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## AGENCY THE COUNTY HOME OF DEMOCRACY

### The Hosts of the Militant Faithful Will Gather at That Historic Place Tonight

### And There Will Hear the Issues of the Present Campaign Fairly and Ably Stated

Agency and Easton for many years vied with each other as to which should be the real home of Buchanan county democracy, and the competition at times was fierce. At the outset Easton seemed to have the call, and the faithful during the time of Cal James, Walter Young, Dr. Talbott and E. Dign McCreary had the edge, as for years it could rally the entire democracy of the county and a big overflow from neighboring counties when any democratic event was pulled off, while Agency had to content itself with what it could gather from any source. But with the passing of those tried and true democrats to the habitat of their fathers, the fortunes of Agency rose and it has now almost supplanted Easton, and as a result is now the real county home of Buchanan democracy.

Its annual picnic has now grown to tremendous proportions and each year instead of "on to Easton" as was the battle cry of militant democracy, now is heard the war slogan of "On to Agency," and on to Agency it is in solid rank, where the truths of democracy are expounded yearly by orators of more than local renown.

Now all of this prelude is not for the purpose of calling attention to the Agency picnic of this year now a glorious success of the past, but for the bringing out of the fact that at that famous place where the Indians formerly came to their trading post and were obliged to ford the Platte to get to the agent's shack, tonight will be held the big rally of the county democracy's campaign which has been in progress for the past three weeks despite the fact that there is a great war on and some people have declared that "politics is adjourned." For that matter "politics is adjourned," as far as the democracy of Buchanan county is concerned, for the ticket put up is such a good one that it is the same as elected.

**Duncan to Speak.**  
But notwithstanding all this the Democratic candidates propose to let the voters know that they are on hand and that the faith that they represent is the one that is paramount in this the all important year of the world's war. They know—and so do the people—that for the coming year above all others it is essential that Buchanan county have a most substantial set of county officials to assist in the great war work, and both the people and the candidates propose to see that such a set of men is elected—and that is the reason that Agency, the county home of Buchanan county democracy, was selected for the great meeting of the county campaign tonight.

Judge A. B. Duncan, who always says the right thing at the right time and who knows just how to say this right thing and knows the right time to say it, is to be the principal speaker. He will tell the assemblage more truths in a few moments than any other speaker who could be picked up in this county—and then he always has a way of telling it that is not only convincing but is also pleasing—except to the enemy.

City Comptroller Clay will also be one of the speakers as will Judge T. B. Allen. In addition all of the candidates will be there and some of them in the three weeks that they have now been on the stump have developed into orators of less than Bryan-esque proportions—but be that as it may, they will all be on hand to help to spread the glad tidings of democracy and to extend the welcoming hand to the many who will be present. It promises to be the big county democratic event, and Agency knows how to make it so—and will do it.

**Good Meetings Held.**  
While some bad weather interfered at various places during the past week, yet the meetings held by the candidates were very successful. The Wednesday night meetings at Spring Garden and Connett school house were cancelled on account of the Bryan meeting in St. Joseph, but the Saxton, Faucet and Garrettsburg meetings were all good ones and productive of splendid results.

The campaign outside of the city

will be concluded the coming week ahead of the Liberty Loan drive, in order that all may help in that great work. The meetings to be held will be at Wallace Monday night with Louis V. Stigall as chief speaker, and all of the candidates.

Tuesday night at Hurliner with Barney Kelley as chief speaker. Wednesday night at DeKalb with Louis V. Stigall as chief speaker.

### RESIGNS AS SECRETARY

#### A. C. McKibbin Drops Out of One of His Two Offices.

A. C. McKibbin, secretary of the state highway board, who took so much interest when the good roads bond election was held here last fall, has resigned as secretary, a position he has held since the board was organized in 1917. His resignation is effective today.

McKibbin has received no salary as secretary for several months. It was said by Attorney General McAllister in an official opinion requested by State Auditor Hackman that McKibbin as a member of the board was ineligible to serve as secretary and receive compensation.

Up to the time this opinion was rendered to the auditor, McKibbin had received \$2,000 a year for his services as secretary. In addition to \$1,000 a year salary as a member of the highway board.

Attention was first directed to McKibbin's dual salary, after a controversy developed between him and A. W. Graham, engineer, over the engineering work.

McKibbin complained to the board that Graham's department had not accomplished the engineering work contemplated by the highway law during the first year. Graham replied that it was physically impossible to have carried out the full program, which provided for the laying out, approval and inspection of several thousand miles of proposed state roads.

### HIS AIM STRAIGHT

#### Gen. Pershing Could Still Throw a Throw as Rock as in the Days Gone By.

When General Pershing was on his way from the Mexican border in his private car, to Washington to receive his orders for France, the train passed through Laclede at midnight. None knew he was going that way, and no one was at the depot but Jordan Parks, the negro porter, at whom the general used to throw stones when he was a youngster. General Pershing had his train stopped for half an hour while he sat on a baggage truck and talked with Uncle Jord. Next day Uncle Jord made this report:

"Yassah, Mr. John he done set there talkin' to me for half a hour and would'nt let me raise de alarm now. He ast all about de folks he agin to know an' when he got on his car again he picked up a rock big as mah thumb and when his car pulled out he let that rock fly at me jess like he use to. Done hit me, too—Jess like he used to!"

### METHODISTS ARE IN SESSION.

The one hundred and second conference of the Methodist Episcopal church for this district was in progress at the Huffman Methodist church this week and was being largely attended. The sessions were of absorbing interest and the reports read showed great progress in church work. Among the noted personages who attended were Bishop R. J. Cooke of Helena, Mont., who presided; Dr. Harvey Reese Calkins of Chicago; Rev. R. E. Fulkerson of Colorado; Rev. Charles E. Guthrie of Chicago, and Mrs. D. D. Brummett of the same place. The Women's Home Missionary Society also held its convention during the time of the conference.

**And He Hopes for More.**  
"As long as there is life there is hope"—is an old saying. But in Gallatin even after death there is hope—the undertaker.—Gallatin Democrat.

### THESE ARE FAIR PRICES

Food Administration Committee Gives Out Its List Which is Good for a Week.

The fair price committee of the St. Joseph food administration, made up of Chairman E. W. Melick, I. J. Binswanger, H. McKendry, Miss A. J. Leazenby, Mrs. C. E. Hunt, Mrs. L. W. Walling, Mrs. E. S. Castle and Mrs. A. E. Rush, with consulting member food administrator Elliot Marshall, held a meeting Wednesday afternoon at Marshall's headquarters and gave out the following price list to govern until the next meeting: Granulated sugar, 19 cents a pound. Powdered sugar, 10 1/4 cents a pound. Wheat flour, not over \$5.50 a hundred pounds.

Navy beans, 17 1/2 to 18 cents a pound. Lima beans, 20 to 21 cents. Lard, 35 cents.

Lard substitutes, 28 to 30 cents a pound. Condensed milk, tall, 12 to 15 cents a can; small, 5 to 8 cents.

No. 2 tins standard peas, 17 to 19 cents. No. 2 tins extra standard peas, 20 to 22 cents.

No. 2 tomatoes, 20 to 25 cents a can. No. 2 tins tomatoes, 15 to 20 cents a can.

No. 3 tins standard corn, 15 to 20 cents. No. 2 extra standard corn, 20 to 22 cents.

Large package rolled oats, 30 to 35 cents; small package of rolled oats, 14 to 15 cents.

Rice flour, 12 cents a pound. Corn flour, 8 cents a pound.

The committee also gave out the following prepared statement which is of considerable importance:

"If there are any dealers in the city or county who purchased their merchandise some time back, and at lower prices, there is no objection on the part of the fair price committee if they should make sales at prices lower than quoted above.

"Acting under instructions from the United States food administration, the fair price committee will meet on Wednesday of each week at 2 p. m., at the office of Elliot Marshall, food administrator for Buchanan county, to arrange the prices for the ensuing week, and the committee will welcome suggestions from any consumer or dealer who wishes to attend its meetings."

The committee also requests that if people come into information to the effect that merchants anywhere in the city or county are not adhering to these prices, that the committee be promptly notified. They also ask that there be the greatest possible co-operation between the consumer and the committee in order that the best results may be obtained.

### JOHN W. BENNETT'S NEPHEW KILLED.

Private Bonner Bennett Miller of Mayville, who enlisted in the service last summer, was killed in action in France in the fighting around Chateau Thierry July 16th, according to advices received by his parents this week. No details, however, have been received. The young soldier was twenty-seven years of age and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Mayville. He was the grandson of John W. Bennett, president of the Missouri Livestock Commission Co. of the St. Joseph stock yards.

### WILLIAM T. MCKINLEY NOT KILLED.

According to a letter received by J. O. Nelson, 705 North Twenty-fourth street, Thursday, from William T. McKinley, private in Co. L, 16th infantry, in France, the latter is alive, but is in a hospital in France suffering from shell shock. He was included in the casualty reports some days ago as having been killed. He was while here employed in the Letts box factory.

### ONE HUNDRED MORE MEN TO GO

The local boards this week received orders to send one hundred more men to Camp Pike, Ark., and Camp Funston, Kas. The Camp Pike call is for whites and the Funston call is for negroes. The men will be sent out in the interim between Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 7-11. The local boards have been busy all week sending out questionnaires.

### JIM HUNT HAS A SLOGAN.

"God hates a quitter and quits a hater."  
That is the slogan of James C. Hunt, the energetic democrat who will be the next county judge for the First district.

### CITED FOR BRAVERY

Oren J. Rose of Sugar Lake Was One Who Appeared Before King George.

A short time ago a most interesting letter appeared in this paper from Oren J. Rose of the American Aviation Service, now in France, in which he detailed some of his exciting work. He is a brother of Chester D. Rose of the Bean Lake neighborhood and both of the brothers are well known here. In the Landmark of Platte City last week appeared a most interesting letter from Aviator Rose, who was one of 29 aviators cited for bravery and who were summoned to appear before King George. The letter follows:

"Just a line to let you know how things are. I am having a bit of a time with my eyes. I am going to an eye specialist. Well, old boy, I wish you were here with me to go out for some early morning shooting. I have been trying to pick a fighting partner, but I want to know a fellow well enough and know he won't run when I get mixed up with the Germans. Say, it is a hell of a feeling to know the Boche are trying to put you in every way imaginable. One has to dodge Archie, and look out for a surprise from the Hun above, and if you are below 4,000 feet they shoot at you with machine guns and flaming onions (they are flaming twisters); they look bad. I don't want one to hit my machine.

"I got behind a Hun scout and pumped him full of lead, sending him down; then the other afternoon, I got under a two-seater and shot him down. Yesterday I went over into Humland and attacked a balloon. The ammunition I had would not set it afire, so I jumped the observer and I kept shooting at it. They were pulling it down all the time and throwing every conceivable thing up at me. I got two bullets in my oil tank and I had a hard time making the line. I have a roving commission now and go up when I please. I am going over before daybreak and strafe an air-drome some of these days. The Archie is hell. They can burst shrapnel on your exact level every time if you fly straight, and boy, it is d— cold at 20,000 feet.

"We are in a hot part of the front, but we have to go over after the Huns; they don't come across very often, and are usually accounted for if they do. Well, boy, I have in one month and five days of my six months and you can bet your odd francs that I am coming back if my back sticks with me. I may have a bit of ribbon on my breast, too. That is all this game is—luck and wait for the advantage and don't sail in where you know the odds are too great. So, don't worry, and tell dad he need not lie awake nights thinking about me not coming back.

"We are in permanent quarters now and we have some beautiful furniture which we got out of the houses up close to the lines, where people have moved out. I am going to bring you some relics. I am trying to shoot a Hun down on this side so I can get his suns, helmet and koks for you. Give my love to everybody and write me often.

Yours sincerely,  
Oren J."

### MARSHALL TO SPEAK

The Vice President Will Make Speeches in Missouri for Senator Folk.

If anyone has the first particle of doubt that Missourians will not hear plenty of campaign speeches this year despite the war, he has no further room to adhere to it. St. Joseph will have several noted orators here, notably among them being the vice president, Thomas R. Marshall, who has written to State Chairman Ben M. Neale that he will be here to make speeches for Senator Joseph W. Folk.

Chairman Neale has also received a letter from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, saying: "The election of Joseph W. Folk as United States Senator from Missouri will be a proclamation by Missouri of its desire to give its best to the nation. Senator Folk could be counted upon to work hand in hand with President Wilson."

United States Senator Reed, who had to abandon his trip to France on account of the illness of his mother, will make several speeches next month. Senator Xenophon P. Willey will tour the state for Gov. Folk and the state candidates, Gov. Gardner has written Chairman Neale he will accept any assignments to speak for the state ticket. Former Gov. Alexander M. Dockery has informed the state committee he and several members of the cabinet will visit Missouri during the campaign.

### TO TRAIN CLASS 1 MEN

They Will Be Given Preliminary Training to Fit Them for the Future Camp Drills.

The men of Class 1 will be given an opportunity to fit themselves for service at a far earlier period than was at first expected, through the medium of a plan worked out this week by the state council of defense.

According to the ideas approved, the council of defense, the governor and the adjutant general will carry out the plan through the local draft boards. Military instructors will be provided by the adjutant general. Action toward the inauguration of the training will be taken at once.

This plan of military training has already been carried out effectively in Johnson county, where an attendance of 80 per cent of Class 1 men has been maintained the past month. So popular was the preliminary training that many men in the deferred classes applied for the privilege of instruction.

The training as carried out in Johnson county will first be inaugurated in a district comprising Osage, Callaway, Cole, Moniteau, Cooper, Saline, Howard and Pettis counties. Drill will be held once a week and perhaps twice. Where drill is held only once a week it will last through an afternoon.

It is estimated there will be about seventy-five thousand Class 1 men in Missouri under the new draft rulings. It is readily seen that the state council of defense is undertaking a big task to provide preliminary training for a majority of this number.

The plan is to be inaugurated under the belief that the preliminary training will lead to ready promotion of the men after they reach the regular army camps, will doubtless save many lives at the front, and will exert a wholesome influence by bringing the life of the army nearer the people at home. It has received the strong approval of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and other military authorities.

The Seventh Regiment, N. G. M., has furnished training of this character to a number of men in Kansas City, and considerable progress has been made with the preliminary training in St. Louis. It is the purpose of the state council of defense to extend the plan formulated Tuesday afternoon to the entire rural district of Missouri.

### FATHER BRADY CHOSEN

Bishop Burke Selects Him for the Important Place of Vicar General of St. Joseph Diocese.

Bishop M. F. Burke pleased every resident of his diocese and did ample justice to one of the best beloved priests under his jurisdiction when on Tuesday he appointed the Very Rev. James P. Brady, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, as vicar general of the diocese of St. Joseph to fill the place made vacant by the death of the late Mr. Linnenkamp. The announcement was made through the chancellor, the Very Rev. Charles F. Buddy, and was received with deep satisfaction not only by the Catholics but by all the people of this section who honor and respect the gifted and devoted Father Brady.

Father Brady has been here in St. Joseph since his ordination, and during his pastorate at St. Mary's has made it one of the most progressive and prosperous parishes in the diocese. As vicar general he will have greatly enlarged powers and during the absence of the bishop will be acting bishop of the diocese.

### WHY SUCH INTEREST?

What is the Reason Atchison Women Want the Names of These Men?

ATCHISON, Kas., Sept. 16.—The names of men found to be afflicted with social diseases by health authorities should be made public was a demand made today in a resolution unanimously adopted by the Atchison Woman's Club.

An Atchison newspaper recently published the names of women ordered interned by the local health officer, but did not publish the names of men found to be afflicted but who were not ordered interned.

### FEDERAL COURT CONVENES NEXT WEEK.

The November term of federal court will convene in this city at the federal building next Monday. The term is expected will be an interesting one as a number of cases of grave importance will come up for adjudication.

### ELMER'S LOYALTY IS IN QUESTION

One of the Oracles of the Grand Old Party Is in Trouble

AND HE IS NOW UNDER INDICTMENT

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The indictment of W. P. Elmer of Salem, Mo., member of the executive committee of the Republican state committee, for May on two counts in which he is charged with disloyalty, was made public by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Mr. Elmer refused to discuss the matter with a representative of the Post-Dispatch, but said he saw nothing in the situation which called for him to resign from the Republican state committee.

The following are the facts in the case as given by the Post-Dispatch: Indictment Not Made Public.

The indictment, although returned last spring, and in spite of the fact that Elmer gave a \$2,000 bond July 8, did not become public and has not been published previously.

It is charged that Elmer wrote and published in the Salem Republican the following article under the heading, "Pray or Bray."

"The Post contained a local about a soldier boy who was leaving home after a farewell and said there was an expression seen in the faces of these boys never seen before. The Post prayed for their safe return after killing the Kaiser.

"There is a look on the faces of these boys not there when they resumed life like Americans at home, but a look of resignation to fate and utter helplessness for the future. They know they are manacled and shackled and marked for slaughter. They feel it. Protest from the mouth is futile, so it works at the heart and in due time is reflected in the face.

"They think of standing for a system that is sending out that boy on a mission to kill and get killed, and having the audacity and hypocrisy of praying for his safe return. We should be ashamed to bombard the Lord with such a request. We should have more respect for Him than that. The inconsistency of the position is utterly profane. Sending him out to get killed and then praying he may return safely home. Isn't this a grand conception of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man? It would be just as well for the Post to bray as to pray.

Other Alleged Writings.  
Other things which he is alleged to have written follow:

"When our country is right, keep it right; when it is wrong, seek it right."

"Allied chorus: 'Let Sam DO IT.'"

"Of course the food administrator is not a 'food dictator.' Oh, no!"

"England is perfectly willing to continue the war until every Frenchman and American is killed."

"More than 100 American boys drowned in the sinking of the Lusitania. Baker says this only calls for more."

"Who is right in the interpretation of American doctrine? Every statesman from Washington to McKinley or Woodrow Wilson?"

"Who can whip Germany? Allies: 'Sam.' (Great applause.) Who can pay the costs of the war? Allies: 'Sam.' Who is the goat in the war? Allies: 'Sam.'"

Chairman Cole, who appointed Elmer to the executive committee, was not in the city today, Elmer declining to discuss the charges against him, said:

"I was chosen a member of the state committee by the district committee-man, all of whom knew of these charges, and who were convinced of my innocence. I see no reason why I should resign from the executive committee unless the other boys want me to."

Elmer is the Republican nominee for the legislature from Dent county.

### FOLK THE SPEAKER

He Causes Much Enthusiasm Among His Hearers at the Commerce Club Luncheon.

"That we will win the war is not susceptible to question," said ex-governor Joseph W. Folk, who will be elected United States senator next November, as he faced a crowded house in the banquet room of the Rollidoux Wednesday noon. "We have the men, we have the resources, and we have the energy and determination to win this great war for world's democracy—and we will," he continued.

The banquet room was so crowded that many could not gain admittance for the fame of Mr. Folk as an orator is only too well known and his smiling made certain the advent of a crowded banquet room. It was the initial luncheon of the club for the opening of the luncheon season, and Mr. Folk was the first speaker. He reached here early in the morning from St. Louis and was met at the Union station by friends who escorted him to the Rollidoux, where after breakfast he met a large number of business men callers, and then went out and visited a number of personal friends.

The ex-governor is well pleased with his prospects for election, and for that matter it is a foregone conclusion. "At every point that I have visited," he said in answer to an inquiry, "I have met with the most cordial reception, and at every place I find unity of action. The entire state ticket will be elected without difficulty."

In his speech before the club, which was at frequent intervals interrupted by applause, he stated that Germany's rulers were now international outlaws and roundly condemned the methods they used to attempt to bring about their infamous purposes. He said that there could and would be no peace without an unconditional surrender on the part of Germany and that this condition must be brought about if it took every dollar and every man in America to bring about such a result.

Speaking of the position occupied by America, he said:

"America seeks the settlement of every question, whether of territory, accidents, economic arrangement or political relationship, upon the basis of free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence and prestige."

"America proposes as an end of the war that all nations be governed in their conduct towards each other by the same principles of honor and respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizen of all modern states in their relations with one another."

"We seek the establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right and bring to make peace and justice more secure by affording a definite tribunal of the people to which all must submit, and by which every readjustment that cannot be amicably arranged upon by the people directly concerned shall be sanctioned."

"We seek the reign of law based on the consent of the governed, and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind; President Wilson is the one common instrumentality through which we can win the war. The war will be won or lost after his leadership. He should receive the support of the heart, mind and soul of the American people in this solemn hour."

Immediately after the luncheon, Mr. Folk left for Kansas City, where he addressed a meeting that night. He will return to this city for a political address before the close of the campaign.

### OFFICER MEANS SHOTS A MEXICAN.

Jose Anganine, a twenty-four year old Mexican, was sent to a hospital suffering from a serious bullet wound and Police Officer William Means is nursing a stab wound in his back as the result of the Mexican celebration of independence day Monday. The Mexican died Tuesday night.

A dance in celebration of the event was going on in a hall at Lake and Michigan Avenues, and Officer Means was called to take out a drunken Mexican. While going down the stairs with his captive Anganine slipped up behind the officer and stuck a knife in his back, when Means turned and shot him. The officer's wound is not dangerous. The Mexican's was.

A hoarder is a man who is more interested in getting his bite than giving his bit.—Pierce City Record.