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FARRIS OUT FOR GOVERN.

A Straight Wilson Platform for the Phelps County Man.

Jefferson City, Jan. 24.—There was a decided political sensation here this evening when Frank H. Farris, member of the lower house of the legislature from Phelps County, walked into the office of Secretary of State Sullivan a few minutes before closing time and filed his declaration as a Democratic candidate for governor.

Farris has been a member of nine regular sessions of the legislature, having served in both the senate and house and also a member of two special sessions of the legislature. Meantime, he has been active in state politics more than twenty-five years and has taken a leading part in all the state conventions and has invariably been a delegate to the national conventions.

The announcement of Farris will undoubtedly come as a surprise to most of the Democrats of the state, and probably none will be more surprised than John M. Atkinson of St. Louis and Lieut. Gov. Wallace Crossley of Warrensburg, who are generally regarded as candidates for this same office. There had been a little talk in the sixteenth congressional district about Farris getting in the race for governor, but much more talk about him seeking the nomination for congress in that district.

Farris gave a statement after he had filed his declaration in which he says that he expects a hard contest and that he never obtained anything in his life worth having that did not cost him a serious effort. He is for President Wilson's policies out and out and says he will stand or fall on his line of battle.

Farris created a commotion of a sensation a year ago when he walked out of the house of representatives while Senator Reed was making an attack on the League of Nations.

Root Branch.

R. R. Schoup is a sure white hog ever looked at. He's a newcomer and veer looked at. He's a newcomer and has the appearance of a fine business man.

Miss Alice Pitman and Alfonso Oatman of Battlefield, Greene county, Mo., were married at Lamar Jan. 23. They visited Mrs. Oatman's sister Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. I. Smith and family, on their honeymoon trip. They will make their home in Battlefield, Mo.

Miss Nannie Smith and Mrs. Oatman visited the Black school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Oatman left for Battlefield, Mo., Sunday night.

Ira Smith chopped wood for Mr. M. A. Carroll the first of the week.

Our Root Branch farm, 1-2 mile north of Black school house is for grain rent this year. 10 acres pasture 35 acres corn. Plenty of wood and water. Some wild hay.

R. J. Warren has moved to Butler and put up a wood yard and has about 80 cord of block wood on hand.

At the Herrell school house Saturday night Roy Baker's car failed to go by cranking it. He had to get under another car and draw gasoline to prime his with and as the faucet failed to work, good clothes took gasoline freely.

Uncle John Hyatt butchered the first part of the week. He's going to bring me a liver.

I found a cattle whip in the road on the way to Butler. Owner can have same by calling.

We hear Jas. Keeble has sold his farm. Consideration \$150 per acre.

We hear Mrs. Johnson is in very poor health and but little hope is entertained for her recovery. Mr. Johnson took her to the far west for her health and when there the doctors had him take her southeast in a warm climate. She is a daughter of Jas. Keeble.

Since Ira Wiser has moved to town his hat sits more on the side of his head.

The road 1 mile north of Black school house needs looking after. We've got two good bridges and no way to get to them and the only good road to go south for 5 miles east of Butler on Summit road.

W. C. Green has two trees that are 8 feet apart on his farm that have grown together 18 feet above the ground and have grown into a solid body. It will soon be big enough to saw into lumber.

Geo. Chaney, taxi man, run his car from Saturday morning at 7 o'clock to Sunday morning at 7 o'clock with no sleep.

Mrs. I. N. Howard's children in Butler are getting over the flu nicely. Sign for The Times now for if prices keep going up it will cost you more.

N. M. H. Nestlerode has choice flax seed to spare on route 5.

Fisk's picture show is sure drawing the crowds.

NELS.

Training Bill to Senate.

Washington, Jan. 26.—By a vote of 9 to 5, the senate military committee today approved provisions providing for compulsory military training for boys between 18 and 21 years inclusive, and ordered a favorable report upon the army reorganization bill.

The training feature of the bill provides that youths be trained four months and provision is made for compensation for dependents.

Freak Legislation.

Last week when at a called session of the Kansas legislature a so-called industrial court bill was passed that state sustained its reputation as the home of freak legislation.

The original idea of the framers of the bill seems to have been to curb strikes in the industries of the state that immediately affected the public, such as the coal strike of a few weeks ago. But by the time the legislators were through tacking on amendments and making changes here and there its daddies could hardly recognize it.

Under its provisions the governor appoints three members of the court and as far as the industries of the state are concerned they are given almost unlimited power. Several sections are devoted to the labor problems. Labor unions may incorporate so that they may be held to a contract which they might make, but they are not compelled to. Collective bargaining is permitted. It is made a felony punishable by fine of \$1,000 and five years imprisonment in the penitentiary for any one to call a strike. It gives the court power to regulate the stock yards at Kansas City, Kansas. The court is given power to "supervise, direct and control the operation of the industries and employments named in the act and to all public utilities and public carriers." The court is given power to investigate the healthfulness of all food stuffs offered for sale. It may investigate the prices of all wearing apparel and has the power to say what is a fair price and what profit the dealers, jobbers and manufacturers shall receive. One of its duties is to look after the health of the employees of the industries of the state.

In fact so far as the industries of the state are concerned the court seems to be all powerful and its decision final on all questions in its jurisdiction. The plan may work all right, but it is always dangerous to place so great a power in the hands of so few men, especially in a state so filled with reformers and cranks of all kinds as is Kansas.

Coinage of a 2-cent piece as a memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelt was proposed in a bill introduced by Chairman McLean Friday of the senate banking committee, at the request of the Women's National Roosevelt Memorial Association.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECT OFFICERS

Veterans of the Great War Have an Enthusiastic Meeting and Make Plans for the Future.

J. P. Arnold post of the American Legion held a meeting at the circuit court room Tuesday night and besides the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and election of officers for the ensuing year considerable business was transacted. The following are the officers elected:

W. O. Jackson, Jr., commander; Guy Silvers, vice-commander; Bruce Black was elected secretary and treasurer but resigned that he might accept the post of adjutant and Walter Wemott was appointed temporary secretary and treasurer.

The following committees were appointed: Finance—W. B. Catterlin, Warren Duval and J. E. Thompson. Membership—R. D. Holland, Pete McCook and Clark Nicolay. Outlook—Gardner Smith, Artie Fox and L. C. Zwalhen.

The matter of an entertainment or club room was taken up and discussed at length and it is very probable that the post will have a home of its own in the near future.

Arrangements are being made for a smoker to be held soon, the exact date of which has not yet been determined, but the boys are planning to make it a big affair and a fine time is anticipated.

Armed Negroes Take Prisoner From Deputy.

Dumas, Ark., January 21.—A large posse was being formed here tonight to start tomorrow in search of armed negroes, who late today compelled J. H. Breedlove, a Deputy Sheriff, to surrender a negro prisoner at a negro settlement eight miles east of here.

Deputy Breedlove and two white men accompanying him escaped unharmed after exchanging shots with the negroes, who, according to the authorities, are believed to be well armed and organized. Immediately after the trouble the telephone wires between Dumas and the negro settlement were cut. In addition to the formation of the posse, Gov. Charles Brough has been asked to send troops to the scene if the situation becomes formidable.

Here And There.

We had quite an ice storm last week.

Frank Welch, of Kansas spent last Thursday night at the Wm. Steffen home.

Miss Mary Deems spent last Sunday with Miss Katie Kaufman. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartel and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. White.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steffen and little daughter, Shirley, and H. W. Steffen were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Deems.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Walton and Paul Walton spent Sunday at the Wm. Steffen home.

H. W. Steffen and W. S. Steffen called on Mr. Bentley last Monday. Life Cassidy is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deems and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Baker were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Deems.

H. W. Steffen called on the Black school last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Irene (Welch) Foster, of Colorado spent Monday night and Tuesday at the Wm. Steffen home.

Mrs. T. Trent spent the first of the week in Butler visiting friends.

Mrs. Irene (Welch) Foster called on Ethel Miller Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Deems, Mary and Elmer Deems and Harmon Steffen called at the L. A. Deems home one night last week.

BOBBIE.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican county convention will be held in Butler on February 7, 1920, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the congressional and state conventions to be held at El Dorado Springs and Kansas City respectively.

The basis of representation has been fixed at one delegate for every twenty-five votes for Hughes, and majority fraction thereof. Upon this basis the several townships are entitled to the number of delegates set out site thereto, as follows:

- Mingo, 3; Grand River, 2; Deer Creek, 8; East Boone, 2; West Boone, 2; West Point, 4; Elkhart, 3; Mound, 3; Shawnee, 3; Spruce, 3; Deepwater, 3; Summit, 2; Mt. Pleasant, 15; Charlotte, 3; Homer, 5; Walnut, 4; New Home, 2; Lone Oak, 3; Pleasant Gap, 5; Hudson, 5; Rockville, 5; Prairie, 3; Osage, 11; Howard, 5. Total, 104; majority, 53.

MISSOURI'S CENTENNIAL

State's 100th Anniversary to be Celebrated at The State Fair in August, 1921.

Sedalia Mo., Jan. 26.—At its annual meeting in Columbia last week the Missouri State Board of Agriculture unanimously agreed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Missouri becoming a state at the State Fair in August, 1921, with historical pageantry, a great homecoming of all living former Missourians and exhibits that will portray the magical progress made during the past century in agriculture, manufactures, commerce and education.

The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce will co-operate heartily with the State Fair Board for the success of the celebration, that will probably cover a period of three weeks and is already at work, formulating plans that include raising a large popular fund for publicity and entertainment. Ohio's centennial and home-coming, held at their State Fair in 1912, attracted more than two million people.

A Pleasant Evening.

A most enjoyable time was had in the new, and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Seifers last Saturday evening, where a few of their friends gathered to spend the evening.

Elaborate refreshments were served.

The guests very reluctantly departed at a late hour. They were Mr. and Mrs. David Hartell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley and son, Roy Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Deweese, Mr. Edgar Seifers, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Greene.

One Present.

Cyrus Townsend Brady Dead.

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, well known author and Episcopal clergyman, died of pneumonia at his home here today.

Dr. Brady was rector of St. George's Episcopal church here four years, having been called to Kansas City in January, 1909, from the Old Trinity Episcopal parish in Toledo. In April, 1913, Dr. Brady accepted a call to the Church of Ascension, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

REFUSE TO GIVE UP KAISER

Demand of the Allies is Denied by the Dutch.

The Hague, Jan. 23.—The Dutch government has refused the demand of the allied powers for the extradition of former Emperor William of Germany.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The reply of the Dutch government to the note of the supreme council demanding the extradition of the former German emperor was received in Paris today and deciphered at the Dutch legation.

In advance of the revelation of the contents it was believed the Netherlands government had refused to comply with the allied demand, as it was believed in diplomatic quarters that in case the authorities at The Hague were seriously considering delivering over the former German ruler they would have required further time to weigh all the points involved.

Fair Mount News.

Mrs. Lewis Fleischer spent the day last Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Joe Bracher and family.

Oscar Bracher, Amos Rapp, and Arthur Fischer called at the John Stall home Thursday night.

Carl Fischer, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past month, returned to his home in St. Louis Saturday.

Fred Vogt, Jr. and family spent Sunday with her parents, C. M. Rapp and family.

Carl Bracher and family dined Sunday with Joe Fleischer and family.

Rosa Rapp visited Sunday afternoon with her friend, Lucy Schenker. C. M. Rapp and wife, called on Lewis Fleischer and family Sunday night.

Lewis Fleischer and wife helped Henry Fleischer butcher hogs Monday.

We are having very nice weather at this writing, but the roads are pretty bad yet.

John Fischer made a business trip to Kansas City Monday.

Yanks Take a Slav General.

Washington, Jan. 22.—As a result of a clash between a detachment of American soldiers and Semenov forces January 10, near Posolskaya, one general, six officers and forty-eight men of the Russian forces were captured and still are held, the war department was advised today by Major General Graves, commander of the Siberian expedition.

General Graves described the attack as entirely unprovoked.

The American casualties were one man killed, one man died of wounds and one severely wounded, while five Russian were killed and one severely wounded.

The opposing forces were manning armored trains. General Graves said the Russian attacked thirty-eight Americans, who fought off the Russians and then in turn attacked. The Russian car and its crew were captured.

General Graves expressed the opinion that the matter could be "adjusted peacefully with Semenov, who could not have been responsible."

Attorney General to Speak in Missouri.

A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, will speak at the courthouse, Plattsburg, Friday evening, January 30, and at Excelsior Springs, Saturday evening January 31. At Excelsior Springs he will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Captain Milligan Campaign committee to the editors of the Democratic and independent newspapers of the Third Congressional District.

This campaign committee is made up of members of the Third Congressional Democratic Committee, the National Democratic Committee, and the State Democratic Committee and is busily engaged in bringing about the election of Captain Milligan as a member of Congress from the Third District. The special election will be held February 14. Captain Milligan was nominated by the Democrats in his district at a convention held at Cameron last week, at 6:30 o'clock in the morning after 302 ballots had been cast.

Try to Break Into Marines' Model Jail.

Port au Prince, Haiti.—Officers of the United States Marine Corps who have charge of the penitentiary here have had to issue special orders to keep the natives from breaking into their model jail.

Recently a check roll call of prisoners showed an excess of five over the number regularly committed there by law. Investigation showed that the five had sneaked in with a returning road gang, lured by the prospect of three good meals a day and a clean, comfortable cell in which to sleep.

Now every party of prisoners working outside the walls is carefully counted before it is admitted to the "pen" in order to eliminate "ringers."

Announcement was made at Governor Allen's office in Topeka Saturday afternoon that the requisition hearing of Robert Hill, a negro who is wanted by Arkansas authorities on a charge of being implicated in race riots in that state, had been postponed under agreement. Representatives of Arkansas and attorneys representing the negro, said they were not ready to present their cases.

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