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THE GUBERNATORIAL SITUATION.

We agree with the Farmington Progress that those paper that are rushing into the gubernatorial contest, playing favorites and insisting that others announce their choice, are premature.

From the standpoint of party service none will have the advantage over Sam Cook, who has devoted his whole life to fighting the battles of the party...

Judge Gantt is just beginning his second term as Supreme Judge, re-nominated without opposition.

Mr. Folk is an unknown quantity in state politics and therefore uncertain. He is a young man who has sprung into prominence through successful prosecution of St. Louis thieves...

James A. Reed, twice elected Mayor of Kansas City, a stalwart Democrat, a fighter that has to be reckoned with at all times.

Judge Hazell's name is mentioned by enthusiastic friends. He was brought into prominence by calling the Cole county jury to investigate legislative corruption...

Ben. W. D. Vandiver is a knightly gentleman, clean and capable. He possesses executive ability, has made quite a reputation in Congress...

Payton Parks, of Henry county, is a leader of the progressive young Democracy, a lawyer of recognized ability...

an executive second to none the state ever had.

THE TIMES is playing no favorite at this time, but desires that all have a fair chance.

W. B. Hurst, who some months ago bought the entire business of the Jean Hurst Redfern Poultry Co. with forty branch houses in Missouri, Kansas, Ind. Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Illinois has sold the business in its entirety to the Armour Packing Co.

Wheat harvest is on in Kansas in full blast, and the largest crop ever raised in the state is claimed.

The Osceola Democrat suggests the name of Peyton A. Parks, of Clinton, for governor.

The Pacific cable was completed on the 4th inst., and President Roosevelt sent a message around the world, the first one ever sent, in 12 minutes.

Grand Old Missouri! Listen. State Treasurer Williams shows a balance of \$2,869,433.36 in the treasury of Missouri, and there is not a cent of debt against the state.

Basically in the postoffice department at Washington is being shifted over to the seed department and scandal has broken out there.

ORDER WIPES OUT MANY RURAL ROUTES

Western District Too Thinly Populated to Meet Mr. Bristow's Requirements.

Omaha, Neb., July 2.—The rural free delivery of mail throughout the west has been practically wiped out by the recent ruling of fourth assistant postmaster general Bristow, who has ruled that no free delivery route shall be continued unless 100 families are served and 3,000 pieces of mail matter handled monthly.

Supt. Rathbone of the western division today said: "The enforcement of that order will wipe out 90 per cent of the routes in this district, comprising Minnesota, both Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa, and also will affect other western states in the same way, especially Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah."

All field men have been called in for consultation and a modification will be asked for. Throughout the states affected are preparing petitions which will be forwarded to Washington, asking that the rules not apply to the thinly settled western states.

Gave His Life for a Friend. Residents of Madison county near Edwardsville and Troy are mourning the tragic death of a native of the county and former resident, Wm. Stroeter. The young man lost his life saving that of a friend.

Stroeter had for years been living in Clinton county, Mo., where his sister, Miss Emma, as a teacher. Several young men from the vicinity of Arley went to Smith's Ford on a fishing trip. They were fishing, and while so engaged Clarence Hessel got beyond his depth.

He was at the point of drowning when young Stroeter sprang into the stream. He got Hessel back to the shore, but just as Stroeter reached it his feet became entangled in a net and he was swept under and down the stream. The boys on the bank got Hessel out, but Stroeter was drowned.

A sister of the young man, Mrs. G. Miller, lives at Troy, and a brother, E. H. Stroeter, is now located in St. Louis.

ONE KILLED, TWO FATALLY SHOT.

Missouri Sheriff and Two Deputies in Desperate Battle With Father and Son Who Defied Officers to Arrest Them.

Steelville, Mo., July 4.—The arrest of a 15 year old boy two weeks ago on a charge of attempted criminal assault on a 10 year old girl, resulted in a pistol battle at a Fourth of July picnic here to day, in which the boy's father was instantly killed and two officers, the boy's brother and a bystander were seriously wounded.

W. R. Taff, sheriff of Crawford county, was shot through the stomach and his recovery is improbable. Deputy Sheriff Perry Ives was shot in the mouth. William Stough, a butcher, who was taking no part in the fight, was shot in the chin and leg.

"Bob" Starks, a farmer living near here, was shot through the heart and killed and his son, Herschel, was wounded in the breast and is not expected to live until morning.

Herschel Starks started the trouble to-day by assaulting Samuel Ogle, an old soldier. The officers attempted to arrest him and the shooting followed.

HE KNOCKED OUT AGED SOLDIER'S EYE.

Ogle caused the arrest of Herschel Sparks' 15-year-old brother, John, two weeks ago, who is in jail here. He is charged with attempted assault on a daughter of Samuel Ogle.

Ogle, Herschel Sparks and his father, "Bob" Starks, were in the crowd at the picnic here to-day.

When young Sparks saw Ogle, who is an old man, he attacked him immediately and, before bystanders could intervene, had knocked out one of the old man's eyes and broken his jawbone.

As soon as "Bob" Starks heard of the fight he anticipated an arrest and sent his son home after their weapons. Herschel returned with a revolver and a shotgun.

He gave the shotgun to his father and kept the revolver himself. Carrying their weapons before them, they began marching up and down the street, which at the time was crowded with persons celebrating with firecrackers and torpedoes.

DEFIED SHERIFF TO ARREST THEM.

The Starks openly defied Sheriff Taff and his officers to arrest them. The sheriff and Constable John U. Woods secured shotguns from a hardware store and, standing with leveled guns on either side of the street, ordered Starks and his son to surrender.

Herschel Starks replied by shooting the sheriff in the stomach. His father tried to shoot Constable Woods but his gun refused to work.

Before he could snap it a second time, Woods shot him through the heart and he fell in the street. Young Starks was still uninjured. He emptied his revolver at the officers, one bullet striking Deputy Sheriff Ives in the mouth and two others hitting William Stough, a spectator.

Then Starks started to run. Woods and Ives pursued him and Sheriff Taff raised himself to his feet and joined in the chase. Sparks had gone less than a block when shot in the breast and captured.

He was taken to the jail and his wounds dressed there. A St. Louis physician has been sent for to attend the sheriff who is being cared for at a hotel.

"Bob" Starks, who was killed, had participated in other shooting affairs.

Packing House Burned.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 5.—The main building of the Hammond packing plant was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is estimated as high as 1 1/2 million dollars. It is entirely covered by insurance. Two men lost their lives in the flames. One of them is reported to be Charles Miller, was marshal at the plant. This could not be verified. Three men were injured, one of them seriously.

For a time the entire stock yards district was threatened. By hard work the Nelson Morris plant, 300 feet north of the Hammond plant, was saved, and this saved the Swift plant, which is to the north of the Nelson-Morris building.

SUPPORT SCOTT'S EMULSION serves as a bridge to carry the weakened and starved system along until it can find firm support in ordinary food.

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of J. R. Nafus, deceased, that I, Minnie Nafus, administratrix of said estate, intends to make final settlement thereof, at next term of the Bates County Probate Court, in Bates county, State of Missouri, to be held at Butler, Missouri, on the 10th day of August, 1908.

A BANK ROBBER ESCAPED.

The St. Louis Jail Could Not Confine William Rudolph.

St. Louis, July 6.—William Rudolph, one of the men, who robbed the bank at Union, Mo., last January and killed a Pinkerton detective who endeavored to capture him, and George Collins, his companion, escaped from the St. Louis jail late this afternoon. Late to-night he had not been apprehended, although the entire police force of this city was searching for him.

The escape was evidently the result of a carefully prearranged plan, in which a number of jail prisoners were implicated. At five o'clock in the afternoon the prisoners who have been permitted to exercise are required to return to their cells. When they had begun to disperse this afternoon, about fifteen of them gathered in the northwestern corner of the city fortress and in a moment there was an apparent quarrel between them.

Rudolph and his assistant in the bank robbery, George Collins, remained on the southeastern side of the jail and when the guards tried to quell the violent disturbance on the opposite side, the two desperate men hastened up the tiers of cells until they reached a beam which had been used to raise the flag on July 4. Here Collins showed the white feather and went no further, but Rudolph climbed the beam, shattered a pane in the skylight and in an instant later was drawing himself through the opening he had made to the roof.

Undaunted, Rudolph grasped an electric light wire that extended to the ground and slid down fifty feet, when the wire snapped, precipitating him to the ground. Regaining his feet instantly, he ran through Sergeant Dawson's residence, where Mrs. B. Lally, the aged housekeeper, was the occupant, out to the street and was gone.

Collins and Rudolph robbed the bank of Union, shot their way out of town and made good their escape last January. Posses were organized and the men were sought on every clew, but until Detective Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton, arrived to assist in the hunt, they could not be located. In a short time Schumacher found them in a cabin situated about four miles from Stanton, Mo., and with a posse he went there on January 24 to arrest them.

SHOT A DETECTIVE.

The officer approached the house over a clearing a little in advance of his companions and rapped on the middle door. Another door was suddenly thrown open, however, and he was ordered to hold up his hands. The men did not permit him to obey the command, but began shooting, two bullets striking the detective, killing him almost instantly. Collins and Rudolph again escaped, but were arrested in Hartford, Conn., by Pinkertons and brought to St. Louis for safe keeping. Every precaution has been taken to prevent their escape. Their quarters in the jail have been changed frequently and they have been kept apart. A few weeks ago files and other implements were discovered in their cells and they have been closely watched ever since.

Seattle, Wash., July 1.—The sheriff of Grayson county, Texas, passed through here yesterday with T. R. Stegell, who is alleged to have attempted, in company with another young man named Pennell, to murder a farmer of Sherman, Tex. After chasing Pennell all over the South-ern states the sheriff finally captured him and learning that Stegell was working in a lumber camp near Wheaton had him arrested by the sheriff of that place and came north to get him.



guess who it is? The mother knows the touch of the soft hands too well to need to guess, and for the moment she enters into the playful spirit of the child and forgets her toil and weariness. Then a sudden movement sends a thrill of pain through her and she realizes that though love may lighten labor it cannot lighten pain. Thousands of women who have suffered from backache, headache, and other consequences of womanly disease, have been made well women by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries unhealthy drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

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HARVARD STUDENTS TO HARVEST WHEAT

Party of Twelve Beat Their Way West to Labor While Well Supplied With Money.

Kansas City, Mo., July 6.—Twelve Harvard students, all from Boston, applied at the state employment bureau here to-day for work in the Kansas wheat fields. All were young and the eldest of the party being but 20 years of age. They had "bummed" their way to Kansas City with pockets full of money. They are out on the "jaunt" for the fun of it. They spoke freely of everything except their identities. On this subject they kept mum. The leader of the party, a giant in physique, talked freely. "We are going out to the wheat fields just for the novelty of the thing," he said. "We shall harvest wheat, drive wagons, carry water, eat bacon and corn bread with the rest of them. We return to Boston and Harvard this fall. We beat our way here on freights, leaving Boston early last week. We have had a pretty good trip. We got put off the train once or twice, but usually the "brakies" permitted us to ride on condition that we help load coal in the box. This was easy. You see, we had never been out west before, and when we saw that Kansas was howling for men we got up a party and decided to come out here. We shall not stay in the wheat fields all the time, but shall rove around a bit and see what the west looks like.

Scores Drowned in Great Flood at Jeanette, Pa.

Greensburg, Pa., July 5.—By the breaking of an immense dam at Oakford park, a resort at the town of Jeanette, near here yesterday afternoon, between 20 and 100 lives have been reported lost. At an early hour this morning eight bodies had been recovered. The disaster was the result of a great cloudburst which broke near the park, which was crowded with hundreds of recreation seekers. The torrents of rain which fell caused the creek that runs on the outskirts of the park to overflow its bed and beat with great force on the dam above the park. When the great embankment finally gave way the waters soon washed every building in the park but two off of its foundation and crushed them into kindling wood. The great loss of life was due to the fact that most of these buildings were filled with people who had taken refuge from the rain. The torrents of water swept street cars off the tracks and it is believed that every passenger in one crowded car which was swept away, was drowned.

Only Half an Apple Crop.

L. A. Goodman, secretary State Horticultural Association, says: "From five hundred reports sent out, I draw the conclusion that we cannot count on more than half an apple crop on an average over the state. At the same time there are many places where the percentage will run up to 75 per cent and others down to 10 per cent."

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