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State Delegates Adopt Motion Expressing Faith in Its Ability to Handle Road Money.

CANT SOLVE PROBLEM

Two Meetings Were Held Yesterday by Road Men Wishing to Help the General Assembly.

By a Staff Correspondent.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—The Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs adopted a motion this morning to the effect that it had full faith in the ability of the General Assembly to handle the problem of building roads under the \$60,000,000 bond issue.

The federation also decided to appoint a committee of sixteen, one from each of the congressional districts of the state, to determine the policy of the organization. The members of this committee are to learn the sentiment in their districts and report back at another convention to be called. At this second convention the policy will be decided and recommendations will be made to the special session of the Legislature.

By a Staff Correspondent.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—Two road meetings held last night by visitors to discuss action that should be taken by the Legislature in regard to the expenditure of the \$60,000,000 road bond issue failed to arrive at a solution of the state highway problem. One was held by a committee of the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs at the House of Representatives, and the other at an informal dinner at the Central Hotel which was attended by road enthusiasts from all sections of the state.

Members of the commercial clubs committee discussed the problem for three hours without arriving at a definite conclusion and adjourned at a late hour to meet at the Carnegie Library to continue the discussion.

One hundred fifty road men were present at the dinner. All speakers urged the construction of a state-wide system of connected roads with a number of suggestions of paved roads to meet the traffic conditions with rock roads leading to them. Judge O. W. Hackworth of Wayne County declared that pledges of the campaign for the bond issue must be kept and that a connected system of roads reaching to every county must be provided for.

CHURCHES ARE RAISING FUND

Prove Instrumental in Swelling Near East Relief Total.

Mrs. H. H. Banks, local treasurer of the Near East relief organization, said yesterday that individuals are now contributing through their churches.

The Methodist Church has given \$50 in payment of the first installment that has been pledged. Mrs. M. E. Casselman has also given \$2 for this fund.

The Edith Class of the Christian Church has contributed \$14 additional to their first contribution.

Mrs. Jennie Miller has given \$60 for the Episcopal Church fund.

The Sunday school class of Prof. B. F. Hoffman of the Baptist Church has subscribed \$27.25.

The amount already received for the Near East relief fund totals \$1215.50. One contributor sent a check to the organization in memory of her mother.

MAY ABOLISH BARBER'S BOARD

Senate Asks Governor to Close Books and Suspend Examiners.

By United Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—The Senate today adopted a resolution calling upon the governor to suspend the State Board of Barber Examiners and to instruct the state auditor to check up its books. The chairman of the legislative auditing committee, who offered the resolution, said that the committee has never been able to get the state accounts from the board.

ECONOMY—AFTER A WHILE

House Will Save Money After Free Seeds Are Provided.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—After four roll calls the House today finally decided that the much talked of economy program should not apply to the free seeds yearly distributed by them among their constituents. It was decided to appropriate \$360,000 for congressional free seed distribution.

Dr. C. H. Jones Sends Resignation.

By United Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—Dr. Charles H. Jones, registrar of vital statistics and secretary of the State Board of Health, has sent in his resignation, effective, February 1. He will take charge of the southwestern division of Red Cross work with headquarters in St. Louis.

Western Union Asks New Raise.

By United Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—The West Union Telegraph Company, which some time ago asked the Public Service Commission for an increase of 10 per cent in intrastate rates, today filed an application for an additional increase.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Some cloudiness but generally fair with rising temperature tonight and Friday; lowest temperature tonight about 28.

For Missouri: Generally fair with rising temperature tonight and Friday. Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be north 24, east 28, south 30, and west 30. The Pacific low pressure has entered inland, and its influence in the form of decreasing pressure, rising temperature, and overcast skies has reached to the Mississippi River. The recent cold snap has reached the Southeastern states, giving cold, raw winds with rain and sleet from North Carolina to Florida.

Missouri highways are rough because of the present freeze, but will thaw and become slippery and muddy during the next 36 to 48 hours. The weather will become steadily milder but no rain is expected.

Local data: The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 31 degrees; and the lowest last night was 29 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 49 degrees and the lowest was 23 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. Sun rose today 7:20 a. m.

WOMEN WON'T LEAVE PARTY

No Separate Organization, Says Mrs. Harsh—To S Study City Government.

About seventy-five women attended a meeting of Democratic women this afternoon at the courthouse, the purpose of which was to instruct the women in the problems of government and acquainting them especially with the government of the city of Columbia.

"We do not intend," said Mrs. W. E. Harsh, chairman of the organization, in opening the meeting, "to form a separate Democratic organization, or to endorse individual candidates for city offices. Our purpose is to perfect the team work among the Democratic women and to learn to work together. Although we have suffered defeat, we still hold that the principles for which we stand are the best."

Mrs. G. F. Troxell read a list of all the candidates who have so far declared their intention for city offices in the coming election. There was no discussion of the particular fitness of any candidate for any office.

Mrs. Harsh conducted a short discussion, in which all the women took part, on the various departments of the government of Columbia, taking up the names of the men who hold the offices in these departments, the length of their terms, and the time when they will come up for re-election.

Mrs. L. R. Truitt gave a short talk explaining the organization of the water and light department, the expenses connected with this department, and the revenue for the past year. Mrs. W. H. Pringle talked on the Board of Education, giving the names of the members and mentioning those who will finish their terms before the coming election.

Mrs. James B. Gant, one of the members of the state bureau of speakers for the Democratic party in the recent campaign, made a brief speech, expressing her sympathy with the principles represented by the women's organization.

WALKS 25 MILES TO EXAMS

Mexico Boy Didn't Want to Miss Final Tests.

From the Mexico Intelligencer.
Foot sore and worn, with shoes in tatters but with a smile that would not come off, Guy Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pitts, of Mexico, arrived in Fulton Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock, after "hitting the ties" for twenty-five miles.

Pitts is a student in Westminster College at Fulton and had been here visiting his parents during the week-end. When he arrived he told his parents that he would get to stay until Tuesday after taking his examinations, and they, thinking he had already taken them, failed to call him Sunday morning in time to catch the early morning train for Fulton. Guy, desiring an "education and not wanting to miss the exams," hiked the twenty-five mile distance between this city and Fulton to be in time for the exams, which started there at 8 o'clock Monday.

ASKS \$5,271 DAMAGES

J. E. Lyon Files Suit Against R. E. Leonard and Indemnity Co.

J. E. Lyon, of Centralia, today filed suit against R. E. Leonard, and the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. for \$5,271.33 with interest and costs. The suit is over a contract.

Princeton to Limit Enrollment.

Princeton will probably limit her enrollment to 2,000 in the near future, according to an announcement issued by Pres. John Grier Hibben. Dr. Hibben stated that he has appointed a committee to devise a plan for restricting enrollment "that may be fair to all applicants and secure us the most desirable students." Although the final figure has not yet been set, discussion among the board of trustees and the faculty indicates that it will be 2,000.

WOMEN TAKE STATE CAPITAL AT A HEARING

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NO CHANGE IN TAX RATE?

Bowker Bill Effecting Invoices May Not Pass.

By a Staff Correspondent.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—There will be no changes in the rate of taxation or exemptions of the state income tax law, from present indications. The Republican members of the Senate, in caucus, agreed that the bill by Senator William W. Bowker, Democrat, which was reported out with committee amendments, should be referred to the committee in order that investigation may be made into the expected revenue of the state.

The Bowker bill provides for a reduction of the tax levy from one and a half per cent to three-fourths of one per cent, and that the exemptions be raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for single persons and from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for married persons. The caucus followed the action of the Senate ways and means committee, which reported the bill with amendment providing for a raise in the exemptions and placing a tax of one per cent.

BOONE COUNTY LED IN PRIZES

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Won Nineteen of the Eighty-Two Ribbons.

Boone County did its part on Friday, January 21, which was designated as Boone County Day in the boys' and girls' program during Farmers' Week. Deer Park School taught by Miss Alice Crews enrolled twenty-one children; Miss Georgia Robinson's School at Hallsville, fourteen; Miss Grace Smith, teacher of Dunbar School near Centralia, eleven; Miss Ruby Huff's School at Midway, eleven; Miss Laura Hayden, Keene School, eleven; Miss Holly Waters, Warren School, nine; Rochester School, eight. Enrollments from other schools brought the number up to 121.

Boone County won nineteen out of eighty-two ribbons awarded, this being the highest number awarded any county in the state. The county also won the following trophies: State individual champion in Home Economics, county trophy in Home Economics, cup for county team scoring highest in grain judging, cup for county holding largest number of stock judging contests in northeast Missouri, and also the state shield for the county making the highest score in all of the Boys' and Girls' Club events during Farmers' Week.

Boone County ranked second in the number of standard clubs finished and making final reports before Dec. 1, 1920. Greene County ranked first. Why this county will do better now and the close of the club year, June 30, 1921, remains to be seen.

Charles E. Northcutt, county superintendent of schools, has taken great interest in club work. Realizing its value to boys and girls and to the communities, he has encouraged the organization of such clubs. He has a map in his office which shows the location of all the county schools and which indicates those that have clubs. Mr. Northcutt says there is great educational value in this work and hopes that the people will back him in his efforts along this practical line.

JUNIORS ELECT OFFICERS

Frank Houston, Big Six Candidate, Wins Presidency.

Politics in the University did not influence all the students who voted at the junior class election yesterday afternoon. The Big Six candidate for the presidency was elected, but the Combine's candidates for the offices of vice-president, secretary and treasurer were elected.

WILLIAM BENEDICT DEAD

Native of Boone County Dies in County Infirmary.

William Benedict, 83 years old, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the county infirmary. He was born in Boone County and lived here all his life. He will be buried at Dripping Springs Church.

Admits Three to Hospital.

The following were admitted to Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday, Jacob Bernard Gibbs, Thomas J. Anderson and Forest C. Long. Those discharged were: Mrs. Frances Finley and Joseph J. Tainter.

Women's Auxiliary Meets.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Calvary Episcopal Church met this afternoon at the home of the Rev. James H. George, 809 Rollins street. Plans for the work of this year were discussed.

Runburg Slated for Appointment.

By United Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27.—Charles Runburg of Kansas City is said to be slated for the position of commissioner of permanent seat of government, to succeed Lewis Ratliff of Moberly.

CLARK TAKES CASE UP WITH LEGISLATORS

Dismissed Professor Tells Story to Governor Hyde and Members of Committees.

GOES TO A NEWSPAPER

Jefferson City Post Says His Dismissal Reveals a "Hotbed of Friction" at M. U.

Prof. George L. Clark, who was dismissed from the faculty of the School of Law of the University by the Board of Curators was in Jefferson City yesterday waging a lone fight against the University and its administration with the governor and members of the General Assembly.

Yesterday afternoon Clark obtained an audience with Governor Hyde. He presented to the governor his "case." He carried to Jefferson City all of the documentary data he has in connection with his dismissal, including the order of dismissal from the board; his letter to the board appealing for reconsideration; his correspondence with the American Association of University Professors, in which he gives his alleged reasons for the charges and former law suits; his correspondence with former law suits; his letter by him written requesting aid in defending the charges; and the letter of Acting Dean Tyrrell Williams of the Washington University department of law, a member of the famous Committee of Forty-Eight who has interested himself in the dismissal "as a friend of Clark."

Clark sought an interview with each member of the House and Senate committee, appointed at each session of the General Assembly to make recommendations concerning the University. Several of these he saw yesterday. To each of them he told his story.

Yesterday afternoon Clark's campaign took him to the office of the Jefferson City Post. This newspaper in its issue of Tuesday carried a story under the big headlines, "Dismissal of Professor at Missouri University Reveals 'Hotbed of Friction There,'" attacking the University. The same issue carried an editorial on the same subject.

When Clark left Columbia it was published that he had been named a delegate to the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs meeting in Jefferson City. He is not a member of the Columbia Commercial Club.

About fifteen or twenty Columbia and University persons were appointed delegates from Boone County to this meeting by the governor. The usual method for the naming of such delegates is for some officer of the association holding such a state meeting to request the governor to name official delegates from each county. The officer then submits to the governor a list of names. These names are then written on official blanks kept in stock for such purposes and mailed to each person on the list.

Clark's other duties prevented him from attending the meeting of the federation yesterday.

TO INTRODUCE NEW EVIDENCE

Woman's Testimony Expected to Clear Up Ticket Mystery.

By United Press.
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Florence Lipkin of Kansas City, it is said, will introduce new evidence into the trial of Mrs. Louise Petee for whom the state is demanding that she either be hanged or sent to prison for the alleged murder of Jacob Denton, wealthy mine owner.

Mrs. Lipkin, according to District Attorney Woolwin, is the surprise witness whose testimony will clear up the mystery of the railroad ticket to Kansas City. The ticket was supposed to have been in the clothes of Denton all the time his body reposed in the basement of his home.

Mrs. Lipkin, according to Woolwin, answered a newspaper advertisement by telephone for a ticket to Kansas City and was told she was talking to Louise Petee, who said she had a ticket to Kansas City that she wished to sell. Later she was unable to get in touch with Mrs. Petee.

The prosecutors believe that this shows that Denton did not have the ticket in his possession and intended to leave town but that it was in the possession of Mrs. Petee who was planning to leave town.

BURGLAR ROBS BARBER SHOP

Enters Berry & Robinson's Place of Business and Gets \$2.

The Berry & Robinson barber shop, 11 North Ninth street, was broken into and robbed of \$2 in change Tuesday night. The back door was pried open and the money drawer opened with a screw driver.

The money is put into the safe each night but that night \$2 was left in the money drawer.

Commercial Club Found Rooms for 1,776 Farmers' Week Guests

Accommodations for 1,776 visitors here for Farmers' Week were provided through the Columbia Commercial Club, according to the report of Miss Pearl Crump, who was in full charge of the listing and assigning of rooms for the visitors. The work of Miss Crump in the emergency is highly praised by Dean F. B. Mumford, director of the College of Agriculture, in a letter to Frank B. Rollins, president of the Commercial Club. The report of Miss Crump and the letter from Dean Mumford were both made public today.

Miss Crump's report shows that 2,055 rooms were listed by the Commercial Club and that 1,776 rooms were assigned, leaving 279 rooms not taken. With a few exceptions, the rooms not called for were in the northern part of the city. Quite a number of people also received assignments of which no record was kept during the first day, the report of Miss Crump also shows.

The letter from Dean Mumford to Mr. Rollins reads:

"I want to express my great appreciation to the Columbia Commercial Club for its splendid co-operation during Farmers' Week. I have come to feel that the comfort and entertainment of the visitors to Farmers' Week is a very large factor in making the kind of an impression on out-of-town visitors that it is desirable to have made. The Columbia Commercial Club is entitled to all the credit for finding comfortable homes for our visitors."

"I also want to thank Miss Pearl Crump for the splendid service which she rendered to us by the efficient manner in which she found rooms for our visitors. I have not heard a single complaint from the people attending Farmers' Week regarding the accommodations provided by Miss Crump. I want Miss Crump to know how very much I appreciate her work, and I want you and your executive board to know how much I appreciate your fine co-operation."

MARCH 15 IS ELECTION DATE

City Democratic Committee Sets Time for Local Primaries.

The primary election for the city officials will be held March 15, and the closing hour for the filing of candidacies will be 4 o'clock on March 5. These dates were agreed upon at a meeting of the Democratic City Committee, in the Exchange National Bank at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

William Miller announced his candidacy for city marshal today. Mr. Miller has been on the police force seven years. His entry puts three men into the race for marshal, Tom Ficklin and Ernest Rowland are the others.

Ben Nowell confirmed a report today that he would not be a candidate for re-election as councilman from the Third Ward, and Prof. F. F. Stephens said that he would not be a candidate for re-election as councilman from the Fourth Ward. The friends of T. J. Rodhouse are urging him to run for councilman from the Fourth Ward, but he is undecided as yet.

The committee also set the filing fees as follows: Mayor, \$15; police judge, city marshal, city attorney, city assessor, city collector and city treasurer, \$10; councilmen, \$5.

The following men had filed announcements for candidacies with M. F. Thurston, secretary of the Democratic City Committee: City Marshal, William R. Miller; Mayor James Gordon and P. M. Klass; assessor, J. H. Barnett; police judge, M. L. Edwards; city collector, J. W. Sapp.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING HERE

Services at Baptist Church by the Rev. W. M. Vines February 27.

A series of evangelistic meetings to be held at the Baptist Church of this city will begin February 27, and will last for two weeks or more.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. A few years ago the Reverend Doctor Vines was pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mo.

The singing for the meeting will be conducted by Jack Schofield of Fort Scott, Kan., who for eight years was one of the singing evangelists of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and who for the past four years has been convention song leader of the Georgia Baptist Young People's convention.

CITY COMMITTEES MEET

Discuss Probability of Sanitation and Weights Inspector.

Preliminary to revising the license ordinances of the city, the finance committee of the City Council discussed the situation with a committee of the Retail Merchants' Association yesterday. Discussion centered about forming the office of inspector of weights and measures and a sanitary inspector, whose duty would be to examine all scales, yardsticks, measures and food and to report on sanitary conditions.

No definite action was taken, excepting to inquire A. Ruth, chairman of the committee of the Retail Merchants' Association. The meeting was preliminary to a series of meetings during the next month when the matter will be definitely decided.

HEAVY PARCEL POST HERE

Packages Totalling 729,000 Pounds Handled in Three Months.

According to L. J. Hall, postmaster, the parcel post received and delivered by the office in Columbia shows no decided increase or decrease, but the quantity of the usual amount is surprising. In the last quarter 42,000 parcel post packages weighing 258,000 pounds, were dispatched from the office during October, November and December.

Parcel post received and delivered during these three months amounted to 66,000 packages, weighing 362,000 pounds, making a total of 108,000 packages handled, weighing 729,000 pounds.

WILL DISARM GERMAN UNITS IN SIX MONTHS

Allied Supreme Council Report Demands That All Forces Be Disbanded by July 1.

FRENCH ARE PLEASSED

French, Italian and English Leaders in Long Session Over Reparation—Approve Treaty.

By United Press.
PARIS, Jan. 27.—The settlement of the amount of the German reparation has narrowed down to an agreement between Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Aristide Briand, premier of France. The two held a long conference today with Count Storza, Italian foreign minister. It is believed that the agreement reached today will be proposed to the Allied Supreme Council.

Allied military experts have handed the council their report on a plan for disbanding German military units. The report gives satisfaction to the French, providing that the clauses in the Versailles Treaty in reference to the disarmament of the German forces are carried out to the letter. Two-thirds of the disarmament must be completed by March 1, and the work must be finished by July 1.

This decision means that the German civic guards and the security police must be disbanded, as called for in the Versailles Treaty. The council was expected to act on the report this afternoon.

The morning session was taken up in hearing the report of Paul Doumer, French minister of finance, who asks that the amount of compensation to be paid by Germany be decided by the Reparations Commission, as stated in the Versailles Treaty.

Conferees have begun between British officials attending the Supreme Council meetings and Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, who arrived here yesterday.

TO DISCUSS CHURCH DEBT

Bible College May Help Pay Inter-Church Deficit.

Plans for paying a debt of \$300,000 owed by the Board of Education of the Disciples of Christ, of which the Bible College is a member, will be discussed at meetings in St. Louis tonight and tomorrow. Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible College went to St. Louis today to attend the conference.

The debt is due to the failure of the Interchurch World Movement. When that movement was begun, the Board of Education underwrote it for \$300,000, in order to guarantee loans from banks for the expenses of the movement. Other religious bodies underwrote the movement for similar sums.

Recently the board was called on for the entire sum. A campaign was carried on among the churches of the denomination for the payment of the debt, which would have amounted to an average of 50 cents a person. Although complete returns from this campaign are not in, it is apparent that only about one-twelfth of the necessary amount has been raised.

Dean Edwards will propose that the debt be assessed directly upon the members of the Board of Education, that is, the denominational schools of the Christian Church. The Bible College's assessment, if this plan is adopted, will be between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

MRS. MARY GILLILAND DIES

Mrs. S. M. Metty, a Sister, Gets This Word From Beloit, Kan.

Mrs. S. M. Metty, 1109 1/2 East Road, way, received a telegram yesterday telling of the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Gilliland, at Beloit, Kan., who died after an attack of heart trouble.

Mrs. Gilliland is survived by her husband and one daughter. Mrs. Metty will be unable to attend the funeral of her sister, due to her own illness. Mrs. Gilliland will be buried tomorrow at her home in Beloit, Kan.

PASTOR BAPTIZES 10 MORE

Marks Close of Revival at Wilkes Boulevard Church.