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GORDON CALLS HADLEY

States That Governor Falsified Regarding Board of Equalization.

Jefferson City, Mo.—
Replying to the statement of Governor Hadley in a letter to Dr. E. B. Clements of Macon and made public by the governor, in which he denies that he attempted to raise the assessment of real property in Macon county, State Auditor John P. Gordon quotes from the records of the state board of equalization, showing that the Governor not only attempted to raise the assessment of real property in Macon county, but in every other county of the state.

The following is the statement of Auditor Gordon on that matter:

"I have read that portion of the governor's personal letter to his friend, Dr. Clements, which the governor had published in the Globe-Democrat under the headlines 'Hadley Calls Democrats, Etc.' and replying will say the governor is in error. The records of the state board of equalization disclose that Macon county had its hearing on March 23, 1909, and at the conclusion of this hearing and on the same day the governor for some reason of his own offered the following resolution, omitting preamble:

"That the true value in money of each class of property, as the same is returned to this board for equalization in each county, be ascertained by this board: that the true value in money of each class of such property in each county be set aside in a tabulation to be prepared, and that where the value of any of the classes of property in any of the counties, as returned to this board, is less than its true cash value, that such percentage of its true value be added thereto by this board, as will make its assessed value as equalized by this board, equal to its true value in money, so that all classes of property in all of the counties will be and is hereby equalized and assessed on the basis of its true value in money."

"This resolution offered by the governor was supported by him and was defeated by the votes of Major Roach and Gordon. Now the governor's statement, 'the records of the state board of equalization show that it was I (Governor Hadley) who made the motion to leave the assessment of real and personal property in that county (Macon) the same as it was returned by the assessor,' is not correct. The governor neither made nor voted for such a motion, and the record signed by him does not support his statement, but contradicts it.

"In considering the assessment and equalization of the real estate of Macon county, it was considered separate and apart from the personal property. The fact is that after full consideration General Major moved to leave the real estate of Macon county at the value as returned by the assessor, which motion was seconded by myself and the motion was carried by the votes of Major, Roach and Gordon, the governor not voting either one way or the other. This fact will be supported by every other member of the board who was present, as well as by the clerk of the board. Mr. Cowgill was not present when the real estate of Macon county was considered.

"As to personal property Gordon made the motion that horses in Macon county remain the same as returned by the assessor. Gordon made the motion that mules in Macon county remain the same as returned by the assessor. Gordon made the motion that cattle, hogs and sheep in Macon county remain the same as returned by the assessor. Hadley made the motion that asses and jennets, of which there are 103 in Macon county, remain the same as returned by the assessor.

"The board in considering the various properties of the state considered horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. separate and each class was acted upon separately and upon motion of the auditor. Personal property was not considered nor acted upon in connection with real estate all. Real estate was passed upon by itself, and it would have been a physical impossibility for the governor to have made the character of the motion he says, because real estate and personal property cannot be and were not considered together.

"In considering real estate the governor specially voted, as the record affirmatively discloses, to increase the assessment of real estate from ten to twenty per cent in all

the following counties, to wit: Morgan, Johnson, Henry, Vernon, Dade, St. Clair, Newton, Greene, Miller, Howell, Butler and Mississippi."

"I as a member of the board am well satisfied with the board's action and labors and have no complaints to offer, neither am I worrying over the fact that Huldekeper's attorneys did not see fit to congratulate me nor those who voted with me upon my position as a member of the board. Neither did I nor those who voted with me give out an interview that we welcomed the Huldekeper suit."

ELKS ARE ABUSED

Wentworth Tramples Them Under Foot and Captures a Loose Game.

The soldiers again chased the Elks to the woods Thursday afternoon and prevented them from consummating their pet desire to at least slip one defeat pill down the throats of those fastly going representatives of Wentworth. In order to turn this trick, the horned ones had gone so far as to send for an imported product from Kansas City and with half decent support, this said product might have brought home the bacon. As it was, Kiebert, the name of the imported goods, pitched a seven hit game, but could do nothing in the face of his ragged reinforcement.

The game at the start assumed the pace of a 100 yard dash, which pace was continued for five innings or thereabouts, when it dwindled down to a Marathon trot. The teams were on even terms for a while, but after the advent of the fifth session, the cadets' side of the score board was pretty densely populated with black marks while tallies for the Elks were as scarce as barter shops in female seminaries. The Cornuculate Ones seemed content with the small number of scores they made in the beginning of the barbecue while almost every inning resulted profitably for the cadets. Several rallies were started but that's all. The Elks cornered six hits from Hurley and Hillix.

Batteries: Elks—Fiebert and Shinn; W. M. A.—Hurley, Hillix and Matcbett.

P. S. John Kling didn't play.

Circuit Court

In the circuit court Tuesday divorces were granted in the cases of Moses Mady vs. Mary Mady; Estella Dilworth vs. Arthur Dilworth; Nora Bryan vs. Frank Bryan; Georgia Bradley vs. Samuel Bradley; Lizzie Cromwell vs. Allen Cromwell; Mary J. Lindsay vs. William T. Lindsay.

In the case of Thos. F. Williams et al vs. Annie K. Williams et al, the order of sale was renewed and land ordered sold in Johnson county.

In the matter of State ex rel Keith, prosecuting attorney, vs. Higginsville Ranch No. 2, Fraternal Order of Shamrocks, the relator filed amended petition and defendant was allowed until May 15 to fill their answer to same.

The court overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Louis Gratz vs. Mo. Pac. Ry. Co., which was won by Mr. Gratz and the defendant was granted an appeal to the Kansas City Court of Appeals and allowed until August 3rd to file bill of exceptions.

Another Good Capture.

Marshal James N. Price Tuesday arrested William Foster, a negro, who is wanted by the authorities in Sedalia for grand larceny committed there last September. Foster has been at large since the commission of his last crime and has been drifting around the country in effort to elude the officers. He arrived in Lexington Tuesday and was recognized on the street by Marshal Price, who had known him in Higginsville and remembered the crime for which he is wanted in Sedalia. Mr. Price locked Foster up and notified the Sedalia officials of the arrest. The marshal at Sedalia came up Wednesday and took the prisoner back to the scene of his crime.

Death of Miss Elizabeth Young.

Miss Elizabeth Kemper Young died April 28th, at Alabama Synodical college for Women at Talladega, Alabama. Miss Young was for some years a teacher in Elizabeth Aull Seminary at Lexington, Mo., and later in Synodical college at Fulton, Mo.

She was a noble, Christian woman, a fine teacher, who greatly endeared herself to the young women who came under her instruction and influence.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mrs. Ellen Tracy of Slater spent a part of last week here with her friends.

Leslie Wilson of Corder was here last Friday and bought himself a nice horse.

Bert Jennings of Odessa was here last Friday interviewing the farmers on hogology.

Miss Abbie Puckett has been selected to teach the Houx school for the coming term.

Miss Lena Smith left for Galena, Kans., this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Q. Ellefrit.

Hugh J. Puckett, wife and little daughter, Elizabeth, came down from Kansas City last Monday to spend the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Puckett.

T. M. Chin made a business trip to Higginsville last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mark Morton of Richmond, Mo., is visiting with friends here this week.

Wm. Drummond of Odessa has been putting in some of his time here this week talking life insurance.

Bogie, the soda pop man of Lexington, with his wife was here last Tuesday. Warm weather says get ready for ice cream sodas.

Our fruit growers say the recent freeze did not harm the fruit to any great damage and say we will have plenty to spare.

Edward Payson Weston, the world's greatest walker, passed through here last Wednesday about 10 o'clock a. m. on his great walk from New York to Los Angeles, Cal. He seemed to be in good shape and was confident he would make the trip on schedule time. He was served with his egg and milk, tarried about two minutes and went on his western way.

Gus Hoefler arrived Monday and took charge of the Farmers bank, which was sold to the Hoeflers a short time since. We welcome him and bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

Robt. Rumbraugh moved his barber shop from here to Odessa last Wednesday. This leaves a clear field for John Ewing. There was not room enough for two barber shops in our town. One will do well.

The farmers are busy this week planting corn. You can hear the click of the planter as you go by the farms on the roadway. They are too busy to come to town. Hence it looks like Sundays on our streets. Suppose you enjoy the same great blessing. Vacant streets this time of the year means they will be crowded after harvest.

Mother's Day.

About three years ago an appreciative daughter desired to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death. It was not only the thought of laying some flowers on mother's grave, but it occurred to her to her that it would be a beautiful tribute to all mothers, the living as well as the dead, if their children, on a given day, would unite in the simple wearing of a white flower and thus make Mother's Day universal. The papers everywhere caught up the idea, and in two years it swept over not all of North America, but was heartily welcomed in other lands. The purpose of Mother's Day, as conceived by Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, U. S. A., with whom it originated, is a day in which all lands as one nation may unite in honor of mother.

The second Sunday in May of each year is proposed as the day when mother is to be specially remembered and universal motherhood exalted in the esteem of every man, woman and child. The plan is to make it not only a sentimental observance, but as far possible to clothe it with the sanctity and dynamic power that comes from concerted action. The wearing of a white carnation or other white flower, the beautiful emblem of truth and purity, will be filial evidence that the wearer loves to honor his mother living, or her memory if dead.

Suicide of Peter Matzen.

Peter Matzen, an old German farmer, who lived three miles from Lexington committed suicide last Sunday night by taking strychnine. He was nearly 70 years old. He had been ill for some time before his death and had drunk a good deal of liquor. It is thought that his physical troubles caused him to become despondent.

J. R. Moorehead went to Kansas City Thursday on business.

CORDER ITEMS.

H. Warhenbrock shipped two cars of cattle to St. Louis Tuesday.

Wm. Wilson and son, Dale, were in Waverly last Monday on business.

Born to the wife of Benton Lewis, Thursday, April 29, a fine boy.

Miss Corrine Herring, who has been visiting with Miss Joda Groves, returned home last week.

G. A. Frerking and daughter, Esther, left Monday morning for Excelsior Springs for a two weeks' stay.

C. W. Lewis left Sunday evening for Kansas City where he transacted business.

Miss Ida Smith of Leavenworth, Kansas, attended the graduating exercises at the Auditorium last Thursday.

A. C. Heins sold his dwelling house to R. L. Gaines some time ago and is now having a fine residence built near the creamery.

Miss Hannah Hitt of Lexington spent Sunday with her parents north of town.

George B. Sydnor of Lees Summit is here on a visit this week.

Harry Rodekobr shipped three carloads of cattle to St. Louis market last Tuesday evening. They brought good prices.

Fred Schnable who was formerly of Corder and who has been working in St. Louis for some time in the past, spent several weeks here visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ida B. White, District Deputy Grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Lexington, lectured to the ladies of the Corder chapter last Saturday afternoon. A large number of the members were present and lunch was served. Good work is being accomplished by the Corder chapter.

Robert Frerking was called to Nebraska last Sunday to the bedside of his little son, Horace, who was kicked by a horse. The blow fractured his skull, but he will recover. Mrs. Frerking was in Nebraska on a visit when the accident happened.

Mrs. D. M. Fraiser of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Higginsville spent Sunday in Corder as the guests of Wm. Wilson and family.

Mr. Weston, the pedestrian who is on his way to San Francisco, passed through here last Tuesday night at 11 p. m. A large number of people met him near town and accompanied him to the end of the city limits.

Guy Miller had the misfortune to have his arm broken in three places below the elbow while cranking a gasoline engine in the shop owned by the telephone company last Saturday. He was taken to a physician immediately and he is able to be out on the streets once more. The broken bones are knitting rapidly.

The school board met last Friday night and elected the teachers of the Corder public school for the next term of school. The same teachers were employed without one exception. They are as follows: W. H. Hughes, Principal; Miss Jodie Hackley Assistant; Misses Eva O'Malley, Mary Marquis and Laura Heisler. Good work has been done in the schools here the past term and everyone is well pleased.

Arthur Frerking and Leo Wollenman entertained a large number of invited guests at a reception given at the American hotel last Wednesday night. Near seventy invited guests were present and the hosts did everything within their power to make the evening a pleasant one. The young men were assisted in entertaining by Misses Hannah Groves and Mary Marquis. Dainty refreshments were served at a very late hour and it was near morning when the party broke up. On account of a lack of space we are unable to mention the guests present. The hosts are very popular young gentlemen and are fine entertainers.

The commencement exercises of the Corder High school were held last Thursday night at the Auditorium. The class marched in led by flower girls and took their places on the stage in an orderly manner. After some choice music Miss Ria Saunders read her essay entitled, "Shall We Let Fall the Unfinished Wreath?" which was appreciated by large audience. Elder Fred Loos of Liberty delivered the commencement address and it was pronounced the best ever heard by a larger part of the audience. After the address the diplomas were presented by C. L. Wilson, the president of the school

board. The graduates received their presents after the audience had been dismissed. The class roll is as follows: Misses Frankie Belt, Nannie Corder, Ella Cunningham, Eva Langley, Bessie Osa, Ella Peeples, Lella Smith, Ria Saunders; and J. Walter Zentmeyer and Clarence Peoples.

The junior class of the Corder public school entertained the senior class at a fine reception last Friday night at the beautiful home of Mrs. Louis Smith. Everyone had the privilege of inviting some one else and a large crowd was present. The evening was spent in playing different games of unusual interest and the evening passed rapidly. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served at 11 o'clock, after which the merry making began and lasted until a very late hour. The house was beautifully decorated and all the guests thought it was good indeed to be there.

Recital of Misses Blackburn and Marshall.

One of the most enjoyable recitals of the year was that given Thursday evening by Misses Blanche Blackburn and Miss Bess Marshall, candidates for graduation in voice and expression respectively, in Murrell auditorium, Central college. Both of these young ladies are widely known and popular in Lexington and considerable interest was attached to their entertainment. The weather, too, was propitious, and quite a good crowd was in attendance.

Miss Blackburn is the only pupil of the vocal department to be graduated this year from Central. Her voice is a clear, sweet soprano of sympathetic quality and ample range. Her tones are always true and in perfect tune. Her enunciation is unusually distinct—even the German words were easily understood—and she sings with confidence and ease. Her opening number consisted of a group of five beautiful German songs. They were Schumann's Die Lotosblume, "Ich kann's nicht fassen," and "Ich rolle nicht," Nevin's Herbstgefühl and Von Felicitas' "Lass mich dein Auge küssen. On her second appearance she sang the aria "Cara nome" from Verdi's Rigoletto, and on her third "Knowest thou the land" from Thomas Mignon, Hawley's "When Love is Gone" and Emery's "Burst, Ye Apple Buds." The audience was highly pleased with all of Miss Blackburn's work and applauded warmly after every number. She showed evidence of understanding and of instruction of the highest grade. Miss Margaret Aull assisted her considerably by artistic and accurate accompaniments.

Miss Marshall is one of the most attractive of the many good readers at the college. She is thoroughly at ease on the stage and speaks with feeling and clear interpretation. She read a scene from Dickens' David Copperfield as her first number; T. A. Daly's "Da Mexicana Girl," J. W. Riley's A Life Lesson (There Little Girl, Don't Cry), Grace Field's Fishing and William W. Martin's Apple Blossoms for her second. The last piece was given with a musical setting played daintily on the piano by Miss Larmer. To close the program Miss Marshall read "The Portrait" of Bulwer Lytton. To have a tragic selection as the last was pleasingly novel and it showed Miss Marshall's talents to great advantage. She kept the audience in absolute silence until the final end. She, too, was the recipient of many plaudits.

The verdict of those present was altogether favorable to the young ladies. The program was the longest of the year and was carried off admirably.

J. R. Willnot went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

Judge Richard Field was in Kansas City yesterday.

Hub Campbell of Higginsville was here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Baskett and daughter, Amella, and Mrs. Robert Taubman and grandson, Robert, went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a brief visit.

Ernest C. Hays of Muskogee arrived yesterday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. T. J. McElroy.

The High School track team composed of Irvin Morris, George Wallace, Robert Groves, Aubrey Wright and Fall Becker went to Warrensburg yesterday to take part in the State Inter-High-School meet. The boys were in charge of Prof. Little.

CONRAD TO RETURN

Central College Secures Service of Former Musical Head.

Prof. D. F. Conrad will be at Central college next year. This glad news rejoiced a great many of the friends of that gentleman and of Central college when it transpired Thursday afternoon. Mr. Conrad was the head of the piano department of Central college for ten years and he was ideally fitted for that position. Two years ago he resigned and went to Ward Seminary of Nashville, Tennessee, at an increased salary. Central college, it is understood, had to offer a pretty good price for his services, but he is undoubtedly worth it. President Gibson made the following statement:

"When Miss Larmer accepted the position of director of music of Central college last summer she did it with the understanding that she would probably want to spend this coming year in study. A month or so ago she positively decided to do this and so informed me.

"I at once entered into correspondence with Mr. D. F. Conrad and the result is that Mr. Conrad will return to Central in September and take charge of the Music department for at least the next three years. Since leaving Central two years ago Mr. Conrad has been teaching and directing the music department in Ward Seminary, Nashville, at a very large salary.

"Miss Larmer has given great satisfaction as superintendent of the music department of Central College for Women. She is pains-taking, enthusiastic and always holds before her pupils the highest standards. She is much loved both by the faculty and students of the college and there is a deep sense of regret that she cannot be connected with the college next year."

WAVERLY NOTES.

Miss Vle Tice of Hodge was in town Saturday.

Miss Louise Wessel was in Marshall Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure and son, Taylor, were in Marshall Sunday.

Miss Virgie Cook of Malta Bend was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Wessel and Miss Doris Burnett were shopping in Marshall Tuesday.

Miss Nannie Palmer of Marshall spent Saturday with homefolks.

Miss Bonnie Bird of Malta Bend is spending the week with Mrs. Tom Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Vandelin were in Higginsville last week.

S. N. Wilson of Lexington transacted business at this place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Landrum spent a few days in Kansas City last week.

O. H. Albright and son, George, were in Malta Bend Friday.

Mrs. H. Larkin and daughter, Miss Bessie, returned from Odessa Saturday.

Mrs. E. O. Buck was in Marshall one day last week.

Miss Roberta Landrum was in Blackburn several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. King returned to their home in Hopkins after a short visit with relatives in Waverly.

Mrs. May Masterson returned Sunday after an extended visit with relatives in Ferguson and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Davis.

Miss Clarice Williamson is spending the week with friends in Blackburn.

Mrs. Ben Oliver was shopping in Marshall one day last week.

Miss May Closterman returned Wednesday from an extended visit in Kansas.

Miss Georgia Weber who is attending school in Marshall spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Kate Weber.

W. F. Glenn and wife returned Monday from an extended visit to Huston, Texas.

Miss Mary Tutt left last week for Marshall where she will attend school this summer.

Misses Yelda Masterson and Nellie Vanderrin were in Higginsville several days last week.

Messrs. Hurlburt and Albright are erecting a two room frame house for Mrs. Mary Baker in the west part of town.

Mrs. Ryland Todhunter and daughter, Miss Elliott, went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.