

JUDGE WINS SUIT FOR JANITOR PAY

IF OFFICER DOES THE WORK, COUNTY MUST PAY FOR IT.

TAXPAYERS ARE STUNG AGAIN

Local Courts Took Matter as Joke, but Supreme Court Says Jurist is Entitled to Reasonable Sum For Labor.

Jefferson City. Division No. 1 of the supreme court delivered a number of opinions and passed upon a number of motions. The cases were largely of a civil character.

Judge James T. Blair made a ruling, concurred in by the other members of the division, that if a county officer does his own janitor work he is entitled to reasonable compensation, and the county must pay.

The case came up from Texas county, where Probate Judge T. J. Hale did his own janitor work and at the termination of his four years' term put in a bill of \$234. He also put in a bill of \$40 for telephone rental for the four years.

According to the record, the county court treated the matter as a joke and refused to pay both bills. Hale sued in the circuit court and lost. He appealed to the supreme court. Judge Blair holds there is no law prohibiting a probate judge or any other county official from doing his own janitor work and making the county foot the bill.

Busy Session for Commission.

Three important cases are set for argument before the public service commission in Jefferson City July 15. One is the application of all the trunk line railroads operating in Missouri for an increase in freight, passenger and baggage rates. Another involves the question of the continuous mileage charge.

The third case is the complaint of the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Wabash railroads, alleging that the roads make a rate on grain and grain products in north Missouri territory which is favorable to Chicago and discriminatory against St. Louis.

In the complaint of the city of Winston, alleging inadequate train service the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad is ordered to stop its trains Nos. 12 and 4, east-bound, at that place, to receive and discharge passengers. The road is further directed to employ a station and ticket agent at that point. This order is effective July 15.

To Keep the Money.

State Senator Carter M. Buford of El-Junketing committee, appointed to inspect the furnishings in the state senate chambers in other states, says he does not intend to return to the treasury the \$1,300 appropriated for his committee until the supreme court holds his committee cannot lawfully expend it.

He intends to disregard Attorney General Barker's opinion to Auditor Gordon, in which Barker held that the senate was without authority to appropriate money by resolution to be paid out after adjournment, and that State Treasurer Deal had no right to pay these appropriations on legislative script.

Senator Murton and other chairman of junketing commissions, with appropriations aggregating \$17,300, take the same view of the matter as Buford.

New Trial for Condemned Man.

The supreme court reversed and remanded the case against Vick Gueringer, convicted in Kansas City of having attacked Mrs. Gertrude Shidler and sentenced to hang. The case was reversed because the trial court allowed Gueringer only 15 minutes in which to file a motion for a new trial.

Gone to Cowherd's Funeral.

Senator William J. Stone, Congressman Dorsey W. Shackelford, Sam B. Cook of Jefferson City and several state officers and prominent Democrats who attended the capitol corner stone laying, went to Kansas City to attend the funeral of William S. Cowherd.

Second Convict Escapes.

John Wilson of Buchanan county, who was serving a two-year term for grand larceny, has escaped from the penitentiary. He was not captured. He is the second in one week.

Only One Bidder.

There was only one bidder for the privilege of binding books for the state. This was the Hugh Stephens Printing Company. This contract calls for approximately \$10,000 a year for binding state documents.

Buford Seeks State Office.

While in Jefferson City attending the laying of the corner stone of the new capitol, Senator Carter M. Buford of Reynolds county announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer next year.

Convict Road Work Success.

A correspondent has visited the first convict road camp in Missouri. The camp is located on the Westphalia-Linn road in Osage county, about four miles north of Westphalia.

Here the theory of certain state officials, that the convicts in the state penitentiary can be leased to the various counties for road work, is being tested.

The experiment, so far, has been an unqualified success. About 25 convicts have been working in that vicinity for more than a month, and not once has a breach of discipline occurred, nor have any of the prisoners made an effort to escape.

Two facts, however, have to be taken into consideration in citing these results. In the first place, the convicts were selected because they had the best prison records and with a view toward making the experiment a success, if possible. The other reason is that the convicts are fed and sheltered better than many of them probably would be if they were free. In other words, they really are not treated like prisoners, though technically, they are inmates of the penitentiary.

The men have lost their prison palor and are tanned and brown. They work only about eight hours a day and under moderate masters. Their appreciation of the difference between such a treatment and the slave driving methods of the convict system, is shown by their conduct.

Only four guards are used at the camp. Two are on duty during the day and two at night.

Labor in Small Cities.

Facts and figures dealing with organized labor in some of the smaller cities of the state have just been given publicity by Labor Commissioner Fitzpatrick's latest bulletin which has just been made public.

The information imparted is based on reports made in January, 1915, by either the local secretaries or the secretary of the national organization to which the locals belong. Nearly every report indicated an increase in membership. Unions made up of railroad men and coal and metallic miners predominate in the towns which are considered. Here and there are found locals made up of bricklayers, carpenters, bartenders, barbers and printers. The wages of these organized workers are from 20 to 50 per cent higher than those of toilers following similar callings in other Missouri towns where no labor unions exist.

Lexington reported nine unions with a total of 1,577 members, eight of whom are women. Marcelline reported ten unions, with 673 members.

Novinger reported four unions with 544 members. Monett reported ten unions with 763 members.

Brookfield reported ten unions with 216 members, nine of whom were women.

Trenton reported eleven unions with 528 members.

Chaffee reported eight unions with 620 members, two of whom are women.

Maryville has more organized women toilers than any of the other cities considered in this bulletin. Here are found 51 employees and a large number of female wage earners. Five unions reported for 1914-15 49 male members and 56 female, a total of 105. A year ago three unions reported 88 members, 46 of whom were women. The gain, when the total is considered, being 17. The loss of ten women toilers perhaps due to matrimony.

Barker Defeated in Rate Fight.

The Missouri supreme court on en banc denied the right of Attorney General Barker to sue railroads to compel them to refund all moneys collected by them from passengers and shippers, during the pendency of the McPherson injunction, in excess of the amount authorized by the 2-cent passenger and maximum freight laws. The decision will throw out of courts the suits against 12 trunk lines to recover \$24,000,000.

"Questions of law which are at issue are the only things in which the courts are interested, and harangues in which popular prejudice is sought, have no place here. Some briefs in this case amply justify these remarks."

The supreme court's decision was handed down in the Chicago & Alton case, one of the 12 suits which Attorney General Barker filed against trunk lines shortly after the United States supreme court, about a year ago, upheld the constitutionality of the 2-cent fare in Missouri.

In the opinion, which was concurred in by all members of the court except Judge Bond, who dissented, the supreme court holds that the attorney general has no right to use the time and money of all the taxpayers to bring suits for certain private individuals.

Masons Make Good Showing.

At the corner stone laying here last week, the Moberly Masonic lodges had a better turnout proportionately than any other in the state. There were more than 300 from that town.

Renewing His Youth.

Former Lieut. Gov. Robert Campbell occupied a seat on the platform during the ceremonies at the laying of the capitol corner stone. He was a power in state politics 35 years ago. He served four years as lieutenant governor, 1881 to 1885.

Judge Brown in Battle Creek.

Judge John M. Brown, member of the supreme court, whose health has been failing for several months, has gone to Battle Creek, Mich., to rest for a few weeks.

BOMB EXPLODES IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

OFFICIALS THINK PLANT WAS MADE SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER.

RECEPTION ROOM IS DAMAGED

Doors and Ceilings Shattered by Blast—Investigation Started at Once—No One Around for Hours Before.

Washington.—A tremendous explosion, believed to have been caused by some kind of bomb or infernal machine, wrecked the public reception room in the east side of the Capitol building shortly before midnight July 2. No one was injured.

Officials believe that the explosive was placed by a crank who desired to create a sensation. Visitors were allowed in the room during the day, and a timed machine might have been left without attracting attention.

Part of the ceiling and side walls of the room were shaken down, a huge mirror and a crystal chandelier shattered and the doors blown open. One of the doors led into the office of the Vice-President and is said not to have been opened in 40 years.

Superintendent Woods of the Capitol building, summoned by a panic-stricken watchman, made a hurried investigation, then telephoned for an expert on explosives.

Until the expert has made his report, no official statement concerning the incident will be made public.

The explosion was heard for several blocks.

The Capitol had been closed since dark, and no one was in the building except the few watchmen on duty and phone operators. The watchman in the hall directly below the reception room said he was almost blown from his chair by the force of the blast.

He declared that no one could have been near the room for hours.

Persons who reached the Capitol soon after the explosion occurred said they noticed the odor of burned powder, which persisted 15 or 20 minutes.

Elliot Woods, superintendent of the Capitol building, and Sergeant-at-Arms Higgins at the Senate reached the Capitol soon after the explosion.

GIRL ASKS \$5,000 DAMAGES

Milliner in Breach Suit Declares Wedding Was Postponed Four Times.

Evansville, Indiana.—Miss Gertrude Franey, a pretty Evansville milliner, filed a breach of promise suit for \$5,000 in the Vanderburg County Circuit Court against Fred S. Hendrich, a wealthy real estate man and club man.

Miss Franey alleged that she and Hendrich were engaged to be married Nov. 17, 1914, but that Hendrich persuaded her to postpone the nuptials four different times and that finally he flatly refused to marry her.

Miss Franey says her health has been greatly impaired by Hendrich's conduct toward her.

Here Stuff is Bunk.

Chicago.—Most heroes are not heroes at all, according to Dr. De Witt Wilcox of Boston. Hero stuff, bravery and courage are all a matter of how much of a certain kind of secretion you have in your adrenal glands. That secretion, he said, works on your sensations, and if you have plenty of it you will be a hero in spite of yourself.

Plays With Bomb—Will Recover.

Indianapolis.—Seeking some way to kill time, three dishwashers in the Devil's Cafe made a bomb with a bottle and gunpowder. John Helms held the bottle while watching the paper fuse burn. He will recover.

Edwardsville Man's Life Saved.

Springfield, Ill.—Gov. Dunne commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Nicol Gavrilovitch, to hang at Edwardsville July 16.

\$6,000,000 For City Car Lines.

Philadelphia.—Six million dollars toward the construction of a rapid transit system by the city was appropriated at a session of Philadelphia city council.

Church to Have Movies.

Elgin, Ill.—The use of moving pictures to stimulate interest in Sunday night services was authorized by the board of the Grace Methodist Church here by unanimous vote.

Fatal Fire in Rocket Factory.

Marselles.—An explosion destroyed an illuminating rocket factory where 100 persons were employed. Eighty women were working in the factory at the time.

Belleville Boy Reprieved.

Little Rock, Ark.—Should Clarence Dewain, the Belleville (Ill.) boy sentenced to death for the murder of L. H. Thompson, at Benton, Ark., be executed, it will not occur before December 15, 1915. He has been granted another stay.

McBride Buys Unsinkable Suit.

Washington.—Mindful of submarines, W. W. McBride, ex-solicitor of the State Department, who goes to England soon, has bought a rubber, cork-lined, unsinkable suit.

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SPEAKER STUCK ON THE BAR

And Comment of Irreverent Auditor Did Not Tend to Make Situation Any Easier.

A Hiram correspondent says that the news department refuses to report a speech recently delivered in his town, and he appeals to us to give it a place in our columns. We'll do just this far:

He was quoting tenderly Tennyson's beautiful poem, "Crossing the Bar," and he got one of the lines this way:

"And may there be no barring of the moon, when I put out to sea."

One of his hearers put in: "There won't be, if your friends know that you sail under the British flag."

"That isn't what I meant to say," replied the speaker in confusion. "I should have said:

"And may there be no marring of the moon, when I put out to sea."

"There won't be if you're careful to jump free of the propeller," chuckled his irreverent auditor. And the speaker gave up.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Oh, Well.

Bacon—I don't believe in a fellow reminding you of a kindness he's done for you. Do you?

Egbert—No, I do not. "Well, a fellow loaned me an umbrella a month ago, and he reminded me of it today."

Those Queens Again.

It—I dreamed last night I took the classiest queen on the campus to the prom.

She—Did I dance well?

Cottonseed meal is gaining popularity as cow feed in Canada.

Occasionally it is a good idea to keep still and listen.

PRAISE WAS SWEET TO HIM

Neighbor of Impressionable Youth Naturally Pleased at Admiration Bestowed on Singer.

At a concert a young fellow got into conversation with the man sitting next to him. Presently a very pretty girl came on to sing.

"I say, isn't she lovely?" exclaimed the impressionable youth. "And just look at her splendid teeth!"

"Yes, they are very nice," replied his neighbor. "And it gives me much pleasure to hear you praise them."

"That so? Is she your daughter, then?"

"No."

"Are you her brother?"

"No," was the answer; "but I'm glad you like her teeth."

"They're absolutely perfect. But—er—I should—er—what's it got to do with you?"

"I'm the dentist that made them. Perhaps I can do the same little job for you?"

Childhood in Boston.

A New Yorker who recently returned from a visit to Boston vouches for the truth of the following, says the Youth's Companion: One afternoon he found the six-year-old son of his host settled in front of the drawing-room fire with a sheet of paper before him and a pencil clasped in his chubby fist. Stealing a look over the boy's shoulder he saw that the little fellow was making pictures.

"Well, Bobby," he asked genially, "are you drawing an engine?"

"Slowly the child looked up, and slowly he spoke:

"It would take a very strong boy to draw an engine; but I am making a picture of a locomotive."

A Bracer for Daughter.

Anxious Mother—It was after nine o'clock when Clara came down to breakfast this morning and the poor girl didn't look well at all. Her system needs toning up. What do you think of iron?

Father—Good idea.

Anxious Mother—What kind of iron had she better take?

Father—She had better take a flat-iron.—New York Sun.

Jitney Enthusiast.

"Pa, with all his money, will never let us take our rightful place in society."

"Why, he's most indulgent. He has just bought the family a magnificent automobile."

"Pa, but unless we watch him all the time he can't resist the temptation to take on a few paying passengers as he rides around."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Exact Spot.

Lawyer—So you went out and waited for some time on the pavement. Now, did you strike the witness in the interim?

Defendant—No, I didn't. I patted him in the jaw.

Since the war broke out the demand for nitrate has fallen off and great hardship has followed in Chile.

Even when a man is busy sawing wood he usually finds time to talk.

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All a Part of Beauty.

"What's the use of discussing the question as to how 'homely girls' may secure husbands," said an observant Broadwayite as he watched the matinee crowd. "There are no homely girls in this city. You may see plenty that you think are homely, but do not feel sorry for them—they don't think so. There is not a woman who in her heart does not feel that she looks well. I know a young lady who is distressingly cross-eyed. One day I expressed sympathy for her. 'Don't pity her,' exclaimed another woman. 'She likes her eyes. She believes they are her chief beauty. Think they make her look cute.' And so it is with all women. Their blemishes are regarded as aids to beauty. There is a well-known actress who has a large pale brown mole on one of her cheeks. It is nearly as large as a dime. Do you think she regards it as a blemish? Not at all, she likes it and has suits made to match it in color."

Deadly Insult.

"Well," said Higgins, inspecting Walloper's new automobile. "there's one good thing about it—it will never turn turtle."

"How do you figure that out?" asked Walloper, much pleased.

"Oh, it just couldn't," replied Higgins. "It might turn mock-turtle, but—"

It was five minutes later that the police had to intervene.

No, Indeed!

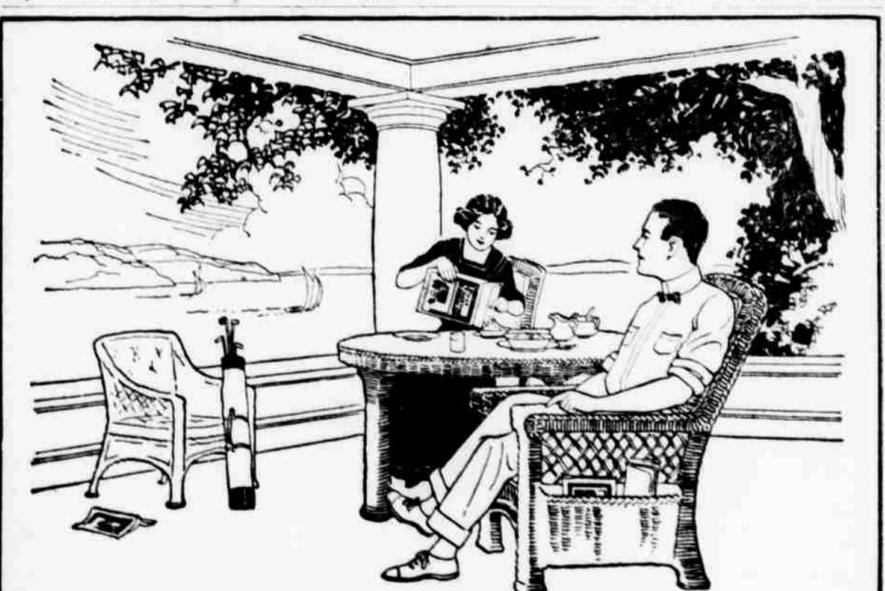
"I'm afraid Jones is living beyond his income."

"No, he isn't, but his creditors will be if they figure on getting what he owes them."

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