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Uncle John's Ash

TOO MANY MEN LOVE
THEIR AUTOS MORE
THAN THEY LOVE
THEIR WIVES.



DON'T CRY LITTLE ONES.

Judging from the Marble Hill Press of last week, some of the citizens of that place seem to be "boiling over" with indignation over the fact that Farmington has entered a friendly bid for the securing of the Will Mayfield College in case it should be determined to move that institution to some other location. Authoritative information has reached the Farmington Chamber of Commerce that such a change was contemplated. In fact that such a course had been practically decided upon, and the local organization had really been solicited to make an offer for the institution, provided this city was desirous of securing it. This city has a splendid school property, not now in use, and worth at least \$90,000, which they have offered to the Will Mayfield College at a very nominal price.

This is all there is to the proposition, so far as Farmington is concerned, and the outbursts of wrath in the Press last week certainly indicates that the writers of those various "disclosures" in regard to Farmington must have been considerably "het up" before this city's fair and open proposal was received. No, little ones, we are not trying to steal your "candy."

"HOW HAVE THE MIGHTY FALLEN?"

Some days ago it was stated in this paper that J. Kelly Pool of the State Prison Board had succeeded with Governor Hyde in having his meal ticket renewed for the present administration. Few Democrats who know Mr. Pool quite well were surprised. Mr. Pool is always doing or thinking up some great statesman-like stunt, and in all that he does he never overlooks the fact of his own existence on earth. It is related that only recently Mr. Pool discovered a great act to reform. In his office at the State capitol a large picture of Woodrow Wilson had adorned the wall as long as Mr. Pool was drawing money from the State on the theory that he was a Democrat of Democrats. The other day, perhaps after Governor Hyde had told him that he would be reappointed, Mr. Pool removed, or caused to have removed, the picture of the late Democratic President and in its place he hung a large picture of Governor Hyde. It is great deeds like this that have convinced Governor Hyde that Mr. Pool is an unselfish statesman and one who will never his connections with the State treasury as long as he can help it.—Jefferson City Democrat-Tribune.

THE REFERENDUM

The Republicans in the Missouri legislature, led by "Caar" Lloyd, believed themselves cunning and resourceful in their legislation affecting matters of a political character. They believed they had laid the groundwork of a machine which would encompass all Missouri and enable them to control the state indefinitely. They knew that if they ever got this legislation

into effect, it might not be repealed for years, because they depended upon the state officers to do exactly what they did do, gerrymander the state so that a Democratic State Senate could never be elected in Missouri without a political revolution. Hence the only thing they feared was the submission of the bills in question to the referendum. That is the reason they are exerting every possible effort to seduce Democrats and lead them to believe that it would be better for the Democrats to let the bills go into effect. "If they are bad bills," they whispered into Democratic ears, "the people will find it out and turn the Republicans out of office." Some few Democrats swallowed this plausible, but poisonous, bait, because very few had given serious consideration to the exact situation.

If the bills proposed to be submitted to the referendum go into effect, they may not be repealed in twenty years, regardless of what the people think of them, because the senatorial gerrymander is the finishing touch in a sweeping plan to destroy the Democratic party in this state.

This is worth your serious thought, fellow-Democrats; you cannot afford to play the Republican game, without scuttling the Democratic ship for all time.

Suppose the judicial gerrymander goes into effect, regardless of its inequities? It means partisan control of the state's judiciary indefinitely. It means vastly more than merely legislating Democratic judges, elected by the people, out of office.

Suppose the Kansas City courts bill becomes effective? It gives the Jackson county Republicans, with the "boss element on top," control over the minor courts of Jackson county, with a multitude of patronage and power, indefinitely, regardless of the fact that the people of Jackson county elected the men who are to be driven from office, and the selections of the Governor put in their places.

Suppose the budget bill becomes effective, with its autocratic and arbitrary powers over all state expenditures, and control for one man over all state contracts and state purchases? It means "slush funds," that is what it means, "slush funds" for the Republican party. The Governor intends to appoint Dr. C. M. LeBow of Kansas City Budget Commissioner—this is an open secret. This crafty gentleman is an expert campaign fund raiser. He was and is a political and personal satellite of Walter S. Dickey. He raised \$125,000 of the tremendous sum raised by Dickey and his crowd last year, for the purpose of electing Hyde and his ticket. Do you want this man to control all state contracts? Do you want him put into a position where he can follow the method of the St. Louis machine and go about the state, holding up every man who sells anything to the state for ten per cent, for the use and benefit of the Republican party? Of course you do not, but that is what is going to happen. And this bill will not be repealed so long as the republicans can hold power, and they figure they can hold power as long as this bill enables them to sandbag the state for campaign funds! This is not an idle dream, but a plain fact.

Suppose the agricultural, labor and public welfare consolidation bills go into effect? They will add a million dollars to the cost of the state government every two years. They will turn over to a partisan commissioner, appointed by Hyde, all of the agricultural activities of the state, including the state fair; they will convert into a political machine of vast proportions an army of state employees, inspectors and agents, with appropriations so large that it may be almost doubled in the next two years, all for the purpose of ham-stringing the Democratic party and driving it from any possible position of strength.

Why should we wait until everybody finds out what these bills mean, before we begin the fight upon them? If we do, we will be in the situation of a man who has taken a deadly poison, with no antidote in sight or reach. Shall we do it? Your answer will come, when you decide what to do with that referendum petition you have in your possession, Mr. Democratic Committeeman and Madam Democratic Committeeman. If you want to live with hopes of Democratic victory in Missouri, without being throttled by a mortal strangle-hold, manipulated by such experts as Hiram Lloyd, Walter Dickey, and the like, you will carry the petitions to your neighbors and secure the necessary signatures.

Why wait? If they are good bills—and we know they are not—let us take the matter to the people, and let the next eighteen months in the legislature, led by "Caar" Lloyd, bring them, the people will know what they are doing, and if they are bad bills—and we know they are—we can defeat them by an aggressive fight, through the referendum, and we would be a set of political potrooms of the cheapest type, if we failed to avail ourselves of this opportunity to defeat them.

Whether they are good or bad, if they go into effect, they will never be repealed without a revolution in Missouri.

Should we, as Democrats, take that chance? No!—State Journal.

"A HOODOOED COON" ONE ENDLESS LAUGH

A well filled house greeted "A Hoodooed Coon" at the Monarch theatre Monday night. This play was given by a number of Bonne Terre's talented young people, assisted by a splendid orchestra from that place, the number totalling about thirty. The play was originally given in the home town, and met with such pronounced favor that it was repeated at Leadwood with splendid success, and its splendid reception here Monday night has determined those at the head of the organization to repeat it at Flat River, Desloge, DeSoto and perhaps in other near-by towns.

The proceeds of this play are for the benefit of the American Legion chapter in Bonne Terre, one of the strongest organizations of soldier boys in this entire district, who contemplate the erection of a community house. The play was one continuous laugh from beginning to end, every part being admirably taken, and the consensus of opinion of those present was that as a joy producer "A Hoodooed Coon" is a pronounced success.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

The regular May term of County Court convened Monday, with Presiding Judge W. A. Mitchell, and Associate Judges J. A. Wampler and W. E. Boyd, in attendance. The following proceedings have been had up to the hour of The Times going to press:

Bids for the custodianship of county moneys were opened, with the following result: The Bank of Farmington's offer was 2 1-2 per cent interest on daily balances; St. Francois County Bank, 2 1-8 per cent; The Farmers' Bank, 2 per cent. The Bank of Farmington being the highest bidder, was selected as such custodian.

Contract made by C. W. Francisco, County Highway Engineer, with Mode Coffman for crushing 2500 cubic yards of rock at \$1.10 per yard for rock, from face of quarry, and \$1.15 for rock from bottom of quarry.

School Fund loan made to Leroy Smith of \$3,000, after his bond, for same had been investigated and approved.

John Young, of Farmington, is appointed a member of the Text Book Commission, to serve for a period of two years.

The following road overseers file their statements: T. H. Weddle, Dist. No. 1, due \$25; D. E. Hall, due \$179.50; J. D. Huff, Dist. No. 8, due \$67.75. The Court went yesterday to Klob's ford, on Doe Run creek, where considerable damage was done by recent high water, to see what could be done in regard to future protection of that community from floods.

MRS. LUKE HIGHLEY

This good woman was called to her eternal reward Monday, May 2nd, from her home a mile northwest of this city, after a protracted illness of diabetes. She had been brought home two days preceding her death from St. Louis, where she had been for treatment. She was 59 years of age. Deceased spent her entire life in the same neighborhood, having been born on the farm where she died. She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn for her. Interment will be made this morning in the Masonic cemetery.

ESTHER

Carl Hansen spent part of last week at Marquand visiting relatives. Miss Ina Cole spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Lutesville. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheesbrough and Mr. Rudolph spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield. Miss Clara Rosenstengel spent the week-end with her parents at Doe Run. Miss Eva Fowler spent Thursday night with Miss Doris Swink, of Farmington. Miss Cynthia Gruner spent Friday night with her niece, Mrs. Boyd, of Flat River. The grade Operaetta given at the school Saturday night was a success. The proceeds were \$22.90. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Miss Nellie Humphrey spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Humphrey, of Irondale. The following teachers and people attended the County Declamatory contest Thursday night at Farmington: Supt. D. E. Abernathy, Misses Nellie Humphrey, Doris and Alma Swink, Cynthia Gruner, Effie Sullivan, Clara Rosenstengel, Naomi Lewis and J. W. Young, A. M. Hoy, Misses Nellie and Eva Fowler. The Esther school was represented by Eva Fowler, who gave the reading: "Pat O'Connor." Miss Cynthia Gruner visited friends in Farmington Saturday and Sunday. Misses Pattie Matkin and Virginia Matkin of Flat River, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen Sunday. Mrs. A. M. Hoy entertained with a room party Wednesday evening. The guests were: Misses Janie Cain, Effie Sullivan, Clara Rosenstengel and Edythe Backler; Messrs. Lee Stanfield and Leslie Center. Refreshments of fruit and candy were served. All report a good time. Supt. D. E. Abernathy, Misses Nel-

lie Humphrey, Clara Rosenstengel, Effie Sullivan, Cynthia Gruner, Mona Lewis and Doris Swink, teachers in the Esther school, attended the County Musical contest at Flat River Friday night.

Miss Ollie Porterfield visited her parents at Bonne Terre the past week-end.

Miss LaVada Humphrey, of Irondale, and Mrs. L. Blackwell, of Desloge, and Mrs. J. McKnight, of Mitchell, visited Miss Nelle Humphrey Friday.

Several teachers and people from here attended the County Field and Track meet at Flat River Saturday. Esther school was represented and won a few second and third places in the meet.

Mr. Boyle moved his family from here into the country. We are sorry to lose them from our midst.

FLAT RIVER

The St. Francois County Track Meet was held at Flat River Saturday. Desloge, Bismarck, Esther and Flat River were the only teams that entered. Both cups, the track and the relay, were won by Flat River. Flat River took first place with 55 points, Desloge second with 28 points, Bismarck third with 15, and Esther came fourth with 3 points. The Flat River relay race was composed of McAnnally, Haney, Cecil and Newcomb, and was won by sixty yards. Flat River also had about nine 1st place badges to present Monday morning.

Miss Allean Nalle and Tom Johnson were Farmington visitors Thursday.

Jimmy Wall, of Toledo, Ohio, is here visiting friends.

The High School Mixed, and Girls' Quartet are going to Bonne Terre Friday night to sing between the acts of the High School play there.

Saturday night as Mrs. A. C. Williams and her daughter and her sister, another Mrs. Williams, were returning from the picture show, they were run into by Bill Sacks of Desloge, who was also on his way home. As he passed the people walking he also passed a large machine and the spot light was turned in his face, making him unable to see the women, which he knocked down and dragged some distance. Mrs. A. C. Williams was most seriously injured, having a fractured skull. However, she is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Marvin O'Sullivan, of Bonne Terre, was a Flat River visitor Tuesday.

Bill Sacks, of Desloge, was a Flat River visitor Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Haney and little daughter, Ida Mae, visited relatives at Libertyville Friday.

Miss Lola Rodgers is spending this week in Fredericktown and Mine La Motte, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. Keith returned home Tuesday, after spending two weeks in St. Louis with her sister, Mrs. H. Pease, who has been seriously ill.

The Methodist boys base ball team will play Marvin College at Fredericktown Saturday.

The Leadwood, Bonne Terre, Desloge, Esther and Farmington musical contestants were here Friday for the preliminaries. This is the first county musical contest to be held for several years. The results of the contest Friday night were: Chorus—Leadwood 1st; Bonne Terre, 2nd; Girls' Glee Club—Flat River 1st, Leadwood 2nd; Girls' Quartet—Flat River 1st, Leadwood 2nd; Boys' Quartet—Farmington 1st, Flat River 2nd; Orchestra—Leadwood 1st, Farmington 2nd; Violin Solo—Bonne Terre 1st, Farmington 2nd; Piano Solo—Leadwood 1st, Flat River 2nd; Girls' Vocal Solo—Leadwood 1st, Farmington 2nd; Boys' Vocal Solo—Farmington 1st, Leadwood 2nd; Instrumental Solo—Leadwood 1st, Farmington 2nd. Penants and prizes were awarded to the winners. There will be a similar contest next year.

Mrs. Geo. Webb and children, Madeline, John, Roy and Maxine, spent Saturday night in Elvins with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laird.

Misses Louise Lang, Eula Bugg, Leona Radle, Genevieve Antoine and Virginia Morris, of Farmington, were Flat River visitors Friday.

Miss Edith Hammock, who has been attending school at Columbia, returned home this week to spend the summer with her parents.

Geo. Webb spent the latter part of the week on a fishing trip.

Misses Sybil Bowman and Pearl Moon, of Bonne Terre, were Flat River visitors Friday.

Miss Anna McFarland, one of the grade teachers, spent the week-end in Fredericktown with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. White and daughter, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Hester, accompanied by Miss Cora Frakes, attended the St. Francois County Declamatory contest at Farmington Thursday night.

Misses Helen Moran, Lucy Compton and Jessamine Fite, of Bonne Terre attended the Track Meet here Saturday.

Leslie Evans, who is employed by the Doe Run Lead Co., spent the week-end in Farmington with his parents.

D. Hays visited relatives at Marble Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Thelma McCarver returned to her home near Charleston Sunday, after spending a week here with her cousin, Miss Iva Haney.

Misses Golden Ward, Inez Randolph and Myrtle Dixon, of Desloge, were Flat River visitors Friday.

Miss Blanche Mosier, who teaches in Leadwood, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mosier. Miss Blanche will teach the sixth grade here next year.

E. A. Wallace, who has been in Detroit the past year, came here Saturday to seek employment.

Miss Gladys Tolleson, of Leadwood, was a Flat River visitor Friday.

Harry King Denman and Ben Williams, of Farmington, were Flat River visitors Saturday.

Mrs. D. Morgan and little daughter spent Sunday in Doe Run the guests of her mother, Mrs. R. Vaughn.

Frank Murphy, of St. Louis, who spent the week-end in Desloge with his parents, visited friends here Saturday.

Milton Simms and Harry Williams, of Farmington, were Flat River visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Love, of Bismarck, spent Sunday here with their daughter, Mrs. Jim Webb, and family.

The Davis Music Store

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May 8th is the day to surprise her with this Brunswick

Your Mother has heard, no doubt, of the Mothers' Day Club, but she has no idea whether you are one of the members. But a great many Mothers are wondering.

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To take part in the advantages of Mothers' Day Club, the first step is to come in and ascertain the details—the secrets we can't publish. As the time is short, we suggest an early visit.

Davis Music Store

FLAT RIVER

Mrs. Robt. Chapman, of Farmington, visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Schmidt, here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Silsby and daughters, Ila and Florence, have returned to Flat River to reside after an absence of a year, spent in Cardwell, Mo., where Mr. Silsby was in the grocery business.

A sad incident occurred Friday at Esther, when Mrs. Amanda B. Hartzell of that place, who has been making her home with her youngest son, Ollie, for the past three years, shot and killed herself. She placed the muzzle of the revolver in her mouth and discharged it. Her head was completely blown off. She was 51 years old. The funeral was conducted at the Esther Methodist church and the body was taken to the Woodman cemetery for burial.

Mrs. G. Chapman, of St. Louis, visited her sister, Mrs. R. Schmidt, the first of the week.

LIBERTYVILLE

R. L. Allen preached at the Christian church here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, of Flat River, visited the former's brother, Kenneth Burns, and family here last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hicks, of Farmington, spent last Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pressnell.

Chas. P. Dameron and daughter, of Fredericktown, were visitors in this community Friday of last week.

J. E. Burns was a St. Louis visitor the first of this week.

The Christian church at this place will have their annual basket dinner the third Sunday in this month. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Allen, will preach both morning and evening. Everyone is cordially invited to come, bring your dinner and spend the day here on that date.

KNOB LICK

W. C. Wallace, who was reported to be seriously ill the past week, is much improved.

Hazel Wilkerson spent Sunday with Lora Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Bayless, of Desloge, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Inman and daughters, Faye and Audra, of Desloge, spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Inman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wallace.

The public sale given by Ben Nixon last Friday was largely attended.

Pat Acuff, who formerly had employment on the Missouri Illinois Ry., departed the past week to fill a position on this road.

Mrs. Mary Porter, of DeLassus, spent the week-end with friends in Knob Lick.

Mrs. E. C. Nixon, of the Lead Belt, visited last week-end with her sons, Ben Nixon and Webb Matkin.

Miss Maud Sutherland departed Saturday for a two weeks' visit with her uncle, Henry McNeese, and family, of near Womack.

Mrs. E. L. Rodgers and Mrs. R. A. Murphy and little daughter, Rachel, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ben Nixon.

Milton Arnold, who has had employment in St. Louis for some time, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nixon and children will depart soon for St. Louis to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Milne departed Sunday for their home at San Antonio, Texas, after spending the past several weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milne, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kinneman, of Knob Lick.

Thomas Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skinner, of Sycnite, arrived home the past week from New Mexico to spend the summer. He has been located there for the past two years, having employment in the oil district.

Miss Edith Rodgers arrived home Sunday from Ste. Genevieve, where she went about three months ago to fill a vacancy as teacher at that place. Being so well pleased with the location and proving herself competent and entirely satisfactory, she was again selected to fill the position, with an increase in salary, the coming year.

The Libertyville baseball team came over last Sunday to trounce the Knob Lick team, but as usual the Knob Lick team was superior and shut them out with the overwhelming score of 8 to 0. The Knob Lick team would like to book games with strong out-of-town teams. Write to H. N. Thomas, Mgr., Knob Lick, Mo.

PARIS BANS DANCE BUT HAS SHIMMY DRESS



Paris will have nothing to do with our American shimmy dance, but has adopted a shimmy dress, which is sans sleeves.

This new picture from the French style center shows the newest frock worn there, sans sleeves; but the skirt only 12 inches from the ground.