

NEW GOVERNOR WANTS SPECIAL ROAD SESSION

Hyde Favors Leaving Legislation on \$60,000,000 Bond Issue Until Other Matters Are Settled.

COLUMBIA MEN PLEASED Local Workers for Good Highways Approve of Plan Announced Today at Trenton.

A special road bond session of the new State Legislature may be called after the regular session is over.

Governor-elect Arthur M. Hyde desires a special session of the new Legislature to be called to deal entirely with legislation providing for the expenditure of the \$60,000,000 road bond issue.

The following telegram received early today from the Republican State Committee gives the new executive's attitude upon the road bond issue:

TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 29.—Governor-elect Arthur M. Hyde today announced his intention to suggest to the General Assembly that legislation providing for the expenditure of the \$60,000,000 road bond issue be deferred to a special session of the Legislature, when public interest can be better focused upon this most serious problem.

Frank B. Rollins, president of the Columbia Commercial Club, in commenting upon Mr. Hyde's plan of calling a special session of the Legislature, said that it was a very good idea. He said that he was well pleased with the plan as announced in the telegram.

L. A. Barth and C. B. Miller, members of the permanent committee of seven, which was appointed by the president of the Commercial Club after a citizens' protest meeting held in the club rooms Monday, to work unceasingly for the building of a primary road over the Old Trails route, said that they approved of the calling of an extra session of the Legislature to decide the road bond issue.

Mr. Barth said that plenty of time should be taken about such an important matter as the spending of \$60,000,000 for the improvement of Missouri roads.

"We have been in the mud long enough and we do not want to make any mistake in getting out," he said.

C. B. Miller said that he believed the plan as announced by Mr. Hyde was a good one. He said that he especially approved of the suggestion made by the governor-elect that laws satisfactory to the people of the state should be made that would provide for the proper maintenance of the roads when constructed.

E. Sydney Stephens, Sidney Rollins, S. C. Hunt, Frank L. Martin, Dr. W. P. Dwyer, R. L. Hill and F. W. Leonard as in St. Louis today attending a meeting of the Missouri Goods Roads Federation, which is in session there. At this meeting a bill and plans will be worked upon providing for the effective working of the \$60,000,000 road bond issue in the construction of Missouri good roads.

The executive and legislative committees of the federation will have charge of this work and will place their plans before the Legislature when it convenes at Jefferson City in January.

AID ASKED FOR MEMORIAL

War Mothers Raised Half of Needed \$1,000 to Get State Aid.

The War Mothers have asked the County Court of Boone County to give aid in the raising of \$1,000 for a memorial before January 1, so that they may avail themselves of the additional \$1,000 from the fund made available by the State Legislature.

SEEKING NEW "Y" SECRETARY

Man Coming Next Week to Meet Students and Columbians.

W. G. Stephenson, of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., announced today that with a view to selecting a new secretary the association would have a man here next week to meet the students, the faculty and the business men of Columbia.

There will also be at least two members of the state committee and a member of the national committee.

These men will be in Columbia from one to four days, and while they are here the matter of a new secretary and the program for next year will be concentrated.

Suffers Heart Disease.

Tom J. Gray, custodian of the courthouse, had an attack of heart disease this morning while he was talking in the hall. Dr. James Gordon was called. Gray's condition is not serious.

Why Association Opposes Teaching of "Journalism" in High Schools

The action of the Association of American Schools and Departments of Journalism yesterday in opposing attempts to make high school classes take the place of university courses in journalism, is directly in line with action already taken by the National Council of Teachers of English.

The English teachers, meeting in Chicago a month ago, adopted the following resolutions, which were approved by the Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, meeting here yesterday and Monday.

"Whereas, classes in journalistic writing have been organized in many secondary schools as a part of the instruction in English composition and

"Whereas, some of these classes are being called courses in 'journalism' and are being classified as 'vocational,' and

"Whereas, Journalism is now generally recognized as a profession, preparation for which should consist of specialized college education comparable to that required for the professions of law, medicine, and engineering, and

"Whereas, most state universities and a number of endowed institutions now have well-organized schools and departments of journalism prepared to give this specialized professional instruction, and

"Whereas, the value of the press in shaping public opinion by means of news and editorial comment depends in a large degree on the education, judgment, and character of newspaper reporters and editors; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the Committee on Vocational English of the National Council of Teachers of English, while recognizing the value of the use of journalistic writing in secondary schools, deprecates the designation of secondary school classes as 'journalism,' and their classification as 'vocational,' and further be it

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this committee, high school graduates, on the completion of such courses in journalistic writing or on the basis of work on school papers, should not be encouraged to take up newspaper work before having the liberal education and special professional training afforded by a college course."

The Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism backed up its protest by voting to ask entrance boards of the various institutions represented to decline to accept for entrance credit any courses in secondary schools misbranded "journalism." The schools and departments of journalism already refuse to give advanced standing to their students on the basis of such courses. If their request is complied with, it will mean that high school courses in "journalism" cannot be accepted even as English courses in meeting entrance requirements.

Representatives at the meeting said they had no objection to the offering of courses in news writing in high schools so long as these were not labeled "journalism." It was stated that discredit had been brought on schools of journalism in general by high school graduates who had gone into newspaper work announcing that they had had a "course in journalism." Ill-prepared for the work, many of them made failures.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Some cloudiness but probably generally fair tonight and Thursday; moderately cold; lowest tonight about 32.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature.

Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be west 32; north 28; east 32, and south 36.

Low pressure waves dominate the weather in most of the territory west of the Mississippi and north of Ohio, and as a result there has been a rise in temperature of 30 degrees or more during the past 24 hours. The crest of the cold wave has gone southeast to Florida, causing heavy frost.

There is considerable cloudiness but no precipitation of consequence anywhere east of the Rocky Mountains.

Apparently there is a cold wave with snow in the making in the British Northwest, but no marked changes are expected in the lower Missouri Valley during the next 36 hours.

Missouri roads continue frozen with some snow cover; the dirt roads are rough in spots. There will not be much thawing.

Local data: The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 28 degrees; and the lowest last night was 26 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 31 degrees and the lowest was 26 degrees. Precipitation 0.02. Noon yesterday: dry bulb, 30 degrees; wet bulb, 19 degrees; relative humidity, 66 per cent. 7 a. m. today: dry bulb, 32 degrees; wet bulb, 30 degrees; relative humidity 76 per cent. Sun rose today 7:28 a. m. Sun sets 4:53 p. m. Moon rises 10:16 p. m.

CAR IS STOLEN AND WRECKED

Thief Runs Machine Into Curb and Makes It Useless for Further Travel.

A Cadillac car was stolen at about 8 o'clock last night from George Scott, negro proprietor of a restaurant at the corner of Fifth and Walnut streets.

The thief, however, was ill fated, for he ran the car into the curbing at the corner of William street and University avenue, tearing a wheel off and making it useless for further travel. The driver made his escape and has not been found.

The car has been almost as great a jinx to its successive owners as the famous Hope diamond. It was bought in 1916 by Blind Boone. Shortly after its purchase it was wrecked in a collision with a taxi while Boone was going to a concert. In 1918 Boone's chauffeur was on a joy ride when it turned turtle and was again wrecked. The car was later bought from Boone by Scott.

Examination for Mail Clerk.

A competitive examination for the position of railway mail clerk will be held on January 15 at the postoffice here. The salary is \$1,600 a year, year, with allowance for traveling expenses of \$2 a day. The examination is open to both men and women.

William T. Kemper Operated On.

William T. Kemper, freshman in the College of Arts and Science, was operated on for appendicitis last Friday at the Research Hospital in Kansas City. The operation proved successful and he is expected to be back in time to enter school for the winter term.

VICTIM OF GAS AND SHOCK HAS DISAPPEARED

R. W. Fleming, 209 Sexton Road, Missing Since He Started for Fayette on October 8.

INJURED TWICE IN WAR Relatives Say He Had No Reason for Leaving—Think Ill Health Has Affected Mind.

R. W. Fleming of 209 Sexton road, who has been suffering from the effects of a gas attack experienced while in France, and from shell-shock, disappeared from his home October 8 and has not been seen or heard of since.

He has a father, mother and three brothers in Savannah, Mo., and a wife and two children who live at the Sexton road address, the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. M. McClanahan, a widow.

When Fleming left, he carried a small bag packed for a short trip to Fayette, where he said he was going to look at a farm. A car came for him, with four men in it. Who the men are, where the car came from, whether or not it was a taxi, or belonged to one of the occupants of the car, are also unknown. The men were not observed by any of the family, and their identity is not known. What Mr. Fleming intended visiting, its owner, location or whether or not he ever reached it, his family does not know.

Dr. J. E. Thornton was called to see Mr. Fleming's little boy, Mc, after Fleming had disappeared. He said that the man had not been the same since his return from France. He was exceedingly nervous.

He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. He usually wore a Masonic ring, but on the morning he left he did not wear it. He was dressed in a light gray suit when he left home.

He was inclined to moody spells, being one moment light hearted, then depressed. He was always eccentric, silent as to his affairs or opinions.

He had no reason to leave in such a way, and his family are certain that his ill health has affected his mind, and they look forward to his being found and cared for.

The evening before Fleming left, he brought his wife in from their farm west of Columbia to visit her mother where they remained that night.

Fleming went to France with the Third division and was sent into battle with the first of the American troops. He was gassed and sent to a hospital where he remained for many weeks, being returned to his division. He was gassed again and again sent to a hospital.

When recovered enough to get up, he was not sent to his division, but to a bank in the finance department of the army in Brest, France. He continued to suffer from the effects of the gas up to the time of his disappearance.

When he reached Columbia from France a year ago last October he bought a farm from John W. Brown of Columbia which he had been working. He is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, has dark blue eyes, brown hair, and weighs about 165 pounds.

GERMANS TAKE BRUSQUE TONE

Threaten to Break Off Financial Conference With the Allies.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—With rumors of new demands which the recent financial conference, declaring the conference could not be successful under "such exaggerated demands."

The formal reply was handed the Italian and French ambassadors and the British chargé. A hint that the financial conference might be broken off was made orally.

NOMINATED BUT WITHDREW

Mrs. Miller Named for Board of Directors of Republican Club.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, formerly of Columbia, who is a prominent Republican and suffrage worker, was recommended by the nominating committee for election to the Board of Directors of the Republican Women's Club of St. Louis at the second annual election yesterday at Hotel Statler. However she withdrew her name from the list of candidates when objection was made to her connection with the Missouri League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Miller is honorary president of the League of Women Voters.

BRITISH LABOR HELPS IRISH

Demand Self-Government for Ireland and Withdrawal of Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British Labor Congress demanded self-government for Ireland under terms providing it never will be a military or naval menace to Great Britain. A resolution demanding that crown forces be withdrawn from Ireland and the country be permitted to elect a constitution assembly to draft a constitution was adopted by acclamation.

BARRY STILL BEING HELD

Await Information From Campaign—South Bend Check Not Good.

Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides stated this morning that M. J. Barry, held on suspicion regarding checks deposited in the Central Bank, is still being held awaiting more information from Champaign, Ill. No definite charge has yet been placed against him.

Word has been received from South Bend, Ind., stating that the \$100 check which Barry had cashed by Ira T. G. Stone of the Central Bank, was not good.

Car Skids Into Curb.

Two wheels were broken on an Essex touring car last night when it skidded at Price and Broadway and hit the curbing. The car was taken to John N. Taylor's Garage to be repaired. At the garage it was said the car belonged to a man named Huddleston, but it was not known where he lives.

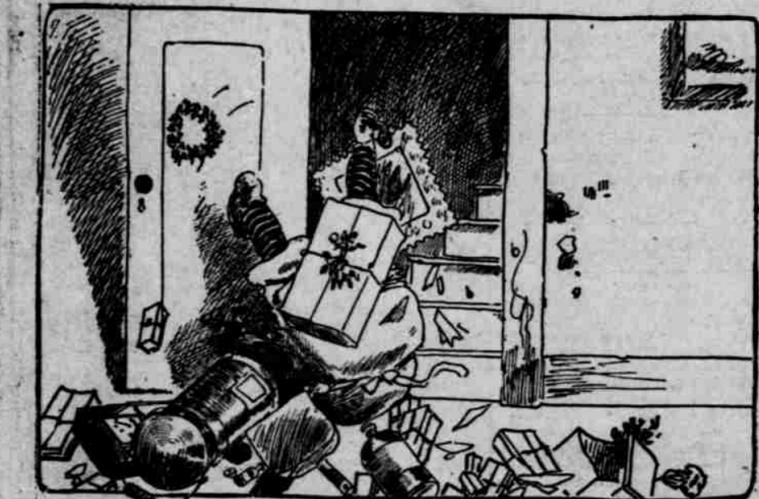
Commercial Club Listing Rooms.

The Commercial Club has been listing rooms in order to accommodate the large number of new students who are seeking rooms and also those who are changing rooms. Rooms will be listed the remainder of the week and will be available for the students coming in on Friday and Saturday.

Hallsville Girl in Hospital.

Miss Marian Powell of Hallsville was admitted to Parker Memorial Hospital this morning for the removal of her tonsils. T. W. Whittle, Jr., and James E. Wright were admitted to the hospital yesterday and Mrs. Mary Handel and Miss Enid E. Ramsey were discharged.

IF NORA HADN'T TRIPPED ON HER WAY TO THE ATTIC, AUNT JANE WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS COMING TO AN END



MURRY'S MIND STILL CLOUDED

Father Thinks He Was Drugged by Persons Who Wanted Use of Auto.

Roy Murry is improving a little both physically and mentally, but his mind is still too clouded to remember anything concerning his disappearance from Columbia or his whereabouts during his absence, his father, Dr. P. H. Murry, stated.

"He seems to recognize his wife and child and other members of the family when they are in the room with him, but he does not call them by name, and he does not remember today things that happened yesterday," Doctor Murry said.

"When attempts have been made to question him concerning his absence, he answers, 'I don't know.'"

Doctor Murry said that he is now convinced there was no such man as John Abbott, whose name was signed to the telegram received last Thursday informing him of his son's presence in Chicago.

"While Policeman W. R. Miller and myself were in Chicago we made inquiries in regard to every man of that name in the county, but we could find no man named Abbott corresponding to the description we had of him. But it was not until after we left Chicago that I began to suspect a lack of good faith in the manner of Roy's restoration. We have not asked the Chicago police to look for the stranger who preceded Roy into the station, as we have no means of identifying him."

Doctor Murry expressed the belief that his son was drugged before he had gone far from Columbia by persons who had some reason for desiring to get away in a hurry and forced Murry to drive them. He stated the opinion that his son's mind will gradually clear, and that in time he will be able to remember the circumstances of his disappearance.

TAXES BEING PAID BETTER

Number Not Paying on Time Small, Says City Collector.

"People are paying their taxes better this year than last year, although there are several who have not paid yet and some are sure to run over the end of the year without paying," said J. Warden Sapp, city collector, this morning.

The number this year who do not pay before the end of the year will undoubtedly be smaller than last year, however."

Rocheport Couple Ave Wed.

John Koch and Mrs. E. J. Baker of Rocheport were married this morning in the recorder's office by Justice L. T. Searcy. They will live on a farm near Rocheport.

Ruby Hulien Moves Office.

Ruby Hulien, prosecuting attorney-elect, moved his office yesterday from the Galtier Building to the courthouse. He will assume his new duties Saturday.

WILSON WONT TAKE \$150,000 OFFER FOR A MAGAZINE ARTICLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—For just one article a publishing company has offered President Wilson \$150,000, it was learned today, and the President declined the offer.

Scores of publishers have come to the White House with offers for the output of the President's pen after he leaves the White House next March 4. While one of them intimated that he had an agreement with President Wilson, it was said that all offers had met with refusal.

The President's reason for refusing the offers was given as his desire to market his literary output when completed rather than accept a definite sum for any article that when completed might not measure up to the standard the President has set for himself.

PEACE LIKELY IN FIUME WAR

D'Annunzio Missing From Conference—Surrender Expected.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Peace in Fiume was in prospect today between regular Italian forces and the legionnaires.

In the arrangement Gabriele D'Annunzio, commander of the city, was notably missing.

The trace was to end at noon today. In view of the eagerness of city officials to parley, it was thought that Fiume would yield.

TO EXTEND CALIFORNIA LAW

Bill Introduced to Prohibit Any Alien From Owning Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Assemblyman Albert Rosenbush of San Francisco announced today that he would introduce into the session of the California legislature, opening next Tuesday, a bill prohibiting any alien from owning land in California.

The present California law prohibits the Japanese from owning land.

Big Fire at Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Five hundred persons were temporarily thrown out of employment by a fire which wrecked a section of the town's buildings here last night.

Marjorie Quinn Is Married

Miss Marjorie Quinn and Murray Russell Howell were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Quinn, 610 College avenue, at 10:30 o'clock this morning by the Rev. G. W. Hatcher.

The best man was Roy Quinn, the bride's brother, and the maid of honor was Miss Lolita Hungate. The house was decorated in Christmas decorations.

After the ceremony, the couple left for St. Louis on a short bridal trip. They will be at home to friends after Saturday, January 1, at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

FORD'S TRUCK PLANT CLOSES

Had Employed 50,000 Persons—'Business Conditions' the Cause.

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—The Ford Motor Company's Highland truck plant, where approximately 50,000 are employed, has been closed for an indefinite period, it was unofficially announced today.

The plant was practically shut down last week, when it was announced that an inventory would be taken from December 24 to January 3. While it is possible the shops will not remain idle after completion of the inventory, reports were current today that the entire operation would be at a standstill until at least February.

"General financial and business conditions" were given as the cause of the shut-down. The Ford company has been operating with practically full force in past weeks while other automobile plants have been laying off men.

The announcement was made by Charles Brownell, associate manager of the Ford Company. Brownell said he was not authorized to make an official announcement, however.

APPROPRIATIONS ARE CUT

Measures Introduced in Congress Show Attempt at Economy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Two of the big appropriation bills were laid before Congress today by the House appropriations committee. Both carry less than requested by executive departments.

The postoffice appropriation bill carries \$504,434,700, or \$11,422,181 less than asked, but \$69,639,021 more than the previous postal bill to provide for an increase in postal salaries.

After the sundry civil bill had been reported, Chairman Good said the committee has made last minute cuts reducing the bill from \$383,600,292.41 to \$382,596,292.40.

J. A. COATS GETS CONTRACT

Will Make County School Signs Costing \$1.50 Each.

The contract for making signs for Boone County schools has been let to J. A. Coats. The cost of each sign will be \$1.50.

The signs will be 34 inches long by 24 inches wide, painted upon black iron, and lettered so as to be read 200 feet away. Schools which want these signs may pay for them out of the incidental fund of the school district. The plan is to advertise the schools to passers-by.

Several districts have already ordered signs.

Rollins to Go Into Bond Business.

C. B. Rollins Jr., of the law firm of McBaine, Clark & Rollins, will give up his practice of law in Columbia at 4 more to St. Louis where he will engage in the bond business. He is in St. Louis today making arrangements to locate there.

Farmers' Week Pamphlets Sent.

Announcements of Farmers' Week will be ready for distribution in a few days. They will be mailed to those whose names appear on the college mailing list.

BANDITS RAID BANK, BUT ARE ALL CAPTURED

Two of Five Thieves Flee in Auto, Leaving Companions to Fight Pursuing Citizens.

\$10,000 LOOT RETURNED

Two Business Men Wounded in Battle With Armed Gang of Robbers.

By United Press.

CALVER, Ind., Dec. 29.—Five bandits held up the State Exchange Bank here today and shot two leading business men. Three of the alleged robbers were caught by a posse of citizens about fifteen minutes after the robbery. Two members of the gang were taken into custody by the Knox, Ind., police.

Most of the money obtained was recovered from the captured men. The wounded men, Jake Sain, merchant, and Jerome Ketchell, stock buyer, led the armed posse which captured the robbers.

Two of the bandits fled in an auto, leaving their three companions to fight the posse which quickly gathered around the bank after news of the robbery spread.

Bank officials estimate about \$10,000 was obtained by the robbers and it is believed that most of it was recovered.

FATHER SAYS SON HIT HIM

C. C. Boatman Testifies Against George Boatman, Who Is Held for Circuit Court

George Boatman was bound over to the Circuit Court late today. His bond was fixed at \$500, and he was released.

The trial of George Boatman, charged with assaulting his father, C. C. Boatman, with intent to kill on December 10, was held today before Justice John S. Birknell.

Dr. C. W. Newman, who lives about one mile north of Hinton, testified that he was called to the home of C. C. Boatman on the evening of December 10 and that he found Mr. Boatman's face badly beaten on the left side, the left eye swollen shut, the right eye almost shut, the nose appeared broken and there were marks of blows on the forehead and around the mouth.

C. C. Boatman was called to testify. He stated that he and his son had quarreled about statements which George accused him of making.

He said that George had hit him with his fist and later with a brick. Mr. Boatman said he had tried to defend himself with two sticks of stove wood, but had dropped them when hit with the brick.

Mrs. C. C. Boatman's testimony practically coincided with that of her husband.

George S. Starrett, prosecuting attorney, represented the prosecution, while E. C. Anderson represented the defense.

RECOMMENDS 7 BRIDGES

County Engineer Makes Annual Report to County Court.

Seven new bridges are recommended in the annual report to the County Court made by H. E. Brown, county highway engineer. They are as follows: A bridge at the foot of Goshen hill, at Wilton; two bridges on the Oakland Stephens road; one across Fowler Creek, near the southeast corner of section 36, township 46, range 12; one across Coleman branch, near Mount Moriah Church; one near the southwest corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 1, township 49, range 12; and one to replace an old wooden bridge across the Hinkson near the quarter-section corner on the north side of section 25, township 50, range 12.

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