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FOUR COUNTIES VOTE ROAD BONDS

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN WORK IS SHOWN THROUGHOUT MISSOURI THIS YEAR.

TOTAL OF \$2,616,500 SOUGHT

Four Counties in State Will Vote on Road Bonds During the Month of March, Says the Department.

Jefferson City.—The State Highway Department announces that in place of the movement for good roads letting up after the great strides it made last year it shows signs of greater strength than ever.

Four county-wide bond elections for a total of \$2,616,500 will be held in March, in addition to special road district and township elections. Pike county votes on an issue of \$500,000 and Warren county on the issue of \$400,000. St. Charles county votes on \$1,000,000 and Polk county on \$716,500.

Tebo Township, in Henry county, will vote on a \$40,000 issue to finance three miles of road at Calhoun and three miles of the Leeton-Windsor road.

Saline county wants to vote on an issue of \$1,800,000 and Maries county is asking to be allowed to vote on \$225,000.

The Collins special road district in St. Clair county tried again to put over a \$12,000 issue, but lost by nine votes.

There has been voted in road bonds since Jan. 1 a total of \$1,377,500, making a grand total in bonds voted in Missouri to date of \$29,769,000.

State Board Loses Money.

Jefferson City.—Accountants of the State Auditor's office submitted to Gov. Gardner a report showing that the State Board of Examiners between May 8, 1918, and February 1, 1920, collected but \$9,657.01 and expended \$18,347.75.

The accountants say that had not the present board borrowed \$2,000 and collected \$5,079.01 from the bonding company that was security for the officers of the old board when they were found to be short in their accounts, the deficit at the present time would be \$6,347.75.

Flu Straightens Leg.

Jefferson City, Mo.—A double attack of influenza proved a great blessing to Jacob Brondel, a farmer living eight miles west of here.

Brondel says the second attack lengthened one of his crippled legs 2 inches and made it the same length as the other leg.

Fifteen years ago he was injured in a coal mine on his farm. When he recovered one leg was 2 inches shorter than the other. He says he now can use his crippled leg as well as before the accident.

Laclede Courthouse Burns.

Lebanon, Mo.—The Laclede County courthouse, with the office furniture and fixtures of all its offices, also the records of the Circuit Court, Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff and Surveyor, were destroyed by fire.

The records of the County Court, Probate Court and County Collector are safe within their vaults and are believed not to be much damaged.

The Recorder of Deeds and County Treasurer removed all their records. The cause of the fire is unknown.

One Girl Causes Strike.

Jefferson City.—One girl caused a strike of 225 employes at the Tweedie Footwear company here.

Bessie Rodell, the girl in question, tore up her union card in the presence of the other girl workers.

Charles Tweedie, head of the company, was asked to discharge her, and when he refused all girls in that department gathered up their wraps and walked out.

Molino Bank to Reopen.

Mexico.—The Bank of Molino, which was closed following a conference with George W. Hobbs of the State Banking department, will reopen.

All of the doubtful loans which were the cause of the closing of the bank have been cared for. The capital stock of the bank is \$10,000, the surplus \$800 and the deposits about \$34,000.

To Honor Service Men.

Sedalia, Mo.—A joint canvass for funds to erect a memorial to Pettis County boys who died in France and a monument of appreciation to those who were fortunate enough to return has been proposed by L. P. Andrews, chairman of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee.

Record Hog Price Paid.

Springfield.—What is said to be the highest price ever paid in Missouri for a Duroc gilt was recorded at West Plains, when Wonders Maiden VII, raised on the "J. T." ranch, near West Plains, was sold to F. M. Holtzinger of Moberly, Mo., for \$1,600.

Million in Land Sales.

Chillicothe.—Livingston County Recorder W. L. Cox reports that the deeds filed for record in two days recently showed that land sales and transfers amounted to \$1,003,429.47.

Sergeant Ellis to Claim Bride.

St. Louis, Mo.—When Sergt. Michael Ellis, St. Louis' greatest war hero, was here several months ago to be decorated by General Pershing with the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor, he was the cynosure of beaming eyes of pretty girls, but they had no effect.

Here is the reason: When the sergeant returned to the United States from France, where by his valor he had made his name known throughout the Allied armies, he left behind him a pledge to return soon and claim a French girl, who promised that she would be waiting for him.

The girl is Mlle. Aiga E. Masson of Charleval, France, professor of literature and instructor of languages at a university near Paris. Ellis met her when he was billeted at her mother's home, before he had been in battle and, according to his foster-sister, who knows more about the romance than any one else in St. Louis, it was a case of love at first sight.

SHORT STATE NOTES.

Mrs. Mary Brandt, wife of Peter Brandt, born in Morgan County, Mo., September 21, 1842, died following a paralytic stroke.

The Urbann special road district has applied for State and Federal aid for eight and three-tenths miles of road.

Governor Gardner has appointed Clarence G. Hammond of Jefferson City an aid on his personal staff, with the rank of colonel.

The convention of the Southeast Missouri Retail Lumber Dealers will be held in Cape Girardeau March 25-26. About 150 delegates are expected.

Mrs. Ruth Ehlen was awarded \$5,500 damages from the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad for the death of her husband, Nicholas Ehlen.

A voluntary census check reveals Joplin had 7,629 more inhabitants than was credited by the federal enumerator.

The democrats of Bates county will give the women an equal share of delegates to the state convention in Joplin.

Power for Five Cities.

Mountain Grove, Mo.—With the increase in the capital stock of the Mountain Grove Light and Power Company to \$300,000 for the construction of a dam, power plant and transmission lines, hydro-electric power for Mountain Grove, Willow Springs, Cabool, Mansfield and Gainesville seems assured. The dam and power plant will be constructed west of West Plains, in Ozark County.

Boy Tests Dynamite.

Kansas City.—A stick of dynamite which William Gaber, Jr., 5-year-old son of Mrs. William Gaber of 561 Prospect avenue, found the other day, looked queer to Willie, so he decided to test it with a rock.

The child is now in a hospital minus his left hand index finger. His eyes were also injured to such an extent that surgeons fear he may lose his sight.

Notables at Judge's Burial.

Montgomery City, Mo.—Many distinguished Missourians attended the funeral here of Judge H. W. Johnson, who dropped dead. They included Ambassador David R. Francis, Paul Brown, Judge Clarence A. Barnes of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, Col. John I. Martin of St. Louis and judges and delegations from other towns and cities of Missouri.

Lebanon Bonds Illegal.

Lebanon, Mo.—Discovery has been made that the \$100,000 road bond issue authorized at a special election held in the Lebanon special district recently, is illegal. The Bank of Commerce of Springfield, which was the prospective purchaser of the issue, has returned the bonds to the commissioners of the district.

Cash Balance Large.

Jefferson City.—Money continues to pile up in the state treasury of Missouri. The report of Treasurer Middlekamp to Gov. Gardner accounts for a balance of \$9,379,141.39. This is the largest balance of actual money that was ever in the treasury of Missouri.

Wife Is Found Dead.

Leeton.—Mrs. William Abington, wife of William A. Abington, a farmer near Leeton, was found dead by her husband. She was in the yard and had called her husband to breakfast. As he was coming to the house he found her dead. It is thought she died as a result of the flu.

Explosion Kills Woman.

Steedman, Mo.—Mrs. William Vandeloche, 22 years old, was burned to death in her home near here following an explosion when she poured gasoline on a kitchen fire, thinking it was coal oil.

Centenary Ministerial Team.

Fulton, Mo.—Rev. W. L. Scarborough and Rev. A. C. Johnson of Fulton, with Rev. C. C. Grimes of Mexico, conference missionary secretary, form a Centenary team to visit all of the district conferences of the Methodist Church which has begun an itinerary.

Sedalia Dairy Is Sold.

Sedalia.—The Co-Operative Dairy has been sold to stockholders by the sheriff for \$15,000. The dairy will be continued under the management of A. A. Bluemke of Peoria, Ill.



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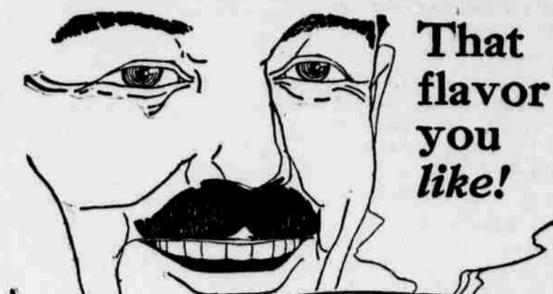
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