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Your Lieutenant-Governor Has Resigned.

Surrendered Last Week and Has Put in Much Time Before the Grand Jury. Looks Like the Whole Democratic "Party" Was Headed for the Pen.



A future testimonial for anti-alum baking powder.—By courtesy St. Louis Chronicle.

Well, how do you like the conduct of the "Honorable"—so far as you have been permitted to see behind the curtain? Imagine the spectacle if the entire cabinet could be removed! Your lieutenant governor has come in out of the bush and has resigned. Senator Rubey is now your lieutenant governor. Senator Rubey is a banker. Gov. Dockery is a banker. Hence, we in Missouri, have a government by bankers—instead of by the people. Not that the Kicker has anything against the bankers. They have as much right on earth as the men who follow any other occupation. But they have no more. In public affairs they have a right to representation according to their numbers—and no more. And it is a little strange that an agricultural state composed almost exclusively of farmers and other toilers should have at its head only bankers and lawyers. But you see the result. Bankers and lawyers are great getters of money. They are "thrifty." They are strictly "business"—and you have been told by your politicians and newspapers that Missouri has a "business" administration. In fact,

the last Democratic platform tells us so—and who will question a Missouri Democratic platform? I. L. Page, who edited all the Sam-Com newspapers through his press bureau at Jefferson City, has again been sentenced to jail for refusing to tell where he got the \$1,000 bill. Cole Hickox, the jockey lawyer and senate clerk has also been sentenced to jail for contempt because he refused to tell where he got the two \$500 bills. Judge Hazell sentenced Page and Hickox to jail and it is altogether probable that the supreme court will again turn them out. These rascals say they cannot tell where they got the money without incriminating themselves. Judge Hazell says these men are not to be the sole judges and adds: "The witness cannot be the judge of the law and fact," he said. "According to the theory held by these gentlemen, no matter how suspicious they might be, the court could not compel them to answer pertinent questions. The court must have a duty to perform. Neither Page nor Hickox is a senator or representative, and could not be bribed." And is not the position taken by Judge Hazell reasonable? These men were not legislators and there-

fore could not be bribed in the sense that would incriminate them. Then how can they hide behind their "constitutional rights?" But the supreme court has turned them out of jail once and will probably do so again. Lieut.-Gov. Lee was before the grand jury Friday and Monday and is said to have "unbosomed" himself. Since his return it is said that several senators are in hiding. Tuesday's St. Louis Chronicle says that "hoodlers actually robbed each other," and that "Lee is accused of holding out several \$1,000 bills" that should have been distributed. Another senator is accused of falsifying the records of the senate. At present, of course, we are only getting what is caught on the fly. The testimony is all before the grand jury and only such facts are ascertained as leak out. When these hoodler cases come to trial, if they ever do, you will hear all about how the "wise and business-like administration of affairs" has been conducted at Jefferson City by the men who went over the state last fall and defended the "honor of the state" by denouncing those who dared protest as "slandereers of Missouri."

DON'T PAY A CENT.

Newspaper Collecting Agency "Dogging" the People of Scott County.

While at Kelo last week the editor met, among others, John I. Diebold. "How is this," inquired Mr. Diebold. "I have received notice from Chicago that I owe for the Benton Record, and I never subscribed for it. Will I have to pay it?" "No," replied the editor; "just refuse to take it from the post office and tell the postmaster to notify the publisher that you have refused the paper."

"I have done that—but it keeps on coming and is put in my box, and sometimes my boys take it out."

"Then you are not responsible. After notice has been given it is the postmaster's duty to throw the paper among the waste. Don't pay a cent and answer no letters. They'll get tired 'dunning' you after a while."

"I am not going to pay anything, because I don't owe it," replied Mr. Diebold, and the conversation closed. And that is why Mr. Diebold will not pay. "Because he don't owe it." And that is why every other citizen who is being "gold bricked" should not pay—"because he don't owe it."

John I. Diebold is as responsible for \$10,000 as is the Record editor for ten cents. If Mr. Diebold owes Mr. Smith for a year's subscription, why does not Mr. Smith apply to Mr. Diebold for the pay? If Mr. Diebold owes it he will cheerfully pay it. If he doesn't happen to have the change about his clothes, the editor of the Kicker and a thousand others in Scott county will gladly loan him the amount. Then why this Chicago scheme?

Because farmers want to avoid getting into court. The Chicago concern has its paid "attorneys," who have nothing to do but skin the people. They can bluff and bluster and write insulting letters to such men as Mr. Diebold without fear, while if written by Mr. Smith or a local attorney would almost cause a hanging. A few days later Theo. Resell, of the "sand," came in and told of being "gold bricked" in the same way. He says he never subscribed for the paper. "Notify the postmaster to have it stopped and don't take it from the post office."

"But I live on the rural route and it is put in my box."

"Then notify the rural carrier and it is his duty to notify the publisher, but you are not responsible if you never subscribed."

And that is true. If these men who never subscribe for a paper were responsible for pay, then every publisher of an almanac could come around and collect from each home that had taken an almanac. Just because a man has the right to use the mails gives him no right to bulldoze the people.

A Negro Lynched Across the River.

As a preliminary to the erection of the big bridge across the river a negro was lynched near Santa Fe, Ill., Sunday. The negro had attempted to assault the 10-year-old child of Branson Davis. According to reports there is a sort of negro colony near the Illinois end of the bridge work. After the mob made a rush for the "colony," where several hundred negroes employed on the bridge work were living in tents. When the negroes saw the mob coming they opened fire and a fusillade followed, and it is reported that several negroes were shot down. The negroes fled to the woods and carried their wounded with them.

Local and General.

The editor is proud to receive such letters of inquiry as the one that appears elsewhere from Squire Dan-nemueler, of Kelo. It proves that the farmers are waking up to the fact that they are part of this government. The editor will gladly answer any inquiry of any subscriber regarding matters of a public nature. Sheriff Watkins and A. L. Daniel left Monday with Henry Keys, sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, and Lawrence Perry, who goes to the reform school for two years. Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Walt Brown brought over the three men who were arrested for shooting Seth Minnick, of Morley, Tuesday. They are now in jail. A protracted meeting is under way here. Ministers conceded Benton to be a "hard proposition."

FROM GRAYSBORO.

Newt Tucker says that girls are funny creatures. If a girl is real happy she will cry and if you make her angry she will cry also. So when a fellow sees a girl crying he don't know whether her corset is laced too tight, whether she is angry or whether she is just quite happy. With all this talk about the pretty girls and boys of Graysboro, no one thinks of saying a word in praise of the lots of good-looking, handsome, elegant, stylish and perfectly fascinating married couples in this town. Here's to you, married folks. The grim angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Van Eten and took away their infant son, Earl. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of this community in this sad bereavement. A friend writes: Earl, sweet infant, is no more. His suffering now on earth is over. And he has gained eternal rest. In God's great mansion for the best. The parents loved their little son. But still they say, 'God will be done.' And when they, too, shall pass away, They'll meet him on that wondrous day. We may have a county road here some time, but from present indications it will be a long time yet. And say, tax-paying time will soon be here. Will we pay or not, boys? Will Miller left last week for St. Louis, where he will spend a few days, after which he will go to North Dakota to spend a like period. Geo. Miller says that when he sees that war ship he'll go out in a skiff and tow her in so everybody can get a look at her. The Cotton Belt is improving greatly. There are to be two more switch engines put on and another transfer boat. There are three of Graysboro's best looking girls that say they wonder what has become of Jack Chewning. Jim Thompson left last week with his family for Pine Bluff, Ark., where they go to make their future home. Matt Edwards is reported quite ill. It is thought by his many friends that there is hopes for his recovery. J. Johnson has moved here and is building a dwelling on one of the lots purchased by him in the addition. Mrs. Gus Glessip, Mrs. Joe Kelly and Miss Audrey O'Donnell spent Wednesday in Thebes. Joe Bower and Miss Lulu Ristic were married last Wednesday at the residence of Axel Kejr. Mrs. G. S. Craighead and daughter Gladie Marie are visiting the family of Mrs. J. O'Donnell. A dance was given at the new hall here last Friday night. It was highly enjoyed by many. Joseph Utango, wife and son visited the family of Geo. Hawkins Saturday and Sunday. Hurrah for Graysboro! We are clear of small pox for the first time in two years. There is to be a wedding in Graysboro or Thebes before long. Ask the boat clerk. It is rumored that a protracted meeting will begin here next month. Bob Powell, our new butcher, is suffering from a case of small pox. Claude Cannon has been quite sick but is reported much better. Geo. Hawkins and Geo. Miller went to Cape on business last week. Will Utango was in town last week visiting his brother Frank. Several new houses are being built here. Graysboro is growing fast. A new butcher shop to be erected in our city before long. Rev. J. P. McDonald will preach here Sunday evening. M. Capoot, of Mound City, Ill., is visiting in our city. Several of our boys spent Tuesday in Benton. Walter Uphaw spent Tuesday in Benton. Mrs. Hattie Williams is visiting in our city. Miss Loretta Know is on the sick list. Miss Eva Morrison is on the sick list. Miss Julia Romine is quite sick.

FROM ORAN.

Mrs. Jane Wylie of Bleda, entertained the Baptist Aid Society, Friday the 24th, in her usual generous hospitality. She was assisted by daughters, Misses Roxie and Berta. Messrs. Crook, Joe Holles, Mr. Marshall visited Benton Sunday and had the misfortune to get in a ditch on their return and were considerably shaken up. Good roads! Quite a number of strangers visited Oran and attended the entertainment given by the Degree of Honor at the M. E. Church. The entertainment was quite good and enjoyed by all. Miss Mabel Mathews and Susie Barker stopped here Tuesday, en route for St. Louis to attend the dedication. Mr. Caleb Mathews accompanied them. Caleb Mathews, having sold nearly all the lots in the last addition laid out, is surveying another in the southeast part of town. J. W. Clemson has the frame of a large and commodious barn up. Gil Vincent has the contract for building it. Wm. Stubblefield, Sr., is spending a few days here and seems greatly impressed with the way Oran is improving. Quite a crowd of soldier boys were on our streets Tuesday. They were drilling for the benefit of the spectators. R. J. Williams is now stationed at Blogett and Mrs. Williams has gone to make that her home. The Oran Baptist Sunday school has again reached the 100 mark for the last three Sundays. Mrs. Melton entertained a few friends at Carum on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter of Benton visited Farmington and returned Sunday, via Oran. Quite a large crowd attended services at the Baptist church Sunday evening. The Tribe of Ben Hur had an entertainment and lecture Thursday night. Fritz Zuckery of Kelo has the contract for a building for Dr. Williams. Mrs. Ruth Mitchell entertained a few of her friends on Tuesday evening. Lee Nutt has gone to Trenton, Tenn. to make his future home. Louis Pfeffercorn has bought six lots in Burger's addition to Oran. Miss Olga Clark of Cape Girardeau is visiting Mrs. Mac Wood. A great many of the Oranites went to the Cape to see the battleship. Mrs. Haw of Benton visited Dr. and Mrs. Wescott. Mr. and Mrs. Clemson visited Benton Sunday. Mrs. Ferguson visited friends in Oran Sunday. Kassie Martin was here Monday. Rev. Moenig was here Monday.

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Charleston and Diehlstadt played their initiatory game of base ball here Sunday. The score stood 7 to 8 in favor of Charleston at the conclusion of the game. So you see that what Diehlstadt needs is more vim, more ambition to do the right thing at the proper time, as well as more rain, less cool weather, plenty of sunshine and an abundance of love for the common brotherhood of man. Now, don't "wink the other eye" and say "hoodle!" this is straight goods, not cut on the bias at all. There are no thousand dollar bills on us. Bah! what a government and what a set of officials! We always did have a horror of alum—even if suffering from cankered mouths. The Amateur Dramatic Company, composed of home talent of this village, played "The Confederate" Saturday to a large and appreciative audience last Thursday evening. The play was well rendered and reflects great credit on the performers. The Diehlstadt orchestra furnished some good music which added to the enjoyment of the occasion. "This whippersnapper there is said to be a wealthy town and the strangest thing about it is that nobody seems to know who the quality parties are. It's sure to get out, however, when the deed has been done, then they'll tell you all about it. The melancholy days of house-cleaning are again upon us. Just watch the masculines frown and run especially when the subject of stores and stove pipe cleaning is broached, and then pity the poor females. Everyone will be sorry to learn that John Kilpatrick is quite ill at this time. He is the oldest inhabitant of this town and highly respected by all who know him. Mrs. Halle Suter has had a very serious attack of malarial fever, but her many friends are glad to learn that she is rapidly recovering. Josh Mitchell, who has been in Tennessee during the sickness and death of his sister, returned Tuesday. Mrs. Belle Beauchamp, recently a citizen of this place, has removed to Buckeye. Max Ostner's new saw mill is now finished and ready for work. Very dry here at present—needing rain badly.

FROM MORLEY.

Seth Minich had a very narrow escape from being killed here Tuesday about 1 o'clock. Three tramps were drinking beer and quarreling on the church steps near his home and he went out and kindly asked them to quit cursing around his home. He then started back to the house when one of them cursed him and told him he would fix him. Minich turned back and one of them pulled a revolver and fired five shots at Minich. One of the bullets slightly grazing his hand. Minich then ran to his home after his gun, but it was not at home. He finally got a gun, and in company with the G. F. agent, started in pursuit and captured the man about three quarters of a mile from town and brought him back and lodged him in the calaboose. A posse was formed and started to the hills after the other two, but returned without them. About thirty minutes later two young men reported seeing them asleep up in the hills. F. Bryans, C. D. M. Gupton, Joe Parrott and others then went up and brought them back to town. They were well armed with 38 Calibre revolvers, and no doubt, were up to some mischief. They were taken to the jail and held until they could be played as in the third inning, and lost the game. It was one of the games where victory is snatched from defeat at the last moment. Robt. L. Harrison and Miss Ella Harris were happily married Tuesday eve, at the bride's home. Rev. W. B. North officiating. Robert is our county collector and Miss Ella is one of our most charming belles. We wish them a long and happy life. The ax-handle factory was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The building caught from a burning saw-dust. The teacher's training school opened Monday morning with a number of teachers present. Misses May Emerson and Grace Wilson visited in Commerce Saturday and Sunday. Misses Ella Shanks and Hettie Harris were guests of Morley friends last week. Miss Agnes Offutt visited in Richwoods Tuesday.

COMMERCE.

We are much relieved. We had been told that the beer was furnished by the town board. It had come to us from so many sources that we believed, and even told it. We are much obliged, and stand corrected. "Mr. Veritas," and will Morley please stand up and be counted and if there be one among you who is righteous, the city shall be spared. Yes, there be one, salty one. But perhaps the Morleyites were not informed as to the fitness of his highness. Majority is always wrong anyway. The City of Savannah dropped in at our wharf Monday and "wheated" for several hours. She carried an excursion of one hundred from Chicago. That's where the fellow wrote from when he said the women were getting longer and the men shorter. The men of Chicago come from North Ireland and the women from Terre Haute. Ed Hunter (colored) was spinning a shot gun on the breech Sunday when it slipped off the step and exploded, making an ugly looking hole through his right hand. He called on Mrs. Frazier and Hutton and they sawed it off above the wrist and put rag around it. That's all. We would suggest to our friends we like most, better look out. Both the Globe and Republic are defending and eulogizing the "swamp angel" senator. Space in the big dailies don't come so high. Chas. Berry son of Jessie Berry, of Portageville, who used to live here is visiting relatives and friends here. He says that Portageville is on a boom. Rev. J. P. McDonald will preach at the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Spradlin at Maeslonia Sunday at 11 a. m. Several of our citizens are attending the dedication of Dave Francis' big show. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Jackson are visiting D. E. Fullenwider. 50c bottle of chill cure for 25c at Hutton's drug store. Misses Wilson and Emerson of Morley, were here Sunday.

FROM KELSEO.

Last Sunday was a bad day for shooting, it seems. Miss Clannihan, of Oran, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Blees, near here, was accidentally shot with a 22 cal. rifle in the hands of one of the family. She was not seriously hurt. Peter Glock, one of our carpenters, while moving to Oran Monday, was informed that he would have to bring a tent, as it was impossible to hold the house he had bargained for against the overpowering rush. Dr. Williams and Fritz Sackery went to Oran Wednesday. Rev. Keithley, of Cape Girardeau, passed through here Tuesday on his way to Benton, where he is to assist in a protracted meeting. Now we hope the boys will quit the game long enough to hear him. Mrs. J. B. Williams left last Saturday to join her husband at Blogett where he is station agent for the Iron Mountain at that place. A car load of Thebes negroes shipped past Kelo station Monday, making for the south. Anywhere but Thebes for a negro at present. Dr. J. M. Blakemore left Wednesday for St. Louis to take in the dedication. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Vorback were in St. Louis this week.

FROM VANDUSER.

There will be a hot time at Crowder Thursday night, May 7. The T. R. H. will give an ice cream supper, to which you and your best girl (and tonight one if you like) are cordially invited. Vanduser Camp No. 6283 M. W. A. went to Crowder Tuesday night to assist in the initiation of some candidates. The trip was much enjoyed by all. John Webb and Miss Etta Heney, Tom Stoddard and Miss Lulu Heney were seen on our streets Sunday. L. P. Woodward and wife of this place, and Mrs. Vanduser, left Tuesday for a visit to St. Louis. Miss Mattie Span, of Dexter, is visiting relatives and friends here this week. C. E. Span left here Tuesday for Kennett, where he will stay for a while. Meddames Dabus and Crandle visited friends at Morleyhouse this week. Pink Wilson, of Richwoods, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. J. S. Wallace and wife were the guests of W. T. Boyett Sunday. Will Utley was seen here Sunday accompanied by his best girl. Aunt Sarah King visited Mrs. Brown Saturday night. Little Roy J. Miller went to see his grandpa Saturday. Houston Phillips went to Crowder on business Sunday. Jeff McCarver, of Puxico, was here this week.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Mrs. Earl Miller visited Mrs. W. A. Miller Sunday. Will Spencer has returned home from Florida, where he had been for his health. Did you hear anybody say anything about a wedding here soon? Chas. Willis, we are sorry to say, is very low with consumption. Reece Venable visited in our vicinity Sunday. Don't think we are so far behind in farming. We are still in the swim. Miss Vaughn was here Sunday and one of our young men was happy. Rev. J. L. Atwood returned to his home at Charleston Monday. W. A. Darby was here Sunday. You can't be happy without the Kicker.

FROM ROCKVIEW.

Little Joe Belk says he is fond of good things and used to like custard best of all, but now he seems partial to young Schott. The ball here Monday night was well attended but adjourned rather suddenly. Dr. Hutton, of Kelo, was here Saturday. Move over, Doc. T. G. Belk has two young horses for sale. (See Aug. Halter.) Nick Mens was at Bleda, Oran and Benton last week. Mrs. Gramlich will keep house for Cooper Spradlin. Rockview outshines the world for string beans. David Cosby rolled logs Saturday. Bill Scherer has rheumatism. A Word to Farmers. I have blooded and registered pigs for sale. English Berkshire Pigs of December last. W. V. MILLER. 4c. New Hammers, Mo.

FROM CARY.

"The Store" is the leading feature at this place. Eggs 10c; butter 20c. Bring your produce. Sunday school at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning in one of the vacant houses. Mr. and Mrs. James Chewning are the proud possessors of a brand new baby girl. Mother and child doing well. J. K. P. Chewning and wife spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Willie Wilson. Joseph Utango, wife and son went to Graysboro Saturday and Sunday. Robert Finley took Reece Venable to Hickory Grove Sunday and Will McFadden brought Miss Victoria Morrow to prayer meeting—and the boys are just wondering. How about it, Bob?

FROM CROWDER.

J. W. Bennett and wife left Saturday for Indiana, where Mrs. Bennett will make her home for a while. Another ice cream supper at the T. B. H. hall Thursday night, May 7. Everybody invited. Misses Hattie and Essie Potter, of Vanduser, visited Crowder Tuesday. Perry Otterson returned to this town Monday. J. A. Bifner had business in Illinois the first of the week. T. A. Cooksey is building a nice house on one of his lots. It will greatly improve the looks of the town. Monday evening Will Utley had business at Morehouse, and of course Miss Mattie went down that way. Mrs. Van Harris, of Morley, visited her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Marshall. Mrs. Huddleston returned to her home after a few days' visit to relatives and friends here.