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DEAN OF STATE UNIVERSITY WRITES GOV. MAJOR INDORS. ING HIS PLAN.

LARGE COMMISSION PLANNED

Governor is to Name Body Big Enough to Handle Civil and Criminal Codes as Separate Proposition.

Jefferson City.—In a letter to Gov. Major, John D. Lawson, dean of the law college of the Missouri state university, at Columbia, commends the determination of the governor to appoint a commission to revise the code of laws.

Many other lawyers have written the governor commending the movement. These letters come from leading members of the legal profession in St. Louis, Kansas City and throughout the state.

Gov. Major said that in all likelihood he will name a commission sufficiently large to enable it to divide itself into two bodies, one to revise the civil and the other the criminal code. The commission will be named early in April, which will give ample time for the report and suggestions to the general assembly, which meets early next January.

Legislation to Take Hand. Gov. Major believes much of the simplifying of litigation can be done by the legislature itself. Only the changes that affect fundamental principles will have to be submitted in the form of constitutional amendments.

The governor said there should be a line drawn beyond which the inconsequential civil suit cannot be appealed, if it is possible to do so. The appellate courts of the state are burdened with hearing and passing upon litigation of this character which in a majority of instances should never have gotten beyond the trial courts, he said.

Drawing a line on litigation of this kind and eliminating the mass of technicalities that now clog the expeditious working of the courts will go a long way toward relieving the situation, the governor believes.

Schools to Get Money From State. Jefferson City.—State Superintendent of Schools W. P. Evans authorized State Auditor Gordon to release \$25,425 state money for aiding in the establishment of "teachers' training courses" in high schools to the same amount.

The money goes to schools where there has been compliance with the law passed by the last legislature, providing for the training courses and whose work has been inspected and approved by the state superintendent.

Movie Trust Inquiry. Jefferson City.—The Missouri supreme court, at the request of Attorney General Barker, has appointed Henry P. Lay of Warsaw an examiner to take testimony in an inquiry into the business methods of the Mutual Film Exchange corporation of New York to determine whether it is violating the antitrust laws of this state.

Prisoner Identified. Jefferson City.—James Maderian, one of the alleged robbers of the Farmers' National Bank at Ludlow, south of Chillicothe, on Jan. 24, was identified by B. V. Henson, an operative of a detective agency of Kansas City, as John Hartley, for whom the officers have been searching as an accomplice in a train robbery at Springfield, Ill., about a year ago.

Mrs. R. P. Bland in Office. Jefferson City.—Mrs. Richard P. Bland, mother of Theodore R. Bland, lawyer, former police commissioner of St. Louis, entered upon her duties as assistant United States internal revenue collector at Denver, Colo., according to dispatches. Mrs. Bland, who heretofore has resided in Lebanon, Mo., is the first woman in the United States to hold such an office. She is the widow of "Silver Dick" Bland, who might have been nominated for president on the Democratic ticket in 1896, but for the "Cross of Gold" speech of W. J. Bryan.

Names Child Labor Delegates. Jefferson City.—Delegates to represent Missouri in the tenth annual conference of the national child labor committee at New Orleans March 15 to 18 were appointed by Gov. Major as follows: Robert S. Brookings, Rabbi Samuel Sale, Bruce Stark and J. B. Chambers of two years ago and Edwards R. Weeks of Kansas City.

Capital Light Bonds Lose. Jefferson City.—The first municipal ownership election in Jefferson City resulted in defeat for the advocates of municipally owned utilities. The proposition was for the issuance of \$150,000 bonds for establishing and operating an electric light plant by the city. Two-thirds of the vote cast was necessary to carry the proposition. The vote was light, the result being 334 votes for and 840 against the proposition.

Ferocious Habit. New Butler (formerly employed in the railroad service)—"Dinner am now being served in the dining car, got it?"

How to Split an Adverb. On a recent rainy evening I caught the notion of the split adverb. It was in a tram-car, and the young lady from the sweet factory was anxious about her hat. She asked her companion—of course she could not see her own hat: "Is it split absolutely well-to-do?"—London Chronicle.

BARKER TO BRING R. R. SUITS

Cases Against Two Railroads Are to Be Pressed for Trial in the Near Future.

Jefferson City.—Attorney General Barker said that the first two suits for overcharges against the railroads would come up for hearing next week.

The first road to have a hearing will be the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, before Judge Frank P. Divillibus, of the Ray county circuit court, at Richmond.

A motion to transfer the case to the United States court at Kansas City has been filed at Richmond by the legal department of the Milwaukee. This motion is based on the allegation that the suit grew out of federal questions.

The second case—that of the Kansas City Southern—will come up for hearing before Judge C. C. Calvird in the Bates county circuit court at Butler.

There also is a motion to transfer this case to the United States court at Kansas City on the same grounds on which the motion in the Milwaukee case is based.

It is estimated now that there are no less than 6,000,000 individual claims to be filed against the 12 roads that are defendants in the \$24,000,000 suits.

The largest claimant is the state of Missouri, with excess freight and passenger bills that will not aggregate less than \$200,000, and which may go as high as \$350,000.

Court Procedure to Be Simplified.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major has decided to undertake the reform of judicial procedure in Missouri and now is considering the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject and recommend the necessary changes of the laws and the constitution to the next general assembly.

This subject has been agitated for a number of years in Missouri. The State Bar association has repeatedly recommended such action, and former Gov. Hadley twice recommended this subject to the legislature for its consideration.

The governor says he probably will appoint a commission of broad-minded lawyers to make the investigation and report to the next legislature.

One phase of this subject is the simplification of the form of indictments, as set out in the state constitution. In recent years the Missouri supreme court twice reversed cases because the word "the" was omitted from the indictment in its closing sentence, "against the peace and dignity of the state."

Gov. Major says it should be easier to file a suit and to make it stick when one is needed. Legislation is needed, he says, to prevent the dismissal or reversal of cases because of technical objections.

Before much can be done in the way of the reform of court procedure, the state constitution must be amended, it is conceded.

Representative Harris of Boone county introduced a resolution in the last legislature for the submission of a constitutional amendment simplifying the language of indictments, but it was defeated.

Autoists Apply for Tags.

Jefferson City.—At the present time there are on file with the secretary of state 18,410 applications for automobile licenses. The automobile fiscal year expired Sunday. Licenses have been issued to all who have made applications for one year from Feb. 1. So far the fees for licenses amount to \$31,002, against \$46,000 received for a corresponding period last year. The warm, open winter is doubtless largely responsible for many renewals this early in the year. Last year between 33,000 and 39,000 automobiles were licensed. It is expected that the license this year will run up close to 50,000.

Three in Congressional Race.

Jefferson City.—Peri Decker, Democratic member of congress from the Fifteenth Missouri district, is facing opposition for renomination, according to reports here. M. E. Benton of Neosho, former congressman, it is reported, will oppose Decker, and S. W. Bates of Webb City, prosecuting attorney of Jasper county, and Robert A. Mooneyhan of Carthage are also mentioned as possible candidates.

Telephone Case Postponed.

Jefferson City.—The public service commission postponed the formal hearing of the application of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company for authority to increase its telephone rates from Feb. 16 to March 16 to allow the company more time in which to complete data upon earnings, expenditures and plant value required by the commission.

Major Pardons Sick Convict.

Jefferson City.—A "sick pardon" was granted by Gov. Major to H. H. Wilson, sent to the penitentiary from Richardson county two years ago for five years for forgery.

To Retire Bonds.

Jefferson City.—The state board of fund commissioners determined to retire not less than \$300,000 of the capital bonds, between now and July 1 from accumulations in the sinking fund arising from the capitol building tax.

Fulton.—Testimony in the trial of Mrs. Susie Ross, charged with slaying her husband, is finished, and great stress was laid upon the insanity plea. Dr. J. H. Simon of St. Louis, alienist, was the chief witness.

Worried.

"There are two things," remarked Poe in a contemplative mood, "that I don't understand. One is how the world got along before I came into it; and the other, how it is going to get along after I have left it."

Beetle as Human Food.

The larvae of the beetle were eaten by the ancient Romans and today are used as food by the people of the West Indies. In parts of Germany also, large beetles are cooked and eaten in various ways.

TOWN WASHINGTON LOVED



WOMEN have done much at Alexandria, Va., to preserve the relics of the days of George Washington. It is not the capital of the nation, despite its name, that is richest in intimate associations with the life of the first president, but Alexandria, which stands midway between Mount Vernon and the city of Washington.

Alexandria played no small part in the formative years of Washington's youth and early manhood. A representative Virginia town, it stood then and for generations later for all that was best of colonial standards. Its people had much to do with the molding of Washington's character, and Washington richly repaid Alexandria, or Belle Haven as it was first called, by his never failing concern for its welfare and advancement.

Probably no surviving structure in Alexandria harbored Washington within its hospitable walls more frequently than the old Carlyle house, and certainly none was more directly associated with the foundation of the military side of his life. Strange as it may seem, for many years this historical landmark has been hidden away behind the battered front of Alexandria's once noted hotel, the Braddock house, occupying one corner of the public square, shut away from the public gaze and denied the outlook of the broad approach which it once enjoyed in the days of its well nigh baronial importance. Until a few years ago the Carlyle house was largely used as a storage place by a local dealer in colonial antiques, but a few patriotic Virginia women saved the building from further indignity, though not entirely from danger, as the old furniture found a new abiding place within the still more inflammable Braddock house, adjoining.

In 1732 John S. Carlyle imported from the Isle of Wight the stone of which the house is built, and he absorbed for part of the foundation a portion of an old fort which had been built many years before for the protection of the English traders at Hunting Creek, as the place was then known, against the Indians. The barracks of that ancient defense became the cellar of the Carlyle house, and in those cool, dark, dry retreats were stored in Washington's day the bulging casks, cob-webbed bottles, and delicious old hams for which Virginia has long been noted.

Another part of the old fort forms the piazza at the rear of the house upon which the broad central hallway opens. It was upon this piazza, in the far away days, that the Carlyles and their guests gathered on summer evenings to discuss the questions of the time or to pass the hours chatting over a heartsome glass amid the soothing smoke of the fragrant Oronoko.

It was there the young people watched the moon rise over the river and took their pleasure in the decorous manner of those days. Then, the garçons ran down to the river's bank and overtook the docks at which the trading craft were moored—trading craft that came from over

the seas to barter the silks and riches of the east and the tropic abundance of the West Indies in return for the famous tobacco with which Alexandria's one big warehouse was filled. That was a period of bounteous hospitality and courtly grace.

On the right of the broad hallway is the large drawing room. In Washington's day it was finished in gold and white, and there on many occasions he took an active part in ball and festivity and led many a fair Virginian through the stately steps of the minnet and the less exacting reel. The hallway itself, if tradition be correct, is not without its sentimental interest, for it was at the foot of the beautiful staircase of solid mahogany that the lovely Sally Fairfax upon a particular evening and while escorting her into the ballroom offered her his heart, which she rejected.

General Braddock promptly accepted the hospitable invitation of John Carlyle and established his headquarters under the roof of that gracious host, the little blue and white room becoming the council chamber in which were planned the preparations for that memorable but ill fated campaign against the Indians. Washington's previous experience as a leader of local troops against the savages made him welcome at those conferences and his keen judgment and practical advice earned for him Braddock's admiration and the invitation to serve upon the British general's staff. It is enough to add that in the trying work that followed the British records testify that "the Virginia officers and troops behaved like men and died like soldiers," and Washington came out of the strife unscathed and riper for the far more serious task that lay ahead of him.

The architectural student will find much to interest him and to warrant study in the Carlyle house. The old windows, the doorways, the primitive cupboards, chairboards, doorsteps, cornices, molding, etc., are exquisite in taste and rich in quaintness and elegance of detail. There they are as they were in Washington's time, and in common with the rest of the mansion are regarded as among the best specimens of the so-called colonial style.

In February, 1762, a market was instituted in Alexandria and the citizens were justly proud of their enterprise. The market place then lay directly in front of the approach to the Carlyle house and that same mart of country produce was intimately identified with Washington's domestic life at Mount Vernon and was one other means of displaying his common sense. We of today know but little of the hardships of that colonial period, and feasting was not always as abundant as the story book would have it. Rev. Mr. Weems, that chatty chronicler of the times, tells us that Alexandria then boasted more rightly of its beauty than its means of charming the palate.

"The neighborhood of Belle Haven was not a desert; on the contrary it was in many places a garden spot, abounding with luxuries. But its inhabitants, the wealthy, were not wise. By the successful culture of tobacco they had money. And having filled their coach houses with gilt carriages and their dining rooms with gilt glasses they began to look down upon the poorer sort and to talk about families. "Of course it would never do for such great people to run market carts! Hence the poor Belle Havenites, though embosomed in plenty, were often in danger of gnawing their nails. And unless they could cater a lamb from some good natured 'cracker' or a leash of chickens from the Sunday negroes were obliged to sit down with long faces to a half graced dinner of salt meat and journey cake. "This was the order of the day, A. D. '53, when Washington, just married to the wealthy young widow Custis, had settled at Mount Vernon, nine miles below Belle Haven. The unpleasant situation of the families at that place soon reached his ears. To a man of his character, with too much spirit to follow a bad example when he had the power to set a good one and too much wit to look for happiness anywhere but in his own bosom, it could not long be questionable what part he had to act. "A market cart was instantly constructed, and regularly three times a week sent off to Belle Haven filled with nice roasters, kidneys covered with lamb and veal, green geese, fat ducks and gobblers, chickens by the basket, fresh butter, new laid eggs, vegetables and fruits of all sorts. Country gentlemen dining with their friends in town very soon remarked the welcome change in diet. "Bless us all," exclaimed they, "what's the meaning of this? You invited us to family fare, and here you have given us a lord mayor's feast." "Yes," replied the others, "thank God for sending a Colonel Washington into our neighborhood."

Cut Off. The world is well aware that a stern kaiser has forbidden his officers to dance the tango or to go to tango parties. They say that a young lieutenant met a friend in the streets of Berlin the other day and embraced him with fervor. "I'm dying of loneliness!" said the lieutenant. "What!" said the friend, "lonely in Berlin!" "Just that," returned the other. "You can't go to anybody's house any more. They all dance the tango."—New York Evening Post.

Where Doctors Don't Agree. Editor of a Health Magazine Asserts Bathing is a Menace and Very Harmful. New York.—Bathing is an acquired habit, unnecessary and even harmful, writes Dr. Elmer Lee, editor of Health Culture. Cold or hot water showers or sprays and any form of immersion will be injurious in the end. Man is an air animal, not a water beast. An aged woman asked me if it was good practice to chill the human skin with cold water to warm it. Cold bathing is recommended as a body warmer, so is a hot toddy of whisky, also a cold cocktail of whisky. Man has acquired many conceits. A bathtub is an enemy in the house. It is expensive and adds to the toll of women. Bathing begets false security against disease, weakness and injures the skin, extracts bodily energy and magnetism and entails on society a needless habit.

LIFE WITH ESKIMOS THIS WOMAN'S SICKNESS

Hospitality of Owners of a Blood Bespattered Igloo. Quickly Yielded to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Writer Describes Home Surroundings and Interior of Arctic Residence—First View Was to a Large Extent Disheartening.

New York.—My first view of the interior of Uck-Gluck's arctic residence would have been a disheartening one to a tenderfoot. To me, after nine hours of freezing, nothing had ever seemed quite so welcome and cheering as the hollowed out stone in which a liberal quantity of seal oil and mossa was burning, writes James Oliver Curwood in Leslie's. (The mossa was used as a wick, and so answered the purpose of both lamp and stove.) Three children were crowded together at the end of the igloo staring silently. Uck-Gluck's kooner, or woman, stood with an infant in her arms, grinning broadly and cheerfully at us. The room was about eighteen feet in diameter, and was a veritable shambles. Uck-Gluck possessed a reputation as being a great hunter, and he had been especially successful of late. Masses of flesh lay strewn all about the floor. There seemed apparently to be no effort or desire to keep it in one or two piles. It lay everywhere. There was the whole carcass of a walrus, cut up and strewn about, and almost directly at the head of the raised "platform" of ice which formed a bed for the whole family there was a great pile of seal trails, preserved for dog meat. The walls of the igloo were spattered with blood, and weapons of the chase lay everywhere. These included spears and harpoons, long knives and a rifle that fired powder and ball. A large quantity of meat, killed earlier in the season, had arrived at the age and stage where it possessed a very bad odor. This was not for the dogs. Uck-Gluck and his family would have fed them the fresh meat before they would have sacrificed this particular pile, which was just reaching that mellow and ripe condition which strongly appealed to their palate.

Bernard and Outta came into the igloo a few moments later, and so delighted were Uck-Gluck and his wife to learn that both of the kabluunks, or white men, were to eat and sleep under their roof that they disported themselves like children, dancing about and laughing and chattering in their own tongue. Bernard told me that in his pleasure Uck-Gluck was saying that in return for the honor the white men were showing him he would give the kabluunks the greatest hunting that white men had ever had. As he had come to hunt, and as Uck-Gluck was noted all along the coast for his prowess, this was highly satisfactory. Bernard brought in his oil stove, and we began at once to prepare our supper, as we had eaten nothing but frozen meat since morning. We fried our own deer meat, heated a number of ship biscuits, a can of corn and a can of tomatoes, and made about a gallon of tea. Uck-Gluck and his wife accepted the tea and biscuits as great delicacies, but only Ishya, his wife, took advantage of the stove to cook her meat. With their knives, the Eskimos cut off chunks from the meat strewn about, and devoured it raw, laughing and chucking as they feasted. One of the children, a boy of seven or eight, ate a strip of pure fat that must have weighed nearly a pound.

It should. "It certainly makes a great difference." "What does?" "My new adding and subtracting machine."

Their Dull Lives. "Rich women have no real joys." "No; the stores never have a clearance sale of diamond necklaces."

Engagement Rings. "Pa, what's the stone age?" "It usually depends on how attractive the girl is."

A Particular Item. "I always speak my mind." "And do you likewise always mind your speech?"

Banking on the unexpected is almost as fatal as betting on a sure thing.

Appetite Finds Ready Satisfaction In a bowl of Post Toasties and Cream.

Thin, crisp bits of Indian Corn—cooked and toasted so that they have a delicious flavour—

Wholesome Nourishing Easy to Serve—sold by Grocers everywhere.

Burglars Shun Crucifix. Yonkers, N. Y.—Although her home has been robbed three times in thirty years and much valuable jewelry stolen, burglars have shunned Mrs. James S. Fitch's valuable necklace with a crucifix attached.

Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary. Parsippany, N. J.—Popped up in bed Mrs. J. S. Wilson, seventy-three, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. Her husband is seventy. She is suffering from a broken hip.

Tactless. I say you with my first husband on the street yesterday, Mr. Singleton. "Yes, Mrs. Orford." "By the way, did he say anything about me?" "Not a word. We were just having a pleasant little chat, you know."

Dangerous Mistake. A hobby is all right, as long as you don't mistake it for a principle.

Had the Staff Guessing. The New Reporter—Is this really Mr. Devoy? My name is—Ah, you recognize my voice? You perhaps remember that I interviewed you yesterday? What's that? Best report? Oh, thank you! You're very kind. I tried to make it so. Has anything turned up in regard to that case since noon? Well, sorry to trouble you. Eh? Dis-

moment's notice. With such speed do they get ready to start that often they arrive on the scene before the hospital ambulance. Many lives have been saved by this almost instantaneous response to a hurried call for help. There is much that the nurse can do before the ambulance comes, and not infrequently these few moments mean the saving of life.

Bicycle Nurse is Latest. So Well Drilled is This Berlin Corps They Often Beat the Hospital Ambulance. The bicycle nurse is the most recent addition to the city hospital corps in Germany. The idea originated in Berlin.

In that city women nurses are given bicycles, and now a corps of these highly trained and drilled women is to the scene of any accident at a

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