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## Farmington Loyalty Club

A meeting called by the promoters of a loyalty club was held at the Court House last Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. The meeting was called to order by former Mayor E. J. McKinney, who stated the object of the meeting. An organization was effected by the election of Mr. McKinney as President by unanimous consent on the nomination of former Prosecuting Attorney Henry Davis. This was followed by the election of Mrs. Edward A. Rozier for Vice President, Mrs. Genevieve F. Logan, Secretary, and M. P. Cayce, Treasurer.

The signatures and subscriptions amounting to about \$113 for the purpose of buying an electric flag had previously been secured through the efforts of Mrs. Rozier, Mrs. Logan and Miss Lavinia Rozier, and these are all members of the club. A list of their names, to which others are expected to be added, may be found on page three.

On motion the chairman of the meeting appointed the following committees: O. W. Bleack, Mrs. M. P. Cayce and Mrs. Genevieve F. Logan, to decide upon the location for the electric flag, and Mrs. J. J. Roberts, Miss Lavinia Rozier and Mrs. Logan, to arrange for a moving picture show at the Monarch Theatre, the proceeds of which will be added to the flag fund.

The purpose of the Loyalty Club is to promote a spirit of patriotism and loyalty; to aid in whatever way they may the successful prosecution of the government in the war with Germany; to encourage volunteers for the Red Cross Infirmary Corps of the Army, and to uphold in every way in their power the government in the grave situation which confronts it.

## Several More

The following new and renewal subscriptions to The Times have come in the past week:

New Subscribers—R. V. Tillman and C. A. Kollmeyer of Farmington, A. J. Castleton of St. Louis, W. H. Andrews of Bonne Terre, Virgil E. O'Bannon of Cape Girardeau, W. L. Dunn of Marble Hill, Mrs. P. D. Giesing of Farmington.

Renewals—Roy Gruner of Route 6, and J. J. Croke of Farmington, John Cape of Desloge, F. W. Martin of Flat River, C. F. Whitener of Knob Lick, G. G. Bolch of Cabool, St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. of St. Francois.

## SWOPE REVIVAL A SUCCESS

Evangelist Swope has finished the third week of his meeting in Flat River and has had in the neighborhood of 100 conversions. The attendance and interest taken in the meeting has been good all the time. The Sunday afternoon lecture on Knowledge and Courage was appreciated by a large audience. He has been handling the booze question without gloves. Rev. S. A. Bennett of Elvins and Mrs. Helen Davis of St. Clair, Mo., have been pleasing the audiences with excellent song numbers. 63 persons have given their names for membership in the M. E. Church, South.

## Prepare War Crops

A. I. Foard attended the food conference in Jefferson City Monday and carried out the program in this county which was adopted as nearly as possible. He requests the co-operation of all the business men in carrying out this work in the county. Prof. J. Clyde Akers, the County Superintendent of Schools, and all the teachers in the county are working in co-operation on the food crop program, which is outlined by our State Agricultural College. Mr. Akers and the entire teaching force in the county are doing everything they can to promote this work. All high school boys in the county have been dismissed to go on the farm. This makes available quite a number of farm hands, which should be a great benefit to the farmers in solving their labor problems.

## KILLED BY TRAIN

Thomas Langley of Flat River was killed by a work train on the M. R. & B. T. railroad last Sunday about noon between Elvins and Doe Run Shaft No. 3. It seems that Langley, who had been drinking, lay down on the side of the track with his head near the rail and went to sleep. The train was backing into Elvins, the conductor and brakeman both standing on the rear end of the caboose. They saw something which they took to be a pile of cinders, and on getting closer discovered that it was a man, but too late to check the train. Langley's head was caught between the boxing of the rear wheel of the caboose and a tie, and then in some way between the wheel and brake, in which position he was dragged sixty or 80 feet before the train could be stopped. He was placed in the caboose and taken back to Rivermines, where he died in about two hours from his injuries.

Langley was well known in the Lead Belt, having worked about the mines of Doe Run and Flat River for a good many years. He was 41 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children to mourn his untimely and violent death. Funeral services were held at the Flat River Baptist church on Monday by Rev. Mr. Carmichael, and his body was taken to Doe Run for interment.

## AUTO WRECK

The Dodge touring car belonging to A. Levy of Herculaneum and a Ford touring car belonging to the Doe Run Lead Co., occupied by three boys, run together near the Ashburn crossing Sunday afternoon. The driver of the Dodge car lost control, hitting the Ford, tearing both rear wheels off. The Dodge was slightly damaged. No one was injured but considerably shaken up.

## IN THE MARINES

Frank Tucker, Virgil Gale and Fred Ashlock went to St. Louis a few days ago and passed the physical examination for the U. S. Marines. They all left yesterday for Port Royal, South Carolina, where they will receive their training. All three of these boys are well known and highly respected young men, and have the best wishes of their many friends that they will make good in the service of Uncle Sam.

## Lead Companies and Board of Appeals Reach Satisfactory Compromise

The Board of Equalization met last Monday as a Board of Appeals to hear such complaints as might be presented against the increase made in the assessment on certain properties of the county. The raise in the assessment of the mining properties amounted to \$3,441,000, and this matter was taken up by the Board of Appeals with some of the officials of the lead companies. The companies recognized the justice of the Board of Equalization in increasing their assessments, and were prepared to acquiesce in such action, but it was suggested by them that the raise was somewhat higher than they expected. The representatives of the companies had a proposition to make to the board, and it was so conciliatory and liberal in its nature that they and the board had no trouble in reaching an agreement.

The plan proposed by the companies was that they would pay off the floating road debt of the county, amounting to about \$22,000, which sum was deposited in the Bank of Farmington subject to the order of the County Court, on condition that the board make a reduction of 60 per cent on the more than three millions increase, bringing it down to \$1,377,000. This arrangement was made, and following is the way it will work out, which will at a glance be seen to be favorable to the county.

The increase of \$3,441,000 in the companies' assessments is reduced to \$1,337,000, which will bring into the general county and road revenue funds an additional \$10,377. The companies pay off the county road fund indebtedness amounting to \$22,000, money for which is already in the bank. The outstanding warrants for this amount bear six per cent interest, some of them of a year's standing. By this arrangement the interest on these floating warrants is stopped and the debt wiped out, so that the County Court begins the current year free of debt and in a shape to use the incoming revenue for

present and future work on the roads instead of using it to pay outstanding warrants and incurring other liabilities in road improvement.

By the board adhering to the \$3,000,000 and over raise, the general county and road revenue funds would have received in additional taxes \$25,813.20. By reducing this raise 60 per cent, or to \$1,377,000, the county and road revenue funds will receive an additional tax of \$10,337, which, added to the \$22,000 that the companies pay to liquidate the outstanding warrants, virtually makes an additional tax of \$32,337 which the companies will pay for 1917, or \$6,523.80 more than they would have paid if the board had insisted on the \$3,441,000 increased assessment.

Before the action of the Board of Equalization in raising the assessments of the companies, Assessor Wells in his assessment returns had already increased their assessments something over a million, which, added to the board's increase as reduced by the Board of Appeals of \$1,337,000, makes an increase of \$2,337,000 more than their assessments for 1916 on which they will pay taxes this year. This not only brings a large additional revenue to the county and road funds, but the companies will pay an additional school tax on their increased assessments, which will give the school districts in which their properties are located a much larger revenue for school purposes.

The Board of Appeals, which is composed of the three County Court Judges, C. I. Garrett, W. A. Mitchell and F. M. Matkin, and Assessor L. O. Wells and County Surveyor T. H. Holman, are to be commended for the manner in which this work has been accomplished, and Mr. Wells especially for his very efficient assessment of the county; but no less to be commended is the liberal public spirit manifested by the companies in meeting the board more than half way in its purpose to provide the necessary revenue for better roads and other improvements.

## VERDICT OF LOWER COURT SUSTAINED

This suit was filed during the May term, 1915, by Cunningham against Elvins for a balance, \$349.50, which plaintiff claimed was due him for drilling a well on the defendant's property in Elvins, this county. After two or three continuances in the St. Francois county court, defendant then took a change of venue to Iron county, where it was tried last May, resulting in a verdict for plaintiff. The defendant then appealed to the Springfield Court of Appeals, and said cause was decided this week in favor of plaintiff, Cunningham.

Cunningham was represented by Francis A. Benham of this city and defendant by Henry Davis, and Edgar & Edgar of Ironton.

## Piano Tuning

R. W. Voorhees of St. Louis is in town tuning pianos. A card dropped at the Farmington Post Office will receive prompt attention, or phone 408.

## MIAMI LEAD AND ZINC MEN REFUSE \$965,000 FOR LAND

An offer by an Eastern syndicate of \$965,000 for lead and zinc lands at Miami, Okla., was refused yesterday following a conference at the American Hotel, according to J. C. Watson and B. H. Marbury of Farmington, Mo., who represented their own interests and those of others.

The land is in a new lead and zinc district, which is only about thirty miles from Joplin. Watson says that Miami now has a population of 10,000, has a jitney line to Joplin, and prospects are so good there that land owners do not want to sell. Fifty men from the St. Francois lead belt have gone there.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## THE BEST YET

Geo. K. Williams, we are told, received a telegram Tuesday from his son, Naive, at Miami, that the Golden Rod Mining Company, in a 24-hour run, made 60 tons of concentrates. Mr. Williams and his associates in the mining business have good reason to be jubilant over such reports.

## Preparedness

A County Food Conference will meet at the Court House in Farmington on next Wednesday, May 2. Delegates to this conference have already been selected from the various school districts throughout the county for the purpose of attending this meeting. Similar conferences are being held throughout Missouri, under the auspices of the State Agricultural College, with the co-operation of the County Agricultural Agent and the County Superintendent of Schools.

It is earnestly desired that all business men, bankers and commercial clubs be represented, as it will be a part of the purpose of this meeting to hear what the different communities in the county can and will do in this great national crisis. All are invited to attend this meeting, and the delegates particularly are expected to be in their places.

## "CIVILIZATION," A STUPENDOUS PRODUCTION

Clipping from Kansas City Star. It was not so very long ago that people marveled at the "stupendous" scenic production of "Ben Hur" and speculated on the tremendous amount of labor, thought and money it must have required to bring such a thing about.

That was before the days of movies. Old scenic marvels pale beside "Civilization."

Today in such films as "Intolerance," "The Birth of a Nation" and "Civilization," now coming to the Monarch, the whole of "Ben Hur" rolled into one would just about suffice for one scene! And this is no exaggeration. The films speak for themselves.

Take the modern battle scene in "Civilization" for instance. The "tanks," big guns, the uniforms, the shells, must at least seem real to be convincing. And all this expense and energy to paint a few feet of film, a like preparation for a few feet more—and the film runs more than two hours! For the battle ship scene the co-operation of the government had to be secured, and Mr. Ince got the use of two battle ships, two torpedo boat destroyers, one cruiser and two submarines. The battle lasted twenty-seven minutes. About 1,200 shots were fired and a discarded vessel blown up. For all this Mr. Ince had to pay. Then the scene shifts to the sinking of the Lusitania. An ocean liner was chartered to give realism. The panic-stricken people are seen fighting with each other on the deck; the life boats fail to work, throwing hundreds into the water; others are launched and meet with the same fate—and so forth until the vividness of the thing makes one cold with horror. And that is only one more scene, with a score of like magnitude to follow.

Poor old "Ben Hur." A view of "Civilization" or one of the other big films makes "Ben Hur" seem like a mechanical toy.

## OSARK RESORT OPENS

Iron Mountain, Mo., April 22.—Today witnessed the opening of the noted lake summer resort. Three hundred and sixty-five automobiles were there, conveying over 1,000 people, among them many St. Louisans. Much work is being done to make this the most attractive summer resort in the Ozarks.

## Your Country is Calling You

There are undoubtedly a number of young men in Farmington and vicinity who would be willing to enlist for service in the army or navy at this time, when there is such an apparent need for such service. They perhaps have been holding back for various reasons. Surely there is as much patriotism in this section of the country, under similar conditions, as there is in any other part of the country. But the very small ratio of enlistments that have been made in the St. Louis district, which includes practically all of Missouri, does not speak well for this State. The country is now in a state of war, and whether or not you believe in warfare ordinarily, it is your duty, as a loyal citizen, to come to the aid of your government in her present need. The stigma of lack of loyalty must not be permitted to rest against our State.

Any young man desiring to take the physical examination for enlistment, for which he must go to St. Louis, will be provided with the necessary funds for the trip, if he does not have the money, by applying to the Loyalty Club of Farmington, of which E. J. McKinney is president. Do not delay. Your country calls you now, in a worthy cause.

## NO REFLECTION INTENDED

W. H. Bess, the genial and efficient agent of the Farmington station of the M. R. & B. T. railroad, feels that our article of last week, "Why Not a Telegraph Office in Farmington?" reflected in some way on him. It was not so intended, and The Times in no way had him in mind. The custom of delivering telegrams referred to had long been practiced before Mr. Bess was stationed here, and had come to be considered a matter of course. That no closed booth for telephoning is furnished is in no way his fault. What we wanted to impress upon the telegraph companies was, that with the amount of business they get from Farmington, they ought to provide some better means for the accommodation of patrons. Mr. Bess is not only an efficient agent, but his pleasant and accommodating manner is recognized and appreciated by all who have business with him.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

The store, bakery and meat shop of Bojin Nikola and two tenement houses belonging to the Federal Lead Co., at Federal Shaft No. 6, known as Hungarian town, were destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Mr. Nikola had just installed about \$1,000 worth of machinery in his bakery department. His loss is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000, on which there was only \$800 insurance.

The second story of the store and bakery building was used as a rooming house, and a man who occupied one of the rooms built a fire in the stove and then went out to work in his garden. A short time afterwards his room was discovered to be on fire and so far advanced that it could not be extinguished owing to the poor facilities for fighting the fire. Very little of anything was saved from the store and bakery, but considerable of the furniture from the two tenement houses was removed.

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