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## TRAVEL TROUBLES SHOULD BE CORRECTED

### Frequent Poor Connections of Interurban With Iron Mountain at DeLassus Cause Much Complaint

The Times has heard considerable complaint recently regarding the frequent poor connections made by the interurban railway with incoming trains at DeLassus, causing passengers arriving there on their way to this city indefinite waits, and often causing them much trouble and great inconvenience. We did not fully appreciate the merits in such complaints until last Sunday, when The Times editor arrived at that point and found no car in waiting to bring passengers to this city. Having no chauffeur in waiting for us—in fact not even possessing an auto—we were compelled to await, with several others, the coming of the car, which made its appearance in about an hour, permitting several dinners to grow cold and stale.

But this question of delayed car service, especially at the DeLassus end of the line, is not only a hardship to passengers to this place, but it works a very great injustice to Farmington. The Iron Mountain train was not more than fifteen minutes late Sunday, and yet all passengers to this place were compelled to wait one hour for a car, the one having brought passengers to

DeLassus having immediately returned to Farmington, and perhaps to Flat River. Older residents have perhaps, in a measure at least, become accustomed to this sort of thing, and are inclined to pass them by as a necessary hardship, which must be endured.

But is it a fact that such inefficient service must be tolerated by the public? If there is no law compelling such public utilities to serve the public to the very best of their ability, then it is certainly time that such a law should be enacted. It is high time that all unusual handicaps should be removed from Farmington, in order that she may be permitted to press forward in the march of progress, as she is bound to do if she is not too greatly retarded by unnatural conditions. The fact that Farmington is slightly removed from the main lines of railroads has its advantages, as well as disadvantages, but there is no question about the fact that good connections should, and must be made, with all passenger trains carrying passengers to this place, if Farmington's best interests are to be served.

## Public Library Is Now Open

Meeting called to order by the President, Present, Mrs. G. E. Scrutchfield, W. L. Johns, Mrs. C. O. Nelson, Barney Peltz and Clyde Morsey.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with instructions, the Library books and all fixtures had been moved from the High School building to the new Library Room in the Tetley building, and that Mayberry, Byington & Tullock did the hauling without charge.

The Treasurer reported that to date he had received from all sources the sum of \$64.63.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that the Library Room had been re-decorated by the McCarthy Lumber and Construction Co.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer be instructed to purchase a suitable minute-book, to be used by the Secretary. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to employ a suitable collector for the purpose of collecting subscriptions to the Library Fund and pay for such services, each month the price of \$1.00 for collecting the subscriptions in the business section, and 3 per cent of the amount collected for collecting the subscriptions in the residence section. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the following bills:

Mr. McKinney, for refreshments served at opening of Library in High School, \$5.00.

Peltz's Book Store, for cards used announcing opening of Library, \$5.00.

McCarthy Lumber and Construction Company, for decorating Library Room.

Farmington News, for stationery.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the rent for the Library Room each month in advance. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Gardner and the Secretary be instructed to have the Library Association incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri. Carried.

The President then appointed the following committees:

Committee to be known as Clipping Bureau, whose duty shall be to clip from newspapers and periodicals other than magazines, articles or dis-

cussions of special value, to be filed in the Library in scrap books or otherwise. The following persons were appointed: Mrs. Theo. Fisher, chairman, Mrs. Barney Peltz, Mrs. M. P. Cayce, Mrs. W. A. Gardner, Mr. W. A. Gardner, Mr. Clyde Morsey.

A committee to be known as Magazine Committee, whose duty it shall be to secure magazines of value for the Library, or to take from such magazines discussions, stories or other articles of special value and bind same in such form and manner as will permit their being filed for reference in the Library. The following persons were appointed: Mrs. Genevieve Logan, Mrs. H. R. Porter, Mrs. Geo. Tetley, Mrs. B. H. Marbury, Mrs. Anna Lloyd, Mrs. J. H. Waide, Mr. Barney Peltz.

Entertainment Committee: Mrs. J. P. Cayce, Mrs. Sam Tetley, E. J. McKinney, Edw. C. Barroll, Fred Karsch and Robert Forsyth.

Motion made and seconded that the Publicity Committee be authorized and instructed to secure a reasonable amount of suitable stationery for the Library. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the President tender the thanks of the Library Association to Mr. Clyde Akers for the donation of a book-shelf, to Miss Gertrude Peltz for the donation of a screen, to Mr. Frank Schaffer for donation of services in hauling book-shelf from Flat River to Farmington, and to Mayberry, Byington & Tullock for donation of services in moving the Library from the High School to the Tetley building. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting adjourn to Tuesday, July 6, at 4:30 p. m. Carried.

MRS. G. E. SCRUTCHFIELD, President.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Warner DuBoise was three years old on Tuesday, May 2, and it was such an important event in his life that he wanted his young friends to enjoy it with him. The little guests were Martha and Morrison Harlan, Eugenia Morris, Janet Weber, Helen Spangh, Stewart Johnson, Anna and William Marbury, Taylor Smith, Leona Miller, DuPuy Cayce, Elizabeth Gould, Louise DuBoise and Emily McKinney.

The table had a cake with the candles burning in honor of Warner's anniversary, and each child had a dainty May basket filled with candy and flowers.

Attorney Francis Benham was in Jefferson City this week in a case before the Supreme Court.

## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

### Mrs. W. M. Acuff of Ste. Genevieve Killed and Mr. Acuff's Leg Broken in Accident Near Farmington

A distressing automobile accident occurred last Sunday morning about a mile from Farmington, on the Flat River road just beyond the County Infirmary, in which Mrs. Katie Acuff was instantly killed, her husband, W. M. Acuff, suffered a broken leg below the left knee, their daughter, Gladys, was considerably bruised but otherwise unharmed, and Miss Lottie Herzog, daughter of Frank Herzog of Ste. Genevieve, suffered a scalp wound about five inches long, exposing the bone but not fracturing the skull. All of them lived in Ste. Genevieve.

It is not clear just how the accident occurred or what caused it. Mr. Acuff, who was a demonstrator of the machine he was driving, had motored over with the party from Ste. Genevieve to Flat River, and they were on their way to Knob Lick, via Farmington, to visit Mr. Acuff's father and take him home with them. At the place where the accident occurred the road coming toward Farmington descends a long steep hill, makes a curve and crosses a creek on a culvert. The machine came down the hill at high speed and was making the curve when, Mr. Acuff says, something went wrong with the steering gear or the wheels, and the machine was overturned, throwing all four of the occupants out and over the side of the road into the ditch. The machine turned a complete somersault lighting right side up on the four and pinning them underneath. Some man, whose name we have failed to learn, was motoring behind them and came up immediately after the accident, tried to lift the machine off of them. In a few minutes sev-

eral men living near the scene of the accident arrived, and the unfortunate people were extricated. They were brought into Farmington and taken to the Hospital, where the injured were looked after by Dr. Watkins.

Relatives of the family at Ste. Genevieve and Knob Lick were notified of the unfortunate occurrence. W. C. Clifford, brother of Mrs. Acuff, and Frank Herzog, father of Miss Lottie, came over from Ste. Genevieve, and Mr. Frederick Acuff of Knob Lick, father of W. M., two sons, T. J. and Patrick Acuff, and daughter, Mrs. Eva Draper, came over from Knob Lick. It was decided to take the body of Mrs. Acuff to Bismarck for interment, but on account of her aged mother who lived with her and is 87 years old and very feeble, they concluded that it should be taken home first, that the venerable mother might have a last look on the face of her unfortunate daughter. So Monday morning they all left, except Mr. Acuff, who on account of his condition was not permitted to go, and made the sorrowful journey to the stricken home in Ste. Genevieve. On Tuesday the body was taken to Bismarck to be laid at rest. The funeral was attended by many relatives and sympathizing friends from Ste. Genevieve, Knob Lick and other points.

W. M. Acuff formerly lived at Bismarck and for a number of years was employed as a brakeman on the Iron Mountain railroad and the Illinois Southern between Bismarck and Ste. Genevieve. After the fire which destroyed the greater part of Bismarck some years ago he removed with his family to Ste. Genevieve where he has since lived.

## County Court Fixes Tax Levy

County Court met in regular session last Monday 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 Wulferf, Clerk.

The court granted permission and franchise to the Missouri Public Utilities Company, its successors and assigns, to erect, maintain and operate and other apparatus, on, along, under, across and over public roads and highways in the county of St. Francois and the streets and alleys in the unincorporated towns and villages thereof for the purpose of operating transmission lines and transmitting thereon electricity for any purpose for which electricity may be required or used.

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

The Collector was instructed to return as erroneous \$400 on the assessment of real estate of W. T. Hayes for years 1915 and 1916; also of John Watkins Doe Run lot, \$265.

C. B. Scott paid school fund mortgage and the Clerk was directed to enter satisfaction on margin of record.

J. C. Alexander paid school fund mortgage and the Clerk was directed to enter satisfaction on margin of record.

Grover C. O'Bannon was loaned \$2,000 of the county school fund on legal real estate and personal security.

## Tax Levy for 1916

The court made the following tax levies: 40 cents on the \$100 valuation for county purposes; 25 cents for county roads; 15 cents for road districts.

It also ordered that the money coming into the county revenue fund be apportioned as follows: road and bridge fund, 10 per cent; grand and petit jury fund, 10 per cent; contingent fund, 20 per cent; pauper and insane fund, 30 per cent; county officers fund, 30 per cent.

Court also ordered that the State Auditor be directed and authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the County Treasurer for the amount of State Aid Road Fund apportioned to St. Francois county for road improvement.

## Road Matters

The court ordered that teams working on public roads be paid from \$3 to \$3.50 per day of 9 hours, and that single hands be paid from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day of 9 hours.

O. A. Smith presented County Treasurer's receipt for \$75 subscribed and donated for an improvement of Elvins and Farmington road, and the court appropriated \$100 additional to be applied to same purpose. Road overseer J. S. West was appointed supervisor of expenditure of same.

In the matter of petition of W. T. O'Neal and others for re-location of road in Randolph township, the right-of-way having been secured the court ordered the road overseer to open and improve the road.

In matter of new road in Perry township petitioned for by A. W. Jackson and others the court directs the Highway Engineer to view, mark out and survey said proposed new road and report at the next regular term of court.

In matter of petition of M. J. Watts and others for relocation of road in Liberty township, the court directs the Highway Engineer to view, mark out and survey said proposed relocation and report at the next regular term.

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The following road petitions were continued to the next regular term of court:

J. H. Cook and others, change of public road.

J. H. Gosson and others, change of public road.

J. H. Gosson and others, new road in Marion township.

J. H. Bremner and others, new road in Liberty township.

A. N. Sherrill and others, new road in Randolph township.

J. D. Huff and others, new road in Pendleton township.

A. H. Cole and others, change of road in Big River township.

Wm. Rosenzweig and others, change of road in Pendleton township.

C. C. Weimer and others, change of road in Pendleton township.

J. D. Huff and others, change of road in Pendleton township.

Warrants Issued

W. N. Bloomfield, relief for months of April and May, \$8; J. Clyde Akers, Superintendent of Schools, month's salary, \$116.65; August Wichman, janitor, month's salary, \$50; Albert Wulferf, County Clerk, fees for April, \$283.30; J. A. Knowles, Circuit Clerk, month's salary, \$166.65; Bessie Brady, Deputy Circuit Clerk, month's salary, \$41.65; C. W. Francisco, Highway Engineer, month's salary, \$125; W. T. Hails, County Treasurer, month's salary, \$100; Henry Davis, Prosecuting Attorney, month's salary, \$208.30; C. D. Rodgers, relief of W. N. Rodgers, \$15; O. E. Brooks, relief of Mary E. Politte, \$40; Carr and Thompson, support Cornell sisters, \$25; J. S. Jarnagin, support Rock and Kinney families, \$47.50; D. S. McGlashan, treasurer, support of poor persons at Bonne Terre, \$15; Mrs. F. M. Horton, support poor persons at Flat River, \$25; J. S. Boyer, support of Fritz Miller, \$15; Mrs. Otto Skaggs, support of poor persons at Desloge, \$25; Mrs. Nan Dosing, relief of John Dosing, Jr., \$4; Mrs. Bertha Rougely, support of Thomas Richards, \$5; J. P. Cayce, relief of Sarah Ammonette, \$15; Geo. C. Forster, relief of Fannie Simms, \$5; E. M. Laakman, Infirmary supplies, \$4.05; Morris Bros., Infirmary supplies, \$3.50; J. M. Karsch Shoe Co., shoes for Infirmary, \$3.73; Union Bakery, Infirmary supplies, \$3.25; A. C. Boyd, Infirmary supplies, \$16.60; B. L. Morris, cow for Infirmary, \$85; Klein Grocer Co., Infirmary supplies, \$15.37; Schramm B. & I. Mfg. Co., coal for Infirmary, \$14; Mayberry, Byington & Tullock, putting up sign for Board of Health at Flat River, \$4; J. Clyde Akers, postage, \$7.15; Missouri Reformatory, support of boys at school, \$120; Dr. F. S. Weber, services to Board of Health, \$4.50; A. C. Boyd, court house supplies, \$1.80; Grover C. O'Bannon, school loan, \$2,000; Albert Wulferf, making out financial statement, etc., \$107.35; Bonne Terre Register, printing Circuit Court Docket, \$38.50.

The case of the State vs. John McBrien on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and taken to Ste. Genevieve county on a change of venue, was called in the Circuit Court there on Tuesday of last week, and on motion of the State was dismissed.

## FARMINGTON GETS NEXT

### S. E. MO. PRESS ASSOCIATION

### DeSoto Contributed Much to Success of the Meeting at That Place

### Last Week

The annual meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press Association, which was held in DeSoto last Friday and Saturday, was perhaps the most successful and enjoyable that Association has ever held. All who attended were unanimous in the opinion that DeSoto is a good old town, filled with clever and hospitable people, and all present were apparently delighted that they had the pleasure of such an enjoyable outing. In fact that gathering instilled new life and renewed vigor into the Association, which for some years past has been somewhat lacking in preparation and enthusiasm.

Farmington was successful in securing the next annual meeting of the Association, winning on the first ballot over two competitors—Fredericktown and Dexter. Farmington was put in nomination by the retiring president, Harry Denman, of the Farmington News, and the splendid vote she received makes it incumbent upon every good citizen of this city to see to it that there is no lax in bringing forward the many good things promised the press gang when they meet here next year. But there is no doubt, we believe, that Farmington will make good—and abundantly—every assurance Mr. Denman gave to secure this gathering, the splendid handling of which will mean so much for the reputation of this city, which is already noted for its splendid ability to entertain. But more of this later.

Every session of the meeting in DeSoto, which was ably presided over by President Denman, was full of interest to every newspaper man. Many splendid papers were read, some of which we hope to be able to present to Times readers soon. The meetings were held in the Elks Club Rooms, a large and splendidly arranged second floor space. Charley Mitchell, editor of the Press of that city, was always within calling distance, ready to furnish anything not plainly in sight. Bro. Mitchell is also postmaster, being in charge of the splendid new government building there, which is the finest structure in that city. In fact, we do not see how DeSoto could keep up its various enterprises were

it not for Mitchell, who was by long odds the busiest man we saw there. It is true we saw many busy men there, but only one Mitchell.

Practically the whole of DeSoto's business section lays along a single street, paralleling the Iron Mountain railroad, for a distance of about a half mile, built compactly and filled with up-to-date businesses. Here also are to be found "several reasons." DeSoto was primarily a railroad town, and still has extensive yards and shops of the Iron Mountain, which employs several hundred men. A branch of the Peters Shoe Factory is also located there, which employs several scores of men, and adds very materially to the pay roll. It also has considerable good farming territory to draw trade from, and keeps up a very creditable fair, on a strictly mutual plan. This fair has been in successful operation for the past seven years, and is now regarded as a formidable asset to the town.

The residence portion can scarcely be seen from the business street, but a closer inspection discloses many splendid and commodious residences, in the midst of well kept lawns, making really ideal surroundings. The splendidly improved and well kept streets also add much to the beauty of the surroundings. Neither can the extent of the residence portion be fully realized until a trip through that section has been made. Such a trip brings the conviction that DeSoto is really a splendid residence city.

Saturday afternoon an automobile trip was made to the county seat of Hillsboro, when a comparatively few of the editorial party who still remained were taken on that delightful drive. Hillsboro is indeed a quaint little town, with a court house, which is the principal thing to be seen there, aside from its hospitable population, though it has two very creditable newspapers. This trip was a fitting finale of a most enjoyable meeting, giving, as it did, the party a bird's eye view of some of the hills and vales of Jefferson county, which has but recently come into most favorable notice by voting a \$500,000 bond issue for the building of bridges and permanent good roads.

## 7,000 MINERS MADE GLAD

### All St. Francois Lead Companies Give Men 30 Per Cent Bonus Raise

Bonne Terre, May 3.—Payment to the day of an additional 10 per cent bonus by the mining companies added to the 20 per cent bonus already being paid, marks the high tide of mine wages in the St. Francois county Lead Belt. The operating companies are St. Joe Lead, Desloge Consolidated, Doe Run Lead, Federal Lead, St. Louis Smelting and Refining and Baker Lead companies. The bonus is paid every pay day, together with the regular pay check.

The first bonus was paid last June, it being 10 per cent. In February the bonus check was raised to 20 per cent and the present bonus makes it 30 per cent. More than 7,000 men are affected.

The extra money is being spent with a lavish hand, many men taking

the opportunity to buy homes. The Doe Run Lead Co. at Flat River is putting up a big power plant to furnish electricity for the entire Lead Belt. The Federal at Flat River, is building a new lead mill and the Baker Lead, at Elvins, is sinking a new shaft and putting up a plant.

Labor of all kinds is hard to get and in greater demand than at any time in the history of the county. Monday the foreigners at Doe Run shafts 1, 3 and 4 went on strike and caused a partial close-down for lack of shovelers. They demanded a raise in pay from \$2.40 to \$3.50 without any bonus, and a reduction of the minimum requirement of 22 cars of rock per day to 20 cars. All shafts except No. 1 had enough shovelers tonight.

## MANY THANKS

Prof. G. W. Moothart, of the Ozark Business College, yesterday paid The Times the following compliment, which we highly appreciate: "Permit me to compliment you and your able staff for giving to the citizens of this county in general, such a pure, unflinching exposition of Democratic doctrine. Keep up the good work and The Times will play a very important factor this fall in landing candidates on the right side of victory."

## ANOTHER NICE BUNCH

Though the weather conditions the past week have been generally gloomy, The Times has no reason to complain of a lack on the part of the people in handing in new and renewal subscriptions, indicating that they are able to overcome depressing weather in order to get the news—also that they know where the news is to be secured.

New subscribers—Dennis Herbst, Route 4, Farmington; T. V. Brown, Farmington; A. I. Schell of Bonne Terre; Hon. John M. Atkinson of Jefferson City; A. B. Horton of Harcaneum; Joel White of Howe Cave, Ky.; Mrs. James Wescot of Kowancee, and Geo. H. Middlecamp of Hawk Point.

Renewals—Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Route 1; W. B. Williams, Route 4; L. Duval, Route 6; M. L. Clardy, and Dr. P. J. Cannon, all of Farmington; Samuel Painter of Bismarck; T. W. Barnes of Fredericktown; W. H. Smith of Desloge; J. F. Parker of Hillsboro, and E. H. Cole of Blackwell.

## CUNNINGHAM SECURES

### JUDGMENT AGAINST ELVINS

At the May term of the St. Francois County Circuit Court George B. Cunningham filed suit against Politte Elvins for balance due under contract. After two continuances Mr. Elvins took a change of venue to Iron county, where the case was tried last week, resulting in a judgment for Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham contracted to drill a well for Mr. Elvins. After drilling the well 576 feet Mr. Elvins paid him \$720 but refused to pay a claimed balance of \$349.50. Mr. Cunningham claimed that the contract was for \$1.25 per foot for the first 100 feet and 25 cents per foot raise for each extra hundred feet. Mr. Elvins claimed that the well was crooked, by reason of which he had been damaged \$607, and which he asked for in a counter claim.

Many witnesses were compelled to be in Ironton three days, and when the jury reached the case on Saturday afternoon it took them but twenty minutes to decide in favor of Mr. Cunningham, who was represented by Attorneys Francis A. Benham of Farmington, Francis A. Benham of Ironton, Mr. Elvins was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Henry Davis, assisted by Edgar & Edgar of Ironton.

Oscar L. Hille and Co. have bought the small brick building next to the St. Francois Hotel, recently purchased by J. C. Williams of Thomas Taft, and are having it remodeled and fitted up for an up-to-date real estate abstract and insurance office.