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Jefferson City Letter

(By Mease Ray)

The plan of Governor F. D. Gardner to raise all money for state purposes by indirect taxation is meeting with the approval of the people of the state generally. The hope is to raise the additional revenue by increasing the income, inheritance, corporation franchise and soft drink taxes.

It was fully discussed by the governor at a joint meeting of the committee on ways and means of the house and senate and seemed to meet with their favor.

The only opposition to the plan is because of the adoption of the prohibition amendment which will mean a great reduction in revenue from that source.

Governor Gardner's plan would be a great thing because of the separation of county and state revenue and would forever settle the question of the valuation of property for the purpose of taxation as counties would be able to make their valuations what they desired.

The matter will be brought up the latter part of this week and bills submitted to the general assembly provided the committees agree.

By the rigid enforcement of the state game laws Commissioner Birmingham has paid the expenses of his department and created a fund of \$27,845.35 for the purpose of purchasing a state park. The practice of economy in state offices has resulted in the payment of the state debt of \$2,000,000.

Failure of B. L. Guffy, a republican clerk in the house, to appear for work resulted in a resolution being submitted requiring all clerks to register each day. The republican majority in the house defeated the resolution. It was when a roll call was demanded on this resolution that Speaker O'Fallon, republican, kicked on having roll calls on resolutions and "other matters of trivial importance."

The house committee on elections, controlled by the republicans, has reported that W. P. Elmer, convicted and fined \$1,000 under the espionage act, be seated over Rev. E. H. Foster, a Baptist preacher. Two republicans joined the democrats in favoring Rev. Foster. A caucus of republican members was held to try to hold all in line for Elmer, but it is said that sixteen refused to be bound by the caucus. The minority report cited section three of article fourteen of the United States constitution which provides that no one that has given aid or comfort to the enemies of the country is eligible to be a member of congress or a state legislature in addition to the fact that he was honestly elected by eleven votes.

A bill to repeal the law creating the tax commission has been engrossed. It is expected that some provision will be made for the state board of equalization to provide machinery to assist them in seeing that property is assessed on an equal basis.

From all indications it now seems that a measure providing that women may vote for president and vice-president may be passed during this session. The bill was engrossed in the house without opposition and was placed on the calendar of the senate despite the adverse report of the committee.

A measure has been introduced placing all probate judges in the state on a straight salary. The bill provides that their salaries shall be from \$1,200 to \$5,000 per year, according to the population of the county.

Republican members from St. Louis are howling a lot about crooked elections in Kansas City, where

the normal democratic plurality is 10,000, but have said nothing about the increased republican plurality in St. Louis. When all votes favor them there can be no crookedness seems to be a republican opinion.

Representatives Hostetter and Gyott, democratic and republican floor leaders have joined in the introduction of a blanket election ballot bill. Should the measure be enacted all ballots would be on one sheet and the voter would be required to place an "X" at the head of his ticket or by the name of every candidate for whom he desires to vote.

The investigation of the highway commission seems to show that A. C. McKibbin, former member of the commission and secretary, is disappointed because he is no longer connected with it. It was found that McKibbin was drawing a salary as a member of the commission and another as its secretary. The commission says that shortage of labor and materials prevented a good showing for 1918, but that 1919 will ever be remembered.

Hold Your Liberty Bonds

Buyers of previous issues of Liberty Bonds are urged to realize the necessity for holding them. The same arguments that former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo urged during the campaign are as applicable now as before the armistice was signed.

A man's duty is not done when he simply buys bonds. He must hold them to do his full duty by his government. From the first issue it was urged that prospective buyers do not buy in excess of their means. The government needed the money to win the war and it frankly went before the public and "laid its cards on the table."

What the money was to be expended for was told, and now that the war has been fought to a success, it is found that it is necessary to float one more bond issue to realize the fruits of victory.

It is your duty to buy, but there is no advantage if you sell previous issues to make the purchase. The interest rate on the fifth and last loan—the Victory loan—has not been announced. Neither has the amount. These are mere details. Every loyal citizen will support his government to the utmost and he will not quibble over the interest rate.

W. M. C. Notes

Rev. E. G. Walker has been called as pastor of the Whitewater Baptist church.

Miss Devenport of near Bessville has entered school.

Rev. A. J. Johnson has been chosen pastor of the Baptist church at Blodgett to succeed Rev. W. A. Davault.

Miss Slinkard and Miss Formway of near Gravel Hill enrolled Monday.

Rev. Charles Hart preached at Herculaneum Sunday as supply.

The Antonian society has postponed the rendition of the program that had been prepared for the evening of the 14th until the evening of the 21st.

Certain insects, notably the plum and quince curculios, may be much reduced in numbers by regularly jarring the trees in the early spring, collecting the insects as they fall on sheets or special cloth-covered frames.—Weekly News Letter.

Of all orchard work, spraying is most likely to be slight or even neglected. It is important, therefore, that every fruit grower make a study of the whys and wherefores of spraying and have an intimate knowledge of spraying materials and machinery.—Weekly News Letter

A Word About Labor.

The world respects labor. Man can not exist without its presence. It was given as a curse to him—yet it has become the greatest blessing in disguise that a beneficent Creator ever showered upon mankind.

It sends the locomotive speeding on its course and fills the mart and city with the busy hum of industry and thrift. There is nothing degrading in labor, but oftentimes its votaries bring shame and reproach upon it. The mission of labor is to bless—not to curse. The problem of the present time is to say where labor—in its demands upon capital—shall draw the line between near and might. All honest, far-seeing men agree to this. Bolshevism, anarchy and lawless oppression are foreign elements which never did form, do not form—nor never will form—any part of the labor question.

Then see to it—ye men of brawn—that labor is never besmirched by the unjust demands of unprincipled agitators—but always stand for the right—and the plaudits of all future time will resound to your credit and honor.

Southeast News.

Jackson Cash-Book.

Col. L. M. Bean, returning last Monday from a trip to the northwest part of the county, said that in coming thru the town of Daisy he found much speculation on the part of the citizenry at that place, who were discussing the aims and intentions of the party or parties who had placed some dynamite under the building known as the city hall. The building under which the explosives were found is the property of the venerable Squire H. W. Hahs, recently began his forty-fifth year as a justice of the peace in Apple Creek township. The Squire holds court in the building that seems to have been slated for destruction. The dynamite was accidentally found Monday afternoon, but no one seems to know how it got there.

Jackson Cash-Book.

A meeting of Southeast Missouri commercial club representatives will be held at Poplar Bluff on Wednesday, February 19. The object of the meeting is to devise ways and means for better teamwork in the solution of problems that confront the people in this section of the state. The letter announcing the meeting states that "Farm bureaus, drainage, good roads, clearing and putting under cultivation the cut-over land, bringing in new settlers and new capital, and the exploitation of the wonderful resources of this section, will be among the many topics discussed at that meeting." R. K. Wilson, president of the commercial club of this city, will appoint delegates to attend.

Perryville Sun.

A man named Cramer, who paraded over this section of the country as a piano tuner, is now being sought by the authorities as a German spy. This information came here from St. Mary, Mo., the latter part of last week. He was a liberal spender and made himself agreeable and prominent at all gatherings. For the past few months he was running a restaurant at St. Mary, and soon after the armistice was signed he mysteriously disappeared.

Farmington News.

A copy of the application for articles of incorporation were filed in the recorder's office on last Friday by the Pendleton Lead Co. The capital stock of the proposed company is \$5,000, of which amount Polite Elvins owns \$4,998. C. H. Barker and H. L. Calvird own one share each, and these three are proposed as the first board of directors. The application states that the company has been organized to buy and sell mineral lands, own and operate min-

ing properties and do a general mining business. It is probable that the organization of the new company has something to do with the proposed sale at public auction here next Monday of a portion of the old Pendleton church property which is believed to be underlain with rich mineral land.

Poplar Bluff Citizen-Democrat.

Some Fisk citizens are busier now than a hen with a bunch of little chicks getting their houses from out the pathway of the monster dredge boat which is rapidly eating its way thru that town at the present. The heart of town has now been reached by the great shovels and those persons who delayed in moving their dwellings are now square up against a problem of moving or being moved.

Farmington News.

Thieves in an effort to steal a brass faucet, weighing a few pounds and worth a dollar or so at the most as junk, wasted 1200 gallons of specially prepared oil for the Federal Lead Co. at its No. 12 mill on last Sunday afternoon. The thieves broke the faucet off and let the tank full of oil run out. It was a specially prepared oil used in the floating process of recovering ore in the new mill. No arrests have been made, but likely will be in a day or two as the identity of the thieves is known to the officers.

CHARLESTON, Mo., Feb. 9.—A mystery which had baffled the officers of this section since last summer, when several sticks of dynamite were found around a pier of the Thebes bridge, supposedly placed there by German agents, was solved when Sheriff Hutson, of Cape Girardeau county, escorted Warren Aldridge and Harvey Lindy, two youths, to the state reformatory. The boys voluntarily told the sheriff about the incident. They were walking along close to the bridge when they found the dynamite, which some one had evidently thrown from a freight car while robbing it. They picked up the dynamite, and intended to sell it to a junk dealer, but, while passing under the bridge, they heard some one approaching and hid the dynamite by the pier, being afraid to be seen with the dynamite in their possession.

Globe Democrat.

The Annapolis Lead Company, a \$2,500,000 company, was issued articles of incorporation yesterday to do a general metal and ore business, with their main office in St. Louis. The following men were named as stockholders: F. M. Strickland, St. Louis, 10,000 shares; Ellis W. Cook and C. F. Dana, both of Vessie, Mo., 6,250 shares each; and John A. Noland, Webster Groves, 2,500 shares. The company has holdings in Annapolis, Iron county, Mo., amounting to 2,000 acres of land, which they have been working since last May with great success, according to officers of the company. Up to the present about \$50,000 has been spent in the mining, and it is said that several hundred men will be employed before next fall. Two officers of the newly formed corporation, Strickland and Nolan, said last night that in the event that the mine develops as it should, the company would, in all likelihood, erect a large refinery in St. Louis. They said that they were considering several sites, but refused to mention any of them.

The Farmington greenhouses had a disastrous fire the night of February 4, entailing a loss amounting to three or four thousand dollars.

Wilma, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beeman, died on February 5, from burns she received on Thursday before while playing with other children at the home of a neighbor.

TEN DAYS CLEAN-UP SALE
—ON—
ALL WINTER GOODS
AT PRICES BELOW COST.

**SHOES, RUBBER GOODS,
HEAVY UNDERWEAR,
CLOTHING,
Flannelettes and Cotton Flannels,
HEAVY HOSIERY.**

Call and see
OUR NEW STOCK OF CLOTHING.

See our Bargain Counter for Bargains.

Remember—All Winter Goods Go Below Cost At This Sale

**Special Prices Paid for Poal'ry, Butter
and Eggs during this sale.**

Taylor Mercantile Co.

To Protect Liberty Bond Holders

So pernicious has been the activities of unscrupulous dealers in marketable securities that Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass has issued the following warning:

"My attention has been directed to the activities of unscrupulous persons who have been operating extensively throughout the country and who are swindling the owners of Liberty bonds by purchasing the bonds at prices far below their actual worth.

These swindlers get the attention of Liberty Bond owners by publishing advertisements, calculated to make the unsuspecting bond holder believe that the highest market price can be secured for his bonds through the agency of the advertiser. Such is rarely if ever the case. Records of transactions of this character, brought to the attention of the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department, prove conclusively that these swindlers take every advantage of Bond owners who are forced into their clutches, by paying the lowest possible price which the owner will accept—and generally far below the actual value of the bonds.

"I regret to observe that many reputable newspapers are being victimized by these swindlers and I appeal to all newspaper publishers to scrutinize very carefully the character of individuals who use their columns to offer to buy Liberty bonds. As a newspaper publisher, I believe that it is the duty of publishers to protect their readers against unscrupulous advertisers.

"Other swindlers endeavor to trade worthless articles or securities of little value for Liberty Bonds, and I appeal to patriotic publishers to assist in putting an end to this practice.

"The Treasury Department will take such steps as are possible under the law to protect the interests of holders of Liberty bonds and will use every means at its command to bring to justice all who seek to defraud the people who have so patriotically assisted in winning the war by investing their savings in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Owners of Liberty Bonds and

War Savings Stamps should under no circumstances part with these securities unless necessity compels, and then they should deal only with reliable banks, trust companies, banking institutions and others whose reputation for integrity is beyond question. If it is necessary to sell Liberty Bonds the highest market value should be received.

"The Treasury Department will welcome information concerning the operations of these swindlers in any part of the country."

Choice fruits, especially grapes may often be protected from insect pests by the use of paper bags placed around the bunches and securely fastened by twine to the supporting shoot or cane. Bags may be put in place as soon as the blossoms have fallen.

Public Sale

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at my residence, 5 miles east of Marble Hill and 3 mile north of Huskey store on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1919 the following personal property:

Three brood mares, from 4 to 6 years old, two in foal, 1 2-year-old horse colt, 13 head of cattle, 3 fresh, 2 will be fresh in March, 1 in April, 2 by June 1; 3 yearling heifers, 2 yearling steers, some extra good milk cows, all under 4 years old; 1 brood sow due to farrow March 1, 9 head of fattening pigs, McCormick mowder, good as new, hay rake, disc harrow, Linstroth wagon and set of harness as good as new, plow gears, double set of buggy harness, plows and other farming implements, 12,000 or 15,000 pounds of hay, some corn and oats, all household and kitchen furniture, 1 good heater, 1 extra good cook stove, 1 good Blue Bell cream separator, 4 bedsteads with springs, sewing machine, dresser, commode, kitchen cabinet, dining table, incubator and brooder, some canned fruit and other things too numerous to mention.

Terms of sale—All sums under \$10, cash; on sums of \$10 and over a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving approved note bearing 8 per cent interest. Three per cent discount for cash on sums over \$10. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. Sale begins at 10:00 o'clock. Albert M. Barrett, C. A. Hahs, Auctioneer.