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F. W. RAUCHENSTEIN, EDITOR AND POLITICIAN, IS DEAD.

Publisher of St. Louis County Watchman Succumbs to Pneumonia at Clayton.

SICK LESS THAN A WEEK.



F. W. RAUCHENSTEIN, Editor of the Clayton Watchman, who died last night of pneumonia.

Frank W. Rauchenstein, editor of the St. Louis County Watchman at Clayton and a prominent Republican politician, died last night at his home on the North and South road from pneumonia. He had been ill since last Friday evening.

Mr. Rauchenstein was born in Switzerland forty-eight years ago. He emigrated to the United States when quite young. For several years he worked at the printer's trade in St. Louis and fifteen years ago he went to Clayton since then he had been conducting the Watchman.

For several years he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee and was at the time of his death chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee in the Tenth Missouri District. He was considered one of the leaders in Missouri Republican politics.

Twelve years ago Mr. Rauchenstein was married to a Miss Hobyn. His widow and one child survive him.

Although Mr. Rauchenstein's last illness was brief, he had suffered previous attacks of pneumonia, and Wednesday, when his physician, Doctor M. W. Caster, called, he realized that his patient's condition was serious and summoned in consultation Doctor E. M. Nelson of West Cabanne, St. Louis. Everything possible was done to prolong his life without avail.

Arrangements for the funeral are not complete.

TO MAKE KIDNAPING A CAPITAL CRIME.

Resolutions Adopted by State Prosecutors Recommending Enactment of Such a Law.

OTHER LEGISLATION URGED.

Proposed Statutes to Protect Women From Mob Violence and to Compel Arbitration of Labor Question Indorsed.

At a meeting of the prosecuting officers of Missouri, held at the Four Courts yesterday, a resolution was adopted to recommend to the State Legislature the passage of a law, making kidnaping a capital crime. It is also recommended that the stripping of women on the streets be made a felony. These suggestions, with several others, will be presented to the next General Assembly by the Legislative Committee consisting of thirty prosecuting Attorneys from different parts of the State.

The Association of Prosecuting Officers held its fifth regular meeting yesterday in the office of Assistant Circuit Attorney Samuel D. Hodgdon at the Four Courts. President William D. Sicole of Sedalia presided. Hodgdon is secretary. Representatives from several of the counties were present. After the transaction of the routine business, the report of the Legislative Committee was heard. It recommended the enactment of the following laws:

Making kidnaping a capital crime. Making it a felony to strip women on the streets.

Providing for compulsory arbitration of all differences between corporations and employees, with penalties for noncompliance.

Abolishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney and creating the office of Circuit Attorney.

For constitutional provision for abolishing the Grand Jury.

Making it burglary in the second degree to break and enter a building to steal fixtures and lead pipe.

For constitutional amendment that will secure the inalienable right of local self-government to every community of this State and provide proper penalties for its infringement.

The kidnaping law was brought forcibly to the mind of the attorneys by the recent abduction of young Cudahy of Omaha, Neb., who was held by his captors until a ransom of \$25,000 was paid by his father.

The recent street-railway strike of St. Louis afforded the suggestions for the second and third recommendations concerning the stripping of women and the arbitrating of differences between corporations and their employees. Nine women were attacked on the streets and six of them were almost demoralized. In the strike sixteen persons lost their lives and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

At the last election the people voted on a constitutional amendment for the abolition of the Grand Jury, making information sufficient for felony cases. The last recommendation with regard to local self-government was caused by the adoption of several laws by the Legislature governing St. Louis.

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SECRETARY GAGE FEARS A DEFICIT.

Says the Reductions in the War Taxes Made by the House Bill Are Too Large.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There seems to be trouble ahead for the war-revenue reduction bill in the Senate. Strong representations have been made by the Treasury Department to Senators against reducing the internal revenue taxes as much as would be done by the House bill. If these representations are heeded, and it would seem that they must be, the House bill must be materially modified before it is returned to that body.

When Secretary Gage recommended to the House Committee on Ways and Means that a reduction of \$30,000,000 be made in internal revenue he went as far as he believed could safely be done. The fight made by the brewing interests was almost unexpected, and when the tax on beer was forced down to \$1.00 a barrel a very large amount of revenue below what the Secretary had estimated was imperiled. The situation on a basis of the House bill as a law has been very thoughtfully gone over by internal revenue officials, and it is on the information and estimates that these officials furnish him that Secretary Gage sees reason for alarm lest a deficit be created.

If the Senate undertakes to keep the tax on beer where it was placed by the war revenue acts there will be a bitter fight, exceeding the one before the House. But if the tax on beer is to be reduced, as proposed in the House bill, other proposed reductions must be abandoned. With many large expenditures in sight, the administration probably would not regret a struggle over the bill that would result in its entire failure at this session.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Much colder Friday, with rain in southern and eastern portions, turning into snow. Saturday, fair; northerly winds.

For Illinois—Colder Friday, with snow in northern and rain, turning into snow, in southern portions. Saturday, fair; fresh northerly winds.

For Arkansas—Much colder Friday, with rain, possibly turning into snow, in western portion. Saturday, fair; brisk to high northerly winds.

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Mack: "May be this pole will knock that persimmon."

INVADING BOERS CHECKED BY BRITISH AT MANY POINTS.

Hard Fighting Christmas All Along the Lines of Communication.

BURGHERS WERE REPULSED.

General Knox Is Now Said to Be Engaged With the Force Under De Wet.

London, Dec. 28. 3 a. m.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandos continue to display astonishing daring and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General De Wet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of De Wet's vengeance if they surrender. The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favor conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the Star of Africa.

A dispatch from Vreysberg, dated December 29, says the Boers in considerable numbers were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The dispatch suggests that they were trekking to Demaraland, although the Boers themselves denied any such intention.

KITCHENER REPORTS ATTACKS. London, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria, under to-day's (Thursday's) date:

"Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Bokaburg. The police gallantly drove them off before re-enforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off. "The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off. "The Eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Venterstad. "The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg. "The following dispatch, dated Pretoria, a day earlier, has also been received from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 28.—Knox, with Harber, Pileher and White, is engaged with De Wet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Loukop. "De Wet hopes to break through and go south again. "The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Helport Spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one toward Prieska and the other through Strydenburg. They are being followed up."

The Evening Standard to-day says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which, as announced in a dispatch from Cape Town yesterday, was entrapped and captured by the Boers when they were following from Britstown, was released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipment. Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded.

HARD FIGHTING ON CHRISTMAS. Newcastle, Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

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WORLD'S FAIR ROLL OF HONOR.

Close the Capital Stock Subscription Before the New Year Opens Next Tuesday.

Additional subscriptions, acknowledged below, were received yesterday in response to The Republic's appeal for an immediate completion of the World's Fair Fund. Remember that the New Year is at hand. Still acting at the earnest request of the World's Fair Executive Committee, The Republic again presents the appeal for quick closing up of the subscription list. The city cannot afford to let the matter drag. All the rest of the country is waiting. Those who have neglected to subscribe should instantly send in their names with liberal contributions. Those who have subscribed, but not to the extent of their abilities, should send in additional subscriptions. Concerns desiring blank lists for employees can obtain them on application to The Republic. Subscriptions received up to last night are:

Previously acknowledged	\$6,570
Philip Diehl, Greenville, Ill.	250
John Hammond, 2736 Park avenue	100
W. M. Everett, 4309 West Pine street	50
Joseph Stegall, Cairo, Ill.	25
G. V. Steek, 1329 Ans avenue	25
Fred Hedart, 3530 De Kalb street	20
Total	\$6,985

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Attacked by Twenty Blacks, Policeman Ben Reeves Battles Until Rendered Senseless.

He Is Seriously Cut and Shot, Yet Inflicts Dangerous Wound on One of His Assailants—Result of Attempt to Preserve Order at a Dance.

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Officer Reeves was cut with knives in the head, face and legs and was shot through the left wrist. "When he reached the City Hospital he was weak from loss of blood and his condition is considered serious.

The shooting attracted Officer Finley, who at once sounded a riot alarm. A wagonload of police went to the scene, rescued Reeves and arrested five negroes, giving their names as Curley, Arthur and Jarrett Johnson, Robert Burke and George Scott. Officer Reeves, in addition to sustaining a dozen scalp wounds from knives, had his ear split and has an ugly wound across the forehead. At the City Dispensary, he recovered consciousness, but was quite weak from loss of blood.

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Because of the unusual circumstances which surrounded the case, and because there was a deep gash in the neck, which half severed the head from the body, it was thought that a murder had been committed and that the body had been placed on the tracks to obliterate this suspicion. This theory is discarded by Marshal Nace and County Coroner C. L. Armstrong of Webster Groves. Their belief is that Payne was struck by the Missouri Pacific through train No. 4 from Kansas City, which passes Webster Groves at 9:30 p. m. But no report that a man had been struck was made by the engineer of this train.

The body was discovered at 6:30 o'clock in the morning by Henry Beiger and Ike Mahone, two negroes who live near the station. The corpse was lying face downward. The head was hanging over the inner rail of a side track which parallels the east bound track of the main line at Webster Groves, and which ends not ten feet from the place where the dead man lay. The body was found at 6:30 o'clock. Five minutes' walk would easily bring Payne upon the Missouri Pacific tracks.

The Rock Hill road is about 200 yards west of the spot where Payne was found. It is thought that he must have started to walk down the railroad, intending to reach the Suburban tracks via Gore avenue instead of the Rock Hill road. This is reasonable since the latter highway was muddy and bad walking, whereas the former is the best-paved street of Webster Groves.

Payne had no enemies and robbery seems the only tenable hypothesis of murder. But the dead man's watch and \$50 in money were found on his person.

Payne, who was 32 years old, leaves two children, Earl Payne, five years old, and Edward, 12 years old. Wednesday night the children waited vainly for their parent to return home, and they were the first of the relatives to hear of the tragedy. They were taken temporarily in charge by Mrs. F. M. Bishop, their neighbor, who also notified Payne's brother of the death.

The inquest will be held this morning. The body is at "Old Bro" livery stable, Mr. Payne was for many years a school teacher in St. Louis County. He had served in the 10th Park, Affton and Old Orchard schools.

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