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FURNISH THE FIGURES THAT CONVICTS THEM

And Shows Conclusively That Democratic Efficiency Is Superior to Republican Extravagance

Auditor Hackmann, Republican State Official, Gives His Derelict Party a Black Eye

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 24.—(Correspondence.)—Democratic efficiency versus Republican extravagance and carelessness, is forcibly and impressively shown by excerpts from a table giving the cost to Missouri of criminal cases and the state disbursements for the apprehension of criminals, the suppression of outlawry, and for the execution and enforcement of civil laws, covering the 79 years from November 30, 1840 to December 31, 1918, a compilation by the Republican state auditor, George E. Hackmann, given publicity through the "Report of the State Auditor, 1917-1918," a volume published biennially for free distribution to tax payers.

During the first half of the term of the present Democratic governor, Frederick D. Gardner, years 1917 and 1918, the state of Missouri, with an estimated July 1, 1918, population of 3,525,000, paid $350,128 as "costs in criminal cases," and $9,483 for the "apprehension of criminals and suppression of outlawry," a total of $359,611. In contrast is the first two years of the administration of the Republican governor, Herbert S. Hadley, 1909 and 1910, Missouri's population then being 3,293,335, or a little over 7.1 per cent less than what it is now estimated to be, when the state paid $434,533 as "costs in criminal cases," $7,419 for the "apprehension of criminals and suppression of outlawry" and $46,154 for the "execution and enforcement of law," a total of $488,106.

Republicans Furnish the Figures

The figures just submitted being compiled by a Republican state auditor and appearing in "Table No. 48," on page 719, "Report of the State Auditor, 1917 and 1918," are official and therefore cannot be disputed by any doubting g. o. p.

With a larger population to hold in check and the disturbed conditions of the war to contend with, through general efficiency and a business-like administration of all problems, criminal and otherwise, Governor Gardner kept his total criminal costs for the state, the two years period, 1917 and 1918, $128,495 lower than was the case during the two years period, 1909 and 1910, when Hadley was governor, and times were less chaotic, a saving to Missouri tax payers through competent and efficient democratic rule of over 35.7 per cent.

Costs Broken Back to 1881-1882

The best part of the record breaking smallness of the cost to the state for criminal cases of the first two years of Governor Gardner's term as executive helmsman is still to be told. The total disbursements of Missouri for this purpose during the two years considered, not only outshines any accomplishment in this respect by the Hadley regime but also breaks all similar democratic records for any two years back to the two year period, 1881-1882, when the total state's share of criminal costs only reached $312,783. But Missouri's population then was only 2,168,380, or 38.5 per cent less than what it is now. Omitting the two year period, 1881-1882, the state criminal costs of 1917 and 1918, going back still further holds the record for smallness back to the period, 1871-1872, a biennial epoch for which the total reached $353,559 with a state population of only 1,750,000.

The second half of the Hadley administration, the years 1911 and 1912, witnesses a disbursement by the state of $478,014 for "costs in criminal cases," and $9,069 for the "apprehension of criminals and the suppression of outlawry," a total of $478,084. For the first six months of the second half of Governor Gardner's term, the state's share of criminal cost equalled but did not exceed those of any six months period of the first two years.

A Neat State Treasury Nest-Egg

This even gait, if it continues, and it will unless serious riots or race or labor troubles break out somewhere in Missouri between now and the close of 1920, will save the commonwealth tax payers approximately $255,000 over the total spent for the same purpose during the entire Hadley administration.

State criminal costs, the four year periods of both the Major and the Hadley administrations were nearly even, totaling $975,403 for the Major regime, and $975,188 for the advent of the "mysterious stranger." But it must not be forgotten that when Elliott W. Major became governor one of the first probleme he faced was to again suppress outlawry in St. Louis and Kansas City. "Lid Clubs" were running in full blast day and night with the full knowledge and consent of the police and without either state,

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EXCISE BOARD RELENTS

Saloons Are Permitted to Sell the Two and Three Quarter Per Cent Brew.

The lid if off—that is it has tilted just a little—and now it is possible for the thirsty to get what they want in the war brew line—but that is all. The excise board made that possible on Monday.

Finding that the other cities of the country were permitting the sale of what is known as two and three quarters per cent beer, the board at a special meeting after consulting with City Counselor Stigall decided that this beer could be sold pending the decision of the courts and at the conclusion of the meeting announced its finding by issuing this statement:

"The excise board has found that the cities in all territory where there is no state prohibitory law are issuing the usual dramshop licenses provided for by the laws of the states.

"St. Louis and Kansas City are doing so in Missouri. In fact, St. Joseph seems to stand alone among the cities refusing to grant the licenses.

"We are authorized by our state law to grant said licenses, and when granted they do not authorize the licensee to do anything prohibited by the federal war time act, and offer no immunity from prosecution under the federal law. And the liquor dealers understand that they cannot violate the federal law and therefore they cannot sell whisky or any other drink containing more than 2¾ per cent alcohol.

"They also understand that if at any time the federal government decides that beer containing 2¾ per cent alcohol, or any other per cent alcohol, is intoxicating and that the federal law is to be enforced against such beer, that the license issued by the excise board will be no protection, and that the saloons will then have to quit selling such beer even though they hold a license.

"Before issuing a license, we are requiring the saloon men to remove all whisky and such drinks from their saloons so as to reduce the temptation to violate the federal law."

Following the issuing of the statement a number of saloon men took out license for the next three months.

WILL CHECK ANYHOW

The Republican End of the County Court Must Get Rid of the Money Some Way.

Not that they expect to find anything—for they do not—neither have they any reason to suspect that they will find anything—but just to keep up with the money spending programme inaugurated by the Republican end of the county court, who have already spent more money in proportion to the time than did the preceding Democratic court—the gop end on Thursday entered into a contract with William P. Hoehn, certified public accountant, to go over the county books of various officials and check them. For this work $900 of the taxpayers' money will be uselessly wasted.

Hoehn will begin work next week, and will audit the accounts of the county clerk, probate judge, county treasurer, assessor, surveyor, highway engineer, circuit clerk, collector, and constable—all Democrats—the Republican sheriff's office is the only gop in the list.

DAVID AND JONATHAN

The Bible tells of the devotion to each other of David and Jonathan—and the latter day version of the Biblical story was witnessed on Felix street Tuesday afternoon where in front of the American National bank David Hatfield and John Albus erstwhile hostiles were enjoying a social reunion entirely oblivious of the apprehensive glances cast at them by passers by.

BILLY SUNDAY BRAND

None of His Converts Are Wanted for They Do Not Stand Hitched.

Those St. Joseph enthusiasts who were so anxious to have Billy Sunday, the mountebank preacher, come here and reform this city when he was making his dollaresque attacks on Satan a few years ago, can now feel satisfied that they failed, for the people whom he "converted" were not of a class that has proved to be of much value to the churches to whom they were assigned after Billy had put his "seal" on them. In a sermon at Omaha Sunday the Rev. Charles W. Savidge, one of the leading ministers of that city who was preaching to his congregation on the need of an old-time religious awakening in that city, said of the Sunday converts:

"I would not choose the kind of revival held by Billy Sunday in Omaha a few years ago. We had thirty members consigned to this church, but they all got drunk and landed in jail before we could handle them.

"We want the kind of religious revival that will reform men, a revival of religion which will change character, and which will make good those people who are determined to do right and are willing to obey God." The Rev. Mr. Savidge illustrated by mentioning his visit to a baseball game played Sunday at which he said thousands of spectators, made up of members of various churches, rent the Sabbath air with shouts and bet heavily on the outcome. The contending clubs, he said, represented two great business houses in Omaha.

"The Mexican bull fight was never more largely attended than baseball in Omaha on Sunday afternoon," he declared. "Modern Christianity is very largely a fraud. To be really saved we must have bible salvation."

CAPT. GIBSON CALLED

One of the Bravest and Best Officers of the Metropolitan System Is No More.

Capt. William E. Gibson, whom no better or more capable officer ever lived, was laid to rest eternal in beautiful Mount Mora Monday, and as the great funeral cortege moved silently away from the newly filled grave they realized all the more keenly that a good man was gone. Capt. Gibson died Saturday after a brief illness, leaving those who loved him to mourn his early taking away. The police department will miss him, as no man stood higher than he.

Services were held at the home, 1812 Jones street, at 2:30 and at 3 o'clock at Hundley Methodist church, conducted by Rev. E. A. Hunter and Rev. J. F. Caskey, after which a special guard of honor of thirty officers led the way to the cemetery.

The pallbearers, chosen from the dead captain's former associates on the police force, were Patrolmen Fred Deakin, George Hensley, John Sager, James Ducate, William Rose and John Mollus. The honorary pallbearers were Detectives Ossie McVey, John Duncan and J. Sullivan, Patrolman James Franz and Patrick J. Ryan, superintendent, and Emmett Cornelius, assistant, bureau of identification.

ALLEE HAD A FIELD DAY

Judge Allee's police emporium looked like an automobile good roads meeting Monday, judging from the number of automobilists who answered "present" when the police court crier called the roll. Harry Barth paid $5 for bright lights; John Hughes $10 for bright lights and no taillight; Jack Jordan $10 for one headlight and no taillight; Lawrence Lowrey $5 for one headlight; James Saxton $5 for one headlight; Earl Brumeley $5 for one headlight and no taillight; R. E. Breit $30 for speeding; L. M. Smith, Jr., $40 for same; J. W. Smith $30 for bright lights and speeding; George Kelly $5 for bright lights and no tail light; Mayer Boukars was let go. E. Blanar $5 for bright lights; Dean Snyder $30 for speeding; Bruce Boyd $5 for one headlight; J. L. Brancher $5 for one headlight and no tail light, and Charles Osborne $30 for speeding.

LUTHER SHEPHERD IS ELECTED SECRETARY

And Will Now Look After Democratic Interests in the State

TAKES THE PLACE OF THE LATE W. J. FLEMING

Although There Were a Few Little Passages at Arms During the Session Yet All Was Adjusted to the Satisfaction of Those Concerned and Plans Were Elaborated for Going After the Common Enemy and Removing Some of the Republican Blots on Missouri's Fair Democratic Pages.

President of the police board, James E. Cox, who is treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee, Senator T. J. Lysaght and a number of other local democrats went to Kansas City Tuesday, where Mr. Cox and his party attended the special session of the Democratic State Central committee called at the instance of Chairman Ben M. Neale, the session being held at the Baltimore. One of the prinicpal objects of the meeting was to select a secretary to the committee, that place being vacant on account of the death of Secretary William J. Fleming which occurred three weeks ago, but other matters of interest and importance to the party in the state were taken up and acted upon. There was a good attendance, all but five members of the committee being present.

There were but two candidates for the position of secretary of the committee, Luther Shepherd of Milan, Sullivan county, and Thomas H. Fisher of Marshall, Saline county. R. E. O'Malley of Kansas City, who is election commissioner of that place and who was a member of the committee on the proxy of Thomas J. Pendergast, presented the name of Shepherd and championed his cause while Chairman Neale espoused the cause of Fisher. This brought about a little friction in the meeting as O'Malley and Neale have not been as friendly as they should be since the St. Louis meeting a few weeks ago.

Proxies Caused Discussion

After Fisher and Shepherd had been placed in nomination came the little clash of the meeting. The Shepherd adherents demanded a roll call, to which the Fisher advocates objected and the matter being left to the chairman he decided for a secret ballot which ruffled O'Malley's feathers and he made the charge that Neale had used his position as chairman to ob-

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WOOD SHOES NOT WANTED

But a Substitute May Hold Off the $20 Per Pair Price That Now Impends.

Walden Harrison, a wholesale shoe dealer of New York, is reported as saying that Americans will soon be wearing wooden shoes, and further that the ordinary shoes now being worn will be sold for $20 within a year's time.

A Felix street shoe merchant when asked as to his opinion said of his present stock: "There are thousands of pairs here, and people will buy the old stock before they will wear wooden shoes. We have a rubber substitute that is cheaper than leather and wears much better. People will soon wear a substitute"

The substitute shoe has a rubber sole and heel and canvas top. The shoe is not very good looking, but is used very much as a working shoe.

"There is not a satisfactory substitute on the market, and there will probably not be one," said another Felix street dealer. "We, however, will not be wearing wooden shoes, but shoes will go higher than $20. I predict that ordinary men's shoes will be $20, and women's kid shoes will be worth $30 within the next year. The reason for this increase is that Europe is short 36,000,000 head of cattle. These can not be raised in one year like a crop of wheat. That is why shoes will go higher for at least three years. They may stay high for five years or more until another herd of cattle replaces that lost during the war."

Manager Carroll of the stockers and feeders show to be held here Oct. 9-10, has announced the selection of Alex McGregor of Washington, Kas., and Victor Scott of Paris, Ill., as two of the judges.

COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAKE THE CHANCE

Alvin York, accredited greatest performer with a rifle in the American army in France, has not been claimed as yet by the Democrats. Wonder how they came to overlook it?—Stillwater (Okla.) Gazette."

It was wholly unnecessary to make this claim because Democrats presumed that that was a matter of common knowledge. The real surprise is that the Republicans have not had the presumption to claim Hero York; the reason why they did not do so was the reputation that York made while in France, and they could not afford to take the chance of insulting him.

ARE TOO LONG

The Episcopal Church Will Shorten the Ten Commandments.

If all things work out as the framers contemplate those of the Episcopal faith in St. Joseph and the world over, will soon be using an expurgated version of the Ten Commandments. The prayer book committee of the church which has been in session in Boston has prepared a new and briefer form which will be submitted to the general conference which meets in Detroit in October for its approval. The new form will be as follows:

I. God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labor and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

X. Thou shalt not covet.

MANY NEW OFFICES

The Government Will Establish Many New Tax Collection Offices in This Territory.

No, Mr. Officeseeker, do not fly off at a tangent and get the idea that there is a place for you at a snug salary just because this article is headed "many new offices," for there is not. The new offices will be income tax collectors and advisors and the men will be taken from the many now employed in the internal revenue collection departments who have been collecting liquor taxes, which will now cease with the coming in of prohibition.

This week President Wilson approved the plan whereby income tax collectors and advisors will be placed in practically every county seat town in the United States, and this will give the county seats of this part of the country a new official in each one. The new plan is to decentralize the present method of collecting the federal tax and put the collector and tax expert in easy reach of the people. These collectors will not only handle the income tax, but the soft drink, luxury, and in fact all forms of internal revenue taxes the government now is imposing. Incidentally it will make the road of the income tax dodger a rough one, as the local agent can spot the dodgers easier than the faraway collector.

The organization was brought about by the complete change that has come about in the form of internal revenue taxes. Formerly the bulk of these were derived from whisky, beer and tobaccos. Now, with prohibition, the several thousand employees used in collecting the whisky taxes will be used in collection of the income tax.

Platte City, Savannah, Maryville, Rock Port and Oregon in this congressional district will all come in for one of these new collectorships.

KING HILL TO HAVE NEW HOME

King Hill Lodge I. O. O. F. held a meeting Monday night, at which time it was decided to go ahead at once and improve the old First Christian church on Tenth and Edmond which the lodge has purchased and convert it into a pleasing new home for the organization. It will cost $10,000 to make the improvements.

ALL GENERAL LAWS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7

The Attorney General Rules On This Point and Settles the Question

IT WILL GO HARD FOR AUTOMOBILE THIEVES

For After That Time All Cars Brought Into Garages or Repair Shops Must be Registered and All Information Asked of the Man Bringing It in by the Garage Keeper Must be Promptly and Satisfactorily Answered or the Police Will be Called.

From one to half a dozen cars have been stolen in St. Joseph every night for the past year—and a great many of them are never recovered. After August 7, it is going to be mighty hard to steal one here, and get away with it—and it will all come about through the fact that the new automobile anti thievery law passed by the legislature last session will then go into effect.

On Saturday Attorney General McAllister submitted to the secretary of state a legal opinion holding that except in specific cases all general laws passed by the regular session of the legislature will be in full force and effective August 7. A great number of conflicting opinions have been circulated here lately as to the date of the going into effect of these laws.

This ruling will settle the controversy as to when the law for the protection of owners of motor cars from thieves of all kinds will go into effect.

Must Register Vehicles

Every public garage or repair shop must keep a strict register of every vehicle placed in such garage or repair shop. This registry must contain the name and address of the owner, date, number of state and city license, if the latter is attached to the car, and the manufacturer's number. A careful note must be made if any identifying number or mark on such vehicle has been changed, such as the removal of a number or the mutilation thereof, and such information must at once be reported to the police or other proper officials. The alteration of an engine number or its mutilation is made prima facia evidence of larceny. The modification of this section applies to owners of vehicles who are well known to the owners of the garage or repair shop and whose vehicles have been in their custody. The plain object of the section is to secure a complete record of very motor car that is left at a garage or repair shop and to at once advise

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FOR RATE RAISE

The Street Car Company Asks An 8 Cent Fare and the Gas Company $1.30 Gas.

The Robidoux was utilized Thursday for a hearing by the public utilities commission of the rate of 8 cents asked by the street railway and the $1.30 rate asked for gas by the St. Joseph Gas Co. The public utilities commission was represented by W. G. Busby, chairman, and Commissioner Noah Simpson. After hearing testimony of street railway officials and others, the hearing on that line was adjourned until September when it will be completed here.

The gas company put up considerable testimony to sustain its old cry of money losing, but it was shown that a profit of about $60,000 per year was assured if the rate kept up for the balance as it had for the first six months of the year. The company claims that they must in the near future advance wages for the employes which will with other expenses eat up the profits. The commission was not satisfied with the figures shown by the gas company and deferred action until September.

DEATH OF MRS. EMMA DISBROW TURNER

The people of St. Joseph deeply deplore the death of Mrs. Emma Disbrow Turner, wife of Thomas T. Turner, which occurred at the summer cottage of the couple at the lake on Wednesday morning. The deceased had been in failing health for some time and death was not unexpected. Beside her husband she leaves a niece, Mrs. H. H. Kauts of this city. Mrs. Turner was born Dec. 22, 1851, and her whole mature life was here devoted to doing good.

AN "INSPIRED" VERSION

In Order That Republican Senator Spencer May Clear His Skirts.

The Spencer faction of the Republican party in this city and county seem to have had things pretty well under control at the meeting of the Republican congressional committee for the Fourth District held at the Robidoux Saturday afternoon for that element rode rough shod over any attempt by the other faction to assert itself, and in consequence an inspired resolution designed by Senator Spencer to help him in his campaign for re-election, and make it possible for him to vote against the treaty ratification and League of Nations was put through with a whoop by the fixers here. This is all in line with the plan of the Republican party to in every way hamper and embarrass President Wilson in his campaign for world peace. The "inspired" document read as follows:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Republican congressional committee of the Fourth District, in meeting assembled, that our senators be requested to exert every influence in their power to induce the United States Senate to strike out the peace treaty and refuse its consent to the independent covenant therein contained, which attempts to bind the United States in an entangling alliance with foreign powers, without first submitting the same to a vote of the people; and that it is the sense of this committee that said proposed League of Nations is undemocratic, opposed to all the traditions of American independence and freedom, and represents the ideals of an arrogant dictatorial and avowed Socialist who would force, if he could, his un-American and socialistic doctrines upon the American people without giving them an opportunity to be heard, and then attempt to justify his act by publicly announcing that to reject the alliance would 'break the heart of the world,' having no regard for the hearts of the American parents whose boys are to be forced to go to foreign lands to fight, suffer and die in foreign wars, waged for foreign aims and purposes and in which the American people are in no wise interested."

PHILOSOPHIC ABOUT IT

Robert L. Young and G. W. Blosser Did Not Mourn Over Short Crops.

There were two farmers in the city Tuesday who despite the fact that they had reverses with their wheat crops which if successful would have meant much to them, were as cheerful as if nothing had happened.

"We have just finished threshing 110 acres of wheat down my way," said Robert L. Young, "and the total yield from that patch of ground was 1,044 bushels, but it might have been worse and we would have had none at all.

"I had in 75 acres of as fine looking wheat as any man ever saw in early June," said G. W. Blosser, who lives near the Platte river east of the city. "When we threshed the other day the seventy-five acres yielded me just 51 bushels—but that would not have happened had not the Platte get it all—but I'll do better next year."

I. O. O. F. TO CELEBRATE

Will Meet Here in Great Numbers on Oct. 4 and Hold Ceremony.

St. Joseph will be the Mecca for all Odd Fellows of both high and low degree on Oct. 4, at which time over one hundred lodges in this territory will send delegations here which have participated in a membership campaign of which the conclusion will be a big victory conclave to be held in the Auditorium and which will last all day and all night.

Georgetown Lodge is at the head of the movement and has sent out this week invitations to all of these lodges. Oliver M. Harvey, grand master, of Webb City, has endorsed the project and will be here at the winding. The grand lodges of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska have been invited and will have representatives here to what will be the largest meeting of the kind held in the state.

DEATH OF ALBERT B. CARTER

Thomas Carter, wholesale stamp clerk at the St. Joseph post office, received a message Wednesday telling of the death of his brother, Albert B. Carter, which occurred that day in a hospital at Atchison where he had undergone an operation. The deceased was a widely known traveling man, having represented a St. Louis wholesale house for many years. The funeral occurred at Kickapoo, Kas., yesterday.