mental or physical powers are totally removed, and rightly replaced by the youthful energy of robust manhood. Hence all resulting ills and reflex complications, which may be properly termed associate diseases, and which, in fact, are often more serious than the original ailment that gives rise to them—all, I say, disappear completely and forever with the cure of the main malady.

HOME TREATMENT BY MAIL. Most cases can be treated successfully at home. One personal visit is preferred, but if it is impossible or inconvenient for you to call at my office write me a full and unreserved history of your case, plainly stating your symptoms. I guarantee my answer to be strictly confidential, and will give to each patient a written contract in writing to hold good my promises. Address all communications to W. A. COOK, M. D., or

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CREATED A SCANDAL.

French Amateur Photographer's Pictures Caused Trouble.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Feb. 3.—(Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.)—A manufacturer doing business in a large way and living in the Avenue Villiers was told the other day by a friend that he had seen a photograph of the manufacturer's wife representing her in the act of putting on her stays.

The manufacturer was stupefied at the announcement, and shrieked: "Take me to the place where this photograph is on view."

His friend consented, and conducted the unhappy man to a wine commission agent's, who, after much difficulty, consented to show the album containing the photograph.

More than that, there were other photographs of young ladies and married women as well, who occupy the most respectable positions socially and who are of unimpeachable character.

They were represented posing in the most extraordinary positions and costumes. Some were hardly dressed at all, while others were in dancing costumes and riding habits.

All were more or less undistinguishable.

A Police Commissary was summoned, and the secret came out.

It appears that a man very well known to the manufacturer had a mania for photography. He took instantaneous portraits of all the ladies brought in any way or manner near him, socially or otherwise.

Then the amateur pasted their heads on the photographs of actresses and dancers, and then replotographed the whole.

The Police Commissary took energetic measures at once and compelled the photographer to destroy in his presence all the photographs and negatives.

In all the amateur had made four collections of photographs in this way.

NO LICENSE TO INSURE.

Superintendent Orear's Circular Names Several Companies.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Superintendent Orear of the Insurance Department today issued the following circular letter, which he is mailing out to the people of the United States:

"To Whom It May Concern: This department has information that the following-named insurance companies have been transacting or attempting to transact insurance business in this State, to wit: Alexandria Insurance Company of Alexandria, Va.; Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Mass.; Commercial Fire Insurance Company of Wilmington, Del.; Georgia Industrial Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga.; Great Britain Insurance Company of London, England; Indiana Underwriters of Indianapolis, Ind.; Indiana Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind.; Industrial Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Mass.; Keystone Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pa.; Manufacturers' and Merchants' Insurance Company of Rockford, Ill.; Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Providence, R. I.; Mercantile Fire Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md.; Narragansett Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Providence, R. I.; Northwestern Fire Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Patapsco Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md.; Protection Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Pulaski Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Rubber Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Mass.; Western Insurance Company of Aurora, Ill.; Manton Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pa.

"Not one of the above-named companies is authorized or licensed to transact an insurance business in Missouri, and any such business done in the State by these companies is in plain violation of the laws of the State."

Sir Thomas Stewart Dead.

London, Feb. 3.—Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart, the noted Scotch physician, died in Edinburgh this morning, aged 62 years.

A RESTAURANT EPISODE.

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