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GOVERNOR TO CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

IN ORDER TO INCREASE EXPOSITION FUND TO THE NEEDED AMOUNT.

WILL NOT COST STATE A PENNY

Exposition Company Will Defray Expenses of the Legislature, Which Will Meet This Month.

New Orleans.—"Be it resolved by the executive committee of the World's Panama Exposition Company, that the governor of the state be requested to call a special session of the general assembly (the expense of which to be defrayed by this company) for the purpose of raising the tax amendment which is to be submitted to the people at the general election in November, the purpose of this revision being to increase the amount to be realized from the tax without increasing the percentage of the tax to be levied each year, it being understood that the sum total to be realized from the tax imposed upon the parishes outside of the Parish of Orleans shall remain until the amount realized shall be equal to a sum having a face value of $6,500,000 at the time when the capitalization of the tax shall be determined upon."

GOVERNOR J. Y. SANDERS, Who Is Working Hard to Get the Exposition for Louisiana.

This resolution was adopted at a general meeting of the executive committee of the World's Panama Exposition Company, which was attended by a large number of the directors and other interested parties.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Charles Janvier, chairman of the ways and means committee of the exposition project, who submitted the document after making a statement to the effect that New Orleans must not only meet the $7,500,000 challenge of the San Francisco fair boomers, but she must also be prepared to meet the needs of an expense incident to the holding of a world's fair such as is proposed to commemorate property the completion and opening of the Panama canal.

Governor Sanders, who was present during the session, said: "I am convinced that we cannot afford to go to congress with less than the $7,500,000 pledged by our representatives in congress, and I am equally convinced that if we go to congress with that or a larger amount, the exposition is ours. I shall therefore accede to the request of the executive committee and call an extra session of the legislature."

It is believed that the extra session will be convened about August 22. The session will last six days, and the expenses, estimated at about $6,000, will be borne by the Exposition Company.

Parish Is Building a Shell Road.

Houma.—This parish is building a shell road up and down Bayou Terrebonne. The work is being done by Superintendent of Roads Ulysses Adoue. The road is a continuation of Main street and the work on the lower end has been completed as far as the lower line of the Myrtle Grove residence of R. R. Barrow, and above the work has reached a point over a mile above Houma. The roads on each side of Bayou Terrebonne above Houma will be shelled. The shells are transported in barges in the Bayou Terrebonne and wheeled onto the roads in wheelbarrows, the roads being carefullly graded and lined off.

Man Wanted for Murder Is Arrested.

Hahnville.—Oscar Jackson, alias Isaiah Griffen, shot while resisting arrest at Moberly, La., on July 25, is wanted at Pointe Coupee Parish for the murder of James Jones two years ago. Griffen acknowledged that he was wanted, but claims that he did not commit the murder.

The Hornet Sails for Bluefields.

New Orleans.—The steam yacht Hornet, formerly used as a gunboat in the United States navy, is now on her way to Bluefields, loaded down with a heavy cargo of guns, rifles, cartridges, two Colts rapid-fire cannons and tons of provisions of all kinds, to be delivered to the Estrada faction, now waging war against the Madriz government. Word had no sooner reached the vessel of the discharge of Captain Thomas O. Moon, master of the ship, than everything was gotten in readiness to sail.

Public Roads Must Be Protected.

Tallulah.—District Attorney J. B. Snyder, in a letter to the public, has called attention to the fact that there is a statute, known as act 188 of the session of 1906, providing for the protection of the public roads and highways throughout the state by prohibiting their use as drains for water derived from artesian wells or other artificial sources and providing penalties for the violation of the law, and warns them that the law will be strictly enforced. During the past year or two, or since the introduction of rice growing, a number of irrigating plans have ben installed in the parish, and attention to the act is called so that the roads will receive proper protection from overflows from the irrigation ditches.

Trying to Regulate Milk Cans.

New Orleans.—Dr. Hamilton Jones the state pure food commissioner, has started a crusade against the men who ship milk cans from this city to the surrounding country parishes, and has ordered the representatives of the New Orleans Ice Company and the Harris Ice Cream Company to appear before him to explain why they ship out cans that are dirty and otherwise unsanitary. Dr. Jones has been looking into the milk situation of the state very thoroughly, and believes that one of the greatest evils lies in the dirtiness of the cans in which the milk is transported to and from New Orleans.

Baby Scared to Death by a Cow.

Algiers.—Frightened by the lowing of a cow, Willie Gorman, 2 years old, was attacked with spasms and died in 20 minutes. This is probably the first case of this kind in Algiers. The baby was seated on the front steps of the house. The gate was open wide enough for the cow, which was walking along the sidewalk, to push her head inside. When the baby saw the animal he became excited and screamed. Spasms followed and in a few minutes the baby was dead.

Editor Goes to Chair of Mathematics.

Washington.—Atwood W. Bittle, principal of the High school for 16 years, and editor of the Washington Progress, has accepted the professorship of mathematics with the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute, of Lafayette. Mr. Bittle sold the Washington Progress to M. I. Ramsey of Church Point, who will remove his family to Washington and take active charge of the paper.

Town Extends Corporate Limits.

Napoleonville.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen the corporate limits of the town were extended one block in the rear, covering the entire length of the boundary line of the town. This will bring into town a number of residences. An ordinance prohibiting anyone in town from letting minors gamble on his premises was adopted.

Legless Bootblack Shoots Ex-Convict.

Lafayette.—As the result of a quarrel over a debt of $1 between John D. Joseph, a legless bootblack, and Edgar Dugas, an ex-convict, the former shot the latter five times at close range, three of the shots taking effect. Dugas sustained a flesh wound in the breast and two in the leg. He will recover. Joseph was arrested.

Every Store in Town Is Ransacked.

Iowa.—Every store in this town was ransacked a few mornings ago. Even the postoffice was entered, but an attempt to blow the safe in the Southern Pacific station failed. Merchandise, stamps and a small amount of money constituted the plunder.

Box and Crate Company Organized.

Lake Charles.—The charter of the Calcasieu Veneer Box & Crate Company, capitalized at $25,000, has been recorded here. The incorporators have purchased machinery and secured quarters. Seventy-five workmen will be employed.

Alleged Chicken Thief Arrested.

Lafayette.—After three weeks of successful chicken stealing, during which time he stole 33 from six different people of this city, Sie Richmond, a 13-year-old negro boy, got in the toils of the law, when he was arrested and placed in jail.

New Roller Mill for Plaquemine.

Plaquemine.—A new mill of nine rollers for the Wilbert's Myrtle Grove Planting & Manufacturing Company, has been received. It is one of the largest mills in the state, and will materially increase the capacity of the factory.

Drainage Proposition Is Submitted.

White Castle.—At a meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, L. M. Soniat submitted a proposition of the drainage of this city and vicinity. Boxing in the gutters on Bowie street will be undertaken at once.

Gets 10 Years for Stealing $16.

St. Francisville.—Simon Chatmas pleaded guilty to burglary and larceny of $16 from the depot of the Louisiana railway at Wilhelm, and was given 10 years in the penitentiary.

To Install a New Lighting Plant.

Thibodaux.—This town will soon build a new municipal electric light plant. Rumor has it that no extra tax will be levied, as was done for the first plant, but that the town has set a sufficient amount aside from the collection of liquor licenses to pay for the improvement out of the general fund. The storm last September put the street arc lights out of business, and since that time the street lights have been incandescents. The town council will convene soon for the purpose of closing the deal

BLOODY GEORGIA FEUD

DEADLY BATTLE AT CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION.

Violent Uproar Following Shooting. Mutterings of the Friends of Victims Cause Alarm.

Macon, Ga.—The feud spirit blazed so fiercely Friday afternoon at Gray's Station, fifteen miles from here, that two companies of militia were hurried to the little hamlet to prevent further bloodshed. Two men, S. E. Etheridge, and his brother, Morris, were shot dead in their tracks, and the men with whom they had quarreled, Luther Morton and his brothers, Will, Sam and Tom, were cooped up in their mother's house by a posse with the double intent of preventing their escape and of protecting them from vengeance threatened by the kinfolk of the slain Etheridges.

It was during a reunion of Confederate veterans that shots rang out. The firing came from opposite Gray's Station, from which the celebration was held, and crowds of townspeople and visitors streamed toward the sound of shooting. They found the Etheridges lying dead in front of Luther Morton's store.

The sheriff and his deputies already had hurried the Mortons to temporary shelter, but knots of men talking of revenge caused uneasiness. The situation grew threatening and troops were asked for, two companies leaving here at Sheriff Brooks' request.

While everyone else was at the barbecue in another section of the little town, the two Etheridges and a cousin, Will Kitchins, rode up to the store kept by Luther Morton and an interchange of invectives followed which terminated in Will Morton leaving the house and he and Clayton Kitchins engaging in a fist fight. The fight waxed warm and almost simultaneously shots rang out, nine or ten following in quick order. When the smoke cleared away the two Etheridges who were standing between the fighters and the door of Morton's store, were lying on the ground. Half of the older man's face was shot away and his brother, Morris, was shot through the heart.

Luther Morton was standing in the doorway with a magazine shotgun in his hand.

HAMON DENIES GORE CHARGE

Says He Did Not Offer Bribe and Had No Interest in Contracts.

Muskogee, Okla.—Jake L. Hamon, accused by Senator T. P. Gore, with having offered him a $25,000 bribe to influence legislation in congress for the sale of Oklahoma Indian lands, took the stand before the congressional investigation committee.

Hamon entered a general denial of Senator Gore's charge that he offered the senator $25,000 or other amounts, to "put through" the $30,000,000 land deal. He denied being himself interested in the McMurray contracts. He also denied ever offering Congressman C. F. Greager an "interest" in the deal.

He said he had known Senator Gore for nine years, and had loaned him money in business transactions.

"Did you tell Senator Gore that you were ready to pay him $25,000 or 50,000 and the money would not be marked and there would be no checks, but that the money would be clean, hard cash?" the witness was asked.

"I never made such an offer," replied Hamon.

"Did you ever mention to Senator Gore that Vice President Sherman, Senator Curtis, former Senator Long, or former Senator Thurston were interested in the McMurray contracts?"

"I never did."

RESTORES HER SIGHT

Delicate Operation Performed by a Philadelphia Surgeon.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—One of the most delicate and dangerous operations known to modern surgeons was performed at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, when a portion of the cornea, the transparent film enveloping the eye, was trephined from the eyeball of a man employed at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. His eye had been permanently destroyed, but the cornea was uninjured. The trephined piece was transplanted to the eye of a woman who had been blind from infancy. One of her eyes had been removed, and she could not see with the other, it being affected with noon-atorum, the cornea becoming clouded and absolutely opaque. The only possible way in which her sight could be restored was to remove the cornea and transplant some transparent substance in its place.

This was done by the operation above described. She can now readily distinguish objects a few feet away, and the surgeons believe her sight will gradually become stronger.

Forest Fires Spreading.

Washington. — The current year threatens to be one of the most disastrous to the national forests from fires in the history of the country because of the drouth conditions in the West. Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department, who is in the West on a tour of inspection of the forest reserves, has expressed a willingness, according to reports to the forest service, to incur a deficiency, if necessary, in the appropriations made by congress to fight the fires during the present year.

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IOWA INSURGENTS WIN

DOLLIVER PERMANENT CHAIRMAN—VOTE 834 TO 549.

Wild Scenes of Disorder Follow When Cries of "Taft" Ring From Stalwart Side of the Hall.

Des Moines, Iowa.—After a day of bitter factional controversy, marked by hisses and cat calls for United States senators and ex-congressmen, the Iowa Republican convention came to a close Wednesday only when the insurgent leaders threw open the throttle and sent the steam roller over the insistent stalwart leaders, crushing with them the resolutions bespeaking an unqualified indorsement of President Taft and the tariff law.

The 600 stalwarts, headed by ex-Congressmen Peter Hepburn and John F. Lacey, early opened a fight in the convention with the sole purpose in view of securing an indorsement of the national administration. In the resolutions committee they fought for this for three hours in vain, and on the floor of the convention demanded a roll call of their minority report putting the insurgents on record. In the midst of this roll call Mahaska county responded in favor of the minority resolutions by raising a large picture of President Taft, while they stood on their chairs and shouted.

When Webster county was called it retaliated with a negative vote and received a mammoth picture of Roosevelt. When ex-Congressman Hepburn read the minority report he was prevented from finishing by the hoots and calls.

At the last name the great coliseum resounded with cheers. As they subsided ex-Congressman Lacey shouted, "Why not Taft, too?" The speaker shook his head and a volley of hisses followed.

The discord started in the morning session, when Senator A. B. Cummins as temporary chairman referred to the Republican party as that of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Blaine, McKinley and Roosevelt.

From this on the stalwarts stood an army of protests. When the insurgents presented the name of Jonathan P. Dolliver for permanent chairman the stalwarts offered opposition in J. C. Maby of Albia. Doliver was named by a vote of 834 to 549

GORE WILL REVEAL BRIBERS

Scheme Would Have Defrauded Indians of $3,000,000.

Muskogee, Okla.—Investigation of charges made in the United States senate by Senator T. P. Gore that he and a member of the house of representatives had each been offered a bribe to foster a scheme whereby the Indians of Oklahoma were to be deprived of $3,000,000 profits due them through the sale of salt lands in this state begun here Thursday. The charges made by Senator Gore in the senate on June 24, and which form the basis of the present investigation, are:

That J. F. McMurray of McAlester, Okla., and his associates had obtained 10,000 individual contracts with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians for the sale of 150,000 acres of coal and asphalt lands, and estimated to be worth from $30,000,000 to $60,000,000.

That a New York syndicate already was prepared to take over the land at $30,000,000.

That when opposition to approving the contracts arose in congress, he (Senator Gore) was approached and was told that $25,000, or perhaps $50,000, would be available to him, and that a like sum would be available to a member of the house of representatives if all opposition was removed.

Pythian Sisters March.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The subordinate lodges of the Knights of Pythias' parade Wednesday attracted as much attention as did the uniform rank demonstration Tuesday. Added interest preavided by reason of the Pythian Sisters' participation in the formation. They were conveyed in prettily decorated carriages and handsome floats. The entire body, twelve divisions, headed by the Illinois and Ohio lodges, was in command of Chief Marshal Thomas V. Daly. Rain interfered with the competitive drills.

TEDDY SEES MINERS

VISITS SILK MILLS AND TALKS TO CHILD WORKERS.

Tried to Conceal Himself—Refuses to Make Known His Plans of Investigation.

Scranton, Pa.—Theodore Roosevelt spent Tuesday among the workers in the very heart of the Pennsylvania anthracite coal region. He met and talked with the men who dig the coal as they came from the mines black with grime. He talked with them about their homes, their children and their manner of living. He talked with their wives and their children and learned from their own lips how they look at life. He climbed to the top of a coal breaker and spent half an hour there, in the stifling coal dust, so that he might see what the men who work there have to do.

He spent another half hour in a silk mill talking with the girl workers. He visited the people in their homes and saw how they lived. He plodded two miles through the dust, up hills and in all manner of places, and he returned to Scranton as evening was drawing near, black with grime, but smiling with delight at his experiences.

SLUMP IN THE AUTO BUSINESS

Bottom Seems to Have Dropped Out Notwithstanding Boosting Efforts of Manufacturers.

New York.—Indications point to the bottom having fallen out of the automobile business. The manufacturers, it is reported in trade circles, are making strenuous efforts to keep up a show of continued prosperity, but it is also said that they are not selling their product, but are storing machines throughout the country at their various agencies to prevent the public realizing the true conditions of the market.

Several large concerns are laying off men and giving all sorts of reasons for so doing except the statement that they are overstocked. Two or three of the largest factories recently closed entirely, ostensibly for the purpose of taking inventory, but the workmen were not given any definite time at which to again report for work, and it is not expected that these factories will again be in operation this year.

A well-known automobile agent of this city said yesterday that all cars would undoubtedly be selling at from 25 per cent to 50 per cent less than present list prices within the next two or three months. He added:

"The trouble with the automobile business is that the farmers and people of the smaller cities and towns have not taken as kindly to the idea as was anticipated. The farmers find that the cost of keeping them in repair and operation is more than the cost of keeping horses to perform the same work, and while there was, for a time, a tendency among the farmers to invest in the machines, the demand for cars from this class of buyers has practically stopped, and I venture to say we will not again sell to the farmers to any extent until prices are materially reduced."

Champ Clark Renominated.

Montgomery City, Mo.—For the ninth time, eight times without opposition, Champ Clark, Democratic minority leader in the house of representatives, was nominated for congress in the Ninth congressional district. Judge R. E. Roy of Troy was nominated by the Republicans. Mr. Clark states that he will now give almost his entire time to his party, trying to elect the ticket and redeem Missouri.

Scent New Illinois Scandal.

Springfield, Ill.—Three witnesses in the legislative probe were before the grand jury and the state's attorney held conferences with four other men who are supposed to have knowledge regarding the bills before the forty-sixth general assembly, and which are said to have met their defeat through the powerful influences of the now famous "jackpot." State's Attorney Burke said the foundation had been laid for disclosures that will create new sensations in the Illinois political upheaval.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

BODIES FOUND IN PHYSICIAN'S ROOMS IN PITTSBURG.

A Friend of Dead Man Makes the Discovery—Pistol Found Beside Body of Woman.

Pittsburg.—Dr. George Murray Stuart, one of the most prominent young physicians of the fashionable East Liberty district, was found dead in his apartments Monday night, and beside him lay the body of Edna Wallace, a middle-aged woman. A shot through her right temple was apparently self-inflicted after she had shot and killed the doctor. A revolver lying by the woman's side strengthens the police in this theory.

The double killing comes almost on the eve of Dr. Stuart's marriage to a Virginia belle. The police believe that jealousy of the doctor's coming marriage prompted the double tragedy. The woman's body was removed to the morgue and that of the young physician was turned over to an undertaker.

Both bodies were found in bed.

Dr. Stuart was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore. He was but 27 years old. He is said to have come from a prominent family at Winchester, Va.

The discovery of the bodies was made by Dr. George W. Ely, a friend of the dead man, who, becoming alarmed at Dr. Stuart's disappearance, broke into his apartments. Dr. Stuart was to have been married August 10.

POPULATION GAIN UNIFORM

Southwest Section Leads, But not Sufficiently to Add to Representation.

Washington, D. C.—Census exxperts are now predicting that there will be no such phenomenal increase in population in any section of the South or Southwest as compared with the increase in other sections as to threaten disturbance of the present balance of political power. They point to returns for cities and counties in widely separated sections of the country, North, East, Middle and far West, showingg gains in population over the returns of the census of 1900 that do not compare at all badly with the gains in Texas and Oklahoma.

It is true, a few Texas and Oklahoma counties showed gains of upward of 200 per cent., but Oklahoma's general average gain was very moderate, while there were counties in Texas that reported actual decreases in population as an offset to those that showed very heavy gains.

EDUCATION'S SMALL CHANCE

Georgia Legislature Pays Little Notice to Compulsory Bill.

Savannah, Ga.—The chances for a compulsory educational bill to be passed at the present session of the Georgia legislature dwindled almost to nothing when for the second time the house refused to make it the special order of business one day a week. Supporters of the measure say the end of the session is too near to get the bill through. This bill has been one of the most important features of the session. Its advocates claim that there are 20,000 children of school age in Georgia who can neither read nor write. A newspaper campaign against illiteracy has made the topic a live issue throughout the state, with the result that a movement has started to keep the measure before the legislatures in the future until it becomes a law.

WENDLING OFF TO LOUISVILLE

No Chance Will Be Given Him to Kill Himself.

San Francisco.—In charge of Captain of Detectives J. P. Carney, through whose efforts he was run to earth, Joseph Wendling, accused of the murder of Alma Kellner of Louisville, Ky., left for the scene of the crime for which he will be tried.

It is believed here by the detectives who have assisted in the chase and arrest of Wendling that Carney will take extraordinary precautions to guard his prisoner after he reaches the boundary of Kentucky, as it is reported the feeling there runs high against the accused man.

Notwithstanding his cheerful air, Wendling has been guarded closely in his cell for fear he might attempt suicide.

MRS. ASTOR RETURNS.

Divorced Wife of Col. J. J. Astor Arrives on Oceanic.

New York.—Mrs. Alva Willing Astor, who obtained a divorce from Col. John Jacob Astor, came back to New York from London on the Oceanic, listed among the passengers as Mrs. John Astor. She was met at the pier by Mr. Dobbins, secretary for her divorced husband, and her son, Vincent. Those circumstances revived the rumors that she might remarry her former husband.

Will Use Pass Book.

Washington.—The ancient and long-established pass book system, used in ordinary savings institutions, will be adopted for the proposed postal savings banks when they are established by the United States government. The committee of officials that has been perfecting the plans for the postal banks had been considering what is known as the coupon system for postal bank deposits, but has now decided that, while having some advantages, that system might produce complications that would be undesirable.

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A NATURAL QUESTION.

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Wigson—What makes you think I'm twins?

The Nurse's Opinion.

A nurse had been called as a witness to prove the correctness of the bill of a physician.

"Let us get at the facts in the case," said the lawyer, who was doing a cross-examination stunt. "Didn't the doctor make several visits after the patient was out of danger?"

"No, sir," answered the nurse. "I considered the patient in danger as long as the doctor continued his visits."

119 Years Old When He Died.

Paddy Blake, who was born at Ballygireen, parish of Kilnasoolagh, County Clare, Ireland, 119 years ago, has died in the Corofin Union hospital. Paddy had a clear memory of events that happened a hundred years ago and was one of those who went to see Daniel O'Connell passing through Bunratty Pike on his way to Ennis for the great election of 1828.

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