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## FIRE PROTECTION IS NEEDED.

Cape Girardeau was compelled to call upon Jackson and Chaffee to help fight the fire which swept a portion of the business section Wednesday morning. The assistance of these two towns was needed, but it should not have been. To call the fire departments from Jackson and Chaffee was an unreasonable demand.

Had a conflagration broken out in those cities while their firemen were here, Cape Girardeau's sister cities would have suffered, because no resistance could have been offered.

Jackson and Chaffee displayed a commendable spirit in coming to the rescue of this city, but had Cape Girardeau made proper arrangements to fight a serious fire when it had the opportunity, the loss Wednesday would have been insignificant and it would have been unnecessary to subject Jackson and Chaffee to the danger that we forced upon them.

A city of this size should maintain an adequate fire department, whether it is over confronted with a conflagration like that of Wednesday or not. The Backner-Ragsdale fire found Cape Girardeau without even hose. High water pressure was lacking simply because the hose were too rotten to stand the strain. Even with low pressure that was in force Wednesday the hose burst several times.

Insurance rates could be materially decreased if the city offered a guarantee that it could take care of a fire when such a misfortune comes. But at present the homes and business houses of Cape Girardeau must trust to luck.

If this city is to grow as rapidly as it is trying to do, it should be given the opportunity. Fire protection is one of the first requisites of a growing municipality and it is the first evidence of progressiveness. It is to be hoped that when another fire breaks out in Cape Girardeau, the city will at least have a hose.

## SANITY IN GERMANY AND THE U. S.

The resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz removes a conspicuous figure from the German navy. It was due largely to his efforts that the Kaiser's sea fighters reached their present high state of efficiency.

His retirement, according to dispatches which seem to be official, was due to his determination to carry out a submarine warfare which the Emperor did not endorse. Admiral von Tirpitz believed in the theory that war is war and the more aggressive it was carried on, the more successful it would be.

If war at sea only involved the nations in conflict, the theory of the retiring minister of marine probably would be the most effective and therefore the best. It was no doubt with the one view of eliminating the danger of new entanglements that prompted the German Emperor to force von Tirpitz to step out.

The Kaiser's action illustrates his determination to remain friendly with all neutrals, and especially the United States. There are newspapers in Germany which would be pleased to have the United States and Germany sever friendly relations, just as there are newspapers over here that have long sought to bring about this result.

But as the leaders in Congress have given evidence that they do not approve of the hysterical propaganda advocated in the United States, and the Kaiser has shown a similar attitude, it is to be earnestly hoped that the fools on both sides of the Atlantic will subside.

## THE GOV. MAJOR V. P. INDOISEMENT.

The indorsement given Gov. Major by the Democratic State convention at St. Joseph yesterday will be rather satisfying even to his enemies. The fight waged by the St. Louis newspapers against him was so bitter that it won the governor more friends than enemies.

Mr. Major may not have established a record as governor that will make him immortal, but he has been as successful as Governor as Tom Marshall has been as Vice President. Both have lived three years of their terms and the indications are that they will survive the remaining few months.

Missouri Governors, as a rule, have only served out their terms, drew their salaries regularly and kept their friends in office. There isn't much else for a Governor to do, except to grow a thick hide in order to withstand the assaults from newspapers.

No real Governor could round out his four years with distinction without possessing a somewhat heavy cuticle. Imagine how unfortunate it would be if the chief executive declared an open season on his critics and spent his spare moments pot shooting at editors!

In this respect, Gov. Major has been an excellent executive. He has been subjected to severe criticism and plenty of it, and the fact that he has been able to control himself under constant assault, is a virtue that should not be passed over lightly.

We feel that Mr. Major is entitled to one term as Vice-President, if he wants it. One qualification for any public office should be ability to take punishment without resorting to violence. Gov. Major has had justification for murder on numerous occasions, but the fact that there has not been a single homicide that could be traced to the mansion, warrants him, we think, in running for Vice-President.

## FOLK'S HAT TO GO IN THE RING.

Joseph W. Folk, according to reports from St. Louis, is going to make the race for Governor. A few weeks ago he announced that as no condition existed here to make his candidacy absolutely necessary, he would not seek the nomination.

If the reports from St. Louis are true, conditions in Missouri are now such that he will be compelled to run. Mr. Folk is to Missouri what Theodore Roosevelt is to the United States—a savior.

When Mr. Folk announced that he would not seek the nomination, because there was no emergency which forced him to step in and save the State from the how-how, there were only about seven candidates seeking the Democratic nomination. There are now ten, unless some dark horses have slipped in when no one was looking.

Ten Democratic candidates are the emergency which Mr. Folk has been looking for. If it is true that Mr. Vandiver is going to step aside and hurl his influence to Mr. Folk, it goes as a matter of course that Mr. Vandiver will donate to the former governor all of the Vandiver men in this county, which should about clinch the nomination for Mr. Folk.

## PROSIT!

The Jackson Cash Book calls The Tribune the "Morning Toidy." As the editor of the Cash Book takes his eye-opener with the regularity of a Kentucky Colonel, we presume he merely intends to infer that The Tribune makes him smack his lips each morning, yet spares him the agony of parting with a dime.

The Medical Society of St. Louis is ready to go to pieces because Dr. Bransford Lewis presented a newspaper with a copy of a speech he delivered before a body of physicians. Some of the members of the medical society want Dr. Lewis thrown out because of his unprofessional conduct and others uphold his action. Those who are condemning Dr. Lewis from the house tops are of the caliber of physicians who ordinarily could not get into the newspapers unless they committed murder or took their own lives. By urging the dismissal of Dr. Lewis these sticklers for professional ethics are enabled to see their own names in print.

## ROBT. G. CROW GETS \$1000 BOND IN CAPE

Former Caruthersville Postmaster Indicting For Violation of Civil Service Law.

Robert G. Crow, the former postmaster at Caruthersville, who disappeared from his home in December, 1914, and only three weeks ago was re-united with his family after having obtained his release from the United States army, yesterday was in the Cape to give bond before United States Commissioner Kage on an indictment returned against him last October by the Federal Grand Jury.

Crow arrived alone in the Cape on the afternoon train from the south and went directly to Mayor Kage's office, where he announced he wished to give bond.

Deputy U. S. Marshal George C. Orchard called upon Crow several days ago at his home in Caruthersville to accompany him to the Cape to have the bond fixed. Crow, at that time, explained that he had arranged a bond in St. Louis when on his way home.

He subsequently received a letter from United States Attorney Arthur L. Oliver advising him to arrange a bond before Kage also. The bond obtained before Kage was for \$1000 and was signed for Crow by Luther N. Swinney of Caruthersville.

Crow was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with a violation of the civil service code when he became implicated in changing a set of examination papers for a member of his family who was seeking to get a position with the government.

The correct answers to the questions in the competitive examination were written into the examination paper after the examination had been held. The change in the papers was discovered by the inspector who made the examination, and who remembered the order in which he had arranged the papers to be read.

When the change was made this order was confused and an investigation followed that led to the indictment of the two men.

The case probably will be tried before the April term of the United States District Court which will convene within a short time.

## H. S. STUDENTS TO PRESENT OPERETTA

Chorus of Fifty Girls Will Be Feature—Proceeds For Lorimer Memorial.

A chorus of fifty high school girls will be a feature of the operetta that will be given in the new high school auditorium Friday, March 31, by the students of Central high school to raise funds for purchasing a memorial bust of Don Louis Lorimer to be placed in the hall on the first floor of the new building.

The operetta now being rehearsed by the high school students will be supported by the fifteen-piece high school orchestra, and the principals in the various roles promise to have real merit in their work.

The musical production will be entitled, "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," a production written to illustrate the celebration of a famous Chinese custom. The operetta will be staged with full Chinese costumes and every effort will be made to carry the affair out in all its details.

The musical work is being directed by Prof. Alvin Harness and Miss Lucille Douglas, both of the faculty of the high school. The members of the cast and the chorus have been rehearsing their music for several days and March 31 has been tentatively set as the date for the affair.

Celeste Schultz will have the role of Princess Chan, one of the leading parts in the operetta, and other leads will be sung by Ruby Oberheide as Wee Ling, a maid; Marie Walker as Ow Long; and Miss Douglass as Wo Ling.

The new scenery for the high school auditorium arrived in the Cape yesterday and it will be put in place next week by a man from Kansas City, sent out by the architects who had charge of the construction of the building.

The materials that have been received comprise the wings and side draperies, the front drop curtain, which is of plain design, and two rear curtains with two sets of scenery, an outdoor and an indoor scene.

The bust of Lorimer has been planned by the members of the Board of Education as an honor to the man who gave the city the land on which the high school stands. Lorimer deeded the land to the city more than 100 years ago.

## FRISCO EMPLOYES STUDY SAFETY FIRST

Meeting Brings Out Human Side of Railroad Work Among Men.

The human side of railroading last night was brought out at the meeting of the Frisco Safety First and Freight Claim Prevention Committee at the Commercial Club rooms, when several addresses were delivered by railroad men and local Cape merchants.

W. H. Bohnsack Jr., was one of the speakers of the evening, as well as President Sam M. Carter of the Commercial Club. G. E. Whitlam of Springfield, superintendent of freight claims, spoke on the prevention of claims against the road, and Frank Wightman of Springfield, superintendent of Safety First, also made a talk.

A crowd of more than 75 men, members of the Frisco committee, Cape business men, and other Frisco employees in the Cape, attended the meeting last night, which completed the session of the Safety First Committee that began its meeting in St. Louis Thursday.

There are twenty-six men on the committee as follows: C. S. Pawlett and W. H. Moguin, conductors; Sam Frissell, J. S. Burner and Harry Hamby, engineers; J. H. Gold and E. H. Smith, brakemen; C. J. Davidson and O. N. Watts, agents; F. W. Rieck, L. L. Lowrey and J. W. Ellis, roadmasters; G. H. Bienert, car foreman; W. H. Baker, engine foreman; Charles Dean and W. F. Mitchell, switchmen; W. W. Morris, fireman; W. H. Pryor, water foreman; W. H. Brooke, general foreman B. & B. department; B. A. Hamilton, secretary to superintendent; C. R. Jordan, assistant superintendent; S. J. Frazier, assistant superintendent; J. A. Moran, assistant superintendent; G. E. Whitlam, superintendent of freight loss and damage claims; Frank A. Wightman, superintendent of Safety First.

Mr. Jordan presided at the meeting last night and B. A. Hamilton was secretary. G. H. Bienert and W. H. Williams made talks on Safety First, and O. N. Watts and J. H. Gold talked on freight claims.

While in St. Louis the members of the committee visited the various freight depots to see how the freight is handled by the men there, with a view of learning methods to be adapted to smaller stations.

They made the inspection of the freight houses in the morning and in the afternoon toured the St. Louis railroad terminals, making observations to be used in their Safety First campaign.

The Safety First idea has been converted into a department of the Frisco for four years and, according to Mr. Wightman, it has resulted in a reduction of 45 per cent in the number of personal injury accidents.

The members of the committee are given post cards on which they report defects in the road's equipment or operation. These are sent to the superintendent and after the defects noted have been remedied, the cards are referred back to the committee which notes the effects of its work at the meetings every two months, when all cards are reviewed.

In this manner 26 per cent of the defects that are pointed out are promptly remedied, and the superintendents have the aid of many more pairs of competent eyes to look for breaks and places needing fixing.

Since the inauguration of the movement to prevent claims, there has been a gradual reduction, and now there are 1000 less claims a month than before.

Safety First has saved the Frisco employees \$100,000 a month, Wightman declared, in the way of wages that men have not lost through personal injuries and being knocked out of working time.

After the meeting last night, several of the members of the committee went to Chaffee on a special run of the Hoxie.

## CHAFFEE PINING FOR A GOOSEBONE PROPHECY

Tribune Reader Wants Col. Matt Morrison to Report on Snow Storms.

Chaffee, Mo., March 17, 1916.

To the Editor of The Tribune: If the Goosebone Weather Prophet of Cape Girardeau can tell when the sun is going to shine, we would like to hear from him in regard to the snow. We have had thirteen snows this winter and it has handicapped us not to have a goosebone prophet to let us know when the snow was coming. As I understand it, all good weather prophets get their information from the moon, and I suppose Col. Morrison is in communication with that orbit now and then. I have known the Colonel for the past fifteen years and have always found him to be a wise old owl. A Tribune Reader.

## Guests Scratch Hotel Steps In Escaping Fire

Manager Allen of Riverview Didn't Forget To Caution As Trunks Bumped Down Stairs Few Feet Ahead of Flames.

The fire that swept away the Riverview and Terminal hotels, as well as the Houck building at Broadway and Main street, last Wednesday morning was not without its humorous situations.

Guests of the late Riverview who made their escape with their personal belongings tell a good story on Manager E. C. Allen, of an incident that occurred in the rush of the quick getaway from the flames.

R. H. "Scrappy" Ruehmann had dumped most of his clothing and personal knick-knacks into his trunk, jumped on the lid to force it down and grabbed the rest of his best clothing from his wardrobe and was carrying it on his arm, as he made his exit.

In order to expedite matters, "Scrappy" seized his trunk by one handle and galloped down the hall to the staircase dragging it after him. The flames at that time were eating their way through the window of his room and it was a case of push-hurry, if there ever was one.

"Scrappy's" method of escape made a profound impression upon other boarders. As he tore down the stairway, leading his faithful trunk after him, the rear end of the traveling box bumped and thumped on the stairs on the way down.

Manager Allen paused in the lobby of the hotel and immediately after Ruehmann had dashed past him with his property, Jack Hobbs followed in the wake of the scrap iron dealer.

He had adopted Ruehmann's manner of coaxing the trunk along and his burden bumped and smashed its way unceremoniously down the main staircase of the hotel.

"Hi, there!" shouted Manager Allen in a shrill, grousing tone. "For the love of Mike don't scour and scratch up those steps like that!"

## BAR ASSN. PLANS RANNEY MEMORIAL

Louis Houck Probably Will Deliver Principal Address At Services.

Members of the Cape County Bar Association within a few days expect to perfect their plans for a memorial service for the late Judge K. G. Ranney of the Common Pleas Court. The memorial services probably will be held on the opening day of the next term of court, according to prominent members of the bar.

Following the death of Judge Ranney, a meeting of the bar association was held previous to his funeral. At that time Senator T. F. Lane, president of the association, appointed as a committee to draft resolutions, Louis Houck (in whose office Judge Ranney at one time read law and practiced), T. D. Hines of Jackson and Judge Wilson Cramer.

The arrangements for the memorial services will be in charge of these men and when the services are held it is expected that members of the bar from all parts of Southeast Missouri will be in attendance.

No individual member of the bar has as yet been selected to deliver an oration or memorial address, but members of the association declare they will importune Mr. Houck to deliver the principal address. Several other men who knew Judge Ranney intimately and for many years, will give short addresses.

## UMBRELLA TREES IN CAPE.

Clay Lutz, who recently completed his new bungalow on West Themis street, yesterday set out two umbrella trees, the first to be planted in this city. They were sent to him from Little Rock, Ark., by his brother, William Lutz, who is a traveling salesman.

The trees are about seven feet high, with limbs formed much like the ribs in an umbrella. When in full foliage they resemble a large umbrella, from which they derive their name.

## \$2,200 PAID FOR MISSOURI JACK.

Warrensburg, Mo., March 18.—The annual jack sale of Bardley Bros. was largely attended by buyers from several states and totaled more than \$12,000. One 3-year-old jack was sold to Keifer & Foote of St. Clair county, Missouri, for \$2,200.

## CAPE TO GET PURE FOOD PROBE IN MAY

State Com'r Fricke and Asst. Will Give City Official "Once-Over."

Cape food shops of all kinds—groceries, meat markets, restaurants, ice cream and candy factories and bakeries—will receive a thorough inspection for sanitation during the first two weeks of May by Frederick H. Fricke of St. Louis, Missouri pure food and drug commissioner, and his assistant commissioner in charge of the Southeast Missouri territory, G. B. Cook, of Fredericktown.

This announcement was made by Mr. Cook last night when he passed through the Cape on his way to Fredericktown, after having made inspections of food establishments of all sorts at Fomfelt, Ilmo and Anzell yesterday.

Mr. Cook last fall spent several days in the Cape inspecting the city's food supply, where things to eat are both manufactured and sold at retail.

There are more than 50 inspections to be made in the Cape and each examination requires on the average of about two hours when it is thoroughly done.

Mr. Cook declared he expects to arrive in the Cape a short time after the first of May and remain here until the city has received the "once over" for cleanliness in handling the food supply.

A feature that will receive especial attention will be the milk supply as well as meat.

"I shall make an extra effort to have Mr. Fricke with me in the Cape for this inspection," Mr. Cook declared. "The Cape is the largest city in my territory, which comprise several of the Southeast Missouri counties, and it is only right that Mr. Fricke should come down here."

"Mr. Fricke accompanied me to Caruthersville sometime ago when we made an examination there and worked for a clean-up campaign."

"My purpose in bringing Mr. Fricke to the Cape is not to talk clean-up campaign so much as to show him what a live city may do in the way of food sanitation."

"The Cape is the cleanest town in this section of the State in its food supply, and I want Mr. Fricke to see the result of the merchants' work here."

Mr. Cook yesterday declared that the hotels and some of the groceries in the places he inspected yesterday were not up to standard and said that the restaurants made an excellent showing.

Last fall when Cook made the semi-annual inspection here, many of the Cape's food establishments recorded scores of 100 per cent.

One of the principal things that the two pure food officials will urge upon the merchants this spring will be to swat the fly early.

## MRS. SANDER RITES TODAY.

Dutchtown Woman, Who Died After Long Illness, Will Be Buried Today At One O'Clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Sander, who died early yesterday morning at her home in Dutchtown after a year's illness with Bright's disease, will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The services will be conducted at the home and burial will be in the Zion cemetery, between Dutchtown and Gordonville.

Mrs. Sander is a member of a well-known family in Cape county. She was 63 years old and was born on a farm near Dutchtown, at which place she resided during her whole life.

Mrs. Sander is survived by four children, three sons and a daughter. One of the sons, Albert Sander, resides in the Cape and is a painter. The others, Martin and Herman, together with the daughter, Mrs. William Luering, live at Dutchtown and Gordonville.

## TRIAL OVER FISH NETS.

Robert Houser Will Be Tried For Petty Larceny Tomorrow.

Robert Houser tomorrow morning will be placed on trial before a jury in Justice of the Peace W. H. Willer's court on a charge of taking some fishing nets from S. D. Watson on the Illinois shore of the Mississippi river.

Watson yesterday morning appeared before Judge Willer and swore out the warrants against Houser. When Houser was taken before the judge he denied the charge placed against him and demanded a trial by a jury. He was represented by Attorneys Doris and Bain.

The nets which were taken from Watson were found in Houser's possession and he asserted that he purchased them from a third party. The trial will be a 9 o'clock in the court house.

## COURT TO SETTLE CHILD DISPUTE

Will Define Rights of Parents To See Carmen Talley, 10 Years Old.

Patrolman George Talley and John R. Talley last night expressed their approval of the action of Judge John A. Snider in issuing a writ of habeas corpus which requires them to keep the 10-year-old daughter of John R. Talley in the Cape until the court can make an order concerning her custody.

Following the divorce of John R. Talley from his wife, considerable difficulty has grown out of the unsettled situation with regard to the custody of the child, and Judge Snider expects to settle the case permanently when the habeas corpus writ comes up for a hearing.

About three weeks ago the mother of the child, Mrs. Birdie Talley, went to the convent on South Spanish street, where the child had been kept in school, and took her away from the school. She declares she wished to have the child accompany her on a shopping trip.

The father took the child from the mother and had her taken to his home on Spruce street. Thursday afternoon the mother went to the residence of Patrolman Talley to see the child. She told her attorney, Edward D. Hays, that she had heard the girl was sick and wanted to see her.

A scene occurred at the time of the visit and the girl was taken back to the house when Patrolman Talley called her from her mother.

The mother thereupon went to Judge Hays and on hearing that the father had tentative plans for taking the child to a convent in Memphis she had the habeas corpus writ ask against the Talleys.

Under the terms of the writ, the two Talleys will have to have the child in court Friday, March 24, the date set for a hearing by Judge Snider.

John R. Talley is represented by Harry E. Alexander. At the time the hearing is held, the court is expected to decide the question of the child's custody and the respective rights of both parents to see the child.

## GLENN CLOSES DEAL FOR STORE FIXTURES

Veteran Merchant Will Go To Chicago Today To Buy Rest of Stocks.

David A. Glenn last night closed the deal for the purchase of store fixtures which now occupy the Whitelaw building on Main street, in which Mr. Glenn will open his new store on April 1. Mr. Glenn will depart for Chicago this afternoon to purchase the rest of his stocks of dry goods and he will commence working upon his store the latter part of the week on his return to the Cape.

The Glenn Mercantile Company expects to remove its stock of goods now in the rooms that Mr. Glenn will occupy within the next three days, and carpenters will begin making alterations in the building in preparation for the new store.

The archways joining the two sections of the present Glenn Merc. Co. will be boarded up and a new staircase will be built in the rear part of the section that Mr. Glenn will occupy. The second floor will be used as a salesroom for rugs and likewise as a reserve store room, Mr. Glenn said last night.

The new dry goods store will have everything for women in its stocks except women's ready-to-wear suits. Mr. Glenn said that when he finishes his buying he will be prepared to open with one of the best lines of goods that any store ever presented on its initial day.

Mr. Glenn will have his daughter, Miss Ruth Glenn, and Misses Della and Amy Kimmich in the store with him.

He expects to return from Chicago Thursday or Friday and by that time he said, his staff should commence to arrive in the Cape.

## SAM KIMMICH HAS BIRTHDAY.

Friends and relatives of Samuel W. Kimmich last night surprised him on the thirty-ninth anniversary of his birth with a card party at his home at 828 Independence street.

As a fitting way of celebrating, the guests played an Irish game of pool on St. Patrick's and Mr. Kimmich's birthday. A luncheon was served.

Those who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kimmich, William Kimmich and family, Albert Heise and family and Gus Heise and family.