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This is the LAST CALL for Corn Show workers. A Mass Meeting is called for Saturday Night. If you are Interested Come. The Women are Working and it is Now Up to the Men

HYDE TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION ON BONUS BILL

Gov. Hyde told a committee from the American Legion October 6 that he would call a special session of the legislature to enact a soldier bonus law just as soon as a satisfactory bill has been prepared. This decision was the result of two conferences between the Governor and Col. J. S. Williams of Joplin, formerly commander of the legion in Missouri and Edward J. Cahill of Kansas City, adjutant of the state legion.

Judge Howard Gray of Carthage, member of the senate, is drafting a bill and it is expected that it will be completed the coming week. The idea of the committee is that the session will be called early in November and that the bounty bill can be placed in the Governor's hands by November 11, Armistice day, for his approval. The committee is enthusiastic enough to believe that it will be possible to commence paying out the bounty some time next March.

The Governor said that when the bill is ready he will call a meeting of the Senate and House committee on Ways and Means, and all the members of the Executive Committee of the American Legion, composed of 18 members, to assemble here and go over the measure carefully, and if they approve it he will issue a call for a special session of the legislature and ask that the bill be enacted into a law.

The bill outlined to the Governor provides for a commission of three members, one of whom shall be the Adjutant General, and the other two appointed by the Governor.

The Adjutant General has the names of 163,700 Missourians who answered to the call for arms.

Each honorably discharged man will receive \$10 a month for the time he served the maximum amount being \$250. If a soldier is dead or disqualified from receiving his bounty, it will go to his wife, his children, his father, his mother and in the order named.

ECCLES

Rev. Young failed to fill his appointment at this place last Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mrs. Will Kinzie and daughters are visiting relatives in Kansas City this week.

Luther Epperly of Iowa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Epperly.

Jack Hensley who has been sick for some time is now much better and his many friends rejoice with him.

Harold Bolen of Marceline spent the latter part of last week with relatives in this community.

Several from here attended the Salisbury fair last Friday and Saturday.

The fish-fry north of Eccles was well attended last Saturday and all report an enjoyable time.

Elsie Davis who has been in Oklahoma for some time has returned to her home.

Fred Klinzman and wife spent Sunday at George Medlin's.

L. N. Jaco sold several head of cattle to John Berry one day last week.

MEETING OF TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS LAST WEEK

Acting on the call of the State Tax Commission, the township assessors of Chariton County met at the County Court room at Keytesville, and the following named assessors were present:

B. Branch, O. E. Smith; Bowling Green, C. H. Brandt; Brunswick, W. W. Callahan; Chariton, George Kramm; Clark, Kenneth Fox; Cockerell, B. E. Smith; Cunningham, Clyde Stephens; Keytesville, T. E. R. Ewing; Mendon, E. Y. Swift; Missouri, T. J. Brand; Musselfork, J. W. Mott; Salisbury, H. T. Phelps; Sal Creek, T. E. Barry; Triplett, L. E. Minor; Wayland, W. A. Colley; Yellow Creek, Tarroll Gordon.

Meeting was called to order by Claude R. Ball, agent for the State Tax Commission. T. E. Barry was elected chairman of the meeting and J. W. Mott, secretary.

Fourteen out of the sixteen township assessors were present, in addition to the county clerk, Mr. White and deputy Mr. Hayer. The surveyor was present and took part in the meeting. The assessors voted unanimously in favor of making true valuation of all property, and all present agreed to survey all property at its true and full value.

Many questions were discussed and passed upon by the assessors present and by the tax agent present.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BACKS UP

Brunswick city officials received this week from the State Public Service Commission at Jefferson City, an order setting aside the order of Aug. 30, 1921, in which the Light, Water and Transit Company, of Carrollton, was granted an increase in rates charged for electric and water service furnished to patrons in Brunswick. The new rates were to have become effective Sept. 15, 1921.

The new order also re-opens the case, and grants a new hearing, the time and place of which will be set by the commission, and all parties interested will be notified.

The new order passed by the Commission is as follows:

Whereas, the City of Brunswick, Missouri, and other protestants did on September 14, 1921, file a motion for rehearing in the above entitled cases and praying that the submission thereof be set aside and the cases reopened so that the said city and other protestants may show cause why the rates granted in the Commission's order dated August 30, 1921, should not become effective; and the motion of the said city of Brunswick and other protestants coming on to be heard the same is granted; and it is

Ordered: 1. That the order made and entered by the Commission on August 30, 1921, granting certain rates to become effective September 15, 1921, be and the same is hereby set aside and for naught held.

Ordered: 2. That further hearing in these cases be held, the time and place to be fixed by the Commission and due notice thereof given all parties in interest.

Ordered: 3. That a certified copy of this order be served by mail upon the Water, Light & Transit Company of Carrollton, Missouri, and upon L. E. Merrill and D. C. Chaastain, Attorneys for protestants, by the secretary of the commission.

Ordered: 4. That this order take effect on this date.

By the commission,
L. H. Brewer, Secretary.

DEAN LAKE

Miss Ada Stephenson is improving after a bad attack of appendicitis.

Dr. Price was called last Saturday night to attend Mrs. Mack Underwood, who was very ill. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she is improving.

Dennis Crew who is working near Sumner was to see his mother, Mrs. Underwood, Sunday and Monday.

The Dean Lake Baptist church has been treated to some new shingles to replace the ones which burned off some time since.

Chas. R. Clark of railroad section No. 4, and his men were called to a freight wreck near Marceline Monday morning to help clear the track, and put in ties and lay new steel.

The track was burned and torn up for about a quarter of a mile. Thirteen cars went into the ditch. The trouble was caused by a hot box. Two cars of gasoline burned, one car of salmon, one car of wool, one car raisins, all burned. Traffic was badly blocked, and passing train were obliged to detour over the Wabash road.

Mrs. Chas. E. Clark returned home Saturday night from Kansas City where she was visiting relatives the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Brookshire is improving after being very sick for a week.

Mrs. Daisy Tremain is visiting Miss Lela McCullough a few days.

Dennis Crew sold a hog to Geo. Gallatin Monday.

Chas. R. Clark and wife went to North Kansas City Sunday to see their brother, who has been sick the past 16 weeks. Lewis is not improving very much. His mother, Mrs. Chester Clark of near Chillicothe, Mo., has been with him the past two weeks, helping care for him.

A little social round dance was given by Miss Lela McCullough Monday night.

Mrs. Ebel Thompson and daughter of Chillicothe are here helping to take care of her mother, Mrs. Brookshire, who is very ill.

Mrs. Anna Perry was called to Oawego, Kan., to be at the bedside of her son-in-law, Clarence Willis, who is very ill.

Miss Crandall returned home from North Kansas City Sunday, where she had been visiting her son Frank and family. Frank is employed as a street car conductor.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS TWO WEEKS PUBLICATION

In its issue of September 21, 1921, the Southwestern Reporter reviews the action of the Missouri Supreme Court in the case of the City of Brunswick ex rel. Go. W. Barkwell vs. O. K. Benecke, for the collection of paving tax.

This case was tried in the circuit court of this county, and a decision was rendered in favor of the city of Brunswick. An appeal was taken to the Kansas City Court of Appeals, and that court transferred it to the Supreme Court.

In the trial of the case, one of the principal points raised by the attorneys for the defense was that resolutions giving notice of the intention to pave were not published for a sufficient time. The resolutions were published in two consecutive issues of the Brunswick and the attorneys for the defendant held that they should have been published in three issues. On this point the Supreme Court says:

"Under Revised Statutes, 1909, Section 9411, authorizing improvement of streets in cities, and requiring notice of resolution to be published for two consecutive weeks, publication of such resolution in two issues of a weekly newspaper was sufficient as notice when published in a weekly paper does not cease to impart notice the day after the paper leaves the press, but continues until the issuance of the next current number."

In connection with the question of placing the paving at the established street grade, the Supreme Court's decision says:

"The fills and cuts necessary to bring to the established grade that part of said Broadway street proposed to be graded and paved are shown on said profile, compiled with the requirements of Revised Statutes 1909, Section 9411, as to including and describing in the resolution the work of gringing such street to the established grade."

Notwithstanding the fact that the Supreme Court sustained the City of Brunswick and Markwell in the points named above, which were among the principal objections raised by the defense against paying the paving tax, the decision of the lower court was reversed, the finding of the Supreme Court being in favor of the defendant.

As we understand the Supreme Court's decision, the reversal was made on the grounds that Contractor Barkwell neither asked nor was given an extension of time for completing the contract, and the ordinance contained a penalty proviso requiring that the work should be completed within the time stated in the contract. The ordinance required that the work be completed within sixty days, and the decision states that 135 days had expired before the contract was completed.

The question of the completing of the work within the time specified in the contract was not emphasized in the trial of the case in the lower court. However, the members of the City Council and other city officials state positively that Contractor Barkwell did ask for and was granted an extension of time for the completion of the contract. This fact will be brought to the attention of the courts by the attorneys for the plaintiffs in future proceedings in connection with the paving cases.

There are some seven or eight of the paving cases yet to be tried, and the action of the Supreme Court in the recent decision gives reason for the belief that Contractor Barkwell will win these cases, and will receive his pay for one of the best jobs of paving in the state of Missouri—Brunswick.

KILL TWO WOLVES

Two wolves were killed in a hunt last Saturday near Hillsboro. The wolves had been ranging around the community for some time making depredations on the farmer's chickens.

A hunt was organized and the dogs soon caught the scent. The wolves that were killed were about two thirds grown.—Missouri State Journal.

Mrs. Willie Sullivan is quite sick this week.

Miss Ruby McConnell and Everett W. Level of Marceline, Mo. were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Keytesville, by agreement.

Mrs. Mary Allen returned home Friday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Hugo Barta.

METHOD OF NOMINATING DELEGATES AT LARGE

As a result of many inquiries that have been coming to the Secretary of State for information on the methods of nominating delegates at large to the constitutional convention, and the variation of opinions that have been apparent in the State, Attorney-General Barrett, at the request of Secretary of State Becker, rendered an opinion this week on the method of nominating such delegates.

The Attorney-General ruled that the general election laws of the State shall apply to the election of delegates to the constitutional convention.

He further stated that the names of delegates must alternate at top of intermediate spaces on the ballot. In this regard, Attorney-General Barrett said there has been a general impression that the names of candidates would be listed in the order their petitions were filed.

Major Points Involved

As a result of the Attorney-General's opinion on the subject, Secretary of State Becker has prepared a summary of the points of importance and sent copies of such to all county clerks and others interested. The following are the major points involved:

The petition of each delegate at large must contain at least 5 per cent of the entire vote cast for Governor at the last general election in the senatorial district where the candidate resides.

Signers of the petition shall be "electors of the State," which includes persons of foreign birth who have declared their intention to become citizens not less than one year prior more than five years before offering to vote.

Signers of petitions need not necessarily be residents of the same senatorial district in which the candidate resides, but the petition need only contain 5 per cent of the voters as stated.

Women as well as men may be candidates to the convention, either at delegates-at-large, or district delegates.

Petitions nominating delegates-at-large must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State not later than 30 days before the day set for the election of delegates. Petitions may be presented to the Secretary of State before the Governor fixes the date of the election, in which event the date of the election will have to be left blank, language used in the petition to indicate that the election contemplated is the election of delegates to the constitutional convention authorized by the vote of the people Aug. 2.

Correct Petition's Form

Attorney-General Barrett also prepared the correct form in which each petition should be presented, the heading of which follows:

"We, the undersigned, electors and legal voters of the State of Missouri and of the county of _____ hereby respectfully nominate _____ for delegate-at-large to the convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State of Missouri, at the election ordered by the Governor to be held on the _____ day of _____, 192____, and we respectfully petition you to accept and file this petition and proceed thereon according to law, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a lawful elector and legal voter of the State of Missouri and of the county of _____; my residence and post office are correctly written after my name."

LAST FRIDAY'S COURT DOINGS

State of Missouri vs Ben Pope, burglary. Orders in appeal taken to Supreme Court.

J. T. Hall vs Security Insurance Co. New Haven, insurance policy. Motion set aside, judgment filed and cause taken under advisement.

Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$1,105.57, interest at 6 per cent.

John W. Louge vs Lee F. Louge, Set down for trial, Nov. 4.

Fannie F. Turner vs Emma A. Dixon, damage. Set for trial Nov. 4.

Henry Kelly vs Eva Kelly, divorce. Plaintiff petition dismissed. Defendant divorced on cross bill. Alimony in sum of \$100.

Ben Oney vs Minnie Oney, divorce. Continued.

James H. Fugett vs Giorietta Fugget, divorce. Set for trial Nov. 2.

Mollie Johnson vs Anselm Johnson, divorce. Transferred to Keytesville by agreement.

Court adjourned until Nov. 3.

Mrs. Mary Allen returned home Friday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Hugo Barta.

SALISBURY

"Put on your overcoat," was the slogan here last Thursday, and three-ball men will find a rush in business, maybe.

The Golden Rule laundry is running and we hope all will wash up.

Attorney Lamb and a couple of clients had legal business at the capitol Thursday and flivvered over to find out about it.

There is talk about a debating society here to discuss the question, "Will the average man lie?"

Our old friend R. P. Clarkson of Pee Dee, was in town Friday, having just returned from a splendid visit to relatives in Kansas. He said that he had the time of his life and he looks it. Saw some of his old school mates and others whom he had not seen for years. He was on his way to Moberly to have his eyes treated.

Ernest Beckelheimer—a Salisbury boy who had made good came in the latter part of last week from his home in Pennsylvania to attend the fair. He looks like a prince.

The highest thing at the fair was the air plane and it did not go so very high.

There was a fine attendance at the fair Friday and Saturday.

Salisbury was alive with people Saturday.

The Forest Green band furnished good music for the fair.

Morgan Clem and wife of Yates, Mo., were here Saturday.

Our town sports a baby rack but grown men tackled it now and then.

The air plane was here one day of the fair, but we did not go up for two reasons. First, we did not have the nerve; second we did not have the price.

Rev. Mitchell filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

The west memorial window at the Christian church, broken by hail some time since, has been repaired, and is now as fine as at first.

There was frost here Monday morning, but it did no damage.

Salisbury is putting on metropolitan airs, a baby rack having been set up at the corner of 2nd and Broadway by an enterprising boy when money can be literally thrown away.

Dick Gehrig's physician told him all he needed was rest for a year, to the horror of his wife, who has found it hard enough to keep him at work, without any encouragement from the doctors.

Our town is over run with rats and the Salisbury cat is about as valuable as the 5th wheel to a wagon.

Judge Montgomery was over Tuesday on business in connection with the Umph Dennis estate.

Tuesday was a raw day here but bright and clear.

J. T. Windsor has been on the jury list for a few days.

Ira W. Dobson of Moberly attended the fair and visited his mother.

Salisbury needs a "car cranker" to help start the cars on our streets.

Word from Woodland hospital says Mrs. W. R. Tindall is improving and doing well.

The rain and the fair came in together Thursday afternoon, but the rain had all the best of it. Those who braved the storm and went out to the grounds found that much work had been done, but much more was needed and could only be completed after the fair was over.

Insurance against rain was suggested, but not heeded, and the result was just what could be expected. A few dollars expended in this direction would have established a precedent for the future that might have insured success, but it is too late now to grieve over split milk or lost gate receipts.

MARKET SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

For anything good to eat come to the market which will be given Saturday, Oct. 15th at the old Boy Scout room in the Hill building. We are having this to raise money for the baby show prizes in connection with the round up. You are expected to give something, anything you care to give will be appreciated. Be sure and come and buy. Sale begins at 1 p. m.

FRIDAY EXCITEMENT

Last Friday afternoon as Dean Mason was preparing to go home his horse became frightened while standing in front of W. D. Vaughan's store and started down the street west. It started to turn at the Bank of Keytesville and would have made the corner alright, but Jimmy Hershey's "Yellow Hammer" car stopped it, and the buggy landed on top of the car. Mason was in the buggy when it started but managed to get out. There was only slight damage done to the buggy.

ENTERTAINED THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Henry Harlan was hostess to the Thursday club last week. There were six tables at forty-two and the prize offered was awarded Miss Marian White, it was a vase. A two-course lunch was served of ice cream and angel food cake, and 2nd course coffee and sandwiches.

The H. G. Manson fall sale of Poland China hogs and gilts was held Wednesday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance and bidding was brisk. The sale averaged about \$25 per head.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

E. M. Henderson married Francis Hill from Sumner. Judge Mott.

NO RAILROAD STRIKE

It is no time to foment strikes and if the men of the federated railroad shop-crafts unions, who have voted for a strike, do not know it their leaders do and are acting accordingly. They will not order the voted strike against the general wage reduction of about 12 per cent already in force, but will wait to see what disposition the labor board makes of the question of working rules now before it.

These union leaders are so far well advised. The wage reduction on which the men have voted to strike was not determined by the railroad; but by the railroad labor board. It was not decreed arbitrarily, but only after extended hearings and in accord with the provisions of the transportation act expressly devised to protect the employees in the receipt of just and reasonable wages.

Nor can it be said that the present railroad labor board has been or is partial to railroad influence. Rather the other way. Its 12 per cent wage-reduction decision of last spring was only about half what the railroads demanded. It has so far dealt with working rules in the same close consideration for the employee, and its decision of last week that railroads under the transportation act cannot discharge men simply because they are unionists further testifies to its freedom from bias toward the railroads.

Against the decision of this board, whether related to wages or working rules, no strike can expect to have any support from public sentiment, and in the present state of unemployment over the country there will be no strike among the best-placed workmen in the mechanical trades unless they can manage to lose their heads entirely.—New York World.

FARM BUREAU

Varieties of Wheat

Many farmers in Chariton County are under the impression that a hard wheat is better adapted to this country than soft wheat. The Missouri Experiment Station has been investigating this matter for the last 15 or 20 years and they came out with a statement last week that over a period of many years the hard wheat has done no better on the average than two or three varieties of soft wheat in this part of the state.

Another disadvantage in sowing hard wheat is that it soon becomes mixed with our soft wheat and the price received by farmers for mixed wheat is not as good as a straight variety of soft wheat.

We hope that farmers may sometime unite on a more uniform type of wheat for each locality.

This will mean better satisfaction in selling through each elevator and will probably do away with so many varieties and grades of wheat which the shipper has to contend with.

Poultry Culling

There is still time to give attention in culling out the hens which are not paying for their board with eggs.

We have been so busy with the United States Grain Growers who have been at work in this county that we have not been able to cull as many flocks as we had anticipated, but if you have some work of this kind in your community or on your farm please let me know at once and I will try and arrange a date for you.

Harvesting Corn

A whole lot of corn is getting down owing to the great amount of rainfall which has been given to us in the past two weeks. Of course, rainy weather is not the best weather for hogging down corn, but if the rains will give us a chance there is a good opportunity to save a lot of labor by letting the hogs harvest this corn and soy beans which many of you have had growing together. I have had a report from twenty Indiana farmers who kept careful records of harvesting corn. The average cost of producing 100 pounds of gain on hogs which were harvesting their own corn and soy beans was \$4.20 counting the corn at 50 cents per bushel. The best gains were made where hogs weighing about 100 pounds each when turned into the corn. In one case hogs of this kind gained 100 pounds each on 5 bushels of corn together with what soy beans they ate.

This made the 100 pounds of gain cost only \$2.61. This is certainly a good method to follow and we should give it consideration wherever conditions will permit.

R. D. HAY, County Agent