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SENATOR STONE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE & THE WATER WAGON

IN INTERVIEW AT JEFFERSON CITY, UNITED STATES SENATOR SAYS HIS WIFE SILENCED HIS OPPOSITION TO EQUAL RIGHTS

Got on the Water Wagon at the advice of his physician—Says he never expects to take another drink of liquor.

In Jefferson City, this week, Senator William J. Stone made two declarations of a personal nature to a newspaper reporter. They are:

That he has been on the water wagon for more than a year, and that he never expects to take another drink of intoxicating liquor.

That his opposition to woman suffrage has been silenced by Mrs. Stone, who is an ardent suffragist.

Senator Stone said that he mounted the water wagon on the advice of his physician, and also that the limit of his personal indulgence is three cigars a day.

"On this woman suffrage proposition, which is to be voted upon by the people of Missouri this fall," Senator Stone said, "I have an interesting experience to relate."

"Last winter I was reading to my wife the story of the hike of the militant suffragists from New York to Washington. Small boys, it appears had been pelting the suffragists with snowballs as they tramped on to Washington."

AMERICANS IN FRANCE HAVE JOINED ARMY.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The Stars and Stripes were seen on the streets of Paris today alongside the French tricolor, when the corps of American volunteers, 200 strong, marched through the city to the St. Lazare railroad station to take a train for Rouen, where they will be drilled under French officers. Among the American volunteers are many young men who have been studying in Paris.

DR. SNEED, FORMER MEXICAN, SUES FOR DIVORCE, COLUMBIA

ALLEGES HIS WIFE IS EXTRAVAGANT, THAT SHE WON'T LIVE IN MISSOURI AND SHE WILL TEACH CHILD TO HATE AMERICAN FLAG

Mrs. Sneed was daughter of Wealthy Canadian and Social Leader in Montreal—Met on board ship en route to Europe.

Dr. Carl M. Sneed of Columbia, Monday filed suit for divorce against his wife, Kathryn R. Sneed, whom he married at Montreal, Canada, on April 20, 1910.

Dr. Sneed alleges in his petition that his wife was extravagant, that she would not live in Missouri and that she told him that she would teach her child to hate the American flag.

"Mrs. Stone remarked that she thought such methods of campaign were ridiculous. I asked her if she did not think the whole suffrage proposition was ridiculous. These militants in England and New York had given me a sort of bad impression of the whole suffrage movement."

"I do not, my wife replied. 'I believe in woman suffrage. I am a suffragist.'"

"I was never more astonished in my life," "Well, my dear," I said, "you certainly have put me over on me. How long have you been a suffragist?" "She replied that she had been a suffragist for a long time, and she made such an effective argument in favor of suffrage that my opposition has been entirely silenced."

COUNCIL HAS VERY QUIET MEETING; LITTLE BUSINESS

MR. PRATT OF STREET AND ALLEY COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG RINGO ALLEY WOULD REPAVE

No proposition from the light company as yet—Bills to amount of \$127 allowed—Walks ordered built.

It was a quiet night for the City Council, Monday evening, and very little business of importance was transacted.

Mr. Lewis, of the Claims Committee, reported bills to the amount of \$127 which were allowed.

Mr. Pratt, chairman of the Street and Alley Committee, occupied the most of the meeting with reports on various matters turned over to his committee. He said the property owners along the Ringo alley were willing to pave and the work would be started soon probably. He asked for more time on the matter of a park along the west side of W. H. Park.

He said his committee recommended a walk be built along Gus Steinman's property on West Promenade St. He also asked that the letting of the contract for the Jordan walk be postponed.

Mr. Witherspoon, of the Light Committee, said his committee had been unable to see the Mexico Power Co. in regard to a lighting proposition and the matter would have to be held up for a while.

A resolution to construct a walk along the property of W. L. Kent on North Washington St. was adopted. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Wood and Mayor J. W. Dry presided.

THE TWO PRIMARY REASONS WHY THE ALLIES FAILED.

There are two primary reasons why the offensive movement of the allies in Southern Belgium failed: The nature of the ground and the fall of Namur. The allies used three armies for their operations. Two advanced on the Ardennes, one from the north-west and the other from the south while the third army moved in the angle of the Meuse and Sambre rivers, extending south-west from Namur.

The Ardennes is a thickly wooded and hilly district, crossed by many streams. The advantage to the defenders is enormous, and this fact is sufficient in itself to account for the German success against the two French armies.

POPULAR GOVERNMENT LEAGUE BEGINS FALL CAMPAIGN

ORGANIZATION OF WHICH DR. J. W. MILLION IS VICE-PRESIDENT WILL WORK FOR HOME RULE FOR CITIES, COUNTIES AND TOWNS

Will also push calling of Constitutional convention for revision of State Constitution to include the short ballot.

Plans were completed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Missouri Popular Government League, held at Jefferson City last Friday, for a vigorous campaign in the interests of legislative measures advocated by the league, this fall.

Dr. J. W. Million in vice-president of the League. Measures which the League will push at the coming session of the state legislature include the following:

Home rule for cities, counties and towns, with the initiative and referendum. A recall, applicable to all elective officials in the state. The calling of a constitutional convention and the revision of the state constitution so as to embody the short ballot principle and provide a more effective and less expensive form of government.

The nonpartisan selection of judges. The compulsory opening of all schoolhouses for the use of the people as social and civic centers. A publicity pamphlet to be printed by the state and mailed to all voters, giving the full text of all measures submitted to the vote of the people, with arguments for and against each.

CHAUTAQUA FOR NEXT YEAR GUARANTEED EASILY

NO TROUBLE EXPERIENCED IN SECURING SIGNERS FOR THE GUARANTEE AND MORE THAN FIFTY MEN AND WOMEN AIDED IN THE WORK

Program closes this evening with grand concert by Quintano and his Band—Redpath Opera Singers were delightful.

The announcement, Tuesday evening that the Chautauqua for 1915 had been guaranteed, was met with wild enthusiasm by the immense crowd at the assembly. No trouble whatever was experienced in securing signers for the guarantee owing to the splendid program this year and more than the required fifty names are on the contract.

The program for next year will be as good, if not better than the one this season and a committee selected by the King's Daughters will aid in choosing the talent to be sent to Mexico. This is one clause in the contract which has been accepted.

Those who signed the guarantee and made the 1915 Chautauqua possible are:

E. F. Elliott, Judge W. W. Botta, R. M. White, L. M. White, Mexico Ledger, C. A. Witherspoon, Otis Purdy, George Kunkel, Sam Morris, Luskman & Barnes, C. W. Ciswell, Ralla McIntire, Crown Laundry Co., T. J. Hoxey, J. W. Howell, T. M. Elton, J. N. Coles, C. P. Malone, W. L. Reed, E. L. Cass, Ricketts & Emmons, T. H. Winans, W. L. Fowles, S. M. Locke, Wilkins & Brown, F. M. Ragsdale, J. T. Johnson, C. C. Heizer, T. R. Bruce, H. L. Turley, L. R. Ferris, Wm. F. Atkinson, F. A. Sannbeck, William Pollock, R. E. Race, S. W. Hayne, J. D. Greer, Mrs. C. F. Clark, Frank Parker, R. J. Offutt, D. H. Cauthorn, L. M. Donier, K. R. Bragg, T. A. Threlkeld, C. B. Hamilton, S. D. Stocks, L. B. Hawthorne, J. W. Dry, H. H. Graftord, S. A. Stratton, Herbert Pryor.

The underwriting of the Chautauqua for next summer began Monday evening, when Herbert Pryor, superintendent of schools, and S. E. Stratton headed the list of signers. The contract for next year is the same as the one this year. There are to be fifty underwriters and none of them is to pay over \$5 in any event. This year, the entire \$1500 worth of tickets guaranteed, were sold and the signers paid nothing.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given the Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters at the Chautauqua, Monday evening, for their work in selling the guaranteed number of tickets this year. The King's Daughters have agreed to take charge of the tickets again next year.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH HAVE REGAINED THEIR POSITION

Report From Paris Says Battle is on on Which Hangs the Fate of France--All Troops Rushed to Belgian Border--Russians Continue to Advance

FRENCH AND BRITISH REGAIN POSITION. LONDON, Aug. 26. It was officially announced here today that the British and French have retaken their advantageous positions in Belgium and have driven the Germans back.

RUSSIANS ADVANCING. LONDON, Aug. 26. A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "The Germans have evacuated East Prussia and retreated in the face of the Russian invaders."

GERMANS STILL VICTORIOUS. WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. According to wireless dispatches to the German embassy here, the River Semoy, Longwy and the greater part of the Belgo-French frontier are in German hands. It is said more than 10,000 prisoners have been taken.

A New Battle in Progress. PARIS, Aug. 26. The War Office issued the following official announcement: "The Commander in Chief, requiring all available forces on the Meuse, has ordered the abandonment of occupied territory. Muehlenstein again has been evacuated."

"A new battle is in progress between Maubeuge (Department of the Nord) and Donon (Department of Doubs). On it hangs the Fate of France. Operations in Alsace along the Rhine would take away troops upon which might depend victory. It is necessary they all withdraw from Alsace, temporarily, to assure its final deliverance. It is a matter of hard necessity."

FINAL CLEAN SWEEP SALE We have had a big sale all during August. Now, we want to close the month with big days. We know of only one way and that is to give you big bargains.

Ragsdale's Cash Store. BLUE & WHITE ENAMEL WARE SPECIALS. We will continue our sale on white lined enameled ware until Sept. 1. The big specials. All white lined dish pans, 10 qt. water pails, large preserve kettles, 2 qt. coffee pots; all 50c values, final clean sweep sale 25c

THE War will likely do away King Row, no matter who wins. It showers we are having are helping the late corn and insure fine fall crops.

Jennings Bryan, will allow it to soak in on their intellects that the reforms that Bryan has advocated for 20 years have been incorporated into the laws of the land and that Bryan occupies next to the highest position in the government and has been President Wilson's chief help in guiding the nation through the most serious crisis that has confronted the nation since the Spanish war."

SCOFFERS at religion seem to have hatred for preachers, churches and church members. The funny thing about a scoffer is that when he comes to die he "boilers" for a preacher so you can hear him a mile. If the preacher does not get there in time he is expected at the funeral to say what a fine Christian gentleman the deceased was in secret and that he did not parade his religion and all that line of husband. In the last analysis, we believe that the weakest church member who falls every time he is tempted will have a better show on the Day of Judgment than the scoffer.

JAMES R. LOWELL, editor of the Moberly, Mo., Democrat, will shortly go out of the newspaper business to become postmaster of Moberly. Mr. Lowell, who has, for many years, been an active worker in the Democratic party, will turn his newspaper business over to his son, who is a trained newspaper man and the Democrat will continue to be one of the very best county papers published. Mr. Lowell is not only a first-class newspaper man but a good business man and the Democrat will make a splendid postmaster. We all hate to see Jim go from the newspaper field but know he will make Moberly a most efficient and popular Federal officer.

HOMER BASSFORD, son of J. C. Bassford of Mexico, and brother of Wallace Bassford, secretary to Speaker Clark, an old Mexico boy, has certainly made good in his chosen profession. Homer, for some time, has been associate general manager of the German American Press Association of St. Louis which includes the St. Louis Times and has lately been elected one of the directors of this enterprise in which he is financially interested. Mr. Bassford is not only one of the best-trained and best-equipped newspaper men in the United States, but he is a thorough, broad-minded business man in affairs. He understands the newspaper business in all of its details and at the age of 16 was city editor, dramatic editor and reporter, of the Mexico Ledger, in fact, he covered the whole news end of the proposition, and then some. A few years later, he made a splendid record on the Kansas City Star, going from there to the St. Louis Republic and is now practically at the head of one of the biggest and strongest newspaper corporations in the State with a million dollar capital.

THE appointment by President D. R. Francis as Ambassador to Argentina is well deserved and highly appreciated by Mr. Francis' friends not only in Missouri but throughout the United States. Business interests at home compelled exterior Francis to decline the honor.

HENRY HOWELL, aged about 23 years, son of John Howell of Mexico, who is assistant cashier of the Mutual Bank at Howell, Wyo., has been elected a member of the Democratic County Committee of county. Young Howell is not only a substantial business man, but a young Democrat.

RUSSIA ABLE TO STAND 10 YEARS OF WAR." ROME, Aug. 26. Declaring his faith in the righteousness of the cause of Russia and her Slav allies, the Count Witte, says that Russia could stand ten years' war without bankruptcy, thanks to its purely agricultural character of her national life and the fact: her women can carry on the work in the fields while her men are at the front. The financial condition of Russia, he said, is excellent.

AUDRAIN GIRL MAKES GOOD. Miss Estelle Slonaker, of this county, has been elected principal of the consolidated schools at Douglass, North Dakota, and will leave to take up her work in a short time. Miss Slonaker graduated from McMillan High School in 1912 and taught a rural school in North Dakota last year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Slonaker, who live northwest of Mexico.

COUNTRY HOME NORTH OF THOMPSON BURNS. The home of John O'Brien, north of Thompson, was destroyed by fire, Saturday afternoon. Mr. O'Brien carried some insurance, but it is believed the loss is not fully covered.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly aided us during the last illness and at the death of our beloved husband and father, William Baker.

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MISS CLARA ESTERBERG of Marshalltown, Ill., lost several rings at the Alton Station Wednesday. The police have several suspects under surveillance.

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