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Meetings of Great Importance To Everybody in the County

The Times desires to call special attention to the meetings that have been arranged for, to be held in St. Francois county the last week in the present month, under the auspices of the Farm Bureau. The dates and places for these meetings appeared in this paper last week, and their arrangement was the result of much careful deliberation on the part of those having the matter in charge.

The success of these proposed gatherings are of greatest importance to St. Francois county, as such result means the increase of interest in agricultural pursuits, which is the very foundation of life's success. This paper believes that the people of the county generally understand the purpose of these farm demonstration meetings sufficiently well to make each gathering highly successful.

The meetings in this city will close with a banquet on Friday evening, Feb. 25th, for which the following program has been arranged:

- Address of Welcome—J. P. Cayce.
- Response—W. H. Smollinger, Pres. of Farm Bureau.
- 9 o'clock, Some Phases of Rural Credits, S. D. Gromer, Professor of Rural Economics, University of Mo.
- 10 o'clock, Dairying and Prosperity, W. W. Marple, Chicago, Ill.
- 11:30, Address, D. C. Welty, Commissioner of Agri. of I. M. & S. Ry.
- 1 o'clock, Address, Wm. Hirth, Editor of Missouri Farmer.
- 2 o'clock, The County Farm Bureau, Sam Jordon, State Board of Agriculture.
- 3:30, Enrollment of Members.
- 4 o'clock, Address, Dr. J. C. Whitten, Professor of Horticulture, University of Missouri.
- 5:30 to 8 o'clock, Banquet.
- 8 o'clock, Address, Representative of the St. Louis Business Men's League
- 8:30, Illustrated Lecture of Missouri, J. Kelly Wright, State Board of Agriculture.

Miners Supply Co. Closed Out

The Miners Supply Co. of Flat River, which recently was forced to close its doors by action of the U. S. Bankruptcy Law, was sold yesterday at forced sale in this city, the purchasers being the Bank of Flat River and other creditors of St. Louis. The stocks brought \$5,300, while the liabilities were supposed to be about \$15,000, of which the Bank of Flat River held \$3,300, St. Louis creditors \$2,300, and L. H. Williams held a note for \$2,200.

It has developed, however, that the Williams note was also secured by the endorsements of five good and responsible citizens of this city, so that the proposition in a nutshell, is that the five endorsers of this city will probably be the only losers in the transaction, catching them for about \$1,800 each, as those have running ac-

counts against the concern are the preferred creditors, and there is only about enough money resulting from the sale to pay them.

A. C. Crews was president and manager of this company, and there appears to have been some smooth manipulation on the part of some one that this company could have carried such a weight of indebtedness. The Times is informed that there will probably be another chapter to the story of this failure before it passes into history.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Dorothy Lamont celebrated the sixth anniversary of her birthday on Tuesday, February 8th, with a party to her little friends. Among those who attended were, Emily McKinney, Nona Miller, Louise DuBose, Warner DuBose, Martha Harlan, Morrison Harlan, Couvre Williams, Helen Elayer, James Bentley and Elizabeth Gould.

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REGULAR TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

Grand Jury Selected for Febr'y Term Circuit Court—Road Overseers to be Appointed Next Week

Court met in regular session Monday, February 7, with the following officers present: C. I. Garrett, Presiding Judge, U. S. Watts and Chas. P. Hale, Associate Judges, J. C. Williams, Sheriff, and Albert Wulfert, Clerk.

Grand Jurors

The Clerk presented the court with an order from the Judge of Circuit Court for the selection of a grand jury to serve during the February term of the Circuit Court, and the following named jurors were, in accordance with the law, drawn to serve as such:

- St. Francois Township—W. A. Mitchell and Charles Gaebbe.
- Randolph—Marion Clay and Lawrence Maurer.
- Perry—Abe House and F. E. Counts.
- Iron—M. Bispinghoff and Emmett Jones.
- Pendleton—Bert Cleveland.
- Big River—John Pettus.
- Liberty—Frank Watts.
- Marion—Henry Shumake.

Foreign Insurance Tax

The court apportioned foreign insurance tax money apportioned by the State Auditor to St. Francois county for the year 1915 among the incorporated cities, and school districts which furnish free text books, certificates of said districts filed in office of the County Clerk, and to the county revenue fund; apportionment on basis of enumeration at the rates of \$0.4344881 for cities and school districts, and the court ordered the following warrants issued: W. J. Layne, treasurer district No. 7, 740 enumeration, \$320.75; J. B. Burks, treasurer district No. 24, 870 enumeration, \$380.57; John L. Taylor, treasurer No. 27, 500 enumeration, \$216.72; A. P. Mackley, treasurer No. 29, enumeration 807, \$349.79; L. B. Meredith, treasurer No. 59, enumeration 48, \$20.81; C. R. Bramblett, treasurer No. 61, enumeration 1274, \$552.21; D. H. McKenzie, treasurer No. 63, enumeration 542, \$234.93; J. R. Thompson, treasurer City of Bismarck, enumeration 246, \$106.63. Total \$2,182.41.

Road Petitions

Change of road petitioned for by J. H. Cook and others was continued until next term; as were also the following petitions for changes of road: J. H. Gossom et al. for reclamation of public road; J. H. Gossom et al.

W. T. Haile

W. T. Haile, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party at the August Primary election. Mr. Haile, who is so well and favorably known throughout the county, needs no commendation at our hands. Everybody knows "Tom" Haile, as he is familiarly called by his army of friends, and that they will be glad to hand the office to him again there is little doubt. He has been faithful over the trust imposed in him when the people elected him, and has not only kept guard over the county's strong box, but has been uniformly courteous and accommodating to all who had dealings with the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Haile is the scion of one of the oldest and best families of this county, and a son of that venerable and beloved old citizen, Thomas Harvey Haile, now in his 96th year, and who represented this county in the General Assembly of the State in his younger days, so long ago that few now living recall it. "Tom" appreciates the support which his friends have given heretofore and hopes that they will extend to him again the favor of their support for the Democratic nomination of County Treasurer.

Will Karsch, who has been in St. Louis for several years, has returned to Farmington and will be associated with the old established Karsch Shoe Co. His furniture arrived this week and they will go to house-keeping in the east part of town.

for new road in Marion Township; Geo. T. Bremner et al., for new road in Liberty Township; W. T. O'Neal et al., for reclamation of road in Randolph Township; O. N. Sherrill et al., for new road in Randolph township; Alf Cole et al., for change of public road; Wm. Rosenstengel et al., for change of road in Pendleton Township, highway engineer directed to view, survey and mark out change and report at next term; similar order was made in petition of C. C. Weimer for change of road in Pendleton Township, and J. D. Huff for change in same township.

Petition for new road in Pendleton Township by J. D. Huff et al., was dismissed on account of not being able to secure a free right-of-way.

Reclamation of road in Liberty Township petitioned for by A. M. Kendall et al., was ordered made and the Clerk directed to notify the road overseer.

J. S. Clay filed his bond as Recorder of Deeds, which was approved.

John Butler and others petitioned for vacation of streets and alleys in town of Blackville; there being no opposition the petition was granted.

J. H. Shaner, supervisor of expenditure of subscription and appropriation of \$1,408.50 for improvement of Bismarck and Elvins road, made settlement, which was approved.

Constable W. A. Bullock of Perry township made quarterly settlement, which was approved.

Collector directed to return as erroneous \$600 on assessment of Henry Feghee, making assessment \$770.

Warrants Issued

August Wichman, janitor, month's salary, \$50; John A. Knowles, Circuit Clerk, month's salary, \$166.65; Besse Brady, deputy Circuit Clerk, month's salary, \$41.65; C. W. Francisco, highway engineer, month's salary, \$125; W. T. Haile, county treasurer, month's salary, \$100; Henry Davis, prosecuting attorney, month's salary, \$208.25; Clyde Akers, superintendent schools, month's salary, \$116.5; Albert Wulfert county clerk, fees for January, \$183.62; T. H. Miller, road overseer, \$4; R. V. Sumpter, road overseer, \$57.20; J. D. Huff, road overseer, \$16.70; W. N. Green, road overseer, \$8; Chas. R. Fowler, road overseer, \$7.05; E. B. Shelley, road overseer, \$30.42; L. E. Cole, road overseer, \$3.30.

Caught Them Alive; Covey of Ducks

Linn Clardy and Fred Isenman had enjoyed the picture show last Wednesday night, dallied awhile at the hotel and near midnight on their way home strolled by the Post Office. There, huddled in the door, they surprised a covey of wild ducks. The ducks, possibly being tired out, may have been waiting there to take up their flight southward by parcel post. Be that as it may, they flushed on the approach of Linn and Fred, who gave them chase and succeeded in catching all five—three hens and two drakes.

Don't smile and assume that this is a joke, or that these young gentlemen were indulging in some sort of a pipe dream—it's a fact. The ducks were all run down by them and caught alive, and they had them in a coop Thursday morning as indisputable evidence of the strange catch.

DAILY MAIL FOR ROUTE NO. 6

On the 2nd inst, the Post Office Department, on petition of John H. White and others, increased the frequency of service on Farmington Rural Route No. 6 to six times a week instead of three, which service will become effective March 1, 1916.

Barroll says this concert is no place for babies. Even your baby. Their crying plays the dickens with the music. Leave the baby with grandpa for one night and come yourself to Barroll's Orchestra concert Monday night.

IMPORTANT QUESTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Additional Plea for Betterment of Condition for Every Man, Woman and Child in the County

So much has been said in years past about the very great advantages of improved roads to every community, that The Times cannot believe there is a normal man, woman or child of school age but realizes, and to some extent, at least, appreciates, the unspeakable comforts, conveniences and advantages that well improved roads would be to every community. Therefore we are not going to attempt in the following to bring any additional pressure to bear on the subject of bettering road conditions in St. Francois County, feeling as we do that all have long since become convinced of the worthiness of the best possible road conditions.

However, more as a reminder, we feel that this is a most opportune time to again bring to public attention the lamentable condition of many of the roads in this county, which is very largely due to the recent high water and flood conditions, that have been general throughout the country. While the damage from high waters have, perhaps, been greater this season than usual, there is never a year passes but many country roads are made to suffer much from an excess of water, thereby causing damage even the temporary repairing of which in a very few years would pay the cost of permanent good roads.

Does it not appeal to you that the poll tax and all other moneys that are now being, and have for years past been spent in temporarily scraping over and patching up the roads, has practically been wasted? In fact, would not a few figures convince you that the money that has been so spent has, in reality, been worse than wasted, in view of our present knowledge of permanent road work. Think of the hard work that has been performed, for instance, by the farmer, as well as by the farmer's team, in getting their

crops to market, especially when the weather chanced to be bad (and often when the weather is not bad, the roads are). All of which hard work would have been eliminated with improved roads.

Would you like to know a feasible way in which to secure permanent good roads throughout St. Francois county? We would say, issue long-time bonds. In that way we people now on earth would be enabled to enjoy the infinite pleasure that good roads bring, and at the same time we would not be called upon to pay the total cost of same, but could hand down to posterity a part of the cost therefor, as well as the good roads. Can you think that posterity would have the slightest cause to complain at assuming a part of such burden, in view of what they would inherit thereby?

At this point there are many off-shoots from the main question of good roads, but over each off-shoot there is a brilliant illuminated sign, which reads PERMANENT GOOD ROADS. One of these side-lines is that the value of your lands would be largely increased—perhaps doubled—great saving of teams, wagons and vehicles, comings and goings as your needs or pleasure required. Would not these things alone make it a splendid investment to you for the almost infinitesimal increase in your tax rate that good roads bonds would levy upon you? It is estimated that \$500,000 will build 150 miles of rock road and necessary bridges. Do you think that would be too burdensome for St. Francois county, with her large assessed valuation?

All that The Times asks or desires is that the property owners think this matter over carefully. The best interests of the people is what this paper will always be found struggling for.

New Subscribers and Renewals

It has been especially gratifying the past week, the manner in which new subscribers have had their names enrolled on our subscription lists. Not only have numerous new subscribers come in during the past week, but there have been many renewals received also. Thirty-one new subscribers have been added the past week. But read the lists:

- New Subscribers:** T. F. Lockridge, Tom Halter, H. H. Boles, F. B. Stephens, F. R. Hughes, G. W. Sebastian, W. P. McClary, Ed Brewer, G. N. Baker, G. F. Bauer, G. N. Munsch, T. W. Byington, Mrs. Beulah Allen, F. A. Gillespie, H. M. Sears, P. E. Silvey, H. A. Mackley, S. E. Holladay, Ed Herrington Route 4, Frank Dunn, Route 4, W. J. Jones, Route 6, J. N. Lewis, Route 6, Clifford Wampler, Route 5, all Farmington postoffice; Dora H. Lenz, Mine La Motte; T. J. Merriman, Doe Run; H. E. Walters, St. Louis; C. T. Tullock, Bismarck; A. J. Banes, Flat River; Geo. H. Moore, St. Louis; J. H. Cook, Route 4; W. B. Moothart, St. Louis.
- Renewals:** J. W. Simms, Houston, Ark.; Bert Smith, Bloomfield, Mo.; J. E. Trask, Desloge; Dr. A. L. Evans, Bonne Terre; J. E. Morris, Texarkana, Ark.; J. S. McClintock, Deadwood, S. Dak.; N. A. McHenry, Route 4; Dr. G. E. Scrutshfield, James J. Croke, Dr. W. C. McCurdy, J. H. Waide, Judge J. S. Clay, E. N. Edwards, Sr., Route 2; G. A. Walker, Route 4; N. Howlett, all of Farmington; Chas. Wilson, Esther; J. Ed Swink, Knob Lick; D. J. Banks, Bismarck.

Old Place Sells

The John Carnell farm, perhaps better known as the old Burks place, six miles northeast of Farmington, on the Burks road, was sold Wednesday to James Ryan, for \$10,000, or \$25.00 per acre, there being 400 acres in the farm. This is one of the oldest settled places in this section of Missouri.

A Splendid Program Prepared

The concert to be given at the Monarch next Monday night by Barroll's Orchestra promises to be one of the best, if not the best, of all the enjoyable concerts given by this popular musical organization. A varied and carefully selected number of orchestral pieces has been chosen, relieved from time to time by solos and specialties of high merit. Following is the program to be rendered:

- March—"Victor Herbert," by Carr-Orchestra.
- "Humoresque" by Dvorak—Orchestra.
- "Memphis Blues", by Handy—Orchestra.
- Violin Solo—Miss Barbara Caroline Tullock.
- Selection from the musical comedy, "Barry of Ballymore," by Oleott—Orchestra.
- Medley selection of Plantation Songs, by Boettger—Orchestra.
- Five Minute Intermission.
- Characteristic, "Trombonium", by Withrow—Orchestra.
- Reading—Miss Mabel Sackman.
- Selection from the musical comedy, "Madam Sherry", by Hoshna—Orchestra.
- Valse, "Soupirs d'Amour", by Wendling—Orchestra.
- Clarinet Solo, Grand Fantasia, "Old Folks at Home"—Mr. McCarthy.
- March, "Under the Double Eagle", by Wagner—Orchestra.

Farmington people have learned to look forward with keen anticipation of pleasure to any concert given by Barroll's Orchestra. This talented organization plays music in a way quite worthy of professionals or of the orchestras in towns far larger than Farmington. And with so excellent a program as the one promised for the 14th, an overflowing house should, and we believe will, greet them.

Mr. Wagner, of Columbia, Secretary of the State Board of Charities, was a visitor Monday to State Hospital No. 4, where he was well entertained and edified with an inspection of that splendid institution.