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CLABO "GUILTY" COMMITTEE SAYS

Senate Inquisitory Body Reports to the Governor in the Bribery Hearing

The report of the senate committee investigating charges of bribery and corruption involving members of the body and others in connection with their activities with the upper house of the Tennessee legislature, was completed and filed with the governor Saturday afternoon.

The report, which is an extended one, and which discusses in detail various matters brought before the committee, pronounces Senator E. N. Clabo of Sevier county guilty of accepting a bribe. It also pronounces David B. Puryear, of Memphis, and Robert L. Carden, state insurance commissioner and also senate clerk, guilty of "reprehensible conduct" in making changes in the reciprocal insurance bill, and declares that "proof tends to strongly indicate" that Senator John R. Kemper and Representative Ben W. Raws received money to influence their support in voting. It leaves to the discretion of the governor the submission to the Davidson county criminal authorities for action of the evidence in all three cases, but recommends that such action be taken.

The report holds that Senator Clabo "deliberately and corruptly agreed to and did accept a bribe," and this offense is alleged to have occurred without his being made intoxicated. The belief is expressed that the senator should not remain a member of the senate, but his expulsion is not demanded nor the calling of an extra session of the legislature to try the case recommended. It is suggested that, in case the governor calls a special session of the legislature, this matter be included in the call and the evidence adduced in this case be then placed before the senate. It is also suggested that the evidence be delivered to the criminal authorities of Davidson county to be used in the forthcoming trial of Senator Clabo before that bar.

FOGG AND GRIZZARD WILL SERVE TERMS

Purcell Porter, Who Shot M. L. Robinson, Case Reversed and Remanded

The supreme court last Saturday affirmed the case of Elihu Grizzard and Ben Fogg vs. the State of Tennessee. Grizzard and Fogg, negro boys of Huntingdon, were convicted in the lower court on a charge of robbing a white man named Tom Williams. The robbery occurred on West Paris street, and it is alleged that \$60 was taken. The negroes were taken to Nashville Wednesday afternoon by Lon Boyd, to begin their term of from three to ten years.

Purcell Porter vs. State, Benton criminal docket; conviction for an assault with intent to commit murder in the first degree, reversed and remanded for a new trial. Porter was convicted for shooting M. L. Robinson, a deputy sheriff of Carroll county, while the latter was undertaking to place him under arrest in Benton county on a charge of transporting intoxicating liquor, Robinson having intercepted Porter on the public road while he was in the act of transporting 12 or 13 gallons of whiskey. On the trial the jury were instructed that if Porter was transporting more than three gallons of whiskey at the time, he was guilty of a felony. Subsequently the supreme court decided that the stat-

ute making such a transportation a felony was unconstitutional and void and on this appeal it was accordingly held that Porter's rights were prejudiced by the erroneous instruction of the trial judge to the jury that he was committing a felony at the time of the attempted arrest.

Burial of Mrs. Johnson

The funeral of Mrs. Susie Wilder Johnson Thursday afternoon of last week was largely attended and a most impressive service was held. Rev. Edgar McCoy of McKenzie, delivered an appropriate sermon for the occasion. The interment occurred at Oak Hill cemetery and the grave was covered with beautiful floral offerings, the gifts of loving friends. The out-of-town attendants at the funeral were William Wilder, of Kentucky; Mrs. W. R. Bobo and son, Roy, Mrs. Elwood Kemp, Mrs. Grace Carter and Mrs. Noell Mann, of McKenzie; Mr. and Mrs. Haskall Hurt, of Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. Isham Hurt, and son, Isham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rummage and little daughter, of Trezevant.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING FINE PROGRAMS

The Huntingdon High School Commencement is Drawing Good Crowds

The commencement exercises of the Huntingdon High School are in progress this week. Large crowds are attending, and the programs rendered are very fine and highly gratifying to the patrons of the school.

The commencement sermon was preached last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church. The sermon was delivered by Rev. H. J. Derthick, president of Milligan College. It was a strong sermon and was well delivered. The church was packed and the discourse was highly pleasing to those who heard. He preached another fine sermon Sunday night at the same place, a good crowd hearing him.

Each night this week except Wednesday night, there has been public exercises at the high school auditorium. The various departments have put on programs that have been highly enjoyed and were very pleasing to the large audiences that are attending.

The school play, "Rustic Romeo" will be given Thursday night. Admission 25c and 35c.

The graduating exercises will be given Friday night. The class address will be delivered by Dr. A. P. Finley of the West Tennessee Normal School.

C. P. ASSEMBLY MEETS THURSDAY

Ninety-First Session is Being Held This Year at Greenfield, Missouri

Yesterday at 11 o'clock, in Greenfield, Mo., the ninety-first consecutive meeting of the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be called to order by the retiring moderator, the Rev. J. T. Cortner, of Dyersburg, Tenn., who will open the proceedings with the annual sermon.

If the reports of the various boards and agencies of the assembly may be taken as a criterion, this will be, in some respects, one of the most important assemblies ever held by Cumberland Presbyterians. The board of trustees of theological seminary, of which the Rev. J. L. Hudgins of Nashville is chairman, and D. M. McAnulty of Bolivar is secretary, will recommend to the assembly one change in the teaching personal of the theological seminary namely, that the Rev. W. H. Butler, of Jackson, Tenn., graduate of Vanderbilt university, takes the place of the Rev. S. H. Braly in the faculty. The board of trustees of Bethel college, located at McKenzie, and of which the Rev. O. A. Barbee, of Greenville, Ky., is chairman will recommend that the Rev. G. W. Burroughs, at present pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church at Chattanooga, and a graduate of Vanderbilt university replace the present president of Bethel college, Prof. N. C. Finney. There will probably be other changes in the official personnel of the church.

The endowment commission having reached the present half-million-dollar endowment for the new school, the approaching assembly will proceed to select a location for the school. McKenzie, the present site of Bethel college, is a strong contender for the new school. However, Bowling Green, Ky., and Chattanooga are in the fight, but have not yet revealed to the public what inducement they have to offer. McKenzie has floated a liberal bond issue and is prepared to offer a liberal acreage of land. The committee on location of the new school, of which H. M. Stiles of Birmingham is chairman, has not announced its recommendation in the matter.

Isaac R. Hawkins Post

Isaac R. Hawkins Post, No 56, G. A. R. will meet at Liberty All Sunday, May 29, to decorate the old soldier's graves. We will have speaking by the Hon. J. C. R. McCall and the Hon. J. Sam Johnson; also good singing. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets of grub, as we expect to have dinner on the ground.

S. A. BROWN, Commander.
JO McCrackin, Adjutant,
Isaac R. Hawkins Post, No. 56,
G. A. R.

J. Sam Johnson spent last Tuesday in Jackson on business.

ROSS APPOINTED TO FEDERAL JUDGSHIP

One of the Hottest Contests the Administration Has Had Yet to Settle

News was received here Wednesday afternoon that Chancellor J. W. Ross had been appointed to the federal judgeship for the West Tennessee district. This place has been vacant since the death of Judge John E. McCall nearly a year ago.

Judge Ross won out in one of the hottest contests that has yet come before the present administration. There were several applicants for the place, and the politicians were nearly all lined up for the opponents of Judge Ross. Congressman Lon Scott waged an unrelenting fight against the chancellor, and stood ready at any time to give his support to any one that could defeat Ross. The fight was bitter and in many respects unbecoming a contest for a position of this kind.

Judge Ross was so strongly and widely backed that his opponents could not defeat him.

Attorney General Daugherty confesses that this was one of the most complicated and annoying cases the administration has had to deal with, and that a blunder was made in allowing the factional fight to arise.

Mrs. Medlin Dead

Mrs. Lizzie Bell Medlin, wife of J. T. Medlin, of the Twenty-third district, died last Sunday, after a lingering illness with cancer. She was 41 years old and was a good woman. She is survived by her husband, three children, and by her father Filmore Pruitt. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Carter's graveyard by Rev. Elihu Martin.

Leg Cut

Ben Pinson, 16 years old son of A. M. Pinson, of Vale, was the victim of an unfortunate accident Thursday of last week. While working at a spoke factory, in some way he got one of his legs badly cut by one of the saws being operated at the factory. The leg was cut nearly half off and is a very painful wound. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Charlie French Dead

Charlie French, section foreman of Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad at Buena Vista, died in a hospital in Nashville last Sunday night. He was taken to Nashville a few days before for an operation for appendicitis. Some time ago he was hurt by a

train striking his hand car and it is thought that injuries received then complicated the trouble that brought about his death. Mr. French was a man about 40 years old and had been for sometime an employe of the railroad company and was highly esteemed by the company. He was an upright citizen and his death is very much regretted. He is survived by his widow and five or six children who have the sympathy of the community. The funeral services were conducted at Buena Vista, Tuesday by Rev. T. M. Boyd and his remains were taken to Wildersville for burial.

At Lankford

On the fourth Sunday in May, 1921, Rev. W. S. Roney will preach at Lankford High School at 11 o'clock a. m. and 2 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and bring their dinners and spend the day together and hear Rev. Roney, as this is the place where he spent his boyhood days. There is only a few of us who remember him and we are glad to have him come and preach for us.—W. H. Lankford.

GOOD SERVICE FIRST IN FILLING OFFICE

Will be the Prime Consideration in Selecting Postmasters Says Hays

Only the "good of the service" will be considered in selecting the men from among the three highest for certification to the president for appointment as postmaster. Postmaster General Hays declared Tuesday in discussing the recent executive order of President Harding on the matter. Congressmen and senators will naturally be heard by the department as to the qualifications of applicants, Mr. Hays said, adding that this meant Democrats as well as republicans.

Selections made by the civil service commission under the order of former President Wilson, but not confirmed by the senate, will be ignored and new examinations held for such vacancies, the postmaster general asserted. There are about 5,000 vacancies, it was said, and the postoffice department is now making up the list by states to certify to the civil service commission. This body, it was declared, is expected to make arrangements for the examinations as soon as possible.

The West Tennessee Medical association had a fine meeting in Paris last week. It was largely attended and some very able papers presented and discussed. Dr. Roy A. Douglass attended from Huntingdon.

WILDERSVILLE IS CONSUMED BY FIRE

Seventeen Buildings Burn With Property Loss Estimated at Over \$100,000

All the business section of the town of Wildersville was consumed by fire last Friday afternoon. The fire originated at 2:45 o'clock in the residence portion of a wooden structure owned and occupied by Dr. W. I. Howell, who used part of the building as a drug store.

The flames spread so rapidly north, south and east that in one hour and forty-five minutes seventeen houses of brick and wood had been consumed. The railroad runs through Wildersville southwest to northwest and the fire originated at about half way of the business row and some what in the rear of the brick stores in the center of the row which fronts the railroad.

The losses are estimated to total about \$100,000, but the insurance, which is scant in some cases, has not been commuted.

The people who have done the business of Wildersville are a plucky bunch, and, Phoenix-like, the town is expected to soon arise from its own ashes a better Wildersville than ever.

Rev. H. J. Derthick, president of Milligan College, who preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Neely and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Freeman, while in Huntingdon.

MAKING STRONG DRIVE FOR BETHEL COLLEGE

The Citizens of McKenzie Are Making Effort to Secure Big School

In another column of the Democrat appears an article about the effort being made by the citizens of McKenzie to secure Bethel College. This article states that the town has a \$100,000 bond issue as a financial offer. In this we are mistaken. The election was held and the proposition carried by a big majority, but failed to carry by a three-fourths majority, which was found to be necessary. Time is too short to hold another election.

Undaunted by this mistake the progressive citizens of the town have gone to work and are endeavoring to make up the amount by private pledges. Last Tuesday night \$55,000 was pledged and the work continues.

McKenzie is entitled to that school, and if it is moved away it will never be the success it would be if retained in McKenzie, is our honest opinion.

HOTEL OLIVE CHANGES JOHN F. L'RUE OWNER

Mrs. E. Baker, of Murray, Ky., Has Rented Property and Takes Charge at Once

Hotel Olive property has changed hands again and John F. LaRue, of Franklin, Ky., is the new owner. Mr. Medearis made this deal several weeks ago, but the new owner has only recently taken the property in charge.

Mr. LaRue was in Huntingdon last Monday, and has the appearance of being a fine business man. He is in the newspaper and real estate business in Franklin and will not locate here himself.

He has rented the property to Mrs. E. Baker, of Murray, Ky., who will take charge at once. Mrs. Baker comes well recommended, and is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Andrews, and son. They are regular hotel people, and we hope they will like the place and will make a success in the management of this splendid hotel property.

The Grand Leader

Its a Wise Shopper Who Shops Around these Days

WE INVITE YOU

Priest & Priest

The Home of Hart Shaffner & Marx Clothes

Wonderful Values in Slippers