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### Democratic County Committee Meeting.

The outgoing democratic county committee met in Higginsville Monday. The report of the treasurer was read by the secretary and accepted by vote of the committee. Upon motion the deficit was made up by subscription of the outgoing committee.

After remarks by William Walker and H. F. Blackwell the committee adjourned sine die.

The newly elected committee was then called to order by H. F. Blackwell. John L. Berry was elected temporary chairman and I. F. Hereford temporary secretary. A committee of three, consisting of G. H. Plattenburg, W. H. Bell and J. A. Gibson was appointed to review the credentials of the new committeemen.

Adjournment was then taken until 1 o'clock. At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported the following duly elected and certified:

Clay Township—J. A. Gibson, N. Odessa; M. T. Buford, Bates City; John F. Larkin, Wellington.

Davis Township—S. G. Emison, S. Higginsville; Frank Canterbury, S. Higginsville, (the committeeman from Schoolingville was not present.)

Lover Township—H. W. Plattenburg, Dover; Geo. Lyons, N. Higginsville; W. H. Bell, Corder.

Freedom Township—Martin Ehlers, Concordia; (by F. H. Kueck, proxy) W. W. Downing, Borland; J. S. Walker, Aullville.

Lexington Township—Dr. J. J. Fulkerson, W. P. Aull, John R. Wilmot, (by H. F. Blackwell, proxy.)

Middleton Township—N. J. Gordon, Waverly; J. S. Calloway, Waverly; T. E. Johnson, Alma.

Sni-a-Bar Township—J. L. Berry, Chapel Hill; I. F. Hereford, S. Odessa; B. B. Groom, Ferguson.

Washington Township—G. H. Plattenburg, Mayview; O. L. Filler, Centerville; Ward Ripley, Wolfenbarger.

M. T. Buford, seconded by J. F. Larkin, nominated Dr. Fulkerson for chairman N. J. Gordon, seconded by F. H. Kueck, nominated G. H. Plattenburg. The vote was taken and declared 13 to 8 in favor of Dr. Fulkerson. Mr. Plattenburg seconded by Mr. Filler moved to make the election unanimous, which was done.

After a brief speech of acceptance, the name of Frank Slaughter was put in nomination for secretary by H. F. Blackwell and the name of Julius Vogt by N. J. Gordon. The vote stood 12 to 9 in favor of Slaughter, who was declared elected. Upon motion Mr. Slaughter's election was made unanimous. Martin Ehlers was nominated for treasurer by N. J. Gordon, and he was elected by acclamation.

Upon motion the county primary was set to agree with the congressional primary, April 7. By vote the names of congressional candidates were ordered placed upon the county ballots and the same judges and clerks were authorized to act in both cases.

Upon motion a committee was appointed to assess the expenses of the primary to the candidates for the several offices—the committee consisted of G. H. Plattenburg, J. A. Gibson and John Larkin. The usual assessments were made. The committee then adjourned to meet April 9th at Lexington to cast up the primary vote.

Hon. A. F. Rector, Hon. C. W. Hamlin and Joseph H. Christie were called upon and spoke to the committee and the audience assembled.

### Gibson Party.

In response to an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Franklin Smith to attend a "Gibson Party" at Central College, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Waddell, a number of friends of the young couple were assembled, together with the members of the bridal party and the college faculty, on Saturday evening, March the third.

The attractiveness of the handsome parlors, and spacious halls, which have been recently refitted was enhanced by elaborate decorations of pink and white carnations, filling the atmosphere with their spicy aroma. Gibson pictures were everywhere;

Gibson books were scattered about; and the Gibson beauty was displayed in endless type.

Each guest was presented with drawing paper and pencil, upon which was to be reproduced to the best of the artist's ability, a Gibson face. The judges—Misses Lambert, Blanche Fuikerson and Sigour D'Anna decided that Miss Ella Nickell was the artist of the evening, and Mrs. Edna Hall a close second, while Mr. Waddell, too happy to draw a straight line, accepted the "booby" with delight.

Refreshments were served in the parlors—Misses Hortense and Mildred Smith, themselves two little flowers, presented each guest with a souvenir carnation. The coffee table in the hall was presided over by Misses Groves and Shultz school friends of Mrs. Waddell.

Saturday evening was all too short for a party so delightful and informal. Mr and Mrs. Smith were assisted by Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. Irvin Tevis, Misses Ella Nickell, Martha Crenshaw and Elliott Todhunter.

### County Court Proceedings.

County court met Monday March 5, in regular monthly session.

Call for \$20,000 of county bonds was ordered. Also a call for \$5,000 Washington township bonds.

The Higginsville band was granted use of court room at Higginsville, expenses of light and heat, damages to said property and janitor service to be paid by said band.

The court orders that Herman Limberg be allowed to pay on lot 40 suburban addition to Wellington for years 1901 2, 3, 4 and 5, at a valuation of \$5 00; that Henry Breipohl be allowed to pay on a valuation of \$2,520 or 60 per cent of \$4,200 for year 1905 without interest if paid at once, on account of erroneous assessment.

That R. W. Wayman be allowed a credit on his 1905 tax the following amounts, state \$1 40, county \$6.50, road district 40 cents, general road 80 cents, township \$3.60, school \$2.60 on account of erroneous assessment of 1904 and 1905.

That Reed Bros., be allowed to pay on lots 18 and 22 block B. Smith's second addition to Higginsville at a valuation of \$250 instead of \$600 for years 1903 and 1904 and collector refund balance of money paid.

The court orders road commissioner to examine and repair bridge to section 10, 48, 28.

Also bridge near the Ed White place on line between 28 and 33, 51, 25.

Court orders Feller Bros., be paid for 1200 feet of tiling, more or less at a rate of \$18 per thousand, to be used in repairing roads in district 29.

It was ordered that the new road petitioned for by John Stockman and others be opened as a county public road at the expense of petitioners.

### Building and Stock Damaged.

As a result of a fire early Thursday morning the building on 10th and Main streets, owned by G. M. Elsworth, and the stock and fixtures of C. L. Morris are badly damaged. The fire started in the furnace room of the basement about 2 o'clock and when discovered was under good headway and only the prompt response and hard and efficient work of the fire department prevented the total loss of the building and contents. Just how the fire started is unknown. Mr. Morris and family, who live in the second story of the building, were asleep and when awakened by the alarm smoke had begun to fill the rooms to such an extent that it was difficult for them to find their way out. The loss on both the building and stock were fully covered by insurance.

### Closing Dance.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was the closing dance of Miss Gilkeson's dancing school given at the Eiks' Home Tuesday evening. From the grand march, which was led by Miss Nettie Fredendall and Cadet Drinkwater, until the close of the program the large hall was crowded with dancers and spectators. Music was furnished by Smith's orchestra and added much to the pleasure of the evening.

### Good Roads Meeting.

The good roads convention called by the County Court was held in Higginsville Thursday, March 8th. Judge Osborn called the meeting to order. Temporary organization was effected by the election of Judge Osborn as president and E. N. Hopkins as secretary. Upon motion of Judge Butt, the chair appointed Judge Butt, L. W. Groves, Fritz Ehlers, Lynn Shelby and E. N. Hopkins a committee on permanent organization with instruction to report a constitution and by laws at the afternoon session.

The morning discussion was opened by Judge Butt who spoke on the stricter enforcement of the road laws in regard to the stoppage of side drains at private gates and lanes, by throwing brush into them and by the neglect to haul away or destroy hedge clippings. He advocated the cutting down of hedges in the vicinity of railroad crossings. These things he said came first and without them the road drag would be only measurably effective.

L. W. Groves spoke of the difficulty of collecting the poll tax owing to the fact that it was not due under the law until March. He suggested that an effort be made to have the law amended so that this tax may become due and payable in summer time.

Herman Holke spoke on bridges and culverts. He said that wooden bridges are becoming higher in cost every year and inferior in quality. He believed that if permanent culverts and bridges of stone, concrete, and sewer pipe were built in a little while this source of expense would begin to dwindle and there would be more money for tiling wet places, macadamizing in those places where this is the only remedy and for the general care of the roads everywhere.

George Logan spoke on the wage allowance of road workers. He said that he found it difficult to get teams for less than \$3.00 per day. He said that in his district the best results were to be obtained by the collection of the road tax in cash.

J. G. Russell spoke on the extravagance of neglect of breaks in the roads and of gullies by the roadside.

These various subjects were discussed by Fritz Ehlers, Lynn Shelby, Harry Rodekoher, Judge Osborn, William Dierker and others.

At the afternoon session the committee on permanent organization made a report, which was adopted. In accordance with the by-laws the names of the members of the county court, the county road and bridge commissioner, and the district road commissioners were enrolled as members *ex officio*. Judge P. W. Osborn was elected president for the year S. G. Emison vice-president, and William Dierker secretary—the organization to bear the name Lafayette County Good Roads Society. These officers together with two others appointed by the president (Herman Holke and E. N. Hopkins) constitute the executive board.

The report of the committee on resolutions, consisting of Wm. Dierker, W. B. Waddell and Oswald Winkler, was read and adopted. One of these resolutions recommended the amendment of the law so that full tax for road purposes shall become due July 1st. The other related to the enforcement of the law in regard to the stoppage of side drains at private gates and crossings and the throwing of hedge clippings into the drains.

General discussion was then held chiefly upon the subject of road dragging and how to proceed to interest the people in it. Among those who talked upon these subjects were J. J. Ghaddis, S. G. Emison, C. Y. Ford, Herman Holke, J. H. Dierker, P. W. Osborn, Fritz Ehlers, Harry Rodekoher, L. W. Groves, J. G. Russell and George Logan. The subjects of culverts of concrete and sewerpipe and of stone crossings were fully discussed.

Upon motion it was voted that the commissioners try to organize the farmers of the county at school house meetings to give a thorough, general trial of the road drag and to report the result at the next meeting—the first Thursday after the first Monday in November.

### Argonia Open Session.

The Argonia Literary Society of Central College held an open session Thursday evening, March 8, in the Murrell Hall Auditorium. The interest which the friends of the College and people of the city generally feel in the public exercises of this flourishing college literary organization was further stimulated by the fact that these were the first public exercises held in the new auditorium. The hall was early filled with those who came both to see and to hear—to congratulate themselves and the college that the institution now has on its own campus a place worthy of the delightful public exercises which the public is from time to time permitted to enjoy.

The programme was a miscellaneous one consisting of literary and musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental. After the invocation by President Smith, and greetings in which the announcement was made that the formal opening of the auditorium would be held at a future date, a piano duet was given by Misses McClure and Donaldson which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

Miss Finney's reading received a hearty encore to which she graciously responded.

The vocal solo of Miss Marcia Sellers was given easily and effectively in a voice of much compass and power. To a hearty encore she only bowed acknowledgment.

Miss Daugherty's essay on the Victorian Novel versus the Elizabethan Drama was a very thoughtful, well phrased composition showing careful historical research and critical acumen.

The aria from Mignon was given by Miss Lenore Keller in a voice of pleasing quality and fine training.

The humorous reading of Miss Corinne Herring was well received and she was compelled to respond to an encore.

Miss Florence Schultz, a favorite of Lexington music lovers, gave the Premiere Ballade of Chopin in her accustomed free and brilliant manner, and responded to an imperative encore.

The debate was a number which excited the keenest and most general interest. The arguments were particularly well interlocked and were made in a delightful mock serious manner. The decision of the judges, Miss Belle Green, Mr. C. A. Phillips and Mr. W. F. Kerdoff, was announced in a pleasing speech by Mr. Phillips, in which he tried to shirk responsibility without committing himself. The decision was for the negative.

The programme was as follows:

### PART I.

Invocation.....Rev. Alfred F. Smith  
Greetings.....Rev. Alfred F. Smith  
Piano Duet, La Jeunesse Doree.....  
.....Sydney Smith  
Misses Frances McClure and Roxie Donaldson.

Reading, Dolly's Mamma.....George Day  
Miss Elizabeth Finney.

Song, When the Heart is Young.....  
.....Dudley Ruck  
Miss Marcia Sellers.

Essay, The Victorian Novel versus the Elizabethan Drama.  
Miss Lulu Daugherty.

Aria from Mignon.....Thomas  
Miss Lenore Kelly.

Reading, Mrs. Marigold.....Anon  
Miss Corinne Herring.

Piano Solo, Premiere Ballade.....  
.....Chopin  
Miss Florence Schultz

### PART II.

Resolved: A Profession is more Desirable than a Husband.  
Affirmative—Miss Joda Groves, Miss Lillian Evered.

Negative—Miss Martha Matthews, Miss May Wright.

### Hyawanda Council.

Mrs. Susie Sawyer, Deputy Great Pocahontas, of St. Louis, was in this city Saturday for the purpose of organizing the ladies auxiliary council to the Improved Order of Redmen. About sixty members were initiated and will be known as "Hyawanda" Council No. 21. The following officers were elected for the coming six months: Prophetess, Mrs. James

O'Malley; Pocahontas, Mrs. Walter Shino; Wenona, Mrs. Owen Gaffin; Poatan, Mr. Peter Mallot; Keeper of Records, Mrs. M. Talbert; Keeper of Records, Miss Stella Keating.

### The Township Democratic Meeting.

A large number of democrats of Lexington township met at the court house Saturday afternoon pursuant to a call of the democratic County Committee to elect three committeemen to serve for the next two years. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the outgoing township committee, H. F. Blackwell, and organization was effected by the election of a chairman and secretaries.

Clem Tyrone offered a motion to proceed to the election of three county committeemen.

Alexander Graves offered as a substitute a resolution that the house proceed to the election of the three committeemen by a single ballot. Major Huston offered to amend the substitute resolution by moving that the committeemen be elected one at a time. Various debate followed, the principal speakers being Major Huston, Judge Tilton Davis, Judge Alexander Graves and Judge W. G. McManis. Finally Judge Graves offered to amend his resolution by striking out the word single. A vote was demanded upon Major Huston's amendment and upon division the motion was lost. The substitute resolution was then put and carried as amended by its author. Judge Graves then nominated Dr. J. J. Fulkerson, Wat P. Aull and John R. Wilmot. Objection was made to electing more than one committeemen at a time, and motion was made by Major Huston to do away with all the printed tickets in the house and elect committeemen one at a time. This motion was debated by its author, Judge Davis, Judge Graves and Clarence Vivion. The motion passed to a vote by division and lost. Then John P. Gordon made a motion seconded by J. B. Moorehead, and Major Huston that the three men nominated by Judge Graves, viz. Dr. Fulkerson, Mr. Aull and Mr. Wilmot be elected by acclamation. The motion prevailed and these gentlemen were declared elected. Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

### Commercial Club Meeting.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday night the president was authorized to appoint a committee to attend the good roads meeting at Higginsville Thursday. Letter were read from two manufacturing concerns asking to learn what inducements Lexington could offer for their location here. This matter was left with the executive committee.

The recent correspondence in regard to a new passenger station at Lexington was read and the club voted to take the matter up with Division Superintendent McKee at once and to learn the status of this matter.

The subject of macadam roads came in for considerable discussion, and it is likely that the club may try to see what can be done in this direction in the early future.

### Pentathlon Contest.

The athletic contest at the Academy Monday afternoon resulted as follows:

1. Rope climb, 13 feet, won by Cadet Fish in 42.5 seconds.
  2. Shot put, 12 pounds, won by Cadet Fish, distance, 36 feet 7 inches.
  3. Three jumps, won by Cadet Emery, 30 feet, 3 inches.
  4. High jump, won by Cadet Fish, 5 feet, 2 inches.
  5. P. t. race, 1 mile, won by Cadet Beldor, 73 3/5 seconds.
- Representatives of Company A, made 1676 points and of Company B 1549 points.

### Birthday Party.

E. H. Huffman entertained twenty-two of his German friends Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, the occasion of his seventy second birthday. The average age of those present was seventy-two years. A delightful supper was served to the guests by Mr. Hoffman's daughter, Mrs. C. C. Barron.

Rev. J. W. Howell, and little daughter, Frances, returned from Nevada Wednesday night.

### Death of Mrs. Tompkins.

Died, at her home at Page City, Tuesday night, March 6th, Mrs. Jennie Tompkins, wife of Prof. J. W. Tompkins, aged 67 years. Mrs. Tompkins had been seriously ill for some time and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Tompkins was born in Bourbon county, Ky., where she grew to womanhood. She came to Missouri in 1867 and has lived in this county ever since. She has been married twice. Her first husband, Robert C. Scott, was an uncle of Mrs. John Morrison and Mrs. C. C. Wallace, of this city.

Mrs. Tompkins was a devoted member of the Christian church and one whose neighborly kindness endeared her in a remarkable degree to those among whom she lived.

The following children with her husband survive: Mrs. H. Y. Plattenburg, Mrs. Mary Pauling, Ike and Harry Scott, Kansas City, Mrs. Lizzie Stark, of Dover, Mo., Benj. Scott, of Dakota, and Robert Scott, of Montana.

The remains were brought to Lexington on the 5:20 train Thursday afternoon and taken from the depot to Macphelan cemetery for interment.

### Death of D. V. Prigmore.

D. V. Prigmore died at his home near Alma Sunday, aged 89 years. He was a pioneer citizen of this county, having come here from Tennessee in 1818, before the admission of Missouri as a state. This was the year in which, Howard county, which comprised all the western part of the state, was divided by the creation of Cooper county. It was two years before the creation of Lillard county and seven before the naming of Lafayette county. Mr. Prigmore was doubtless the oldest citizen of the county in length of residence here and was a highly respected man. He had been in robust health for one of his age until a few days before his death.

### Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice, at Lexington, Mo. March 9, 1906.

Laura Brown Anderson, Peter Altier, Miss Ross Beaulin, Eva M. Boyce, Miss Florence Bulling, Dr. W. H. Carter, Mrs. Martha Cousin, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Jessie Falkner, Miss Minnie Fortner 2, H. G. Fay, Mrs. A. W. Green, Josey Haynes, Robt. K. Hall, J. F. Logan, T. R. McChesney, Rev. Edwin Muller D. D., Miss Melbie Powers, Mrs. Mary Reinhard, Felie Roberts, Miss Ida Smith, Miss Mary Will Stapleton, Mrs. Alice Seabrooks, Mrs. Archie Wilson.

When calling for these please say they were advertised.  
DELIA CROWDER,  
Acting Postmaster for Societies.

### Speaking Dates.

Speaking dates have been arranged by Hon. C. W. Hamlin and Hon. Alf F. Rector for several places in this county as follows:

- Corder.....March 12, 8 p. m.
- Higginsville.....March 13, 7:30 p. m.
- Dover.....March 14, 2 p. m.
- Lexington.....March 14, 7:30 p. m.
- Odessa.....March 17, 1:30 p. m.

Let the democrats turn out and hear these gentlemen present their claims.

### California's Hardy.

According to the latest available statistics of the mineral industry of the whole united States, California now stands number one in rank in the production of petroleum, asphalt, quicksilver, magnesite, borax, bituminous rock, gems, platinum and manganese. It is number two in the production of gold, Colorado exceeding it. The state stands number four in copper, number five in siliceous crystalline rocks, and in sandstone and quartzite. Number seven in marble; number eight in natural gas, etc.—Charles G. Yale in Sunset Magazine for March.

### Bond Call.

The county court Monday issued a call for \$20,000 of county bonds and \$5,000 of Washington township bonds to be paid April 1.

J. H. Waugh and family, of Kansas City, arrived Wednesday night to make Lexington their future home.