

GOVERNOR'S BOOM HAS FINE CHANGE

MAJOR SURE THAT HE WILL GET STRONG SUPPORT IN CONVENTION.

CAMPAIGN IS TO BE PUSHED

Thinks Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma Almost Sure, and Regards the Far West as Favorable.

Jefferson City.

In spite of the tart and acrimonious features incident to his obtaining the indorsement of the Missouri state convention for the vice presidential nomination, Governor Elliott W. Major is smiling and full of optimism in discussing his chances for the nomination in the Democratic National convention at St. Louis in June.

The governor says that the states adjoining Missouri are the most favorable to him.

He says that the Iowa delegation of 26 will be his without a contest, as his is the only name on the official ballot.

There is no doubt that he will obtain the Arkansas delegation, he says, and the same is true of Kansas, where a number of counties which have elected delegates have instructed for him.

In Oklahoma, Governor Major says the sentiment is distinctly in his favor.

The governor says that he intends to push his campaign vigorously.

The campaign committee of his friends, of which Judge W. W. Graves of the supreme court is chairman and A. Z. Patterson is secretary, is in touch with the situation in all of the southern and eastern states.

Board Sets Values.

St. Louis real estate will pay toward the support of the state government this year approximately 38 per cent of the total state tax on all realty in Missouri, according to the returns of the local assessors to the state board of equalization, which now has the assessments under review.

The total 1916 tax on all Missouri real estate for state purposes as contained in these assessors' returns, not including St. Louis, will be \$1,437,784.17. St. Louis will contribute to the state this year \$886,993.41 in taxes on real estate alone.

The total state taxes on all Missouri real estate payable this year under the new assessments, aggregates \$2,324,757.58.

Four per cent of the assessed valuations placed upon farm or acreage property for this year's state taxes, fall upon St. Louis real estate. The total acreage assessment of the entire state as fixed by the assessors, aggregates \$488,728,237, of which \$19,594,380 is in the city limits of St. Louis.

In the valuations placed upon the town lot property in the incorporated towns and cities of Missouri, St. Louis realty owners are assessed at \$473,179,750, out of a total of \$799,370,214.

To See Board.

A big delegation of St. Louis men is here to discuss the equalization of taxable values with the state board.

That there can be no immediate result is conceded, for, under the laws, there is no chance to go behind the returns as filed by the county assessors, but it is hoped that there may be results in the future in the reforming of the revenue and taxation code of the state.

The glaring deficiencies of the present system are apparent in the fact that the entire burden of the support of the state government falls upon the city of St. Louis, Jackson county and 17 other counties. All of the other counties draw each year out of the state treasury much more money than they pay in.

Program for Journalism Week.

The program for journalism week, Monday to Friday, May 1-5, inclusive, at the University of Missouri has been announced. It will include sessions of the Missouri Press Association, the Missouri Writers' Guild, the Missouri Women's Press Association and the Association of Foreign Language Newspapers and the League of Missouri Advertising Clubs.

William J. Bryan, it is announced, will speak twice, and others whose names are on the program are Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Governor Osborn of Michigan, Fred W. Lehman of St. Louis, Arthur Brisbane of New York and Courtland Smith of New York.

The Ozark Trails.

This association was organized in 1913 at a meeting of good roads men from four states held at Monte Ne, Ark.

Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri were the original states, and the plan is to have a system of fine highways connecting these commonwealths.

The annual meeting of this association will be held in Springfield, Mo., June 27-28, 1916, and wide publicity is sought in order to create interest and enthusiasm in good road roads.

On April 10 President W. H. Harvey will start over the various routes between St. Louis and Springfield, selecting best route to the thriving town in Greene county. Following that he will select the best route to the South and West of Springfield, going as far as Oklahoma City.

When a main traveled highway is located and established it is only a question of time until it is made into the best of roads. Population increases along the route and public necessity demands it.

The association relies on two methods of raising the money necessary to meet the expenses of marking and routing roads. One is for local commercial clubs to look after the expenses of their neighborhood and the other is from the sale of memberships in the Ozark Trails Association. None of the officers of the association receive salaries.

All good roads men who are studying the best methods of promotion, ways and means for financing, and the cheapest and best methods of construction, will learn much by attending their next annual convention at Springfield.

Muet Issue License.

The supreme court handed down a decision under the terms of which the Wabash Railway Company will receive its license to do business in Missouri.

This opinion was rendered in mandamus proceeding instituted by the Wabash to compel Secretary Roach to issue a license to the company to operate its road in Missouri.

The secretary of state declined to issue the license, holding that a statute enacted by the legislature in 1913, required all railroads wanting to do state business to incorporate under the laws of Missouri.

Judge Graves, who wrote the opinion of the court, declared the act of 1913 is not applicable to railroads like the Wabash which were possessed of property and contracts in Missouri before the enactment of that law.

The Wabash will pay the state a fee of \$19,655.19 for its license as a foreign corporation.

This decision will set a precedent for the future guidance of captains of industry who wish to do business in Missouri.

May Announce Soon.

Joseph W. Folk, who has been imported to run for governor was in Missouri looking over the field. So far he has given no indication of his intentions, and some of his friends think he will wait until May 1 before making a decision. His lieutenants in all sections of the state are going over the ground very carefully.

Prison Physician Poisoned.

Dr. G. L. McCutchan, prison physician is suffering from a rather severe case of blood poisoning. The middle finger of his right hand became infected when he was dressing a wound for a negro convict. A short time ago two negro convicts became engaged in a fight in their cell, and one of them got the other's finger in his mouth and chewed it badly. It was while ministering to this negro's finger that the doctor's hand became infected with the poison.

School Board Upheld.

That the Board of Education of St. Louis has plenary powers in the construction and maintenance of the school buildings of that city is the gist of an opinion handed down by Judge Brown of the supreme court, in the suit of the board against the city to restrain the latter from interfering with the construction of certain schools in the city. The controversy was over the authority of the supervisor of plumbing to interfere and prevent the board from using certain kinds of plumbing not indorsed by the city.

The court holds that the act creating the present board gives it the sole right to control construction and maintenance of school buildings, and that the city is wholly without authority in the premises.

Final Contract Comes Up.

The state capitol commission is getting ready to award the final contract for the completion of the new state capitol, that being for the construction of the masonry terrace about the entire building. This will hide from view the concrete pillars and will enclose the subbasement. This contract will be in excess probably of \$150,000.

FRENCH FALL BACK NEAR DOUAUMONT

Teutons Gain Foothold in Part of Caillette Wood South of the Fortress.

TOOK 731 PRISONERS AT VAUX

Berlin Report Says Germans Took 1,000 Yards of Trenches—Near Haucourt—Used Fresh Troops.

Paris, April 3.—The German forces launched heavy attacks again today against the French positions both to the west and east of the Meuse. To the west the attacks were repulsed, but the east, in the neighborhood of Fort Douaumont, the assaulting forces were able to penetrate the Caillette Wood, lying to the south. From the northern part of the wood they were almost immediately ejected by French counter attacks.

Took Many Prisoners.

Berlin, April 3.—The German official statement issued today announces that Teuton troops have cleared one thousand yards of French trenches northeast of Haucourt, in addition to the positions taken March 30. The Germans took 731 prisoners in the battle of Vaux, March 31. The only mention of fighting around Verdun April 1 tells of the repulse of a French counter attack after a terrific artillery bombardment near Vaux.

Fresh Troops Took Vaux.

Paris, April 3.—Four fresh brigades participated in the German attack which ended in the occupation of the village of Vaux to the northeast of Verdun, says an eye-witness of the battle.

The assault began with a night attack, which is becoming more and more preferred by the Germans. From the north at 3 a. m. a brigade advanced as far as the railroad line in front of the advanced French position, where it was checked by French infantry and a barring fire. The assailants were unable to hold their ground and retired to their trenches much depleted in numbers.

It was a fresh brigade that made the second attack towards 5 o'clock. It came from the east with an abundant support of powerful grenades that demolished the houses occupied by the defenders of the town. Though partly buried under the ruins, the French stuck stubbornly to their posts, which they resigned only step by step and inflicted severe losses.

Bombardments Slackened.

London, April 1.—Having captured the village of Malancourt, the Germans have now shifted their offensive eastward to the sector around the famous La Mort Homme. With heavy forces the Teutons have attacked the French line between Hill 295 and Le Mort Homme and succeeded in entering French first line trenches. A vigorous counter attack by the French, however, almost immediately expelled the invaders, and another attack by the Teutons, delivered a little later, is declared by Paris to have been put down completely.

The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village. The heavy bombardments of preceding days in the region northwest of Verdun have greatly slackened, and there also has been only moderate activity by the big guns to the north and the east of the fortress.

Paris reports the failure of a German infantry attack against the French to the south of the Somme river, near Compiere, the shelling by the French of German troops on the march in the Argonne forest and the battering of German positions in the forest of Apremont. Violent artillery duels have been in progress between the Belgians and Germans in the region of Dixmude.

Lull in East.

There has been a noticeable decrease of infantry fighting on the Russian front, probably owing to the soggy ground in the spring thaw. The artillery of both sides, however, has been carrying out bombardments at various points from the region of Riga southward. Bad weather also is hampering the fighting between the Austrians and Italians.

Five Zeppelin airships raided the eastern counties of England last night, according to an official announcement just issued. Thus far it has been ascertained that about ninety bombs were dropped by the invaders.

Russian Offensive Ends.

London, March 31.—Berlin says the big offensive of the Russians in the region of Postavy has ceased and that the Russians also have given up their attacks around Lake Narocz. Artillery duels, however, are going on around Jacobstadt and to the north of Cidy,

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Chinese Adopt White Child.

An adoption that is unique in the annals of the state has taken place here.

By court action Alice Ford, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, has become the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Poon Sue, a wealthy Chinese couple of Oakland, Cal.

The Fords are not in a position to support the little one and welcomed the opportunity to have the baby properly cared for.—Tonopah (Nev.) Dispatch to the Sacramento Bee.

New German Aircraft.

Details regarding a Teuton hydro-aeroplane which fell into the hands of the Russians in the Riga region are of unusual interest in that they disclose the thoroughness with which German air craft are finished and equipped. To quote from the report of the Morning Post correspondent at Petrograd: "All the necessary manipulating parts of the machinery are made luminous at night with a radium composition. There is a special newly invented lever to facilitate handling the plane in darkness, and a special compass, and seats are provided for three. The hydro-aeroplane carries a searchlight, a maxim, and a rifle, with an adequate supply of ammunition, and the bombs, five on each side, of ten pounds weight apiece."

Trench Frost Bite.

An article in the Lancet discusses the so-called "frost bite" from which many soldiers suffered while fighting in the trenches in Flanders last winter. It is characterized by swelling, pain, and disturbance of sensation in the part affected, but not by the necrosis or death of the tissues which occurs in true frost bite. The names "frigorism" and "frigidism" have been causing it are cold, wet and interference with the circulation in the leg and foot by tight puttees and boots. A very thin layer of moderately dry air between the skin and the external cold water or ice enables the heat of the circulating blood to keep the parts free from "frigorism," and this can be obtained by wearing bags of very soft thin oilskin on the lower limbs, in conjunction with woolen socks. Nothing tight must be worn around the leg.

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