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JEFFERSON CITY LETTER LEGISLATIVE DOINGS

(By MEANS RAY)

Jefferson City, Mo.—An effort is being made by Auditor George Hackman to leave the impression that there has been a deficiency in state affairs for the years 1917-18 of an aggregate of \$800,000. The facts, an investigation discloses, are that the administration of Governor Gardner has only \$130,497.15 of the deficiency that make up the amount of the bill and it is all that could have been paid had the treasury been bursting with money.

Of the amount of the measure \$2,966.30 is chargeable to the years 1915-16; \$285,983 were over-appropriations and \$384,747.93 for which no appropriations were made at the last session.

The effort of Hackman and some other Republican politicians to try and lay the blame on the Gardner administration has fallen flat. Those familiar with this administration know that the affairs of the state have been conducted in a businesslike manner and in the interest of the taxpayers of the state. Democrats about here agree that the party will be in good shape to go before the people on the record of Governor Gardner and the administration in general on the matter of business efficiency and economy.

The twenty-eight negroes are still receiving \$3.50 per day to watch the coats and hats of Republican members of the house, while white men are scrubbing the floors of the state house at the rate of \$2 per day. Such inequality has never before been known in the state.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says the Republican members of the house from St. Louis are not disposed to look at legislation for other than a personal view, which is frequently due to narrow partisan politics.

The mortgage recording tax was defeated in the house by a vote of 69 to 45. This measure was expected to produce revenue of about \$400,000.

Senator Bowker of Nevada, has passed the income tax providing for a tax of one per cent on incomes of married men amounting to \$4,000 per year and single men who make \$3,000. He has also passed the corporation franchise tax which provides for a tax of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of their capital stock. These two measures will provide additional revenue of about \$1,250,000.

The investigation of the Highway Commission into the charges made by A. C. McKibbin, former secretary, resulted in a complete exoneration of the members by a non-partisan committee. McKibbin's opposition to the board narrowed down to a complaint because he was placed on the board by Governor Gardner.

The McCullough-Morgan road bill providing for \$60,000 to be appropriated to the counties of the state during the next three years has passed the house and will go through the senate. \$20,000 of this amount will be available each year and will be expended on roads to the amount of \$1,200 per mile.

After several discussions behind closed doors the house has engrossed the bill of Senator Greene aimed at the regulation of venereal diseases. An amendment adopted prohibits the marriage of afflicted persons without a certificate from a physician that a complete cure has been effected.

A non-partisan committee of the house drafted and passed a bill limiting the number of clerks of that body to 75 in addition to the regular officers.

The senate has passed the game bill providing that persons must have license to fish in addition to hunt. All women and boys under 18 years, are exempted from the license charge. A charge of \$1 to both hunt and fish is provided for in the bill. The amount secured by the bill will increase the revenue of the Game Department and the surplus will go to the fund to purchase a state park and the maintenance of the fish hatcheries.

A new constitution has been doomed by the Republican House Committee which refuses to report the measure to the membership for consideration. The thwarting of public opin-

ion regarding this matter is regarded as a serious mistake by those familiar with the matter.

The plea of Sam Lazarus for an organization of working Democrats in St. Louis is being well received here as all realize that Mr. Lazarus has only the best interests of the party at heart. He hopes to start with a ex-Confederates, Auditor Hackman of the metropolis and add to it from time to time until a complete organization can be formed.

Despite the fight on it by Representative Speer, Republican, the Confederate pension measure has been passed by the house. In a letter to meeting of 100 leading business men this measure for the old soldiers but it is known here that the measure has had plenty of sincere friends and has not had to depend on politicians for success.

Republican members of the house are holding up the revenue bill of Governor Gardner at the instance of Auditor Hackman, Republican, who wants all patronage placed in his office. Hackman and his henchmen have been playing politics since the session began but have as yet accomplished nothing and it is not believed that he will.

The house has defeated the mutual racing bill which applied to St. Louis only.

REPROTED MISSING, NOW AT HOME

Wiley Dunklin has received his discharge, having been in the United States for several weeks, returning from service overseas. He arrived in this city, his home, yesterday at noon and will spend the next few months with his mother, Mrs. Anna Dunklin, who is one of the teachers in the grammar school. After his visit in this city he will leave for Campbell where he has accepted a very lucrative position. He was at one time, it will be remembered, reported as missing in action while engaged in battle in France, while with the American forces, later it being found that he had fallen from wounds. He spent several months in an American hospital, and if one looks at him now they would think him none the worse by reason of his experiences, though they are many.

KILLED AT BRAGGADOCIO

Dewey Gaines, who has served a three year period in the navy and has only been home three weeks was shot and killed by Constable Dye of Braggadocio township, in that neighborhood last Saturday night. We understand that Gaines was fighting two of the Long boys and two of the Lewis boys, one of them Miles Lewis owner of the local picture show. Constable Dye tried to stop the fight when Gaines truned on the officer

GETS RESULTS FROM HERALD ADVERTISING

Geo. A. Klinkhardt was in town from his farm yesterday changing prices in his produce advertisement running in The Herald. He informed us that of the one-time issue he has secured unparalleled results, saying that several coops of chickens were brought to his farm from Braggadocio, a few coops from other localities, and further stated that he has never used the columns of this paper but that he was well paid for doing so. He is a firm believer in advertising and does not hesitate to speak highly in favor of it.

PEMISCOT'S VICTORY LOAN QUOTA IS \$305,400.00

The quota of Pemiscot county for the Victory Liberty Loan has been fixed at \$305,400.00.

The amount of the Victory Liberty Loan is limited to \$4,500,000,000, according to the official statement of

and succeeded in overpowering him and attempted to take the officer's pistol, causing the officer to shoot him. Mr. Gaines leaves a mother, father, sister and several brothers, who live at Stanley, to mourn his death. He comes from a very estimable family, and the Stanley community is deeply grieved over the tragedy.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass.

Victory Liberty Notes will bear a four and three quarters per cent interest. The notes will mature in four years, but the government retains the option to retire them in three years.

The notes are free from normal tax. They are interchangeable any time before maturity for three and three quarters per cent non taxable notes.

There will be no over-subscription. The Treasury will allot all subscriptions up to \$10,000 and over first. The notes will bear the date of May 20. The first interest date is December 15 and semi-annually thereafter.

Financiers characterize the terms as excellent for the investor and the prediction is made that the quota for the Eighth District will be subscribed quickly. The campaign opens April 21 and closes May 10.

EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL

The eighth grade girls and boys gave a social at the residence of J. N. Lewis Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Rose, their former and well-liked teacher. Most of the students of that grade were present, including Mrs. O. T. Martin, as a visitor. Games and music were the events of the evening. Refreshments were grape punch and cake.

HAYTI SCHOOL NOTES PRINCIPAL ROSE RESIGNS

The biggest announcement of the year, and the most important school event of the year is the addition of Commercial and Normal courses in the high school. The Normal course of three units work will be inaugurated for the next scholastic year, which will bring normal training to those of Pemiscot and adjoining counties who plan to teach in the graded of rural schools. It is purely professional work and Pedagogy, Classroom Management and Child Study. The commercial work will embrace, for the next year, Book-keeping, Commercial Law and Commercial Geography. Such subjects are valuable to all in this business age; and especially to those who contemplate a purely business career. One unit of music, carrying high school credit will also be offered. It will be on a par with the first-year music of many conservatories and colleges. The unit of music will embrace Theory, Harmony, Sight Reading, Appreciation and History of Music—a very hard, but very valuable course.

State aid for the Normal courses will practically pay all the cost of the additional courses; and the district will get the advantages of all with practically no outlay. The only condition to be complied with that should be carefully watched is that every teacher employed shall have some college training.

Prospects are good for 100 in high school. In fact, we hope to have 120.

Miss Russell is substituting for Miss Reno during the latter's illness. Miss Russell is an admirable teacher and a tireless worker for the little ones.

A Mr. Ernest Roseman of St. Genevieve, has been secured to finish the unexpired term of Mr. Rose. Mr. Roseman has taught two years and is a Cape Girardeau Normal graduate.

Miss Pickens' classes in English have been doing quite a bit of work in debating. The ability to think clearly and to express oneself forcibly before an audience is worth much. Class debating will do much to bring out these powers.

150 books have been bought for the grade school library. That makes a total of 310 volumes added this year. Nothing has been spent for the high school library, save \$8.40 for history references. Consideration of the grade school should come first, for without a strong foundation there cannot be a good high school.

The Board of Education was handed the resignation of Mr. Rose Friday night. No reason was given; but he had stated to his pupils that he had been "turned down" by the Board in the election of teachers for next year. It is hard to understand how he has cause for his action in view of the fact that he has been supported absolutely by both the Board and the superintendent in every difficulty he had had. The class of 43 pupils has shown its loyalty and allegiance to him time and again (sometimes to the hurt of the members), yet he forsook them on account of an imagined wrong. It has caused little inconvenience, if any. An excellent man for his place was easily and quickly secured.

The coming promotion to high grade, our yemfwy cmfwy mfm school of more than forty eighth-grade pupils marks an epoch in the history of our schools. Such a large wave of promotions is to be expected regularly now. This is, undoubtedly, the fastest growing district in Southeast Missouri; which fact, in itself, presents a difficult problem in the financing of the schools. State money is always two years behind attendance that brings it, and the district's levies are always about a year behind their votings. But the spirit of the town that wants educational advantages will find a way out. Let's lay aside the little differences and keep in mind the BIG DIFFERENCE—the difference between greenhornism and educated young folks.

J. R. ENGLISH.

Little Mildred Trainor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trainor, has been very ill of whooping cough and fever for the past week, but is reported improving at the time of going to press.

A SPECIAL 3-DAY EASTER SALE

15 PER CENT CONCESSIONS Coats, Suits, Dolmans

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Just before Easter—right when every woman wants a new Suit, Coat or Dolman—we have arranged this splendid Value-giving Event. The Character of the Garments offered, their distinguished Style and Charm, the quality of the fabrics, the many little refinements of make and finish, all stamp these Suits, Coats and Dolmans as most unusual values. Sale starts Thursday and continues for three days only.

15 Per Cent Discount

The most important and amazing values of the season. Our entire collection of handsomely tailored Spring Suits, Coats and Dolmans are included in this Special three-day Easter Offering. Fifteen per cent discount from the original prices will be deducted on each and every garment sold during these three days.

Why wait until after Easter to buy your Suit? The values are supreme, the styles authentic, correct and typical of the "Styleright" Garments. And just think, at a discount of 15 per cent from the original low prices. Early selection is advised, as we anticipate, and are prepared, for rapid selling at these especially attractive Easter Prices.

New Easter Suits

Scores of the season's smartest Models—Striking in Style, beautiful in Trimming, rich in color, extra Fine in Quality, and wonderfully tailored. Suits of fine Man's-Wear Serge, Gabardine and Tricotine—most of them in Navy with a satisfying showing in Tan, Rookie, Grays and Mixtures. There are Box Coats, Straight Line, showing in Tan, Rookie, Grays, and Mixturdels. Still others are designed with the new Vestee effects. Prices ranging at

\$24.50 \$27.50 \$32.50 \$37.50 \$42.50 \$48.50
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