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Record of Sam C. Major.

Mr. C. W. Hamlin, our present Congressman, in his circular letter to the voters of this district, among other things, makes the following statement, viz:—

"I take it for granted that the people of the district are going to support the man that they think is best fitted to serve them at this time," and he makes the further statement—"It seems to me that in these crucial times it will be poor business to take up a new and inexperienced man."

In reply to these statements will say that I have had far more experience in legislative matters than Mr. Hamlin had at the time he offered himself as a candidate against Judge Cooney, of Saline County after Mr. Cooney had only had the office for three terms, or six years. It seems that Mr. Hamlin has undergone some mental changes as to how long a Congressman should remain in Congress since he ran against and defeated Judge Cooney for his fourth term. At that time six years was enough; now twelve years is not enough. But he says he should be returned to uphold the President's hands. We have about Twenty-Four Thousand Democrats in this district and we have surely, among the number, more than one man who is able and willing to do this.

I was born in Howard county, as was my father before me, my grandfather having moved here from Kentucky in 1826, and have practiced law for about twenty-five years. I was prosecuting attorney of my county for about six years and represented the Fourteenth Senator-

ial District in the State Senate in the 44th and 45th General Assemblies. During that time I introduced in the Senate and succeeding in passing both branches of the legislature and securing the governor's signature to the following, among a good many other bills, viz:—

An act requiring the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company to remove a charge that they had been making for years of 25 cents for each passenger transported across the railroad bridge at Boonville—thereby saving to the traveling public of this state thousands of dollars each year.

An act requiring the same company to remove a charge for freight transported across said bridge amounting to something like 5.00 per car, which they had been collecting for years—thereby saving to the business men and shippers of Missouri thousands of dollars each year.

An act prohibiting Insurance Companies from paying to their officers exorbitant salaries, and thereby increasing the profits justly due the policy-holders in said companies.

An Act prohibiting Insurance Companies, their officers, stockholders, agents and employees from speculating with money and securities of said companies.

An Act giving to the County Courts of this state power to acquire lands for the use of Poor Houses, such as they had for Court Houses and Jails.

An Act authorizing Electric and Interurban Roads to condemn lands for right of way, such as are enjoyed and possessed by steam roads.

An Act creating and establishing the State Poultry Board for Missouri to the end that that great industry in Missouri be encouraged and stimulated.

An Act to survey, mark out and erect suitable monuments along the Santa Fe Trail in the counties Howard, Saline and Lafayette and appropriating money for the same.

An Act concerning excess baggage carried by common carriers, fixing penalty for loss or injury, etc. This bill was advocated by the Missouri Drummers Association.

Commission—a bill of great importance to all river counties and counties with inundated and everflowed lands.

In addition to these bills above mentioned, that became laws of Missouri, I introduced and passed through the Senate of Missouri the following bills, viz:—

An Act to regulate white and colored passengers on railroads—known as the "Jim Crow Law."

An Act requiring each voter to mark and prepare his own ballot unless physically disabled, and a bill making it a misdemeanor for election judges to in any way interfere with the voter in so doing.

An Act making the state liable for costs in felony cases, where the prosecuting witness was unable to pay same, as the law is today, when ever an examining magistrate discharges a person accused of crime no witness or officer of the court can collect his fees—thereby putting a premium on justices binding parties over to the Circuit Court, and greatly adding to the criminal costs of the state.

An Act making a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for any person to furnish intoxicating liquors or drugs to inmates of the prison.

An Act creating and establishing a commission to ascertain information from the railroads for the purpose of regulating rates, ascertaining the values of their properties, etc.—to the end that the rates could be intelligently established.

In addition to these bills that I myself introduced and passed through the Senate, I voted for and assisted in the passage of the following bills, viz:—

The pure Food Law, the Two Cent Passenger Rate Law, the Law reducing freight rates, the General Primary Law, the Anti-Lobby Law, the Law Creating the Barbers' board, the Bill establishing a Twine Factory in the Penitentiary, the Vital Statistics Bill, an act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to habitual drunkards and intoxicated persons, an act prohibiting the drinking and carrying of liquor publicly on trains and from permitting drunken men from riding on trains, an act prohibiting betting on billiard or pool tables, etc., an act prohibiting the sale of cigarettes papers, etc., to minors under eighteen years of age, the electric headlight bill, the bill providing for the equipment of trains with safety appliances, an act requiring the employees of railroads to be paid the 15th of each month, an act compelling railroads to fill switches and guard rails for safety of employees, an act extending the provisions of the fellow-servant law to mines and mining employees, an act providing for a mine inspector, an act providing for the examination of certain mines daily, an act, prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors into counties that have adopted the local option law, except for individual or family use and to persons having the right to sell same in such counties.

In addition to these laws I voted for all laws, resolutions and constitutional amendments for which I felt that a majority of the people of my district wanted me to vote and upon which they wished an opportunity to express themselves.

In view of the statements made by Mr. Hamlin I make this statement in order that the people of

the 7th district may know that I am not wholly inexperienced. That when in the Missouri legislature I did accomplish some things beneficial, not only to the people of my district, but to the people of the State. In Jefferson City we worked under the same rules, largely, as they work under in Washington, and that a man who can saw wood in Missouri would likely be able to do the same thing in Washington. I would at least appreciate an opportunity to try, and if given this nomination and election I promise to be found at all times faithfully battling for the interests of the people of District, State and Nation.

Respectfully submitted,
SAM C. MAJOR.

Criminal Court.

In the Criminal Court which was convened Thursday with Judge Rich presiding the following cases were tried and set:

Corrine Dean, charged with assault to kill was fined \$100.00 and cost. Paroled.

The case of Lee Gulley, who is charged with rape and assault to rape was set for August 10. This case was to be tried Thursday, but was continued on account of sickness at the Gulley home.

James Strong (negro) of Dover, charged with receiving stolen chickens, trial was set for August 9.

W. C. Henry, who was arrested by Detective J. F. Shinkel, at Myrick, Tuesday, for breaking into an automobile, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He was taken to Jefferson City Friday morning by Deputy Sheriff Joe Waddell.

Death of Miss Annie Doelling.

Miss Annie Doelling died Friday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock, after an illness of several months, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Schwongerdt, who resides one mile east of Lexington.

Miss Doelling was born in Napoleon, December 13, 1884, and was 32 years of age. She came to Lexington with her parents when an infant, where she has since resided.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Fred Schwongerdt and Misses Lydia and Ida Doelling all of this city.

The funeral conducted by Rev. J. C. Bierbaum was held from the Trinity Evangelical Church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Death of A Former Citizen.

Word was received here Monday that Arthur Johnson a former citizen of this city, died Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Becker, in St. Louis. His death was due to typhoid fever.

Mr. Johnson was born in this city about 38 years ago, and was the son of the late A. T. Johnson.

He is survived by his mother and one sister, and an aunt, Mrs. Frank Kriehn of this city.

The body was brought to Lexington Monday evening and the funeral held Tuesday evening at four o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Cobb.

Barker Will Speak Here.

John T. Barker, Attorney General of Missouri and candidate for the governorship on the Democratic ticket, will speak in Lexington, May 19, at 2:30 p. m.

E. N. Hopkins spent Friday in Waverly on business.

LOCAL GIRL MAY BECOME ACTRESS

Lexington School Teacher Wins Honor in Photoplay Contest.

The Beauty and Brains Contest, a nation wide enterprise which under the guidance of the World-Equitable Motion Picture Corporation, has been running for the past eight months in the Photoplay Magazine, is drawing to a close. Lillian Russell, one of the judges, has made the first selection.

Gracelinda C. Jameson of Lexington, Mo., one of the original candidates, was selected by Miss Russell and is one of the hundred who will enter the final elimination. The elimination is now going forward to select the eleven successful candidates.

Gracelinda C. Jameson, when the contest originated, was prevailed upon to send her photograph with the result that when the eight thousand likenesses were gone over, she was selected as one of the hundred most likely film subjects by Lillian Russell. The Contest called for an equal amount of brains and beauty. It was essential for the candidate to write a letter in her own hand writing, stating her reasons for desiring to become a film actress. The applicants, or candidates, were then grouped as to the section of the country in which they lived and two candidates from five different sections will be finally chosen. Lillian Russell, Sophie Irene Loeb, a noted New York society writer, William A. Brady, the famous theatrical manager are the judges. There will be ten winning candidates from the United States and one from Canada. The eleven successful young ladies will be taken to New York, a month will be devoted to teaching them the value of various dramatic angles, and then those who show proper interest and sufficient ability, will become permanent members of the World and Equitable stock companies, and at goodly salaries appear in films.

Lectures, theatre parties, studio lessons and a number of events are carded for the successful candidates and it is very likely that Gracelinda C. Jameson will be one of the successful entrants.

The winning candidates will be announced throughout the country early in June.

Honor the Flag.

Of the many hundreds who visited the new Athletic ball park last Wednesday, not a few were surprised and shocked at the use to which the United States flag was put. On account of the dirt it was difficult for the pitchers to locate the home plate, and looking for something to mark it the United States flag was the first thing available and was used. It was done thoughtlessly, of course. Thoughtlessness may explain an act, but not excuse it. The flag is an emblem; it stands for all the principals our forefathers upheld. It should be deeply revered, consistently loved and loyally supported. It is a careful reminder of united loyalty and to regard it lightly is to err in patriotic appreciation.

At West Point and Army posts it is an unwritten law that the flag shall never touch the ground, and Army regulations prescribe in detail what honor shall be paid the colors. Devotees of our national game should not thoughtlessly offer the slightest indignity to the national emblem. Upon this premise we condemn the action of those who allowed the use of the flag on last Wednesday.

Another Chicken Thief From Dover.

Constable Irving Hodges of Dover brought George Carey, colored, to Lexington Thursday and placed him in Uncle William's hotel. Carey is charged with stealing chickens.

Celebrated Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wright celebrated the wooden anniversary of their marriage, Wednesday evening, May 3, by entertaining a number of their young friends at their home, Sixteenth and Onedia Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been married five years.

The guests departed at a late hour, declaring that they had never spent a more delightful evening.

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