

GERMAN EMPEROR MAY PERSONALLY RECALL BOY-ED AND VON PAPPEN

Selection for the Position. They are Said to be His Personal Special to the Times.

Washington, Dec. 8 (2:25 p. m.)—The German Emperor in person is likely to order the recall of Van Pappen and Boy-Ed, there are said to be his individual selection for these places.

FRISCO IS DEFENDANT IN SUIT FOR \$150,000 REFUNDS

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—A hearing involving approximately \$150,000 in refunds ordered by the interstate commerce commission and not yet paid by ten railroads to a number of Texas cattle shippers, is being held in the federal court before Judge Vane Valkenburgh. C. B. Spiller is representing the Texas cattle shippers. The refunds are ordered on over charges.

The hearing is asked in order to get the federal court to order the railroads to pay the money allowed by the interstate commerce commission. Some of the largest claims are \$64,000 against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, \$25,000 against the Rock Island and \$27,000 against the Santa Fe. Smaller claims are asked against these roads: Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, Illinois Central, Frisco, Texas Pacific, Chicago & Alton, and Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET

The Southwest Missouri Fruit Growers Union held the quarterly meeting and elected officers at the National Bank Assembly rooms, Tuesday.

Each association represented reported the past season's work satisfactory and the prospects good for next year. The berries are looking fine and an increased acreage has been put in this year.

The trustees present at the meeting were Dudley Biggs, of Wheaton; S. F. Woods, of Wentworth; N. M. Brown, of Verona; Will Conroy, Monett; F. B. Spilman, Tampa and B. W. Withers, Monett, and H. G. Bultman, Purdy.

Officers elected for next year were: president, S. F. Woods; vice president, Dudley Biggs; secretary, E. E. Meador; treasurer, B. W. Withers and manager, Wm. Smerdon. These are the officers elected last year, who were unanimously re-elected.

COLORADO TO GO ON WATER WAGON

Denver, Dec. 6.—The authorities of Colorado to enact and enforce statewide prohibition was upheld by the state supreme court today in an unanimous opinion written by Justice W. H. Gabbert.

The court held that cities governed under special charter were without authority to continue traffic in intoxicating liquors after January 1, 1916, when state wide prohibition becomes effective in Colorado, under constitutional and statutory enactments.

GRANBY DEFEATS PEIRCE CITY

Granby, Mo. Dec. 4.—The Peirce City high school basketball team was defeated 26 to 12 by the local high school aggregation in a hard fought game here. The Granby high school girls also administered defeat to the girls' team of Peirce City by a score of 46 to 10.

The condition of the court handicapped both teams, each making numerous errors.

CLOSE OF SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The revival meetings at the Waldensian church closed Sunday night. Rev. J. N. Steel, the blind evangelist had charge of the meetings and he was assisted by M. L. Branham, singer, and the pastor of the church, Rev. D. P. Woods.

The meetings were well attended and the results were good. Twenty-four were received into the church after the two weeks' meetings.

DIPHTHERIA CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Edward Eugene, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellison, died Monday evening. His death was caused by diphtheria. Interment was made in Odd Fellows cemetery at 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. Two other children in the family have the disease.

FIRST DAY SEES 2,000 MEASURES BEFORE CONGRESS

Session Started Yesterday Expected to Be Greatest in Memory of Present Generation

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress assembled and organized today for the session which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours work in the house saw Speaker Clark returning to the chair; Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defense and many more in opposition, the appearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules, with a few changes.

In the senate practically nothing was done except the election of Senator Clark of Arkansas as president pro tempore. Vice President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

President's Address Tomorrow

Both houses then, after sending a joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of congress, adjourned until tomorrow, when the real business begins with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the house at 12:30 o'clock.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American congress in time of peace was brought in from the various branches of the government, the total being some one hundred and seventy million dollars more than was asked for last year. The great part of the proposed increase expenditure is for the enlarged army and navy programs, and aside from working out the problem of national defense it will be the business of congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

222 DAYS BETWEEN FROSTS

Growing Season This Year Longest Since 1888 With One Exception.

Crop statisticians report that with one exception, the growing season this year was the longest since 1888, with 222 days between the last frosts in spring and the first killing frost of autumn. April 3 saw the last of the icy particles that marred early vegetation last spring and the first fall visitation of the killer of plants was made on November 12. This does not count, of course, some frosty touches early in the fall, when a few tender things were wilted, this effect being produced only in spots, while most foliage was uninjured.

In 1902 a growing season of 231 days was had. The next highest compared to the season of 1915 were the seasons of 1911 and 1913, each of which showed 203 days between frosts. The shortest season since 1888 was in 1894, when but 141 days elapsed between frosts, one of the killing variety occurring as late as May 19. Since 1900, the shortest season has been 178 days. Ten of the years since 1900 show a growing season in excess of 190 days in length.

SPEEDY ELIMINATION OF VILLA PREDICTED

Washington, Dec. 7.—Governor Ferguson of Texas today gave President Wilson an optimistic view of conditions along the Mexican border and in Mexico itself. The governor told the president that the recognition of General Carranza had gone far toward establishing order. He predicted the speedy elimination of General Villa.

"Texas has been the Belgium of the Southwest for a long time and we have had great difficulty in dealing with the situation," said Governor Ferguson. "With the recognition of General Carranza, the federal government and the state of Texas can now operate to meet the situation adequately."

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, Jed and Noveta Brown, of Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Withers, of Stones Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Brite, of Brite's Prairie.

NO POLITICS IN DEFENSE

National Leaders all Against Partisan Preparedness Measure.

New York, Dec. 6.—The New York World publishes today an unusual collection of the views of the foremost men of the Nation as to whether the question of "preparedness" transcends party lines.

The opinion of both the living ex-president of the United States, of former ambassadors, governors, presidents of leading universities and colleges and of men of big business are given. The unanimity of their views is extraordinary. All agree that "preparedness" is the paramount issue today and that it is in no sense a party question. They urge that in consideration by congress partisanship be put aside.

Even Col. Theodore Roosevelt, keenly critical as he is of President Wilson, urges the members of the Progressive party, as well as Democrats and Republicans, to lay aside all party feeling and affiliation and co-operate in an effort to secure the most adequate defense and the greatest good for the Nation.

NEW LIBERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Cosby came up from Purdy Saturday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Jackson.

Gaylor Tate is on the sick list this week.

Little Lora Deal came out from Monett Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cornell and attended Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tate and children spent the day Sunday in Monett the guests of Mrs. Nora Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stribling went to Coffeyville, Kan., last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Stribling's father, Mr. Burkholder. Many years ago Mr. Burkholder's home was on Kings Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Woolfly and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toliver, of Mt. Vernon, came over Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tate.

Mr. Weisman's little grand daughter Lucile Vogt, who fell and dislocated her elbow and broke one bone of her arm, about ten days ago, is improving nicely.

Miss Vada Henson and Little Vera White of Vernon spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Marion Tate.

Mrs. Fleming and daughter, Miss Bertha, were called to Aurora, Monday at the bedside of their old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Nancy Westfall, who is seriously sick of pneumonia. Miss Bertha returned Monday evening, Mrs. Fleming remaining till Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Tate was shopping in Monett Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. West Fisher died at her home north east of Carter's store Tuesday morning of typhoid fever. She leaves a large family of small children. Another home has been made sad by the passing away of a good mother. Funeral services Thursday at Verona, Catholic church and interment in Verona cemetery.

Mrs. Henry Jackson went to Aurora Tuesday morning to see her aunt, Mrs. Nancy Westfall.

Quite a number from the Prairie are attending the revival meetings at Bethel Baptist church.

Mrs. Joe Beymer is on the sick list this week.

MONETT CHAPTER TO INSTALL OFFICERS DECEMBER 14

Monett Chapter Eastern Star met in regular session Monday night. The annual election of officers was held resulting as follows:

Worthy Matron Mrs. George J. C. Wilhelm, Worthy Patron Joe L. Lane, Associate Matron Mrs. S. C. Horn, Conductress Mrs. H. I. Bradford, Secretary Mrs. Laura Leckie, Treasurer Miss Bertha Jeffries, Associate Conductress Mrs. E. P. Bridwell.

The installation of the nine elected officers will take place December 14. All members are invited to attend.

Mr. Herman Moenning and daughter

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Erickson, of Verona, were shopping here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Means, of northwest of town, were trading here Tuesday.

OZARK BRIEFS

We are having fine weather for this time of year.

People are feeling pretty good and enjoying themselves in this part, attending protracted meeting. As there are several close around and all have good attend and several conversions.

The Big Chance mines are still booming.

Jack Roden, James Shiels, Will Smith and Hiram Roller visited the mines Sunday evening.

Well, opossum hides are so high this season that even the old married women are going 'possum hunting. Look out boys or they are going to beat you.

Bryce Estchin and wife moved home Monday on his farm near Macedonia.

Brattin Wormington and Miss Flora Henderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller Sunday.

Miss Ada Roller spent Sunday with Miss Effie Smith.

Mrs. Ira Marbut and Mrs. Sam Amos and two children attended church at Bethel Sunday and took dinner with Hiram Roller and family.

Fred Miller and wife spent Monday evening with Joe Lasley and famley.

Mrs. Elyona Medlin and daughter, Iva, attended church at New Salem Monday.

Chalmer Medlin took dinner with Raymond, Clarence and Chester Roller Sunday.

The meeting at Arnhart closed last Wednesday night with seventeen conversions.

FREISTATT ITEMS

Mrs. Herman Moenning and daughter secretly planned to surprise her husband on his 50th birthday and combined made the necessary arrangements. But there was another secret preparation at the same time The 5th of December being the 25th anniversary of their wedding, the sons and daughters surprised the parents by inviting relatives and friends. At 2 p. m. Sunday Herm Moenning was surprised to see so many people coming to his birthday, but when the children pinned silver bouquets on them and Rev. J. E. Roschke gave them a nice speech, they both realized what had happened. The families at this double surprise were Frank Moenning, Rev. Roschke, J. A. Wiedman, Wm Lampe, Frank Bracht, Herm Lampe, Fred Lehde, Geo. Mahew, Geo. Lillie, Bill Koenemann, Emil Kreuger, M. B. Rawley, Louis Fieker, August, Oscar, Gustave Kleiboeker and a large number of the younger generation.

Monday evening Prof. J. A. Wiedman was also surprised by the Revs. Roschke and Groh with their families and also by Ben Joeckel. The Prof. thought of retiring when a rap at the door told him to wait. He received the good wishes to his 58th birthday and after a few hours of interesting entertainment the house resumed its usual quiet.

Phil Fellwock has been serious ill with a monstrous carbuncle on his neck. Reports are that he is better. Aug. Lampe from St. Peter, Ill., is visiting his relatives here.

REBEKAH "HOME COMING"

On Monday night, Dec. 6th, Palm Tree Rebekah Lodge No. 261, Purdy, observed a "Home Coming" Notices sent to members far and near resulted in a very large crowd present.

Two young ladies were initiated in the mysteries of the Rebekah degree, but the goat being absent, I suppose, he was out on pasture.

After the degree, the program was begun by all singing America, this was followed by roll call—56 members responding with a verse of scripture, a quotation or short talk. Then came speeches, songs, recitations and music.

The good sisters knowing the way to a man's heart was through his "appetite" then spread a delicious lunch. After partaking heartily one man was heard to remark, "that he just loved the Rebekah's"

After singing, "God be With You 'Till We Meet Again," everybody went home happy and glad that they were Rebekah's.

Recording Secretary

DEMOCRATS TO NAME LEADER AT ST. LOUIS

Convention Goes to Missouri City on Second Vote Taken by National Committee, Dallas and Chicago Splitting the Opposition.

Democratic national convention of 1916 will be held at St. Louis, beginning Wednesday, June 14, at noon. The Democratic national committee tonight named the convention city and adopted resolutions calling for the re-nomination and re-election of Woodrow Wilson as the "trusted leader of national Democracy."

Chicago and Dallas contesting with St. Louis for the honor of the convention, but St. Louis easily led from the start and won on the second ballot. When the trend of the voting was seen Texas moved that the choice of St. Louis be made unanimous. Dallas held second place on the first ballot, but was displaced by Chicago on the second roll call.

The result of the first ballot was: St. Louis 25; Dallas 14; Chicago, 13. On the second ballot the vote was: St. Louis, 28; Chicago, 15, and Dallas, 9. The majority for St. Louis was gained on this ballot, when John T. McGraw arose near the end of the call and changed West Virginia's vote from Chicago to the Missouri City. Then the choice was made unanimous.

Political leaders in Washington tonight regarded it as practically certain that Chicago will be selected for the Republican convention when the national committee of that party meets here next Tuesday. The date for this convention will be late in June.

Each of the three cities contesting for the Democratic convention put in a bid of \$100,000. St. Louis placed in the hands of the chairman New York drafts for that amount. Dallas offered a certified check, while Chicago presented a pledge from the association of commerce to contribute \$100,000 on call of the treasurer of the Democratic committee.

KINGS PRAIRIE

There has been several weeks of fair weather for out door work. Surely there is but little corn left in the fields.

Mrs. Westfall, formerly of the Prairie, is reported seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in Aurora.

Several went to New Salem Sunday night where Rev. G. W. Qualls and Rev. Francis Goodnight are conducting a revival-meeting. They report a good meeting.

E. R. Stribling went to Coffeyville last Wednesday night to attend the funeral of Mr. Burkholder, formerly of the Prairie, returning Friday night.

Rev. Combs and family motored to New Liberty church and he filled his appointment there at 11 o'clock. He called in the night service on account of the protracted meetings at Bethel conducted by Rev. Henson and Rev. Clarence Goodnight.

We are sorry to learn of our mail carrier, Emery Smith and family, having been quarantined.

Miss Madge Jackson has been ill with a sore throat.

Rev. Combs conducted the funeral service of C. B. Erickson, brother of Sherman Erickson, at the Bethel church. There was a large crowd in attendance at the funeral.

Quite a revival is in progress at Liberty church, north of Monett, conducted by L. A. Smith and C. A. Fly. Several conversions are reported.

STOCK SALE

Wednesday, December 15, 1915, at 10 a. m.

I will sell at public auction at my place 3 miles north of Purdy, 4 1/2 south of Monett, the following stock, two with register.

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| 12 Head of Cattle | 30 Head Big Type Poland China Hogs |
| 1 Registered Shorthorn cow | These hogs are out of my herd boar "A Wonder Giant, record No. 61227. He by "A Wonder" record No. 4746.. |
| 1 Registered Shorthorn yearling heifer | 5 Brood sows |
| 2 Registered Shorthorn spring heifers | 6 Gilts |
| 1 Registered spring bull calf | 7 Boars. 4 of these big enough for service. |
| 7 Bull calves | 12 Pigs. These pigs are sired by a son of "Dollar Mark" owned by Will Scott of Monett. |

J. P. BALMAS
Al Hudson, Auctioneer.

A. J. Rusha's baby son, Louis, is quite ill this week.

Mrs. John Callan and Miss Loretta Callan visited in Peirce City Wednesday.

Mrs. Bert Lineberger and children, Edith and Fred, are visiting Frank Lineberger's family near Purdy.

Mrs. Kreyer and Miss Kreyer, of Fort Scott, Kan., are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. John H. Saxe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moudy, Mrs. Cecil Medlin, Mrs. A. L. Pilkerton and Miss Orpha Spain attended church services at Bethel Monday.

Beginning Monday and until further notice the 800 employes of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway shops at Sedalia will work seven days a week and nine hours a day. A year ago they were working three eight-hour days a week.

Earl Carlin, of Purdy, was in town on business, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gripka, of north of town, were shopping here, Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Jackson, of east of town, was shopping here, Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Hayes, of Muskogee, Ok., is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Greathouse.

Mrs. Hensley, of Chadwick, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Amber.

Mrs. Alvin Bradford went to Purdy, Wednesday morning, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rouse.

F. N. Reese and Leroy Jeffries, of Cassville, and J. L. Jeffries went to Ritchey, Wednesday morning to spend a few days at Camp Shoal.

Miss Artie Clark, who has been visiting her brother, Willis Clark, and family, returned to her home at Mayfield, Ark., Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. C. Robinson, of Cassville, returned home, Wednesday morning, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Richardson, and sister, Mrs. George Harris.

BOY KILLED BY SCHOOL WINDOW

Steelville, Mo., Dec. 7.—Bennie Keithley, son of a farmer near here was killed by a schoolhouse window yesterday. No school was held because of the teacher being sick and the boy tried to get into the building through a window when he arrived for school and found no one there. The window was too heavy for his strength and the sash caught his neck and held him fast his feet off the ground. He hung until an elder brother found him almost dead and he expired before he could be taken home.

IN MEMORIAM

Monett Lodge, No. 129 A. F. & A. M. extends its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of our late Brother J. H. Saxe.

The influence of his upright life, and noble character, has endeared him to all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed as brother, friend, neighbor and loved one.

The Masonic Fraternity deeply feels an irreparable loss and commends the bereaved relatives to a kind Heavenly Father for comfort and counsel in this sad hour of bereavement.

O. R. White
P. S. Pittman
H. Wrightsman
Committee.