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CONGRESSMAN ROBB HAS OUR THANKS FOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

KANSAS CITY has a republican mayor as a result of the election April 5.

ONE hundred and sixty-one years ago yesterday, Thomas Jefferson was born.

WHEN the people take the bits in their teeth, there's very little use in yelling, whoa!

MR. ROOSEVELT seems to be having some trouble in finding some man to manage his campaign.

WEB WATKINS, editor of the Dexter Messenger, was elected mayor of Dexter at the election last week.

THEY are just about to have a big battle over there, but we can't spell the place, and you couldn't pronounce it if we did.

WHEREVER there has been a fair and open contest the people have declared, in no uncertain terms, their preference for Joe Folk.

RETURNS from county primaries indicate a firm determination on the part of the Missouri democracy to make Mr. Folk our next governor.

TEDDY played smash when he dined with Booker. Now, the whole coon tribe is going to "butt in," with a candidate for the presidency.

A MEETING of the county democratic central committee has been called for to-day, but, as the meeting will be held afternoon, the proceedings cannot be given in this issue. We trust, however, that there will be a full attendance and that the best interests of the party will be harmoniously considered in all that is done.

THE PRESS is not in favor of anything but fair treatment for all the candidates, for all the offices in the gift of the people, but we cannot throw its columns open to any of them to discuss their grievances. We know very little about the St. Louis muddle except what the papers say, and have had very little to say about it. If the people of St. Louis want to have their primary over, they will do so without our advice, consent or interference, and we feel very much like it's none of our business, any way.

Letter From Senator Lee.

VAN BUREN, MO., APRIL 4, 1904. To democratic voters of this district: As I have again submitted my name to you as a candidate for the democratic nomination for senator, I feel it but right and proper to give you my reasons for so doing. As you are all aware, it has been the custom to give each senator elected from the district, a second term; I concluded to try to follow the rule established for a number of years. Four years ago I was a stranger to most of you, and so made a thorough canvass of the district except in counties having a candidate of their own. And on account of some splendid leading democrats of my own county making a fight on me I became ambitious and determined to win at any cost of time and some means.

But this year it is different. You all know me and have my record before you, and can be your own judges; if you see fit to return me again, I shall feel very grateful; and if you judge me and find me wanting, I shall not feel one bit sore if you turn me down, for the democratic party owes me nothing.

And, as I am getting on the downhill side of life, and still as poor as a church mouse, notwithstanding my long and successful business career, I will be only too glad to be enabled to try to make a small competency to supply my family with the necessities of life, after I am under the

sed; and also, to continue to do all I can to relieve the suffering around me in my small world, and make life pleasant for as many as I can. I can not leave this subject without thanking the democracy of the district for the favors they have shown me.

I shall carry to my grave only remembrances of good things done for me by you all, and especially by Carter and Wayne counties.

For fear of being misunderstood, desire to make it emphatic, that I shall not spend one copper more in the campaign than legitimate expenses, consisting of traveling expenses, hotel bills and my part of primary expenses in counties electing delegates by that means; nor shall I make a heated contest, but shall make a trip around the district, and spend a few days in each county, leaving the result with the voters. In conclusion I will say that whether elected or defeated, I shall never ask for this office again, but should I run for anything again it will be an office that has a salary behind it; as I am too poor to work for nothing at my age.

I have always introduced and tried to pass what are now called reform measures, but up to this time the majority of my colleagues have been against me in most instances; as I thought I could see that the legislature to be elected this fall would be in favor of measures favoring the whole people, I concluded I would like to belong to it as I felt assured I could get some good measure thru that I have been fighting for, for years past.

As an old, dyed in the wool, moss-back democrat; one who loves his party above everything in this world—except his family and his God—let me say to you, go slow and use caution in the heated contest for governor, now going on. We have our candidate to elect at ensuing November election. It takes all the votes to make a good, old-time majority, and that I hope to see this fall. If we unnecessarily abuse any of the candidates, we may make his friends so mad that they will go fishing on election day.

Mr. Folk, Mr. Reed and Mr. Hayes are in my opinion, all splendid specimens of Missouri democracy, either of them would make a good governor. While I am for Mr. Folk, not because I consider him better than either of the other gentlemen, but because I believe we could elect him by a greater majority, than we could give to either of the others; yet I have only the most kindly feeling for all the candidates in the field. With the splendid majority of St. Louis turned into a like minority, our ticket would be endangered; the same might be said of Kansas City and all the large cities.

Again, I for one, can not find it in my heart to condemn Gov. Doekery's administration, as do some of our county papers. I consider his a splendid, upright, well governed, well financed administration; as I do all the democratic administrations since 1873. Loose business methods would not in thirty years pay a debt (left us as a heritage by the republicans) of fifty millions, principal and interest, reduce taxes to a point below that of any other state in the American Union; create a greater school fund than has any other in the galaxy of states and at the same time forge a state west of the Mississippi to the fourth place in the union.

Governor Doekery is not, personally, my friend, but I consider him a level-headed, honest, efficient business man, with nothing but the best intentions at heart, for the welfare of the whole people of this great state, and especially the democratic party.

While the great metropolitan dailies have treated me with strictest courtesy (much better perhaps than I deserve) yet it seems to me that

in their zeal for sensational news, to make their papers sell, they have done our party great injustice, and this reference is to our own democratic papers as well as to the republican. I for one, do not believe that every democratic office holder in the state of Missouri is dishonest, as has been charged by the Globe-Democrat, and not denied by our own metropolitan papers, nor do I believe because the so-called Indians, in the twenty-eighth ward in St. Louis acted the thugs, and were not stopped by the police, that the great metropolitan police system of St. Louis, or even any considerable part of it is corrupt. I suppose that for this plain talk, that if I am not already defeated, I will be, but I would rather be right than to be a Missouri senator.

I am considered, locally, a pretty good campaigner, and I think I scent danger to our party in Missouri, so I must repeat my warning, to go slow and do not say anything you might be sorry for, but let us in the good old democratic way nominate a good ticket and in November all march up in solid phalanx to the polls and elect it with a John S. Phelps majority. Again, thanking you for favors shown me, I am yours for democracy. G. T. LEE.

Proceedings of the Board of Equalization.

Pursuant to the laws of Missouri, the county board of equalization met at the office of the County Clerk of Bollinger county, April 4, 1904, and the following proceedings were had:

- Valuation on 84 acres, assessed to Herman Priggle, 1/2 of sw 1/4, part ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, part sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, 12-30-10, reduced from \$800 to \$400. Valuation on 131 acres, assessed to Georgeann McKelvey, 1/2 of nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 and 11 acres off of ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, 8-30-9, reduced from \$580 to \$400. Valuation on 40 acres, assessed to Robert Berryman, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 and 7 acres off of nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, 34-31-9, reduced from \$475 to \$375. Valuation on 40 acres, assessed to A. P. McKelvey, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, 20-30-9, reduced from \$150 to \$80. S. C. Baker's valuation on 3 mules raised from \$150 to \$200. John W. Baker's valuation on 3 mules raised from \$150 to \$200. F. M. Bess's valuation on 5 horses raised from \$125 to \$250. W. T. A. Bennett's valuation on 2 horses and 2 mules raised from \$125 to \$200. John Busink, 2 mules raised from \$80 to \$100. D. F. Bollinger, personal property raised from \$105 to \$400. S. C. Baker's valuation on 5 mules raised from \$200 to \$300. D. E. Bollinger, 4 horses raised from \$120 to \$200. John R. Burk, 7 horses raised from \$175 to \$400; 5 mules raised from \$125 to \$250. Joe Burk, 6 horses raised from \$180 to \$210. C. N. Dennis, 3 horses raised from \$75 to \$150; 3 mules raised from \$75 to \$150. John Debrock, 3 mules raised from \$100 to \$200. A. J. Dockins, 2 mules raised from \$90 to \$125. John Doggett, 2 mules raised from \$40 to \$100. C. R. Estes, 2 horses raised from \$50 to \$100. George J. Elfrank, 2 horses raised from \$50 to \$100; 3 mules from \$40 to \$150; 13 cattle from \$50 to \$100. J. H. Faircloth, 5 horses raised from \$100 to \$200. Peter Hartle, personal property raised from \$400 to \$800. C. M. Kirkpatrick, 2 horses raised from \$50 to \$100. W. A. Leoffer, personal property raised from \$25 to \$150. Ed. Peter, 3 horses raised from \$75 to \$100; 6 mules raised from \$100 to \$300. H. P. Bengert, 1 horse raised from \$25 to \$50; 3 mules from \$75 to \$150. Christian Seabaugh, 9 horses raised from \$70 to \$150; other property from \$250 to \$300. Pink Stevens, 2 horses raised from \$50 to \$100; 3 mules from \$100 to \$150. Robert VanGanip, Sr., 2 horses raised from \$50 to \$100; 4 mules from \$150 to \$200. Robert VanGanip, Jr., 2 mules raised from \$75 to \$100. Alfred VanGanip, 2 mules raised from \$75 to \$100. A. L. Whitener, 7 horses raised from \$210 to \$250; 8 mules from \$200 to \$400. Franklin Young, 390.80 acres land, lots 1, 2 & 3, 1/2 and 4 ne pt. survey No. 781, 1-33-9, raised from \$1700 to \$1950. Ernest Yammitt, 78 acres land, w 1/2 lots 4 & 5 nw 1/4, 1-33-9, raised from \$200 to \$300. F. C. Goldsmith, 100 acres land, part lots 3 nw 1/4 and 4 ne 1/4 of survey No. 2249, 2-33-9, raised from \$550 to \$800. J. Davis, 58.08 acres land, 1/2 lot 5 ne 1/4, 6-23-9, reduced from \$100 to \$100. H. P. Johnson, 9.80 acres land, part 1/2 of nw 1/4, pt. sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, 12-33-9, raised from \$165 to \$300. W. E. Conder, 58 acres land, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, pt. nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, 5-31-10, raised from \$50 to \$150, 40 acres land, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, 8-31-10, raised from \$50 to \$100. James P. Gibbs, 100 acres land, n 1/2 of ne 1/4, pt. survey No. 2236, 12-32-9, reduced from \$855 to \$100. J. H. Brotherton assessed with part lot 7, range B, in Patton, \$200. Mrs. J. M. Knowles, 78 acres land, pt. survey No. 770, 1-32-9, raised from \$440 to \$625. R. L. Robinson, 72 acres land, e fr 1/2

of ne fr 1/2, pt. survey No. 768, 2-32-9, raised from \$800 to \$1375. Allen Cook 255.83 acres land, part survey No. 227, part 1/2 fr., part sw fr., e 1/2 lot 1, ne 1/4 6-32-10, raised from \$1500 to \$2000. David Barks, Sr., 210 acres land, part survey No. 2222, 15-33-10, raised from \$1735 to \$1950. Daniel Barks, 203 acres land, part survey No. 2222, 15-33-10, raised from \$1200 to \$1670. Grandison Barks, 207 acres land, part nw fr. of fr. section 16; pt. sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, part survey No. 225, 16-32-10, raised from \$1100 to \$2100. H. F. Bollinger, 298.90 acres land, part survey No. 802, 17-33-10, raised from \$1200 to \$2160. D. M. Bollinger, 218 acres land, part survey No. 902, 17-33-10, raised from \$1300 to \$1575. A. B. Dolle, 120 acres land, part survey No. 802, 17-33-10, raised from \$500 to \$570. F. M. Seabaugh, 188 acres land, part ne fr 1/2, survey No. 777, 23-33-10, raised from \$1210 to \$1500. Henry M. Statler, 276 acres land, part of the sw fr. part of surveys Nos. 778 & 779, 23-33-10, raised from \$1580 to \$2000. Daniel Propst, 69.38 acres land, part surveys Nos. 3155 & 182, part sw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, 19-33-11, raised from \$350 to \$555. Jefferson Seabaugh, 212 acres land, nw fr. part survey No. 182, 30-33-10, raised from \$1500 to \$1700. William Bollinger, 239.96 acres land, lots 1, 2 & 3 of the ne 1/4, fr. part survey No. 316, 6-32-11, raised from \$1000 to \$1900. Alvin J. Statler, 154.44 acres land, part survey No. 779, 30-33-11, raised from \$900 to \$1900. Emanuel Hartie, 210 acres land, 1/2 lot 1 nw 1/4, pt. ne of se fr., part sw fr., survey No. 2228, 19-32-11, raised from \$1050 to \$1850. J. M. Limbough, 119.21 acres land, pt. survey 2220, pt. se 1/4 of ne 1/4, pt. sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, pt. sw fr., 22-32-10, raised from \$455 to \$900. David Bollinger, 215 acres land, part survey No. 808, 23-32-10, raised from \$1275 to \$1700. J. A. Yount, 264 acres land, ne 1/4 of se 1/4, pt. nw 1/4 of se 1/4, pt. survey No. 678, 26-32-10, raised from \$1500 to \$1800. Daniel Bollinger, 311 acres land, nw fr. pt. surveys 808 & 697, ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, e 1/2 of sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, pt. nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, 26-32-10, raised from \$1185 to \$2000. Americus Revolve, 129 acres land, e 1/2 of se 1/4, pt. sw 1/4 of se 1/4, 19-29-11, raised from \$400 to \$960. Ben Hill, 281 acres land, lot 2, n 1/2 of lot 1 sw 1/4, 1/2 lots 1 & 2 nw 1/4, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, 19-29-11, raised from \$1235 to \$2240. Americus Revolve, 80 acres land, n 1/2 of ne 1/4, 30-29-11, raised from \$400 to \$940. U. D. Rhodes, 120 acres land, 1/2 of ne 1/4, pt. survey No. 30-29-11, raised from \$300 to \$900. J. Mat Zimmerman, 360 acres land, e 1/2 sec. 31, lot 1 nw 1/4, 31-29-11, raised from \$1800 to \$2580. D. K. Westenhaver, 46.35 acres land, pt. lot 1 sw 1/4, 31-29-11, raised from \$300 to \$400. R. L. Guy, 122 acres land, part lots 1 & 2 sw 1/4, 31-29-11, raised from \$965 to \$975. J. H. Richardson, 160 acres land, se 1/4, 1-28-9, raised from \$450 to \$720. G. A. Conrad, 163.40 acres land, ne 1/4, 1-28-9, raised from \$500 to \$730. Walter Murphy, 80 acres land, w 1/2 of nw 1/4, 28-29-10, raised from \$390 to \$560. Amos Murphy, 126.45 acres land, lot 2, 1/2 of lot 1 sw 1/4, 30-26-10, raised from \$550 to \$880. S. M. McAnally, lot 32, range E, in Marble Hill, raised from \$450 to \$650. Alfred Hahn, 35 acres land, n 1/2 lot 1, nw 1/4, 31-30-9, reduced from \$180 to \$35. John Smith, 195.05 acres land, lots 1 & 2, nw 1/4, 1-32-8, reduced from \$465 to \$300. Mary Brown, 40 acres land, 1/2 of ne 1/4, 31-30-9, reduced from \$55 to \$100. S. P. Burford, 60 acres land, part ne 1/4 of se 1/4, 6-30-10, raised from \$800 to \$1500. Lindsay Grisham, 80.70 acres land, 1/2 lot 2 nw 1/4, n 1/2 lot 2 sw 1/4, 30-29-8, reduced from \$160 to \$80. Grisham Lumber Co., assessed with 40 acres land, nw 1/4 of sw 1/4, 31-29-8, \$40. J. J. Chaney, lot 4, block 11, Lutesville proper, raised from \$300 to \$890. L. A. Goodwin, lots 1, 2, 11 & 12, block 8, Lutesville, raised from \$700 to \$800. Henry Elfrank, lots 8 & 9, block 2, in Sample addition to Lutesville, raised from \$200 to \$300. Lutesville Milling Co., assessed with lot 1, in block 1, and lots 1, 2 & 3, block 2, Lutesville, \$4000.

Order, adjourn to meet as a board of appeals at the County Clerk's office in Marble Hill, the 4th Monday in April, 1904.

Our Correspondents.

Laflin. After an absence of some time I will come again with what little news I have.

L. J. Grinsley returned from St. Louis last Saturday. Willard Fisher is clerking at the Snider store now. Doe Moore was elected school director here at the annual meeting. Fred S. Clippard made a business trip over to Zalma last Saturday. We are still for Joe Folk and from the recent reports, we have plenty of company. It is going his way in great shape. They say, "a lean dog for a long race," but one of our candidates seems to be entirely too Gantt. It looks like H. B. Hawes will have to go into the convention with his 111 delegates. Fred Buckner made a business trip over to Jackson Monday. Mr. Lum Keller and Mrs. Annie

Bast were united in marriage at the residence of Wm. Poston, Sunday, April 10, Rev. J. L. Poston officiating. May they enjoy all kinds of happiness. We have a prospective candidate in our neighborhood—a good man too. J. M. Chostner was here Saturday, looking after a school. Jack Dale is confined to his room at present. B. S. Snider is done sowing oats. Mr. Snider is an up-to-date farmer. YOUNG REVUEX.

Zalma. News is scarce this time, but I will send a few items. Quite a severe storm swept over our town Friday and Saturday, doing some damage to fences and buildings. Farmers are busy now, getting the ground ready for corn planting. Fishing—the sport of the season—has been very unsuccessful so far only a few catches having been made. John Hert and James Watkins of Greenbrier were at work here last week, putting up phone lines. Sheriff Crane of Bloomfield came up on the morning train last Wednesday. At the school meeting, it was decided to employ two teachers for the coming term, the number of pupils being too large for one teacher to look after. An Odd Fellows lodge was organized here last Saturday; quite a number coming from Marble Hill and Lutesville for the occasion. The new lodge starts with thirty-four members. We have now telephonic connection with Greenbrier and Sturdivant, and the lines will be extended rapidly, to connect at Advance with the Stoddard county system, and also to connect with the Lutesville system at some convenient point. C. Cook.

Lodge. Farmers are about done sowing oats. Mrs. H. B. McClendon has been quite sick, but is better at this writing. A. B. Sample is on the pony list. Grandma Priddy is slowly improving. Mrs. Will Moore and her next oldest son died week before last. Mrs. E. Robertson's youngest daughter died April 2, and was laid to rest in Trace creek cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. J. F. Miller. Carter Underwood died at his home near here, very suddenly, April 6, of neuralgia of the brain. Rev. McBride of Fredericks town conducted the funeral service, after which the remains were interred in Trace creek cemetery. Mr. Underwood was a good man and an industrious, excellent citizen, which will be greatly missed by his family and the community. G. S. Sample and Charles Bagby were at Lodge on business April 9. Rev. W. A. Davault failed to fill his appointment at Trace creek church Saturday and Sunday. Alfred Hughes has been employed to teach the Pound school. J. H. Chostner has moved to his farm he recently purchased of O. B. Hawn. The latter has moved to his farm in Madison county. Success to THE PRESS and its readers. OBSERVER.

Cedar Ridge. Health is generally good in this vicinity. Farmers are busy sowing oats. Our stove factory is running regularly. Wm. Stevens has completed and moved into his new residence. Jeff Stevens has purchased a farm of Mat Mungle and moved to it recently. Jeff says he isn't going to be washed away this summer. Ed Teeters has a new patent saw with which one man can do the work of two. James Hartle of Cousinville visited the family of D. D. Killian last week. August Barrett and wife of near Lutesville visited relatives and friends in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday. We have Sunday school every Sunday at Chostner schoolhouse. Everybody invited to attend. Willie Nanney, who has been attending school at W. M. College at Marble Hill, visited home folks a few days last week. O. S. Chostner went to Cousinville a few days ago to look out for a school. School teacher are hustling now. B. F. Huffman of near Marble Hill visited the family of Henry Jackson Sunday. SNOWY.

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