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DODGERS FINED \$100

Charges of Perjury Set Aside—
Brunswick Boys Get
Two Years.

The prosecutions for tax-dodging did not result in anyone going to the penitentiary. However, some of the alleged guilty ones were fined sufficiently that the fine and costs probably will amount to more than taxes would have cost them, had they declared their property. In some cases the penalty was the costs of the proceedings. In the cases against the Brunswick boys, accused of stealing from the Wabash railroad, the boys who pleaded guilty were given 2 years each in the penitentiary. A summary of the proceedings follows:

State vs Blake:
By consent of Prosecuting Attorney, Defendant waves formal arraignments and enters plea of failing to make oath and charge of perjury heretofore made be dismissed and Defendant punishment be fixed at \$100.00 and costs.

State vs L. B. Cobb, same as above.

State vs J. W. McCulley, same as above.

State vs Lazer Loeb, same.

State vs E. B. Welch, same.

State vs B. Rush Mason, same.

State vs W. B. Lucas, dismissed upon payment of costs.

State vs I. T. Teters, same.

State vs S. L. Cravens, same.

State vs Columbus Kelley same.

State vs S. F. Gordon, same.

State vs George Hains, same.

State vs G. Montague, Deft. waives formal arraignment and enters plea of guilty, and punishment fixed at 2 years in penitentiary.

State vs Ben Cunningham, tried by jury who find him guilty of larceny and assess his punishment at 2 years in penitentiary.

Masons Given Third

The local Masons met for degree work at the lodge hall Friday night and gave one candidate the third degree. The willing victim was Sheriff Robert Hurt. There were three other candidates, these for the first degree but the work in the third required so much time that it was impossible to get to the first degree men. The local lodge was visited by a number of Brunswickers who came over via automobile. In the Brunswick party were Ben Smith, J. M. Barker, Paul Knight, Horace Mann, Vernon Rucker, Lovick Rucker, and L. A. Nicell. The first degree was given Wednesday night to Luther Wright, Orby Sterner and Richard Hunt.

An Interesting Debate

An interesting debate occurred at the meeting of the board of equalization last week over the matter of delving into the bank record to find out about time deposits and other things thought taxable. When the reporter was present, two members of the board were for making the banks show their records. One opposed and others apparently were neutral. On the show-down one man stuck for making the banks show up, the others were opposed. The man who voted for the proposition to go into these matters was A. F. Arrington.

The Commercial Club of Salisbury has been advertising the virtues of the ice made at the new artificial ice plant.

Fined Dave \$500

David Standley of near Carrollton, owner of several hundred acres of land and driving a rig that looked like it had come out of the Ark, drove up to the circuit court at Carrollton this week and pleaded guilty of tax-dodging. It was his second offense and Judge Dyebliss gave him a fine of \$500. Uncle Dave's poor old buggy was tied together with wire and binder twine and he presented an almost pathetic figure according to the Kansas City Star. It was discovered that Standley had flunked on the assessor a year ago and again in this year. The last year he beat the assessor by buying a draft for \$43,000 from his bank and holding it until the assessor had passed and then deposited it again. Someone caught on and he was discovered. It has been intimated that these little turns are common not alone in Carroll county but likewise in Chariton.

A Male Intruder

Mrs. Hugo Bartz was badly frightened Friday night of last week when she looked out the window from her living room and saw a man on the porch. She made haste to lock the rear door of the house and then locked the other doors. The man later went to the rear door and tried it but could not get in. Mrs. Bartz then telephoned up town to get her husband and the intruder left. Mrs. Bartz could not identify the man nor could his object be discovered. As it was, Mrs. Bartz was badly frightened.

Shoppers to City

There was an exodus of shoppers from here to the Kansas City the latter part of last week and the big stores there got their share of the money from this town. Some of the thrifty ones waited until after Easter to get the benefit of reduction in prices that usual follow after the Easter parade is over. In the list of shoppers were: Misses Rebecca Moore, Jo Martin, Helen Thrash, Leannah Minter, Ruth Martin, Lou Staples and Mrs. C. C. Parks.

Away To Ranch Life

Last week "Mossy" Closson and Louis Weeler left here for the southwest, expecting to land at Winslow, Arizona. They left here on the free ride system and went to Winslow to take a job on a ranch in that vicinity. Closson worked on the same ranch a year at one time. The ranch is 60 miles from a town and 30 miles to the nearest store so the boys will not be permitted much time in town if they take the job of roughing it.

Ach, Louie!

L. O. White married last week. Who'd a thunk it? Louie now 'old Mr. White'. Yes, he met a southern girl in Florida and succumbed. We know she is all that any man could desire for a life mate, for Louie knew some of the most charming girls here, and if he chose one of the south, she must have possessed unusual qualities. Unlimited congratulations to them both.

Woman Elected School Supt.

Mrs. Margaret Squires was elected county superintendent of schools of Carroll county by a majority of 400 votes. In Carrollton she beat Canaday, the retiring superintendent, 518 to 148 votes. The Carrollton Democrat says "Mr. Canaday the retiring superintendent, concedes his defeat and says that electioneering against a woman is a super-human task."

INCREASED TAXABLES

Total Value of Property In this County Estimated at \$13,000,000.00.

The taxable wealth of this county for 1915 will be approximately \$13,000,000., according to the records of the county board of equalization. The total increase over valuation of the same classes last year amounts to \$279,037.00.

The board reduces the assessment on all moneys 25 per cent or to the basis of 50 cents on the \$1.00 which made a reduction of \$189050.00. They also reduce the assessment of banks 25 per cent which placed them on the same valuation as fixed by the State Board of Equalization, which made a reduction of \$71845.00, thus assessing banks at 50 cents on the dollar.

The Board made an increase in the total of horses \$111,480.00, Asses and Jennets \$800.00, cattle \$11780.00; sheep \$1120.00; hogs \$11895.00; Classes three, four and ten \$10235.00.

The figures given below, showing, details of the assessment and equalization are official, being prepared by Warner W. White, Secretary of the Board.

ABSTRACT TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS

Land.....\$6749767.00
Town Lots..... 952293.00

Total Real Estate-\$7702060.00

Horses.....\$ 470909.00

Jacks and Jennets... 8332.00

Mules..... 208280.00

Cattle..... 334760.00

Sheep..... 14008.00

Hogs..... 76168.00

Other Live Stock... 715.00

Money, Notes, Bonds 556205.00

Banks..... 287382.00

All other personal property..... 409498.00

Total.....\$10068817.00

COUNTY BOARD EQUALIZATION

Land.....\$7500460.00

Town Lots..... 952293.00

Total Real Estate-\$8452763.00

Horses.....\$ 582389.00

Jacks and Jennets... 9632.00

Mules..... 208280.00

Cattle..... 346740.00

Sheep..... 15130.00

Hogs..... 88065.00

Other Live Stock... 715.00

Money, Notes, Bonds 357155.00

Banks..... 215540.00

All other personal property..... 521658.00

Total.....\$10798057.00

Deal In Barber Shops

There is to be or has been a transfer of barber shops in this city during the past week. Under the new arrangement, Edgar Wilks has sold his shop to John Lewis for \$350. It is understood that Mr. Lewis's son Homer will come home and have charge of the shop and barbers will be employed to do the tonsorial work. Wash Schupback has formed an alliance with Herschel Davis and with him, has bought the Davis shop of Mr. Davis's father. They will take charge of this shop April 19.

City Officers Appointed

The new city council went into office the meeting following the election and the only change from the officials of last year was the mayor. Mayor Agee was installed in the chair and proceeded to the appointment of appointive officers. M. W. Anderson was appointed treasurer, Wallace Applegate Clerk and Edgar Tisdale street commissioner, the same as a year ago. The appointment of city attorney went over until the next meeting.

Mrs. L. B. Singleton

Mrs. L. B. Singleton died at her home in Edmond, Okla., last week and was interred there, the pastors of the M. E. Church South and Christian churches conducting services.

Belle Hill, daughter of Mrs. Mary A. and Judge C. C. P. Hill and one of a family of thirteen children, was born near Fayette, Mo., Sept. 19, 1849. She was married to L. B. Singleton November 9, 1870 and three children resulted from the union the son dying in infancy and the daughters, Mrs. Willie May Knappenberger and Mrs. Alma Ringer residing at Edmond, Okla.

Mrs. Belle Singleton was a sister of Mrs. A. C. Vandiver whose husband was at one time editor of this paper and whose nephew, C. P. Vandiver continued it as the most popular in north Missouri until his death.

Mrs. Singleton was an invalid practically all her life, yet she raised the children of her daughter Willie May by her first husband, in addition to her own family and meeting the demands on her kind attention by all who called for her in sickness.

Mrs. Singleton united with the Southern Methodist Church when a girl 14 years of age, and we all knew her here for one of the most patient, self-sacrificing and kind women, energetic and devoted to her family and friends. May she reap the due reward of all such good women.

Bryan Again?

Wm. J. Bryan is evidently seeking nomination for the Presidency again. That he is doing his utmost to attract the favorable attention of prohibitionists and suffragists, there can be no doubt.

Three several times Bryan was the National standard bearer for the democratic party, but neither time did he utter a word publicly in favor of such a sumptuary law, but on the contrary, must have been understood by all to oppose it.

After his third defeat, he bobs up serenely with decidedly prohibitive proclivities, and it was suspected then that he fancied he would cut a new trail for himself to the coveted position. Failing in this direction as he will, what will next raise hope in him for realization of his undying ambition?

Herman-Rupp

Edwin Herman of Dalton and Miss Ida Rupp of Moberly were married Sunday April 11, at Moberly Rev. Boyd, the ceremony being performed by the minister at his home Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Owens attended the couple. They left for Kansas City for a week and returned to Dalton where they will make their home. The groom for four years had been employed at the Wabash shops at Moberly as machinist. He will live with his parents for the present.

John Newsom Dead

John Newsom employed by the Wabash on a bridge gang was killed last week at Conception, Mo. when a pile driver turned over on him when the wheels of the car hauling it left the track. The remains were brought to Brunswick for burial at the Elliott Grove cemetery.

Plenty of Sick.

The list of sick at the first of the week include the following: Mrs. Gus Coleman of Guthridge Mill district; William Clark; Mrs. J. B. Coy; a child of Jim Dotson north of town; Mr. Lee Pippin; Dempsey Fennell; Chas. Littrell.

EDITOR NELSON DEAD

Owner and Founder of the Kansas City Star is No More.

A telegram received here Tuesday morning told of the death of W. R. Nelson the editor and owner of the Kansas City Star. The death of Mr. Nelson is a big loss to the community unless his paper continues on the policy it has been for years. Mr. Nelson owned one of the two really big papers of the middle west the Chicago Tribune and the Kansas City Star. Nelson leaves a big estate.

The death of Mr. Nelson occurred at 2 a. m. Tuesday. He had been ill for some time of uraemic poison and had been unconscious for several weeks. His death ensued at the age of 74 years. He is survived by his widow and one child, a daughter Mrs. Irwin R. Kirkwood.

Mr. Nelson founded the Star in 1880. He had a paper in Ft. Wayne, Ind. his native state but sold the Sentinel and chose Kansas City as the place for his future. The first four years of his newspaper life were hard ones and his paper small. In 1884 he managed to get the backing to buy a Potter press that enabled him to run his papers off fast enough to get them to the subscribers on time and from then until now the paper has been a success. The Star plant employed 725 person at the time of Mr. Nelson's death and was one of the big paying business propositions in the newspaper world. Mr. Nelson's fight has been notable in many ways and he has never failed to strongly champion an issue that he thought to be right.

Salisbury Scribbles

Judge Rucker and J. H. Whitecotton have been in attendance at our circuit court this week.

W. H. Bradley has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. O. J. Friend returned from St. Louis Tuesday where she had been attending her mother who fell and broke her arm a short time ago.

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Wilhite are expected home this week from a month's trip to the West where they took in the Panama Exposition and other sights.

Mrs. N. J. Davidson who spent the winter here with the family of her son-in-law left for her home at Florida, Mo., where she will spend the summer as usual. Her granddaughter went with her as far as Moberly.

Thos. J. Blackwell, aged about 56 years, died at his home 5 miles south of here Saturday of pneumonia. He was never married, but lived with a brother and sister, who survive him. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Rice at Pleasant Hope church and remains laid to rest in the cemetery connected therewith.

One of the sad deaths occurring here was that of Mrs. R. J. Mansfield, at the home of her husband to whom she had been married but eight months, Saturday morning April 10th 1915. For some time she had been in poor health, and gradually sank into her grave. She leaves a husband, 3 children, father, mother and other relatives to mourn her death, all of whom have the sympathy of our people. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon and remains laid to rest in city cemetery.

Rev. Mitchell to Leave

Rev. Franc Mitchell preached his farewell sermon here Sunday night at his own church. Arrangements had been attempted to get a larger church for the services but they did not materialize and the Presbyterian church was over-taxed to hold the large attendance. Other churches in town closed their doors to permit the congregations joining with Rev. Mitchell's people in his farewell. Rev. Mitchell finishes fourteen years of service here and at other charges in this neighborhood. When he leaves here he will leave behind him a host of friends of years standing who will regret to see him go and will miss his service to the church, the town and the people. He goes with his wife and daughter to Montgomery City about the middle of next week and will reside there. He also preaches at Benton City, a town about eight miles east of Mexico, Mo.

Archie Lee Thompson

Archie Lee Thompson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson was born March 28, 1895, died April 10, 1915, age 20 years and 13 days. Funeral services were held at the house 5 miles south west of Keytesville by Rev. P. F. Sears pastor of the Bluff church. After which he was laid to rest in the Keytesville cemetery. He leaves a father, mother and three brothers to mourn his departure. Two brothers preceded him to the grave in infancy.

May the bereaved ones be able to see that all things work together for good to them that are called according to his purpose, and that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, "Blessed be the name of the Lord.—Contributed.

Wilson-Cox

Two young people registering as C. L. Wilson of Marceline and A. Cox, of Mendon were married at the Brown hotel Wednesday at 3 o'clock by Rev. Meyers. They live in the country and arrived here in the morning.

They had hard work getting a preacher as it happened to be an off day for the ministers and all were out of town. Finally Rev. Meyers was located out in the country and he came to town and pronounced the ceremony after which the young people returned to their home. It is the first wedding at the Brown since Manager Berry took charge.

Moberly Veteran Dead

William Henry Emerson, aged 70 years, a veteran resident of Moberly died at his home town the morning of Tuesday, April 13. The deceased was taken ill several weeks ago. He is survived by his widow and daughter, a brother, James Emerson of Keytesville, three nephews, William, Simpson and Rufus Emerson, and a niece, Mrs. Louella Poole.

Wedding Announcement

Mrs. Mary Young of this city has received from Mrs. Ellen Hermann, the announcement of the marriage of her daughter Flora, to P. C. Rupp, April 8. The "at home" card gives the address as 3801 Montgall Avenue after May 1, at Kansas City.

New Law Suits

Dessie N. Smith has sued J. W. Smith for divorce, the suit being filed by a Salisbury attorney. Nellie Jackson sues Will Jackson for a divorce, a Brunswick attorney having charge of this case.

There was a noisy bunch of serenaders out Tuesday night.