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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE NAMED

Announcement has been made by W. M. Ledbetter, secretary of the New Constitution Association of Missouri...

The campaign committee is composed as follows: W. R. Jackson, chairman; E. F. Elliott, vice-chairman...

An auxiliary committee composed of representatives of the various state organizations that have endorsed Amendment No. 15...

American Legion: John P. Barlow, W. W. Fry, Jr. and Gale Johnson...

Missouri Bankers Association: W. S. Eller and W. Y. Burns, Mexico; John A. Brooks, Vandalia.

Missouri State Bar Association: Judge R. D. Rodgers and A. C. Whitson, Mexico; Judge J. S. Gatson, Vandalia...

Missouri Medical Association: Dr. E. G. Moore, Dr. J. Frank Jolley, and Dr. P. E. Gill, Mexico; Dr. W. Bland and Dr. R. E. Alford, Vandalia...

Missouri Teachers' Association: Hawthorne, Mrs. Abbey Llewellyn, Miss Kittle Turley, V. S. Bufford and Mrs. Laura Houghland...

Missouri Press Association: L. M. White, Mexico; W. H. McIntire and Mrs. Lily Howard Frost, Vandalia...

Missouri College Union: Dr. John Blinn, Mexico.

Commercial Organizations: J. W. Gardner, Mexico; Joe Dye, Vandalia.

League of Women Voters: Mrs. J. W. Millon, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. E. W. Berrey, Mrs. L. McF. Gamble, Mrs. F. N. Henderson and Mrs. Mary Hawley, Mexico; Mrs. Leo Zanz and Mrs. W. W. Bland, Vandalia.

Travelers' Protective Association: Sam Morris, Mexico.

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Cummings Made Splendid League Of Nations Talk

Homer Cummings, former chairman of the National Democratic Central Committee, spoke to a large crowd Saturday night. His League of Nations talk was splendid...

In his discussions, Mr. Cummings took up the thought that about the time of the Armistice, Will Hayes, chairman of the national Republican committee, issued and went through the United States, spreading propaganda among the people on the theory of the campaign to defeat the Democracy of the nations by carrying through the campaign issue an attack on the achievements of the Democratic party...

The expectations of the Republican party was that if the administration carried the Peace Treaty with great achievement of success of legislation the Republican party would not have anything for their issues in the present campaign. Mr. Cummings also discussed the issues of the Democratic party as a whole, explaining clearly all parts of it, and appealing to the audience tower of reason instead of their prejudices...

TO CONTEST WILL

(Paris Appeal)

Suit has been entered in the circuit court to break the will of the late Marietta Wilson. According to the provisions of the will, which was probated a year ago, the farm of about 100 acres near Santa Fe is left to two of the sons, John R. and Joe H. Wilson...

The plaintiffs declare that at the time of signing the will, June 8, 1897, Mrs. Marietta Wilson was in a feeble condition, both in mind and body. In fact she is referred to as "of unsound mind and insane" and did not realize how she was disposing of her estate. The plaintiffs further stated that the two sons who inherited the farm had been acting as her agents, advising her on all questions and had her "under their dominion and control."

CLOSING OUT

The Kemp-Melson Clothing Co., of this city, is selling out its stock and expects to discontinue business when the present sale ends. The present firm has been doing business in Mexico for the past seven years.

George Kemp and Norton Melson, the proprietors, are two well known young business men and popular with all who know them. They have built up an excellent business since starting here. We are glad to state that both of them expect to continue to make Mexico their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lane, and son, John, of Detroit, Mich., are here visiting Mr. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lane.

Jack Sallee, wife of Moberly are the guests of relatives and friends in this city.

GOOD ROADS CARAVAN WILL HAVE MOVIES

The Motor Transport, crossing the state in behalf of the \$60,000,000 bond issue to be voted on at the November election, will arrive in this city the afternoon of October 20 and spend the night. There will be 50 enlisted men in the charge of four commissioned officers, a military band and speakers of statewide fame besides local speakers to assist in their program.

If the weather permits they will show good roads moving pictures on the east court house lawn after supper. The transport will spend the night of the 19th at Vandalia and arrive in Laddonia the morning of the 20th on its way here. A camp site is being located for them here and a pilot car will be sent out to meet them and pilot the party to this city.

Church Raises \$11,501.95 With Out Campaigns

The final reports for the year from October 1, 1919 to October 1, 1920 of the Christian church have been made, showing the amount raised by the church exclusive of special campaigns to be \$11,501.95, and the amount raised including amounts due to the Missouri Movement and Men and Millions to be \$14,291.95.

T. J. Kelso, treasurer of the general treasury, reports a balance on hand of \$381.41 after all obligations for the year have been paid off, including a \$400 note at the bank. The total membership, as reported by the Rev. S. H. Gentry, pastor, is 791, a membership attending and pledging being about 750. There were 28 losses by death or removal and 67 additions by letter, statement and confession.

Organized To Try To Change Calendar Used

The Liberty Calendar Association of America has been organized to change the calendar. The bill has already been introduced in Congress. The bill provides for the changing of each month so each will have twenty eight days each or four weeks. Instead of having twelve months, there will be an extra month which will be called Liberty and will come between February and March.

New Year day will not belong to any month or week, and will be an independent legal holiday. Leap year day will not belong to any week or month, but will come between the months of June and July, and will be another independent legal holiday.

Each month will commence with Monday and end with Saturday. Each event as birthdays or holidays will fall on the same day each year. In order to retain one-seventh of the time for Sundays, each seventh New Year day becomes New Year Sunday, and each seventh Leap Year day becomes Leap Year Sunday.

The aim of the association is to secure a simple and convenient calendar for the every-day use of everybody.

Announce Democratic Speaking Dates Wed.

The Democratic speaking dates for Audrain County have been announced by Dr. R. W. Berrey, chairman of the Democratic committee of the county. He said that there would be a man and woman speaker to go to each place. The following are the dates: Oct. 21—Rowena, Farber and Edwards. Oct. 22—Rush Hill and Burnham, Pleasant Green. Oct. 25—Gant, Canada. Oct. 26—Molino and Jackson. Oct. 27—Thompson and Benton. Oct. 28—Friendship, Bryan. Oct. 30—Mexico.

Team Work Results

There never was two horses on a farm, that hitched together as a team did any real work unless they pulled together. It takes team work to get results whether in farming or in other business.

The people today who are succeeding are those who are ready to "team" where there should be team work. That is as true in private business as in public affairs.

Let us keep this in mind. When the time arises that team work is required to push Audrain county to the front let us all be ready and willing to do our share of the team work.

There are always those who refuse to help and seem anxious to pull back. But they are in the minority. If they weren't this country would not be the great nation it is today.

It takes team work to build nations just as it does to build towns and counties. Let's all "team" together for the good of Audrain county.

L. M. White

IS 24TH ANNUAL KING'S DAUGHTERS MEETING

The meeting of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Missouri order of the Kings Daughters began Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The registration for the meeting was held Tuesday afternoon from 6 to 8:30, and Wednesday morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. The officers of the order are President, Mrs. Clinton S. Burns of Kansas City; vice-president, Miss Dora Clemens of St. Louis; secretary, Mrs. Calvin B. Wilkins of Kansas City, and treasurer, Mrs. Roy Hampton of Moberly. The executive committee members are Mrs. Frank Kellogg of Carthage, Mrs. T. L. Moreland of Chillicothe, Mrs. Myrtle Wreath of Kansas City, Miss Pearl Mitchell of Columbia, Mrs. E. G. Pash of St. Joseph and Mrs. William La Shorn of St. Louis; chairman of the extension committee, Mrs. Clinton S. Burns and silver cross representative, Miss Mary Cullen of Kansas City.

Mrs. F. C. McAfee started the Wednesday morning program with a devotional. Mrs. Calvin Wilkins sang. The state president, Mrs. Clinton Burns of Kansas City declared the convention in session. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. F. L. Kirby, and responded to by Mrs. Tom King.

Large the morning, there was the casting of informal ballots for state officers, the report of the informal ballot for state officers, and the passing of a formal ballot for state officers.

Wednesday afternoon was opened with the devotion by Mrs. W. T. Stephenson. The minutes of the morning session were read, followed by a solo by Miss Pauline Van Ness. There was a discussion of the ways and means regarding the maintenance of the home in Mexico. Mrs. E. F. Elliott, home treasurer, gave her report. Mrs. E. L. Cass, secretary gave her report, and Miss Emma Glazebrook gave the report of the ways and means committee. There was also a report of the formal ballot of the state officers, and a casting of an informal vote for the home board and distribution of formal ballots.

Compliments L. M. Dozier. L. M. Dozier is cashier of the North Missouri Trust Co., Mexico, Mo. He is a Centralia banker. Years ago he lived just across the street from the Kellygram man. We knew him as a boy and we know him as a man. He was a studious, dutiful, obedient and he is a clean, manly honorable man. He is self-made in the best sense of that much abused term. And he deserves a lot of credit for the success he has achieved. Mr. Dozier is one of the leading bankers of Central Missouri. He is a product of the Prairie Queen. And he is our friend. We predict a long and splendid banking career for this former Centralian. So mote it be.—Centralia Courier.

Mrs. Nick Lambert returned home Monday after spending the week-end with Mrs. Wyson of Fulton.

SENATOR Harding evidently spoke out of his turn when he referred to having had a Frenchman approach him concerning a new arrangement for a League of Nations. France is already a member of a League of which the United States should be a member, the Republican party regardless.

Dr. Ned Rodes is home after taking a special course in surgery.

83 ATTEND KING'S DAUGHTERS DINNER TUES. NIGHT

The dinner Tuesday evening at Hardin College for the delegates of the State King's Daughters meeting here, was served by the women of the Baptist church. There were eighty-two or three ladies present.

A round table discussion was led by Mrs. W. J. Rixey, president of the board. She responded to the toast of "Our Home". Mrs. W. W. Williams, vice-president of the board, told of the cost of the building of the old ladies' home, which was \$6,500 and of its present value which is estimated at \$40,000. Mrs. Evans of Mexico told of securing the piano for the home.

Mrs. Mathias of Moberly responded to the toast, "The Open Door." Mrs. Jones spoke of the open windows of the home. Mrs. McCallister, of the home, gave an original poem on "The Old Fireside." Mrs. R. E. Miller of Mexico told of the home as it stands today. Mrs. Lane presented Mrs. W. J. Rixey with a basket of flowers in appreciation of her services.

A vote of thanks was extended to Hardin College for the use of the dining room. The Rev. W. C. Cowart of the Methodist Church gave the closing prayer.

Plans For Better Teachers For Audrain

Ed C. Offatt, county superintendent of schools, because of the many offers of teachers to teach in Audrain County if they can find a place to live, has made the following plans for their accommodation, especially of those married, or who live with a mother, sister or brother: 1, that the school board rent a vacant house in the neighborhood for them to live in; 2, that a house be rented about equally distant from two or three school houses so that the teachers can live together and do housekeeping making it unnecessary for someone to sacrifice in order to board the teachers; 3, if the school house is large and the attendance small, not over six or eight, that it be partitioned off into four rooms, one to be used for the school room; 4, that in the district where there is plenty of money, to build on the school premises real homes; 5, in a small district the board rent a house and fit up one room as a school room.

The fourth plan of building will be pushed soon if the promised drop in lumber comes. The fifth plan applies to those districts where new school houses must soon be built. If any of these plans are worked out, it means that a better quality of teachers can be secured.

P.M. HUGHES LOSES LITTLE FINGER, WAS CUT OFF BY SAW

R. M. Hughes, an employe at the A. P. Green Fire Brick plant got his little finger cut off Wednesday morning. He was operating a circle saw and his finger was caught in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Claybrook and Daughters of Mexico motored to Bachelor, Mo., Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lederle and family.

SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE AT M.M. APPROVED

W. T. Carrington, State director of Vocational Education and W. T. Spanton, State Director of Vocational Agriculture were here Saturday and inspected the Agriculture work which is offered, in McMillan High School. They approved the Short Course in Agriculture which is being offered free to farmers in this section.

This week's work in the Short Course will be devoted to injurious insects. Monday night subject, Injurious Insects that attack farm crops, will be the topic for discussion. Wednesday night, injurious insects of the orchard and garden; Friday night, insects that attack farm animals.

Next week will be poultry week. Every one interested in the subjects are welcome. The meetings begin at 7:30 and are held on the first floor of McMillan High School building.

BENTON CITY BANK VAULT IS ENTERED

The Bank of Benton City was broken into by thieves sometime Tuesday night and the vault entered. Liberty bonds to the amount of \$8,000 or \$9,000 were stolen, valuable papers they thought might be of use to them and private boxes ransacked.

Entrance to the building was gained through the front door and a sledge hammer taken from the blacksmith shop there was used to batter in the door of the vault. When the bank was opened for business Wednesday morning the robbery was discovered.

The vault looked as though a small explosion had struck its interior. In the hurry to get the bonds and leave the thieves had thrown the papers scattered in the vault to the floor and they were picked up so that it took most of the day for the bank officials to get the place straightened out.

It is thought the robbery occurred about midnight or 1 o'clock as motor cars were heard in the village at that time and it is generally thought the thieves were riding in a car.

Some of the bonds were registered and will not be a loss to the owners. The bonds stolen which had not been registered will be a total loss to the owners because they are non-transferable.

Late Wednesday the officers of the bank found that between nine and ten thousand dollars in bonds had been taken of which only a few were registered. The Benton City Bank is one of the flourishing financial institutions of this section. No money was taken as the safe containing funds was unopened. The capital stock of the bank is \$10,000. The president is J. J. F. Johnson, vice-president, John T. Kemp, cashier, W. H. Coil and assistant cashier, Miss Gertrude Pasley. The thieves unlocked the door to enter and locked the bank door as they left. They worked quietly so no one could learn of their presence.

Has Surprise Dinner.

There were a surprise dinner given at the home of Mrs. Chas. Wilson Sunday, near Mexico, it being the fifty-sixth birthday of her father, J. W. Dixon. There were 80 friends and relatives present. All came with well filled baskets. All enjoyed the day, leaving wishing him many more birthdays.

Sells Business Here.

Dr. and Mrs. Geeslin have sold their Osteopathic practice here to Dr. H. A. Gorrell of Kirksville. Dr. Gorrell comes to Mexico well recommended and the Ledger joins in welcoming him to this city. Drs. Geeslin have not announced their future plans but we trust they will continue to make Mexico their home.

Bu's Home Here.

Frank Hollingsworth, Democratic nominee for Prosecuting Attorney, who resides in Vandalia, has purchased the pretty Doc Edwards bungalow on S. Jefferson street for \$5500. He and his family expect to move here shortly.

Mrs. Margaret Williamson, of Quincy, Ill., is the guest of her daughter, Miss Williamson of the firm of Williamson and Karle.

NEW LIBERTY WILL OPEN NOVEMBER FIRST

The new Liberty Theatre will open for the matinee performance on Monday, November first. The opening production will be Cecil DeMille's super-Paramount feature "Something To Think About" and will have been released only a few days before shown here. It will be shown two days.

Wednesday and Thursday the Fitzmaurice Super special, "The Right to Love" will head the bill and Friday and Saturday the newest release and first super production made by William S. Hart, "The Tollgate" will be shown. Starting the second week the program will be changed daily. Among the second week features are "Humoresque" and "Everywoman".

The program will consist of a feature film, a News Weekly, only 24 hours behind the New York release, a scenic or prima film and a two-real comedy.

The decoration of the theatre is almost completed and is unusually handsome. The large organ has been completely installed and the seats will be set this week. The theatre is every particular is the last word in modern construction.

Cupid And The Brick Plant Force Work Together

Cupid has been more than busy in Mexico lately, but when he joined forces Monday with the A.P. Green Brick Plant office force he fairly outdid himself. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Brown, on returning from their wedding trip Monday, found their home appropriately decorated with a large sign, bearing the words "The Dovecote" which was nailed up under the eaves at the front of the house. Hearts pierced with arrows artistically decorated the front of the house in the most conspicuous places.

That the welcome would be more complete, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, together with Mr. and Mrs. George Pals, recently married, were made the chief attraction in a parade through the streets Monday night, accompanied by the brick plant "band" and after the parade, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were given a concert at their home.

PROGRAM IS OUT

Events of this Ledger For Next Six Months Have Been Arranged By House Committee.

ELKS PROGRAM

Oct. 8—Lodge Meeting, Roll Call and Initiation. Oct. 22—Lodge Meeting. Oct. 29—Hallowe'en Dance and Cards. Nov. 5—Ladies' Silver Tea. Nov. 12—Lodge Meeting. Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Dance. Nov. 26—Lodge Meeting. Dec. 5—Memorial Sunday—2:30 p. m.

Dec. 10—Lodge Meeting. Dec. 24—Christmas Dance and Cards.

Dec. 25—Kiddies' Party. Dec. 31—New Year's Assessment—Dance and Cards.

Jan. 7—Assessment Party. Jan. 14—Lodge Meeting. Jan. 21—Musical. Jan. 28—Lodge Meeting. Jan. 31—Anniversary Supper—Dance and Cards.

Feb. 4—Assessment. Feb. 11—Lodge Meeting. Feb. 18—Dance. Feb. 22—Smoker. Feb. 25—Assessment. March 4—Assessment Party. March 11—Election of Officers. March 18—St. Patrick's Dance. March 25—Lodge Meeting.

Have Good Meeting.

Judge E. A. Shannon and Judge Wallace Fry addressed a Democratic meeting at Skinner Tuesday night which was largely attended and where much interest was taken in the talks. Mrs. Chas. Tanner, of that neighborhood, fell and injured her arm badly at the gathering.

Miss Thelma Rinehart went to Fulton Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rinehart.