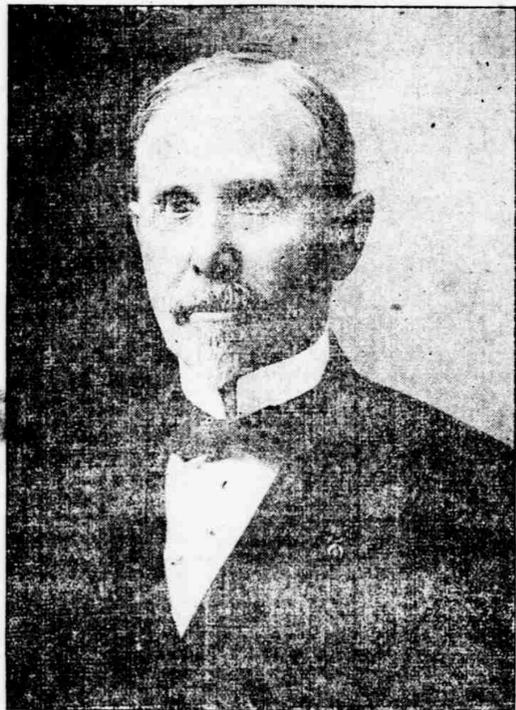


POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



Congressman J. J. Russell

Who has represented this district in Congress in a most able manner. He has shown his patriotism by his actions in upholding the President's aims and by supporting all war measures and every patriot should support his candidacy on election day,

Tuesday, November 5, 1918.

Ordinance No. 29

ORDINANCE COMBINING THE OFFICES OF CITY COLLECTOR AND CITY CLERK INTO ONE OFFICE STYLED "CITY CLERK" AND ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE CITY CLERK AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE IN GENERAL AND REPEALING ORDINANCE No. 1082 AND COMMISSION FORM ORDINANCES No. 14 AND 15.

WHEREAS, by municipality of the city of Cape Girardeau in the state of Missouri, having adopted the "Alternative form of Government," and

WHEREAS, provision is therein made for the combining of certain offices, and giving the council the right to determine the powers and duties to be performed by the officers and employees of the city and assigning them to duties in two or more departments, therefor.

Be It Ordained By the Council of The City of Cape Girardeau As Follows:

Section 1. City Clerk. There is hereby created the office of City Clerk who shall be elected by a majority of the City Council, and hold his office during the will or pleasure of the council, and be duly appointed and qualified, and who shall discharge such duties as are in hereafter described, and should be under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Accounts and Finances.

Section 2. Qualification to the office of City Clerk. No person shall be appointed who does not possess the qualifications required for officers of the city and who has not resided within the city for at least one whole year next preceding his appointment.

Section 3. Oath of Office and Bond. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall take and subscribe to the oath required to be taken and subscribed by City Officers, and shall execute a bond of the city of Cape Girardeau in the sum of \$20,000.00 with five sureties thereon if bond is not given by an approved bonding company, to be approved by the Council, conditioned that he will faithfully and punctually collect and pay over all revenues of whatever character during his term of office, and that he will in all things faithfully perform all duties connected with the collection of the revenue of the City of Cape Girardeau as prescribed by the laws of the State of Missouri and the ordinances of the City; and that he will faithfully perform all duties devolving upon him as City Clerk.

Section 4. City Clerk; Duties: The City Clerk shall under the direction of the Superintendent of Accounts and Finances be the general accountant of the City and the keeper of all public account books, accounts, original ordinances or resolutions, vouchers, documents, bonds and coupons, paid or redeemed, and all papers relating to accounts and contracts of the City and its revenue, debt and fiscal affairs, not required by law or ordinance to be placed in some other office or kept in some other place. He shall keep in a set of books provided for that purpose accurate accounts between the City and all officers charged with the collecting, custody or disbursements of public moneys and shall enter thereon all receipts and payments, from what sources derived and on what account paid. He shall keep a record of all branches of the City Revenue, opening an account with every appropriation or fund which by law or ordinance is made a separate fund, crediting the same with all monies paid into the City Treasury on account thereof, or appropriated therefor, and charging said appropriation or fund with all warrants drawn thereon. He shall keep a register of all warrants drawn upon the City Treasurer, specifying the number, date, to whom payable, on what fund or appropriation drawn and the amount of each warrant. He shall keep a record of all bonds and obligations of the city, date of issue, for what purpose issued, rate of interest, time when principal and interest become due, amount of principal, to whom payable, and the registered number of each bond and coupon. He shall draw all warrants upon the Treasurer and shall express in the body of every warrant the particular fund out of which the same is to be paid.

He shall give information in writing, to the Mayor and Council whenever required upon any subject relating to the fiscal affairs of the City or touching any duties of his office, and shall perform all such other duties as may be required of him by the laws of the State of Missouri, or by the Ordinances of this City. He shall have the custody of and safely keep the common seal of the City, the public records, the original ordinances and resolutions of the City Council, and such other records, documents and papers of a public nature as may be delivered into his custody. He shall affix the common seal of the City to all public instruments and official acts of the Mayor, which by law or ordinance are required to be so attested, and countersign the same, and affix the common seal to and certify to any record, document, copies of papers or ordinances that may be required for evidence in any court of record in this State, or of the United States by an individual, or that may be required for the use of any officer of the City, and shall furnish to the City Attorney or City Counselor any record or document in his office necessary to be used in any proceeding in court to which the City is a party, when ordered to do so by the Council. He shall attend all meetings of the City Council, and keep a correct journal of its proceedings.

He shall prepare all certificates of election, commissions, appointments and other official documents required by ordinance to be issued, or which the Mayor in the discharge of his duty is required to issue, and shall countersign and affix the common seal thereof, and keep a record of all such certificates of elections, commissions, appointments and documents.

He shall prepare blank licenses for all purposes for which licenses are to be issued, and when required shall cause the same to be issued, signing his name and affixing the seal of the City thereto, and shall keep a correct account of such licenses and the amount of the license tax thereon. He shall file the official bonds of all City Officers and the bonds of all other persons executed to the City and placed in his custody. He shall record all City Ordinances passed and shall label and file for safe keeping the original roll of all ordinances and resolutions of the City Council, such other vouchers, papers, records and other documents as may be delivered into his custody.

He shall carefully and promptly execute every official duty that may be required of him by the laws of Missouri, and the ordinance of the City. He shall extend the tax of the assessment book and the tax book as provided in the ordinance concerning

revenue. When the taxes have become delinquent, after settlement with the Mayor and council, he shall transcribe the same into the back tax book, as provided in the ordinance concerning revenue.

He shall be and remain at his office for the transaction of business from the hour of eight o'clock until twelve o'clock in the forenoon and from one o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon, during each and every week day, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable cause.

It shall be the duty of the City Clerk, on or before the last day of each month, to pay into the City Treasury all money by him collected on account of the revenue of this city, on whatever account or from what source collected, during the month ending on the last day of each month, together with a detailed statement showing from what source, and on what account collected, and the aggregate amount of money collected, which statement shall be sworn to by the city clerk.

He shall turn over to his successor all delinquent lists, receiving credit therefor, and his successor shall be charged therewith; provided, that the city council may declare worthless any and all personal delinquent taxes which the council may deem uncollectable but the council shall not allow the City Clerk credit for any delinquent personal tax which it may believe he could have collected but failed to do so.

Section 5. Collection of Taxes: Notice to Tax-Payers. When the tax books are prepared he shall proceed to collect the taxes thereon, and to facilitate the same, he shall publish in one or more newspapers published in the city the following notice:

"Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the city of Cape Girardeau for taxes, that the tax books are in my possession and the taxes thereon due, and will be in attendance at my office in the court house during each day of the week from 8 o'clock to 12 o'clock in the forenoon, and from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, to collect the same, until the first day of January 1919, and further that unless said taxes are fully paid before the first day of January 1919, they will become delinquent and bear interest at the rate of one per cent per cent per for each and every month they remain unpaid after they become delinquent; and their collection will be enforced by suit to enforce lien on real estate as provided by law, and the seizure and sale of personal property as provided by ordinance.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1918. City Clerk.

Section 6. Duty of Tax Payers to Meet City Clerk. The tax payers shall meet the city clerk at his office and pay such taxes as may be due against them without further demand made therefor.

Section 7. Taxes When Due and When Delinquent. All taxes for each year shall become due and payable as soon as the tax book has been prepared and all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of January after they have been levied, shall become delinquent, and thereafter bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per month, or any fractional part thereof, until paid.

Section 8. Non-Residents to be Furnished Statement. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to furnish to non-resident tax payers with a statement of the amount of taxes assessed against them, or any lot on which they may desire to pay taxes in this city, for any year or years, during which he City Clerk, and send the same by mail to the address of any person applying for the same; and no taxes are due from any such person, the City Clerk shall answer such inquiry, stating the facts; and whenever any funds are remitted by mail, or otherwise, to the city clerk, for the payment of any tax appearing to be due on his tax books, it shall be his duty to receive the same and send receipt therefor by mail to the person remitting the same; provided that he may charge all sums which he may have to pay for postage, as against the person applying or remitting to him, but not other costs.

Section 9. City Clerk to Give Receipt for Taxes Paid and Enter Payment. Whenever any person shall pay taxes charged on the tax books the City Clerk shall enter such payment on his list and give the person paying the same, a receipt specifying the name of the person for whom paid, what year paid for and the property and value thereof on which the same was paid, according to its description on the City Clerk's list, in whole or in part, as the case may be, and the city clerk shall enter "paid" against each tract or lot of land when he collects the tax thereon. The city clerk shall receive taxes on part of any lot, piece or parcel of land charged with taxes; provided the person paying such tax shall furnish a particular specification of the part and if the tax on the remainder of such lot and parcel of land shall remain unpaid, the city clerk shall enter such specification in his return to the end that the part on which the tax remains unpaid may be clearly known. If payment is made on an undivided share of real estate, the city clerk shall enter on his record the

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HERO OF FRONTIER

Good and Bad Qualities Mixed in Western Pioneer.

Mike Fink Long Known on the Border as "The Snapping Turtle" and on the Mississippi River as "The Snag."

It is characteristic of the records of the early age on the river that they almost make some reference to a character known as Mike Fink. Mike was not an outlaw, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, but he bordered rather closely to that state of being; he was considered more in the light of a rascal. Mike secured his education in the hard and dangerous life in the country around Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged as one of the leaders in red-skin warfare. He was, it is said, the envy of comrades for his bushwhacking and ranger qualities. It was also during his young days that Mike learned to use the rifle with unerring skill and was accredited with being the surest shot in the Ohio valley. It has been said that so sure of shot was he that he was frequently offered a large share of the prizes to be won at shooting matches if he would stay out. There was no successful competition against him. In the Ohio valley Mike was known as the "Snapping Turtle," and on the Mississippi as "The Snag." He was easily king of the valley. There is related of Fink an incident which serves to detract from the good qualities which he is supposed to have had. Known as a tender-hearted man normally, it is strange that such a man

would at times give way to the darkest and most wicked passions. At one time Mike made an attempt to burn his wife alive, as if that was not his normal object, he played a good and realistic part. It so happened that Mike and his wife were of a party on a number of barges floating down the Ohio river. By what follows it is assumed that Mrs. Fink, who went by the name of Pez, was imbued with the instincts of a woman of her sort.

When the barges landed against the shore for the night Mike immediately got his rifle and ordered his wife to follow him up the bank of the river to a point where he piled a heap of brushwood. Mike ordered the woman, who readily saw that Mike was in no good mood, to crawl into the brushwood. The good woman objected, but Mike threatened to shoot her and in the end she obeyed. Mike covered her completely over with the brushwood. He then deliberately set fire to the pile and in a moment the whole thing was blazing. Through fear of Mike's rifle the wife stood the heat of the flames as long as she could, then she kicked the brushwood from her and ran for the river, her clothing already in flames. Mike then informed his better half that her punishment was the result of her "winking at them fellows on the other boat."

Such were the men who made history through the valley of the Ohio in those days when Louisville stood on the edge of a dense wilderness, and when the town could have had but a small population. While these men were not as important to the building of the great empire of the west as men like Boone, Kenton, Clark and others, they were nevertheless necessary evils and did their part in thrusting the Indians back that the land might be broken. At any rate they are

recorded in the historical annals of the state.

It Didn't Fit.

Tommy Gray, Broadway humorist, who went to France recently to help entertain the soldiers, writes from Paris to tell a little story about Lois Meredith, dramatic actress and movie star, who went over on a like mission. "The second day out, coming over," writes Gray, "a notice was posted on the barge deck instructing the passengers to resort with their life preservers on for life boat drill. The little Pittsburgh girl appeared at her boat, but she had left her life preserver behind. 'Madam,' said the officer in charge, 'why didn't you put on your life belt?' 'I tried it on,' replied Miss Meredith, 'but it was so loose and looked so horrid I gave it to the stewardess so she might alter it to fit me.'"—New York Tribune.

Where Turgenev Did Early Work.

The estate of the Russian novelist, Ivan Turgenev, which is reported to have been sacked by peasants, lies in the low, marshy country of the government state of Toula. Some of the writer's early work was produced there though toward the end of his life Turgenev spent the greater part of his time in Baden-Baden or Paris and scarcely visited Russia. The influence of his home, with its beautiful, prosperous estates and hard-driven peasantry, was never quite forgotten by him, and toward the muzhiks especially—the parents, probably, of those who have just wrecked his property—he had always an active sympathy. The neighboring capital town of Toula, set in the midst of agricultural lands, was constituted a gun factory by the Czar Boris Godunov, and still devotes itself to the making of army rifles.

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