

SENATE PASSES

ANTI-BEER BILL

Provision Made to Restrict Operations of Prohibition Enforcement Officers.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill was passed by the senate late today 39 to 20 and sent to conference with the house, with the prospect of its final enactment before the week end.

On being informed of the action, treasury officials said the beer regulations which have been drafted and are ready for Secretary Mellon's signature would not be issued pending action by the senate and house conferees. The regulations would provide for use of medical beer under the ruling of former Attorney General Palmer, which the bill is designed to overcome.

The ban against the prescription of beer by physicians and limitation of beer against prescribing wine were virtually unchanged by the senate, but a few important amendments were added.

These included a provision to restrict operations of prohibition enforcement officers by prohibiting searches or any attempts at searching of private property or premises without search warrants. A violation of this clause would be a misdemeanor subject to fine of \$1,000 and one year imprisonment. Penalties of five years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fines were provided for persons making searches while posing as prohibition agents. The search and seizure amendment was offered by Senator Stanley, Democrat, Kentucky. It was adopted without a roll call. Fourteen Republicans and six Democrats voted against passage of the bill.

Senator Reed was paired against the bill. A motion by Senator Broussard to recommit the bill to committee was defeated 38 to 23, with Dillingham, Republican, Vermont; Spencer, Republican, Missouri, and Williams, Democrat, Mississippi, as the extra strength of the opposition on the recommend roll call.

SOUTH OF MONETT

Miss Dena Withers visited Sunday with Miss Martha Bounous.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomas were shopping in Monett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robbins and son are spending the week at Roaring river.

Mrs. Magnin spent Friday with her mother Mrs. Ami Cuendet.

Herbert Walton and Miss Blanche Walton attended church at New Salem Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger and son visited Dell Medlin and family Sunday.

Mrs. Willis Davis spent Friday with Miss Blanche Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Arnaud visited Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stebler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pitts and children spent Sunday afternoon with W. A. Niskern and family.

BIG INCREASE IN VALUE OF MISSOURI FARMS

Jefferson City, Mo., August 8.—The increase in prosperity of Missouri farmers in 1920 over 1910 is revealed by the fact that Missouri farm property according to the federal census of a year ago, had a total worth of \$3,591,068,065, as compared to \$2,052,917,235 in 1910, the State Bureau of Labor Statistics bulletin announces.

The average value of a Missouri farm in 1920 was \$13,654 as compared to \$7,405 in 1910. Missouri now ranks sixth among all states in total value of farm properties.

In both the state-wide totals of all Missouri farm properties, 1920 and 1910, are included not alone farm lands, but live stock, buildings and improvements, farm machinery, stock food and farm crops.

The five states showing greater total farm property values than Missouri were: Iowa, \$5,525,270,956, \$6,666,817,235; Texas, \$4,461,579,497; Nebraska, \$4,193,825,242, and Minnesota, \$3,787,420,118.

The average value of farms in the United States in 1920 was \$12,085, as compared with \$6,444 in 1910. This fact demonstrates that the average value of farms in Missouri in 1920, \$13,654, was above that of all states as a whole.

The value of farm lands alone in the United States in 1920 was \$54,903,453,925, as compared with \$28,475,674,169 in 1910, representing an increase of \$26,427,779,756 or 92.8 per cent.

HAZEL DELL

The Hazel Dell patrons are improving their school property at present. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shelman are the proud parents of a new son.

Mrs. T. J. Brattin is reported ill. A soon recovery is hoped for by her many friends.

Someone relieved Andrew Wright of what melons he had the other night. The rain Saturday night was very much appreciated by all.

Church was well attended at Calvary Sunday.

TAXI

An Adventure Romance

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With a feeling of great relief over an order that he had placed with his tailor nine days previously for complete new afternoon and evening outfits, the successful lunchbuxer collected one hundred and thirty-two thousand, thirty-eight and no hundredths dollars and proceeded to turn in his wagon to the Village Cab company, together with the highest clock reading ever known in the history of Manhattan. He then chartered one of the vehicles for hire of that concern and directed it to carry him to his new clothes.

At ten minutes to four, he emerged from his tailor's, garbed in the very latest thing in slim-line morning coats, a top hat, pearly-striped trousers, spats, a mottled, platinum-handled snuffwood stick, and a gardenia in his buttonhole. Ignoring the wise and friendly-sneering look on the face of the cab driver, who was none other than our old friend of saturnine visage, Patrick O'Reilly by name, fallen on evil times, and re-engaged that very day on Mr. Randolph's recommendation, he gave a certain address to Fifty-ninth street.

Let us now break one of the credit rules of narrative for cash by ruthlessly switching the objective point of view. Behold Miss Inoene Pamela Thornton dressed in a ravishing, modestly modern tea-gown effect that would have cost her great-grandmother a ducking in the pond off Bloeker street if she had dared to wear it in her day at a fancy-dress ball, pacing up and down Mr. Randolph's recent sitting room and counting off nine on her fingers for the hundred and eighty-sixth time.

And then, at last, the bell! Tomlinson, his jaw set grimly, advanced upon the door. For an agonizing



"We won't You Sit Down?"

small moment, Pamela held her breath, and then let it go with a rush as she heard the old valet's sonorous voice tinged, nay, reeking, with the joy of welcome.

"Glad to see you back, Master Robert. Miss Thornton will receive you in the sitting room." Followed jingling sounds as Tomlinson disconnected the doorbell.

He was right in surmising that his former employer did not require a guide, but as it turned out, there was itself wings and flew from under him. The crash of two of the choicest bits of Manhattan's humanity was terrific. Above the din of scattering furniture could be heard the peal of a girl's clear laughter, and presently a voice ringing merrily through half-swallowed sobs:

"M—my—what a b—bump!" They sat on the floor, face to face, and matched a treble: "Ha! Ha! Ha!" with a heavy male: "Haw! Haw! Haw!"

The terrified Tomlinson burst in upon the scene and there are twenty-six adjectives that would have fitted the look on his countenance, the first five being "astounded," "scandalized," "amazed," "deprecating," "appalled."

"M—Master Robert! M—Miss Inoene!" Pamela pointed one finger at him weakly, and was off again to tumble down another cascade of laughter. Tomlinson shook his solemn head from side to side in a grieved and palsied motion.

"Such doings! I never—no—I never!"

"Tomlinson is right," said Mr. Randolph solemnly, as he rose and helped Pamela to her feet. "I consider this the most astounding kind of de-

portment that has come to my immediate attention for—for ten years." He turned to the unmollified servant. "Tomlinson," he continued, still supporting the laughter-weakened Pamela with one arm, "I think it is due to you to explain that Miss Thornton and I were merely rehearsing, or, rather, reviving the occasion of our first meeting. It was sitting just as you found us that we first made each other's acquaintance a decade ago, except that the encounter took place on the western sidewalk of Fifth avenue at about the corner of Forty-eighth street. I trust that this information will clear up all doubts in your mind as to our sanity, and that you will now leave us to the settlement of certain personal affairs of great moment."

Tomlinson withdrew, still shaking his old head from side to side, and mumbling his opinion that the explanation, far from condoning an affront to what had once been an orderly establishment, was in the nature of a plant on his credulity. No sooner had he closed the door softly but firmly on the scene of wreckage than Mr. Randolph turned all his attention to the lady in his arms.

After a few moments, he laid his hands on her shoulders, held her at arm's length, and forced her eyes to a long and breathlessly solemn meeting with his own. "My dear girl," he continued, "when I came here this afternoon, the sudden bloom of your beauty swept me off my usually confident mental bearings. I saw how completely desirable you are and my courage sank and left me, as though some one had said, 'You can have her if you'll just step up to Mars.' When I was running away, so that I might live to fight for you in many other days, the flame of you swept down and seized my coward heart. It's yours, darling, forever—if you'll only take it!"

And then they kissed each other—one of those long, unhurried marriages



One of Those Long, Unhurried Marriages of the Lips.

of the lips in which eye meets wondering eye so closely that the barriers of flesh and space and time are pushed aside, and all the whole wide world together with seven heavens are crowded into the tiny sphere of a single lucent orb. Look at them, oh, you growing public; watch them do it! For while it is customary to draw the veil on these intimate first contacts of the soul, let it be said that such conventional literary hypocrisy is herein abjured on the grounds that the real thing in youth in love doesn't give a whoop who sees.

Even such a kiss as is under review has an end as well as a beginning, and just as this one finished its too brief but crowded span of life came the honk three times repeated of a motor horn, as though the world at large had availed itself of that means to cap the shameless oculution with three exclamation points.

"Why, Bobby," cried Pamela, "you've never kept your cab waiting?" "Sometime tonight," said Mr. Randolph dreamily, sadly, wistfully, "I'll have to go somewhere away from here. Let him wait."

[THE END.]

Dr. Wm. Wright moved his office from the Monett State Bank building to the new Williams building Tuesday.

Miss Clyde Marshall, stenographer for Sizer & Gardner, is taking a vacation and is visiting relatives at Purdy.

MANY VETERANS SEEK BONUS INFORMATION

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 8.—The adjutant general's office is being flooded daily with letters from ex-service men in all parts of the state and from Missourians in other states inquiring about the soldier bonus which was voted last week.

Many of the letters request that the bonus be sent to them immediately and others asking when it will be available and how much each man will receive, according to Adjutant General W. A. Raupp.

"This attempt to rush the bonus distribution is useless on the part of the ex-service men," General Raupp said. "The bonus law is yet to be enacted and it will be at least two years before distribution is begun. The bonus law cannot be enacted until the legislature meets in 1923 and it will take considerable time to effect the distribution of the bonus fund as provided by the next legislature.

"The recent election was on an amendment to the state constitution to enable the legislature to pass laws providing for the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the bonus purpose," General Raupp said, "and was not a vote on the law itself."

Under the constitutional amendment voted August 2 by the people of Missouri, each Missouri soldier will receive \$10 per month for each month in service, not to exceed 25 months or \$250 to each man.

The amendment provided that any one who is eligible to the bonus must have been a resident of the state one year prior to April 6, 1917, and must not have received a bonus from any other state.

Before the bonus is available it will pass a law regulating the sale of the necessary for the legislature to \$15,000,000 in bonds and make arrangements for paying the bonus. As the next legislature does not meet until January, 1923, it will be impossible for any bonus to be paid or any provision for its payment to be made until after that time, or until a law is passed regulating the issuance of bonds.

HYDE APPROVES MEASURE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AID

Jefferson City, Aug. 8.—Governor Hyde today approved the house bill providing aid for primary consolidated schools and fixing the wages of teachers when such districts have levied their full tax of 65 cents on the \$100 valuation and have not enough money to maintain eight months of school. In such instances the state will contribute not exceeding \$300 a year. The minimum wage to be paid teachers is \$50 a month.

MARBUT

Watermelons are beginning to ripen. School is getting along nicely. A bridge is being built across Dry Ford.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday.

C. Marbut was in Billings Saturday. V. H. Marbut took a calf to Monett Saturday.

Naomi Fern Jackson called on her grandparents Saturday morning.

Erskil Henderson and Pete Cramer have been baling straw in this part of the county.

Ruth Marbut visited Fern Alexander one day last week.

ARNOLD CHAPEL

We had a nice rain last week it will benefit the corn and strawberries. Services were well attended at Ebenezer last Sunday.

Mr. Abbey of Monett is visiting Albert Crossland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield visited in Aurora Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hedges, of Aurora, are visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Nunnely visited relatives near Purdy Sunday.

Rev. C. J. Smith and wife attended church at Ebenezer Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Henson visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCubbin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood and family are visiting relatives in Dade County.

Efton Henson and Leslie Madewell are working with the hay baler near Bricefield.

Alfred Henbest, of Fayetteville, Ark., is visiting friends in this community this week.

Lee Evans made a trip to Crane last week.

John Mulkey and family are spending the week at Sedalia.

Sam Pick has his new house about completed.

Bellview school began Monday with Mrs. Della Brite as teacher. Miss Carrie Mulkey is visiting home folks at the present time. There will be a revival meeting held at Ebenezer in October. The school house at Bellview has been repaired. Leonard Gabriel went to Cassville on business Monday morning.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL AT ROARING RIVER

The board of education is improving the school buildings preparatory for the opening of school the first Monday in September. The roof and cupola of the Central building are being repainted. The rooms at the high school building are being calcimined and new plumbing is being installed at quite an expense. Improvements will also be made in the ward schools.

LAYING OUT TOWN LOTS AT ROARING RIVER

Two town lot additions are being laid out at Roaring River. Engineer Bert Robbins, of Monett, is in charge of the work and is making good headway. Owing to the uneven contour no regularity is observed in laying out the streets and the village will be charmingly picturesque.

Mr. Robbins states that the town lots are being sold as fast as laid out. Some wealthy people of Kansas City have bought lots and will build attractive villas for their summer homes.

Roaring River in Barry county is one of the most beautiful spots in the state in the way of scenery and Mr. Brunner, the owner is making it one of the best attractions in the Ozark Playgrounds. He is careful to preserve the natural beauty of the place and to keep it rustic in character.

The Deer Leap bluff over the great cavern of deep blue spring water cannot be surpassed for scenic beauty.

ATTEMPTED TO STEAL FORD CAR

Someone attempted to steal M. J. Hale's Ford car Monday night. They broke the lock on the garage and managed to get the car out in the alley. They were unable to get any farther as the car had the steering gear locked. They had tried to chisel the lock loose but were probably frightened away before they accomplished their purpose.

W. A. Winton made a business trip to Aurora Tuesday morning.

Mrs. C. E. Mahoney and Miss Ruth Mahoney went to Seligman Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Wm. Foster, of Purdy, visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Marshall all last week, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Welch went to Joplin Sunday with her son, Paul Lewis, who was operated upon by Dr. Moody for diseased tonsils.

William Wainright, who has been visiting at McDowell and Monett, returned to his home at Picher, Okla., Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rathers and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bainbridge went to Verona Monday and enjoyed a swim and picnic supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMillen are the parents of a nine pound boy born Tuesday morning. His name is Thomas Edward, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shriver entertained at dinner Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haines and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shriver, on their return trip from Roaring River to Mt. Vernon.

Miss Ruth McGuire is entertaining as her house guests this week Miss Helen Hon, of Thayer, Miss Mary Elizabeth Nalle, of Springfield, Miss Edith Crowder, of Springfield and Miss Pearl Dyer, of Kansas City.

A picnic party to McDowell Sunday consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Burt Henderson, Laura, Louise and Alma Rice, Henry and James Long, George Reynaud, John Combs and Miss Dorothy Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heath, of St. Louis, were in town Sunday. Mr. Heath addressed a meeting of the railroad Brotherhoods at O. R. C. hall Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Heath was the guest of Mrs. J. L. Hobbs.

The wheat stack yard of Floyd Nimmo of Ritchey was completely destroyed by fire Sunday, July 31. Origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have been set by the train. The blaze was discovered about 11:30 Sunday morning. Eleven large stacks of wheat means a great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lehnhard and daughter, Miss Adelaide, No. 405 Moffet avenue, will depart Tuesday for New York City. After a visit there they will spend some time in New Jersey and other summer resorts in the north. They will be away the remainder of the summer and en route home will come by way of Chicago, Ill., where Miss Adelaide will enter Ferry Hill school for the winter term.—Joplin Globe.

The suspension of the operation of the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad last Sunday night has caused a general shake-up of the mail clerks who have been running on that line, at least temporarily. W. H. Buehler has been sent to Muskogee, Okla., where he has been assigned to a run on the M. K. & T. from that place to Dennison, Texas. Chas. S. Mabrey and Leo Leckie have gone to Monett and will have runs on the Frisco. E. M. Campbell and John B. Hartfield have gone to Little Rock, Ark., and will have runs out of that place.—Neosho Miner and Mechanic.

SHOP AND RAILROAD NEWS

Repair work is progressing on the Railroad Y. M. C. A. building. The plumbers and painters have about two more weeks work. Everything will then be in fine shape. The exterior of the building is to be painted a silver gray with darker gray trimming. The Frisco is adopting gray instead of red for their official color.

Dennis Cunningham, age 64, a Frisco switchman, of Springfield, fell under a moving freight car Monday evening and was killed.

Chester Doolin, of Springfield, age 16, has confessed to talking about fifty pairs of shoes and tobacco valued at more than \$200 when he broke into a Frisco box car last Tuesday night. A part of the loot has been recovered.

LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Lawrence County Baptist Association will convene on August 16 at Baptist Hill, four miles due west of Mt. Vernon, thirteen miles north and two miles east of Monett.

The association meeting will be followed by ten days assembly on the same grounds. A great time is anticipated as there will be good speakers each day on B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school work.

Each morning will be given to speaking by able speakers, followed by recreation in the evening, boating, fishing and swimming.

They will meet each evening for sunset prayer, meeting led by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, of Monett. Pleading will be held each evening by Elder S. M. Brown, editor of the Word and Way of Kansas City. Everyone is invited to attend.

LAFFALOT GIRLS HAVE PARTY

The Laffalot Girls enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. Francis Ballay Monday. Those present were Misses Mildred Callaway, Rose Smith, Ruby Lane, Sadie Johnston, Bess Dewine, Mrs. Floyd Lowe, of Neodesha, Kan., Miss Fern Heyburn, Miss Juanita Otterman and Miss Marie Randall. A one course lunch was served.

MANY TOURISTS VISIT OZARK SUMMER RESORTS

The number of automobile tourists going to Branson have increased during the past few days, according to reports from the summer camping grounds. Many tourists are taking advantage of the free auto park, south of Branson, and at any time one can find cars there from several different states. Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma seem to be represented more than any other states.

Camping parties are numerous all along the lake and in some places there are so many tents that camp sites take the appearance of a small village. It is said that one of the principal features of camps along the lake is the scarcity of mosquitoes.—Springfield Leader.

SPRINGFIELD MEN USE PLANE TO CHASE ROBBER

Playing the part of Philo Gubb, correspondence school detective, even when an airplane is involved in the chase, does not always mean a capture with a reward at the end of the rainbow. This is the opinion of R. A. Stator and Russell F. Hall, local air-men, erstwhile seekers after the mantle of one S. Holmes.

Friday while at Miller, Mo., Stator and Hall met members of a posse looking for the cracksmen who robbed the safe of the Farmers State Bank of South Greenfield that day. The airplane, which Stator purchased to use in the aerial bus line between Springfield and western points, was brought into service and Stator and Hall joined the posse from a vantage point in the air.

Discriminating between farmers in the field and bank robbers proved no easy matter, according to the two volunteer detectives. After landing several times to inspect scare-crows, the business of landing the criminal was turned over to the posse.—Springfield Leader.

CENTRAL UNION

Miss Miriam Porter returned home after an extended visit here.

Mrs. J. R. Simmons was on the sick list week. But is better this writing. Mrs. C. R. King and daughter Helen has been visiting relatives at Crane. George Sharon and family motored to Carthage Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Simmons and children spent Sunday in Joplin.

Mrs. Julia Scott spent Wednesday with Mrs. Wm. Simmons.

Mrs. Ruby King attended the Crane picnic Saturday.

Mrs. O. W. McDaniels, of Springfield, Ark., who has been visiting Miss Lester Cox, will return home tonight. Miss Cox will accompany her.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gulick went to Peirce City Friday afternoon to attend the funeral of Ephraim Bowen, the soldier who was killed in France.