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## MR. BRYAN AND THIS MULE.

A mule that was just passing out of her teens when W. J. Bryan first began running for President, was chloroformed the other day because she had outlived her usefulness. The following story of the animal's fate is printed herewith as a warning to those who went wrong in 1896 and never came back:

"Maud, aged 42, the famous mule owned by W. R. Berridge, who figured prominently in Bryan's first campaign for President, has been chloroformed by its owner.

"At the time Bryan made his first race for President, Mr. Berridge was so confident that Bryan would win that he prepared Maud for a long trip to Washington, where, after congratulating Mr. Bryan on his success, Berridge intended to present the animal to him.

"At that time the animal was about 23 years old. Bryan was defeated, but Berridge was so confident of Bryan's ultimate success that he said he would keep the animal alive until Bryan became President of the United States.

"Again in 1908 he made all arrangements for the trip. Maud was then 34 years old, but was hale and hearty. Again her owner was doomed to disappointment.

"Not daunted, Berridge still had faith in his idol, but after Bryan's resignation from the Cabinet Maud seemed to become despondent. Life no longer had any interest for her. Her decline was rapid. Everything possible was done for her, but of no avail.

"Her owner had a nice grave dug and a number of his intimate friends were invited to attend the funeral. Berridge owns a tombstone plant, and the following marker will adorn Maud's grave: 'Here lies Maud. She is gone but not forgotten.'

The last sentence contains the kick for Mr. Bryan, "Maud is gone, but not forgotten," says the epitaph. Mr. Bryan is forgotten, but not gone.

Whatever may be a man's position in life, he does not want the public to know that a mule lost faith in him. Maud, like some of our very best citizens, hoped for much from Mr. Bryan, but died wiser as well as penitent.

Maud's existence was a wretched one, but she lived long enough to teach a moral, and that is: It is better to have started wrong and died right than never to get next to yourself," which Mr. Bryan has never been able to do.

## THE HOBO AND THE HOLE IN THE DOUGHNUT.

During President Wilson's visit to St. Louis Thursday, James Eads How, president of the national hobos' association, presented the executive with a message from the "unemployed and migratory workers," as Hobo How calls them.

The resolution expressed regret that Mr. Wilson was unable to be present at the recent convention of the hobos, but the fact that he was absent, they agreed, should not prevent the President from receiving a report of the meeting.

"The government is instituted among men to guarantee to them the opportunity to enjoy the earth and the fruits thereof," said the hobos to the President, "so that we of the unemployed may become in fact what we have long been in name, a free, happy and contented people."

We take it for granted that Jim How and his brethren of the unemployed presented the message to the President, simply to administer a veiled rebuke to Mr. Wilson for his failure to fraternize with them at a national convention. He was invited, but never went. If he sent regrets, the president of the hobos' organization failed to mention it.

Hobo How, speaking for all of the knights of the road, calls upon President Wilson to cease talking preparedness for war and prepare to make the United States more desirable for the hobo. While the chief of the hobos was too diplomatic to break the news to the President on so short acquaintance, he no doubt is planning to call a strike or boycott if the hole gets any larger in the doughnut.

The baker in the large cities, because of the high price of flour, have found it necessary to increase the diameter of the hole in the "sinker," and those who feed on coffee and doughnuts exclusively, have discovered that the hole is not particularly filling. In view of these facts, it seems that Mr. Hobo How's point is well taken. Instead of demanding a larger army and navy, Mr. Wilson should insist upon a larger "sinker" and a smaller hole.

## PREPARING FOR THE RUST.

The first two bills in the series of defense measures that are certain to come before this session of Congress, passed the House late Monday. One called for an appropriation of \$600,000 for the improvement of the Mare Island and New York navy yards. The other for the increase of cadets at the academy at Annapolis.

The fire-alarm campaign that has been waged during the past year for a record-breaking navy and standing army probably has been successful. The principal excuse for this legislation, seems to be, to keep the munition plants running after the European war is over.

An adequate navy and standing army is essential, but when the United States begins to eclipse the nations of the world in preparing for war, that is gross extravagance. Neither of the two great parties is altogether responsible for the movement. Each is attempting to outdo the other in suggesting extremes to which the nation must go.

At the time when Europe was nursing a desire to fight, we did not prepare. Now that Europe has been financially wrecked by war, we begin to get ready to fight. We are placed in the position of the farmer, who neglected to lock the stable door until after his horses were stolen. After the United States has expended enough on battleships to equip the world with railroads, it will then be permitted to watch them go to rust.

## THE COUNCIL AND SIGNS OF SPRING.

Following closely upon the report that the summer birds have returned from the South, Cape Girardeau's City Council—all of them present—becomes active. This may or may not be a sign that we are to enjoy an early spring, but it proves the truth of that modern proverb, which says, "So long as there is life, there is hope." That may not be much, but it helps some.

There is nothing so refreshing as a heated conversation between Councilmen. They can become more excited than an ordinary set of men, and it must be a relief to them to get rid of so much atmosphere at one time.

It costs \$12.50 a head for the City Council to meet, which will buy a great quantity of gas, but we violate no confidence when we say that Cape Girardeau got its money's worth last night.

When our city fathers purge their systems of surplus conversation, it could be looked upon as nothing short of a belated Christmas present, if they would plug up the air pipes and improve Main street, Merriweather and attempt to reduce the humps which are clogging up virtually all of the city thoroughfares.

The City Council has appointed another lawyer to look after the city's business. This makes three, which leads the timid spectator to wonder whether Cape Girardeau will eventually be compelled to provide each Councilman with a private attorney.

## MARCH 17 SET AS NEW DATE OF RATE HEARING

Interstate Commerce Commission Postpones Coal Case From February 12.

## WASHINGTON MAN MAY BE CAPE'S ATTORNEY

Rate Controversy Involving Frisco Abrogation of Franchise To Be Re-opened.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has postponed from February 12 to March 17 the hearing set for the examination of the proposed advances on coal rates between Illinois points and various places in Missouri, including Cape Girardeau, according to announcement in the Cape yesterday.

The hearing will be held in St. Louis by Examiner Mattingly as arranged previously, and plans have been made by business interests in the Cape to have the city represented when the question of the Cape's coal rate is reopened.

Negotiations now are pending to retain John R. Walker of Washington, an attorney who has specialized on cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission, to attend the hearing in St. Louis and represent the city.

The advanced coal rate that is being charged on shipments into the Cape has been made effective in violation of one part of the city's franchise to the railroad, which stipulates that the rate on coal from the Marion, Ill., coal field into the Cape shall be 60 cents. The present rate that is being charged is 75 cents and the difference in the gross charges on the total tonnage of coal into the Cape amounts to many thousands of dollars in a year.

I. R. Kelso as the attorney who drew the franchise for the city, will represent the city at the hearing. He also is co-operating with the Traffic Committee of the Commercial Club, which passed a resolution to have the advance in the coal rate fought.

Under the terms of that resolution, Mr. Kelso was given the privilege of retaining assistant counsel for the conduct of the case, and he has indicated that he will endeavor to obtain the services of Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker has represented the Cape Portland Cement Co., in several cases before the Commission.

The announcement of the postponement in the date for the hearing was made yesterday afternoon by Charles L. Harrison, chairman of the Traffic Committee of the Commercial Club. He received the news in a bulletin the first of this week.

He also declared that several men from the Cape will attend the hearing in St. Louis. W. H. Harrison and Charles L. Harrison expect to attend. Mr. Kelso will be present and it is probable that others will go from the Cape.

The advance in the coal rate was put into effect when the Interstate Commerce Commission approved a tariff filed by the C. & E. I. in which the coal rate from the Marion field to the Cape was raised to 75 cents. The coal from that field is hauled to Chaffee by the C. & E. I., and there transferred to the Frisco, to be brought to the Cape.

The Frisco, it is said, does not receive a larger proportion of the rate since its advance than before, and its legal department already has declared that the road want to see the rate returned to the old figures.

## SUES FOR \$600 DAMAGES.

Suit for \$600 damages yesterday was filed in the Common Pleas Court by W. P. Freeman, a farmer living on the East Side, against James Miller, of the Cape and James Lovell, of East Cape, for loss which Freeman asserts he sustained through a land renting deal.

Freeman declares in his petition that in August 1915, he made an agreement with Miller and Lovell to rent a farm for a year including the summer of 1916. The farm is situated three and a half miles southwest of Gordonville and he was to take possession in September 1915, when he was to commence sowing wheat and the cultivation of the crops.

He was to pay the owners of the farm a third of the 1916 summer crop. When he went to take possession of the place, he was refused possession and the two men, his petition recites, with whom he had made the agreement, refused to allow him to plant any crops, but rather had rented the place to another farmer.

The suit was filed by James H. Doris, attorney for Freeman and Freeman's bond was signed by Louis Ische, Jr.

## SUES FOR \$1129.78 ON MISS. LAND DEAL

Father and Son Claim Breach of Warranty By Gordonville Man.

C. J. Engelmann of Oak Ridge, and his son, J. R. Engelmann of Jackson, yesterday filed a suit in the Common Pleas Court, seeking the recovery of \$1,129.78 from Henry M. Amelunke, of Gordonville, in a land deal involving the sale of a \$7,000 Mississippi farm to the two Engelmanns by the defendant in the suit.

The sale of the farm, which is located in Holmes County, Miss., was effected September 12, 1912. At the time of the sale, the petition recites, Amelunke represented that the land was without incumbrances of any kind.

In making out the deed to the property a warrant was placed in the deed to the effect that Amelunke would defend the title to the land against any lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever.

After the sale, it developed that the land was subject to a lien created by a deed of trust executed in 1908 by the owners preceding Amelunke to secure notes aggregating \$4,500, of which a large portion remained to be paid.

The trustee foreclosed on the farm and in April 1913, the Engelmanns were forced to pay out \$2,929.78 to obtain the release of their farm from incumbrances. Of this sum, Amelunke forwarded \$1,800 and the father and son yesterday filed suit to obtain the rest of that amount which they claim is due them under the term of the warrant in their deed. The suit was filed by Judge Edward D. Hays.

## OMA SINKS-PIPER SEEKS A DIVORCE

She and Oliver Kenley Filed Suits in Common Pleas Court.

Two divorce cases were filed in the Common Pleas Court yesterday afternoon, one by Mrs. Oma E. Piper, formerly Mrs. Sinks, against her "matrimonial bureau" husband, William Piper, who recently was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for forgery.

The other divorce is sought by Mrs. Olive Kenley who sued her husband, H. A. Kenley and asked alimony. Several suits have been filed in the Common Pleas Court in the last few days despite the fact that there is no judge in charge of the court as yet for the February term.

The last day for filing in order to get the cases in the February term is Tuesday and it is understood that several more suits will be filed by attorneys in the Cape.

Mrs. Piper, in her petition, which was filed by Judge Edward D. Hays, sets her husband's conviction as a cause of action in asking her divorce. She says they were married November 2, 1915, and were separated the following month.

Mrs. Kenley, in her petition, stated that her husband had abused and cursed her, that he objected to her going to church or to holding family prayers, as was her custom, and she declared that he lost his temper and struck her. She said that once she had had him arrested and taken before Judge Willer for disturbance of the peace.

She also charged that he had not supported her. Kenley is an employe at the Frisco shops and his salary amounts to \$60 a month, from which she asks the court to grant her costs of the divorce case as well as reasonable alimony. The suit was filed for Mrs. Kenley by Caruthers and Barks.

## DEMOCRATS CALL PARTY NOMINATING CONVENTION

Will Name Candidate to Become Successor to Judge Ranney Next Friday—Precincts Meet Wednesday.

The Democratic County Central Committee, after vainly endeavoring to persuade Governor Major to annul his election writ for February 19 to fill the vacancy on the Common Pleas Court bench, yesterday afternoon determined to have a Democratic candidate for the place nominated by County Convention. A petition read to Major over the telephone was turned down.

Precinct meetings were ordered for Wednesday evening, February 9 and the County Convention will be held Friday, February 11, the day before the Republican Convention. At their meeting, the Democrats drafted resolutions on the death of Judge Ranney.

## 2 COMMITTEES ASLEEP ON JOB; KAGE INCENSED

3 1-2 Months Ago, Council Ordered Street Widening Bills Drafted.

LET CITY COUNSELOR  
DO IT, SOLONS SAY

Chairman Armgardt Announces Lane Was Hired as "Special Competent Counsel."

Mayor Kage was incensed last night on learning that two committees designated by the City Council to prepare ordinances for street widening in the West End sewer district have not held a meeting, although it has been nearly four months since they were requested to begin work.

The inactivity of these committees ultimately will delay the construction of the proposed \$150,000 sewer, the Mayor urged and his attention has been called to numerous complaints by residents in the section affected, made because the streets have not been widened.

The streets that the City proposes to widen are Harmony, Benton, Themis, Hgover and Painter. The preparation of the ordinances was taken out of the hands of City Attorney R. H. Whitelaw by the Council on October 18, last when the Committee on Propositions and Grievances and the Judiciary Committee together with City Engineer Chris Stiver were instructed to go ahead with the work.

Those two committees filed a report at that meeting of the Council recommending that Whitelaw be removed from the job in favor of "special competent counsel."

At the close of three months and a half, Arthur Bowman, chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, declared his committee had not been assigned to the job. The other men on the committee with him are Charles Kars and Jay E. Fowler.

Both Bowman and Fowler announced that they had not attended any meeting of the committees. Councilman Walter D. Black, a member of the Judiciary Committee, declared that he never had attended a meeting of the committee and declared he knew nothing about the proposed ordinances.

"That is the City Counselor's duty," Black and Fowler remarked, when interviewed.

Chairman Charles Armgardt of the Judiciary Committee, declared that Senator T. F. Lane had been retained as the "special competent counsel" demanded in place of Whitelaw in the report of the Council on October 18.

Armgardt said the committee met together after their assignment to that work and "hired" Lane. He declared that Lane set no price on his services for the work but told them it would be reasonable. He forthwith was retained, Armgardt said.

"I saw him the other day and asked him to make a report on that matter to the Council Monday," Armgardt said, "so that the public may know that the committee is doing something."

Mayor Kage expressed surprise when he learned that Lane had been retained for the work on the street widening ordinances.

"A committee cannot spend money belonging to the City. His fee will have to pass the Council in a resolution," the Mayor remarked.

At the meeting of the Council on November 1, O. A. Knehan was named City Counselor. Armgardt said Lane had been retained prior to that.

## PAUL WALKER, FIREMAN, HAS FACE BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Threw Open Firebox Door as Engine Entered High Water and Flames Enveloped Head.—Is Recovering.

Paul Walker is recovering from severe burns on the face and neck which he suffered three days ago, when a small explosion occurred on an engine he was firing on the Frisco on the Caruthersville line.

The train was pulling out of the Cape, going south and as the engine was entering the stretch of track on Water street inundated by the high water, Walker opened the door of the firebox to prevent the exhaust from forcing water up into the firebox and extinguishing his fire.

As he threw open the door, a small explosion inside the firebox forced flames through the door into his face. His eye brows were burned completely away and part of the hair on top of his head was scorched. The skin on his face, ears and neck was badly burned.

Walker is being treated by a physician and expects to be completely recovered in a few days.

# HENSLEY TO HAVE FOE FOR CONGRESS J. J. RUSSELL NONE

## EDWARD D. HAYS A CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

Will Oppose Kelly at Coming Election—District Is Close, Politically.

## BEN GOCKEL ENTERS RACE FOR SHERIFF

Judge Lamm Has County Nailed Down For Him, Leaders Think.

Edward D. Hays, judge of the Probate Court, will be the only candidate in the Republican field for Circuit Judge this year. He has informed his close political friends that he will make the race. He was the Republican nominee for Circuit Judge at the last election, but was defeated by a small margin, due, his friends say, to the division in the Republican ranks.

At the last session of the Legislature the Circuit district was divided, leaving only Cape Girardeau, Scott and Mississippi Counties in the local district. Politically, the three counties combined are about evenly divided. Both Scott and Mississippi are Democratic, but their combined majorities only about equals the Republican lead which Cape Girardeau County insures.

The Republican contest for the nomination for Congress in the Fourteenth District, is becoming a marathon. Five men are now in the field. Tom Brown, who made the race two years ago, has never stopped running.

David W. Hill of Poplar Bluff is a candidate, but Republicans in Butler County say he will not carry his home county for the nomination. Poplar Bluff party workers say Hill has refused to assist the party only when he has been a candidate.

R. J. Smith of Dunklin County is the man Brown will have to defeat, according to Republicans who are familiar with the situation. Wilson from Ava and Hays from the Southern end of the district are in the field. The unusual number of candidates will give Brown an advantage at the primary, it is believed.

Ben Geckel seems to have the support of influential Republicans for Sheriff, although H. W. Bridges, the present member of the Legislature, has designs on the job. Bridges may be compelled to run for the General Assembly again.

J. Henry Caruthers will be a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney again. J. H. Doris also will make the race.

William A. Bowers will seek reelection as Assessor, and J. H. C. Kertsner will again be a candidate for County Treasurer.

Dr. Ernest R. Schoen will probably be a candidate for re-election as coroner.

Judges William Paar, P. C. Kasten and G. J. Keller are being urged to stand for re-election as members of the County Court, Judge Paar as presiding judge.

Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia has a majority of the party workers with him for Governor. He is growing stronger every week, leaders say.

## AUTO FACTORY IS SEEKING A LOCATION FOR NEW PLANT

Missouri and Illinois Cities are Competing for Big Prize From St. Louis.

Belleville, Ill., Feb. 5.—H. H. McDonald and E. Hartmann, representatives of the Mac-Hart Automobile Company of St. Louis, conferred yesterday with President H. C. G. Schraeder of the Commercial Club, the Promotion of Trade Committee, and member of the Board of Trade, relative to sites that Belleville has to offer for an automobile factory the company is going to build.

Various sites were shown the representatives and they expressed themselves as pleased with the offers. They stated Alton, Ill., Hannibal and Springfield Mo., and several other cities have offered sites.

A proposition will be submitted to the organization in a few days by the civic organizations of Belleville. Mr. McDonald says he is expecting offers from other cities and that his company will locate in the town offering the best inducements.

## O. L. MUNGER IS A CANDIDATE IN 13TH DISTRICT

Ward and Hawkins Give way To Russell, Who Gets Clear Field.

## SCHADE FOR SHERIFF, SCHMUKE TREASURER

Oliver Urged To Make Race For Legislature—Whitelaw For Prosecutor.

Breakers are looming ahead for Congressman Walter L. Hensley of the Thirteenth district, it became known yesterday. Mr. Hensley, who lives at Farmington, is going to be compelled to make a fight for the Democratic nomination this year.

The distribution of Federal patronage has caused a division in the Democratic ranks in the Thirteenth district. The fight to be made upon him began last summer, during the office seekers scrambling for appointments. Personalities were indulged in, and Congressman Hensley found it necessary to chastise one of his constituents.

The opposition to Mr. Hensley has centered upon O. L. Munger, a well known Democratic attorney of Piedmont. Mr. Munger has sent his check for \$50, the required filing fee, to former Gov. Dockery, treasurer of the State Democratic Committee, with the announcement that he will make the race for the nomination from the Thirteenth district. It is said by Democrats here that Munger has a large following.

Joseph J. Russell, congressman from the Fourteenth district, will not be compelled to make a fight for the nomination, his friends in the Cape say. Robert L. Ward, of Caruthersville, who opposed Mr. Russell two years ago in the primary, has decided not to make the race this year. Senator Hawkins of Dunklin County, who had expected a call to run for Congress, has changed his mind, and will again seek re-election to the State Senate. It is said he will be opposed by two Democrats.

The political pot in Democratic circles in this county has begun to steam up for the midsummer primary. Candidates are beginning to extend the campaign handshake, and smile at the voters.

Robert H. Whitelaw, City Attorney, is going to make the race for the Democratic nomination for Prosecuting Attorney this year, his friends say. Lee L. Bowman will run again, believing the third time to be the charm. He was a candidate in the last two campaigns.

William F. Schade, of Jackson, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, an office he has held. He is popular in all quarters of the county, and according to Cape Girardeau Democrats, he will not have any opposition.

Charles C. Oliver, the Jackson editor, is being urged to make the race for the legislature this year, but he has not reached a decision. He is also considered for state senator.

H. P. Gaines is expected to make the race for County Assessor. Joe E. Schmuke of Jackson is being prominently mentioned for Treasurer. Dr. J. C. Vorbeck of this city is going to run for Coroner.

Judge Frank Kelly will be a candidate to succeed himself as Circuit Judge. Candidates for the County Court have not been mentioned.

Cornelius Rouch, now Secretary of State, seems to be favored by the Democratic leaders of this county for Governor, although little work in his behalf is being done.

## AUTOISTS GET NEW TAGS.

Collector Meyer Gives out 81 Licenses Under New Law.

Owners of automobiles in all parts of Cape Girardeau and those who are required to have Cape auto licenses, yesterday were busy dismounting the old license tags and nailing in place the new signs.

The license are being issued under the new ordinance that was drawn a few weeks ago and yesterday afternoon 81 auto owners had made application for the new tags.