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THE "HARMONY" JUST OOOZED FROM THE ROLLER

Was So Thick That a Few More Added Notches Would Have Forced a Police Call

Congressman Dyer Essays to Smite the Colored Man and Brother While "Educating" Women

Friday night John Albus and Bill Rankin went to St. Louis—to attend the harmony meeting of the state GOP committee and its new adjunct, the Women's Republican Executive committee, which sessions were scheduled for the Planters the next day. To the Missouri metropolis also went Mrs. W. M. Robertson of this city and Mrs. Elizabeth Baum of Savannah, these two no doubt aspiring to be the future female bosses of this part of the moral vineyard. So the women went early—Friday night to have the benefit of the counsel and advice of John and Bill who are known far and near as two of the most noted dispensers, and most intriguing of poets, in this whole God blessed West—and they sure got it—for the next day these two women helped to push the steam roller brought in by Bill and John to crush "Liv" Morse's League of Nations resolution until it was so flat that its author lost his temper and one of his lieutenants got so worked up that he uncorked a speech in which he advised the women delegates that they had started the Republican party on its "road to hell in a torrent of blood"—which for that matter with the exception of the "torrent of blood" everyone who reads knows that he spoke by the card as the GOP party ever since the war closed has gone headlong in that direction.

But the women had learned—and are still learning the dubious and devious path of Republican politics and the St. Joseph and Northwest delegates seemed to enjoy it—for an one of them remarked Sunday on her return, "We just had a lovely time—it was so exciting."

And it was exciting—and so really homelike harmonious—a harmony that fairly raged—for if it had raged a few notches more it would have been necessary to call out the police and fire department—possibly that is what the Northwest Missouri female part of the delegation referred to when she said it was "so exciting."

In order that there may be no doubt of the humid brand of harmony that so wittingly prevailed and in order that none of this choice GOP brand might be lost it has been found necessary to distribute it under twelve different features. Here are the high notes of the harmony as gathered by one who was there—or words to that effect:

1. Congressman L. C. Dyer, aggrieved because white delegates voted for a negro in preference to him as a member of the State Committee, threatened to heat up one of the black champions and was duly prevented by a crowd of other delegates.

2. George C. Dyer, brother of the Congressman, called Jacob L. Babbler a d—d liar, and declared he could prove it.

3. The up-State Republican crowd ran a steam roller over the "Liv" Morse and Kansas City delegates and refused to let them be heard on a League of Nations resolution.

4. Congressman L. C. Dyer shouted that he had been insulted because four white delegates voted for a negro opponent against him for committee-man.

5. Joseph E. Black, a "Liv" Morse lieutenant, shouted that he refused to be throttled by emissaries of United States Senator Spencer.

6. Other delegates hissed Black and declared that the "Liv" Morse never elected Republicans in their districts and were only disturbing elements in the party.

7. The women delegates were brutally and frankly told that "machine politics" is the only method of winning elections, and that in becoming a part of the organization they were becoming a part of the Republican "machine."

Taking the Party to Hall

8. Black, vexed at the overwhelming vote of the women delegates against him on his appeal from a decision of Chairman William L. Cole, told the women that they "would take the Republican party down a raging torrent to hell" if they continued to follow such policies opposing free speech.

9. A League of Nations resolution was sidetracked after a "harmonious" debate of two hours in committee, after it had been threatened that if the resolution was reported out there would be an active fight on the floor of the convention that would tear things wide open.

10. Disgruntled negroes threatened to put up a colored man as a candidate against Congressman Dyer because of his insult to the race, and claim to have a majority negro vote in Dyer's district.

11. Chairman W. L. Cole declared that he "told these d—d fellows" not to bring up the Dyer fight and described what would happen, but that they brought it up anyhow.

12. Cole was extremely nervous while the Resolutions Committee was in session and sent several messages reminding that they "black" the League of Nations resolutions because "we don't know what the Republican party may have to do in that fight yet."

Fine Points Demonstrated

There were about fifty women delegates to the meeting and they were duly initiated into Republican "harmony" while the male delegates smoked big black cigars and curled smoke rings toward the electric fans for distribution about the room.

They were steam-rollered and voted in groups by the men, and unwittingly permitted the "machine" to develop their policies and help them choose their candidates for state and national officers of the women's committees.

The climax came near the close of the convention, when Black of Richmond, after the "Liv" Morse and Kansas City resolutions and policies had been dumped into the ditch with the aid of the votes of women delegates, arose with clenched fist and shouted:

"I want to give the ladies this parting shot: You are young in the ways of politics, but just so sure as you follow the policies you have approved this afternoon by your votes, just so sure will you take the Republican party down the raging torrent to hell in a sea of blood."

The women delegates then were given a demonstration of the power of the "machine" to hurriedly adjourn a convention when the delegates get troublesome. Somebody made a motion to adjourn. Another seconded it. Almost everybody shouted "aye," and Chairman Cole rapped his gavel, leaving the disgruntled "harmony shouters" puffing angry streams of heated air.

"We First Do Pity Then"

The male delegates assumed a patronizing attitude toward the women delegates during the morning and early afternoon sessions, and smiled broadly as they led the women voters along the paths desired by the "machine."

Black threatened to win the support of the women delegates at the afternoon session when he naively suggested that the male delegates step aside and permit the women to elect their own chairmen of their state and national committees.

This almost broke up the "harmony." Wry faces were made by several male delegates, and it was quickly made known to Chairman Cole this was a joint convention, and the men wanted "equal suffrage" with the women.

Chairman Cole ruled the point was well taken, and both men and women delegates would vote on the candidates for chairman of the women's committee.

The convention failed to adopt the "ladies first" rule, and in calling the roll Secretary Barrett was instructed to call the names of the male delegates first.

Black almost upset the "harmony" at another time when he arose when nominations were being made and, with his most diplomatic language, declared that "some of the ladies want to have their names presented for the offices, but are too modest to speak out."

"I suggest that if there are any women here who would like to present names that they get right up and do it so we men folks can pick out the best candidates from this galaxy of beauty," Black said.

Bargain-Counter Display

Chairman Cole, at the request of a group of male delegates, turned the convention into a sort of bargain counter display by ruling that the women candidates for the office come to the platform "so that the delegates can see whom they are voting for."

Two officers of the women's committees were to be filled, and two candidates were nominated for each. Before a vote was taken the women can-

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WORTH NEARLY A MILLION

Missouri Meerschaums Were Made and Disposed of to That Amount Last Year.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 28.—(Correspondence.)—A unique industry which originated in Missouri and one in which the state excels all other states, is the manufacturing of "Missouri meerschaum" pipes from apparently worthless corncobs. In 1918 six factories devoted to this enterprise located two in Washington, Franklin county; Union, Franklin county; and Bowling Green, Pike county; according to advance information from the "Missouri Red Book, 1919," the annual state industrial report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, turned out corncob and wooden pipes to the value of \$255,316. The six factories that year represented an aggregated investment of \$316,116. To 425 employees, consisting of 315 men and youths and 110 women and girls, there was paid \$260,674 in salaries and wages. For materials and supplies, including several hundred carloads of corncobs, there was disbursed \$450,875. These same six factories that year also paid out \$127,944 for taxes, insurance, rent, interest, and for other miscellaneous purposes.

The six "Missouri meerschaum" factories, considered in this treatise, in 1918, turned out 27,591,546 complete corncob pipes; 685,398 wooden pipes; 268,000 extra reed stems, and 54,576 pipe cleaners.

Thousands of "Missouri meerschaums" at the present moment are being smoked and keenly enjoyed by members of the American Army of Occupation in the very land which was the original home of the real article, the genuine meerschaum pipe, (seafoam) Germany. To further spread the glory of Missouri in that obstreperous country, and give more world-wide prominence to this unique industry, each corncob pipe bears a label carrying the legend, "A genuine Missouri meerschaum pipe, made in Missouri, U. S. A."

A. T. EDMONSTON.

WHY THIS DISCRIMINATION?

The Republican end of the county court after a protracted effort succeeded in getting the county official brand on the car used by Bob George in his road work, so that he could not use it for joy riding. George has a better car of his own and never has used the county car for private purposes. What is vexing the people is that the new car bought for the special highway department was seen on Friday night being utilized it is said for joy riding. It is controlled by a Republican.

WHY THIS DISCRIMINATION?

When James Monroe of Kansas City faced Judge Allee Wednesday and was fined \$5 for blinding lights, he angrily exclaimed: "You'd think this was Kansas City, the way they take you up on traffic rules." Without turning a hair Judge Allee blandly remarked: "Yes, we may not aspire to a population of one million in the next ten years, but we do intend to have law and order."

Seven other bright lighters and traffic rule violators paid from \$5 to \$20 each for the pleasure.

KNIGHT NAMES COMMITTEES

Chairman O. B. Knight of the general committee which has in charge the programme for the observance of "Victory Days," Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, has announced his sub-committee and they are now all at work. The finance committee is headed by R. T. Forbes; Entertainment, C. U. Phibley; Decorations, Mrs. C. T. Hamner; Substance, Chris Neipp; Music, A. L. Loving; decorations (street), C. U. Phibley, and programme printing, H. F. McQuay.

CONGRESSMAN BOOHER HOME TUESDAY

The lower house of congress recessed Saturday and will not reconvene until Sept. 8th. The house has no part in the treaty ratification and therefore instead of marking time and waiting on that body, the members decided to take a recess until the Senate catches up. A letter from Congressman Charles F. Booher of this district received here Friday states that he will be at home Tuesday to remain during the recess.

COULDN'T AGREE ON BOOZE CASE

The first booze case under wartime prohibition came up Tuesday before Justice Wilson, when J. E. and C. M. Davis were charged with selling whiskey to W. H. Withey, a police stool pigeon. The jury, after hearing all sorts of arguments of both sides, decided the case was too strenuous for it and gave it up by disagreeing.

SENATOR HAYNES FILES 14 REASONS

Why the Proposed Issue of City Bonds Would Be Illegal and Void

AND MAKES THOSE REASONS PLAIN

The Record Crowd of the Season Will be in Judge Vorles' Division of the Circuit Court This Morning When the Injunction Proceedings Which Promise to be Decisively Interesting Will Come Up for a Hearing and Will be Argued by the Attorneys of Both Sides of This Momentous Question to the People of the City.

The question of whether St. Joseph voted legally or illegally the \$1,530,000 of city improvement bonds will now be settled in the courts, and while Senator W. H. Haynes, who represents the parties who will make the test and who is a consistent and earnest supporter of President Wilson in his peace programme, had the latter in mind when he drew the petition may not have had that particular feature in view, yet he outlined him in one particular by making his petition cover fourteen points—one general and thirteen special points—and any one of which if sustained will invalidate the proposed issue. While some of the city daily papers have tried to make it appear that a man who disagreed with the idea, that it was "unpatriotic" and that the objector was no better than a Bolshevik, still Attorney Haynes has a very large following in his endeavor, and some of the best and most conservative business and professional men of the city are backing his advocacy by their moral and financial support.

The petition which is a very voluminous one covering every feature of the late bond election, was filed with Circuit Clerk George Wednesday afternoon, and was assigned to Division No. 2 for action. William B. Steinbrenner of 121 West Indiana avenue, a South St. Joseph property owner, is named as the plaintiff, and the action is directed against Mayor John C. Whissel, James H. Clay, comptroller, and the city of St. Joseph and it is charged in the petition that as the election was illegal the city, the mayor and the comptroller have no power or authority to issue the bonds and incur a liability against the city. The case promises to create a vast amount of interest, as Senator Haynes is one of the best constitutional attorneys in the West and knows his ground. The case will be heard by Judge Vorles this morning and the crowd in his court room will be a record breaker.

The Reasons Against

Senator Haynes after his general denial of the right of those attached to issue the proposed bonds succinctly states his reasons why they would be invalid and of no force and therefore should not be issued, as follows:

The Reasons Urged

"1. Because no valid ordinance authorizing the said special election was ever passed by the common council of the city of St. Joseph, one of the defendants herein.

"2. Because the alleged ordinance as passed was not published as required by law.

"3. Because no legal notice was given that said special election would be held.

"4. Because no legal publication was made as pretended notice of special election.

"5. Because a pretended supplemental registration of voters had before said pretended special election was held, was not within the time fixed by law or in accordance to law, and was had before the passage, approval or effective date of pretended special ordinance authorizing a special election.

"6. Because the said proclamation of the mayor calling said special election, was insufficient in law in that it was indefinite, uncertain and did not and could not give the voters a required by law to voters of the holding of said special election, and that said proclamation was not published as required by law.

"7. Because that in a number of precincts the polling place actually used at said special election, was at a different location than the location given in the pretended published notice of said special election.

"8. Because the voting places where the said special election was held were not the places usually used for voting at elections.

"9. Because six judges were appointed for and served in each polling place at said special election in violation of the law limiting the number of judges to two.

"10. Because the aggregate amount of several proposed bonds, added to the existing indebtedness of the city of St. Joseph, is in excess of 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of property in said city of St. Joseph, as shown by the assessment made next

THIS IS THE STUFF

We like to watch the stockings when the skirts are blowing high. But, gosh, the stuff that fills 'em is the stuff that fills your eye.—Wray (Col.) Rattler.

ON A LONG TRIP

Four People Going by Boat to Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

A queer reminder of early days on the Missouri—but with up to date luxury compared with early times—was that witnessed here Tuesday when a snug built boat loaded with four people and their traveling equipment tied up at the foot of Francis street and the party came ashore and remained here over night, departing in the morning on their journey down the river, their ultimate destination being Prairie Du Chien, Wis.

The party was made up of H. C. Craig, his wife and daughter Florence and son David. They left Canton, S. D., the first of July and are taking the trip principally for Mr. Craig's health. He is a newspaper man and has been manager of the Sioux Valley News at that place for the past year. Mr. Craig says that the distance to be traveled, in all, is in the neighborhood of 1499 miles, all to be made in a 14-foot rowboat equipped with an Evinrude detachable engine. This is the first time these folks have been as far south and they are more than pleased with the people they meet and the appearance of the country. They will reach their destination about August 15.

WORDS WENT TO A PICNIC

Fred V. Worsen, who until a few months ago was advertising manager for Hirsch Bros. Dry Goods Co., but is now filling a like position with the largest retail dry goods house in Lincoln, came back here last week on a visit, and while here was investigated into going to a picnic Friday on Platte river. When he got back between scratches he said:

"We thought we were old enough to have sense, but we haven't. On Friday they got us to a picnic, and we brought back with us several hundred varieties of woodticks and chiggers. If any old pig of a man would work half as hard as a chigger he would soon be a J. P. If you want people to sit up and take notice you've got to keep at it just like the chigger. On the dead, I believe the chigger has the busy little legs skinned for industry."

BIKED UP MOHLER'S SALARY

J. D. Mohler, imported here to take charge of the construction of the hard surfaced roads—possibly in line with the doctrine that no one in this city or county has brains enough to know how to do anything where there is a decent salary attached to it—who is a wimpster at the shrine of standpatism, had his salary biked up from \$150 to \$200 per month by the republican end of the county court Thursday—but for what reason outside of his republicanism and the fact that the republican end of the county court is not at all chary about spending the taxpayers' money is not apparent.

Street car advertising signs, bearing familiar Ribald quotations, which have made their appearance in United Railways cars within the last few days, are being paid for at the rate of \$500 a month by a St. Louis woman whose identity is known only to the advertising concern handling the cards. The campaign was started by the woman on her own initiative to extend religious influence to a portion of the city's population which she feels is not adequately reached through the churches. The advertising is in the interest of Christianity. It is understood, and not in behalf of any particular church.

before the last assessment for state and county purposes, and is in violation of section 12 of article 10 of the constitution of the state of Missouri.

"11. Because the pretended certification of the judge of the circuit court, required by law was erroneous and void in that the total indebtedness of the city of every kind and character at the date of the time of said bonds, to-wit: July 15, 1912, was not accurately and correctly stated; and in that the indebtedness of the city was inaccurately and inaccurately given in that the amount stated in said certificate was far larger than 5 per cent of the assessed valuation as shown by the assessment made before the last assessment for state and county purposes.

"12. Because the said special election was not conducted and the result ascertained and declared as provided by law.

"13. Because the said bonds are issued and sold that the plaintiff and other tax-paying residents on property in the city of St. Joseph, Mo., will be deprived of their property without due process of law and in violation of section 30, article 11, of the constitution of the state of Missouri."

BLACKED THE EYES OF 60,000 BLACKS

The Republican State Committee Socks It to the Colored Man and Brother

AND EUCHRES HIM OUT OF HIS RIGHTS

In Consequence of Which Congressman Dyer of the Twelfth District Who Took an Active Part in Cruelty to the Colored Man and Brother Will Have a Black Man Put Up to Contest With Him For the Nomination For Congress in His District.

JEFFERSON CITY, July 28.—(Correspondence.)—A blackeye was given 60,000 negro "gop" voters of Missouri in St. Louis Saturday, July 26, by the Republican state committee when that body refused to further recognize that powerful element of their party through placing on the committee Homer S. Phillips, an Ethiopian lawyer, as the second committeeman from the Twelfth Congressional District. Instead Congressman L. C. Dyer, reelected to Congress last November solely through the votes of 14,000 negroes who live and vote in that district, but, chiefly, work in East St. Louis, Illinois, was named over the vigorous protests of the black men to fill an existing vacancy.

At this point it is probably well to state, in explaining the far-reaching extent of the "black eye" given the negro voters of this Congressional District, that two-thirds of the Republican vote regularly cast in the Twelfth district comes from negroes, and were it not for this negro vote the district would go into democratic every election.

The new word, "gop," as applied to a Republican voter, is the abbreviated form of g. o. p., with the periods eliminated for the reason that "grand old party" is no longer applicable to the Republican party, since many of its national and state leaders and half of the rank and file are opposed to any and every non-partisan movement to establish a permanent word.

The Roller in Active Use

Saturday's session of the Republican State Committee was anything but peaceful and harmonious. Congressman Dyer bitterly resented it because four "white" members of the "gop" State Committee voted for the negro lawyer instead of by him, George C. Dyer, a brother of the Congressman, cast serious imputations on Jacob L. Babbler, the chairman of the "gop" state committee, by questioning his competency, and, worse, offered to prove his assertion. United States Senator S. P. Spencer, elected last November through the votes of the very 60,000 "gop" voters who shortly before were given a "black eye" by the meeting narrowly escaped a resolution questioning his Republicanism because he favors President Wilson's League of Nations, but with five or six amendments added to give it a Republican tinge. The steam roller had to be run over "Liv" Morse, Joseph E. Black and other up-state "gop" leaders, to put the quietus on the move to resolve that Senator out of the running to succeed himself in 1920 so that Walter S. Dwyer could make the race and have a clear field.

Women "gop" delegates were forbidden and brutally told that "machine politics" is the only method of winning republican "victories" in Missouri, and, that when Missouri women became a part of the Republican party in this state they became a part of the huge "gop" machine. Unless the women fell blindly into line, ignored all conscientious scruples and carried out to the letter all orders and instructions of Republican state leaders, "they would take the Republican party down in a raging torrent to hell."

The resolution opposing the League of Nations and Senator Spencer's attitude toward this world-wide covenant, after a bitter fight lasting two hours, was burned down, but not until the steam roller had rolled back and forth several times over Morse and Black.

Negro Candidate for Congress

So bitter and disgruntled are the 10,000 negro "gop" voters of the Twelfth Congressional District, regardless of all overtures made by the "gop" state committee since Saturday's meeting, and promises that liberal patronage, Federal, State and

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GASTON SHOT SUPT. FOX

The Superintendent of the City Lighting Plant is Badly Wounded Sunday Night.

Alex Gaston was dropped from the pay rolls of State Hospital No. 2 last fall because it is said Supt. Williams could not get along with him. On Monday night Gaston shot Supt. Charles D. Fox, superintendent of the city lighting plant, under whom he worked, because it is said that Fox could not get along with him. Fox while badly wounded will recover.

According to the story told Gaston has caused trouble at the plant for some time. It culminated Monday night when both he and Supt. Fox attended the council meeting. After the two had been there for some time President Strickland of the board of public works finding that the street lights were not lit, told Gaston to go and start up the plant. Fox, who also bears the blame for starting the lights, also went to the plant and had about completed the work of turning on the current when Gaston, and a companion, Harry Catholico, who had just asked Fox if he still wanted him to work for the city and on Fox's answer to "wait a minute" the two turned on the lights. Gaston drew a revolver and fired five shots, the first one striking Fox in the back of the head, and coming out under the jaw, producing a serious but not necessarily fatal wound.

Fox was taken to Noyes Hospital where he is now under treatment. Gaston gave himself up and was arraigned Tuesday before Justice A. Wood, who held him under \$10,000 bond for his appearance Aug. 5 on the charge of assault to kill.

ONE KILLED; ONE INJURED

Wednesday Was a Field Day for Auto Accidents and Results Were Serious.

While crossing South Tenth near Pacific street, Wednesday morning, Mrs. B. M. Atterbury, sixty-two years of age, of 2305 South Ninth street, was struck by a motor car driven by Earl C. Watson of Westport, and so badly injured that she died on the road to the hospital. As she stepped into the street the Watson car came up from behind a bakery truck standing at the curb, and before the Watson car could stop she was struck. The driver did all possible for the accident.

In the afternoon Richard Herdigan, seventy years of age, known to all old residents as "Barnie Dick," was crossing the street on Fifth near South, when he was run down by Earl C. Watson's Ford. He had three ribs over the lower broken, and received other cuts and bruises. His injuries are serious. He was taken in a physician's office where his injuries were given attention. Owing to his advanced age the accident may yet prove serious.

GEORGE E. HILL APPOINTED INSPECTOR

On yesterday George E. Hill, who for the past fourteen years has been connected with the St. Joseph post-office, his services beginning in the South St. Joseph office from which he was transferred to Station D and made superintendent and later transferred to the mail office where he was promoted to foreman of carriers and station examiner, on yesterday left for Kansas City where he will have his headquarters. He has been made a postoffice inspector and assigned to the Kansas City district. Mr. Hill was one of the most competent officials of the St. Joseph office and has made an enviable record for faithfulness and efficiency, his appointment to his present responsible position being a reward.

THREE KILLED BY THE BULL-INGTON

Julius Bartz, a farmer sixty years of age, his wife, about the same age, and a son of unidentified name, about forty-five years of age, were struck by Burlington fast train No. 17, at the Alabama Avenue crossing south of the packing houses yesterday noon, and all three killed. The bodies were badly mangled.

The Bartzs live near Halle and are farmers. They were evidently on their way to this city to market, and no doubt were talking and did not hear the train as it approached. They had several children residing here in St. Joseph.

GEORGIA DEFEATS SUFFRAGE

ATLANTA, Ga., July 29.—The Georgia legislature today refused to ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the federal constitution. The house late today rejected the amendment 121 to 26. The senate voting in the day voted 29 to 14 against it.

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