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FARRIS' ENTRANCE CAUSES MUCH INTEREST

It Will Bring Out a Full Democratic Vote At the Primaries in August.

And Inject a Spirit Into the Campaign That Could Come From No Other Cause.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 29.—(Special Correspondence.)—The sudden and unexpected entrance of Representative Frank H. Farris of Phelps county into the race for the democratic nomination for Governor, has aroused the keenest interest in this contest and injected the spirit necessary to bring out a full party vote at the August primary, and the State ticket which will result there from will be one all hundred-per cent American electors of the state will support, regardless of party affiliations, with an enthusiasm which will emphatically demonstrate that real true-blue patriotism still holds full sway in Missouri. It is predicted that all other democratic gubernatorial possibilities, such as John M. Atkinson, the St. Louis and Ripley county lawyer; Lieutenant-Governor Wallace Crossley, a former newspaperman of Warrensburg, Johnson county; George H. Moore, a Lewis county lawyer, now United States Internal Revenue Collector for the First District of Missouri, with his headquarters in St. Louis; Col. R. D. Garrett of Kansas City, who saw actual service in the World War; Judge John S. Farrington of the Springfield Court of Appeals and others mentioned for the same honor, will now either officially file a candidacy declaration or positively announce they have no such high aspiration.

Farris Friends Become Active
Two months ago friends of Representative Farris began looking upon him as formidable gubernatorial timber, and voicing this opinion all over the state. The boom gained considerable headway and was acquiring large proportions when some democrats of Dent and Phelps counties launched a boom to tender him the democratic nomination for congress from the Sixteenth District, a proposition which was at once well received in that portion of the state. For a time the higher honor for Representative Farris was lost sight of by many of the main boosters. Thursday the Phelps county orator and statesman appeared in Jefferson City on a business mission. The word was quickly passed around that he was there. Prominent democrats swooped down on him and he was not again liberated until he

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MOTOR DEALERS ACTIVE
They Are Pushing Arrangements for the Big Show on March 1-6.

If one imagines that the motor car dealers who are behind the big show to be held at the Auditorium March 1 to 6 inclusive, are not busy a look-around will convince him to the contrary—for they are the busiest merchants on earth just now, and will give the biggest show ever pulled off

On Monday, C. H. Hellums was awarded the contract for building the extra balcony needed for the exhibition of passenger cars. D. B. Houston, in charge of decoration, has his programme completed and all other work is progressing rapidly.

The space committee on Monday allotted thirty-two spaces for trucks and tractors and at the drawing held that day for choice the exhibitors were given the following order: S. B. Utz & Sons, Ford dealers, Timberlake Motor Company, Interstate Auto Company, St. Joseph Buggy Company, Trachsel Motor Company, Huddleston-Snavely Auto Company, Robidoux Auto Company, Rullman Auto Company, Farmer Auto Company, Paul Polk and International Harvester Company. The exhibitors will be limited to four spaces each.

GOV. GARDNER WILL ACT
In a letter received the early part of the week by Mrs. A. G. Gleaves, chairman of civic for the Federation of Women's Clubs, Gov. Gardner informs the club that he has instructed the fair price commission to look into sugar troubles in St. Joseph, and that he will do all in his power to bring about a better state of affairs and reduce the high cost of the saccharine.

BESSIE HAYWARD RITCHIE

A Well Known and Loved St. Joseph Girl Is Called to Her Long Rest.
That the angel Azrael is no inspector of persons and too often takes away those who can fill a place and leaves those who are but cumberers of the earth, is again verified in the news which comes from Seattle, Wash., of the taking away of Mrs. Bessie Hayward Ritchie, the wife of W. B. (Bird) Ritchie and daughter of the veteran Capt. Joseph Hayward of this city, which occurred at her Seattle home Friday, January 23, following an operation at a Seattle hospital. The remains were cremated in the Washington metropolis. She is survived by her husband, her father, Capt. Joseph of this city; two brothers, Joseph Jr. of Wichita, Kas., and William of Kansas City, and four sisters, Mrs. Harry L. Graham of this city, Mrs. Frank Roberts of Philadelphia, Mrs. Nettie Howard of Los Angeles, and Mrs. H. A. Kuehl of Seattle. Her mother was Lydia Ann Cornman prior to her marriage to Capt. Hayward.

Bessie Hayward Ritchie was born and reared in St. Joseph and all of the years of her life from Nov. 7, 1875, when she first saw the light of day, were spent here and she grew up amid pleasant surroundings the idol of her parents and the joy of those who—and they were many—enjoyed her friendship. She was educated in the public schools here and graduated with honors from the high school in 1893. After her graduation she spent several years in teaching here the principal part of the time at the Washington school. She was greatly beloved by her pupils.
In 1902 she was married to W. B. Ritchie, who at that time was chief of the detective system for the old "Council Bluffs" road, with which his father-in-law had been connected for many years. Later the couple removed to Omaha where Mr. Ritchie was placed in charge of the Western division for the Pinkerton Agency, and later they went to Seattle where on Nov. 20 Mrs. Ritchie submitted to an operation, from which she never rallied, her gentle spirit taking its flight Friday, and leaving behind a broken hearted husband, parent and brothers and sisters and a legion of friends to mourn one whose place will never be filled.

JUDGE UTZ LECTURED SAM SQUIRES
In the criminal court Thursday Judge Utz concluded the Savannah road gambling cases by fining Sam Squires \$25 and costs and giving him a red-hot lecture. His two partners, Hurst and Gregory, were killed in a motor accident shortly after their arrest. Judge Utz also sentenced Frank J. Malanski to two years in the pen for grand larceny, and his partner, Richard Walker's case, was taken under advisement. William Gray was given thirty days in jail for common assault.

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING SOLD
The North St. Joseph Real Estate Co. is steadily adding to its holdings, and has now acquired the Board of Trade building at the corner of Third and Edmond. The structure is worth in the neighborhood of \$200,000 but the purchase price is not made public. It was built in 1887 for the Chamber of Commerce, and was for many years the most handsome structure west of the Mississippi river. The new owners will remodel it and turn it into a business building.

Judge W. K. James of this city—also of Andrew county—was on Saturday elected vice president of the Missouri Farm Bureau Association, at the annual meeting held at Columbia. Judge James was not a candidate for president of the association as has been stated. According to the statement of the Buchanan county farm agent, who returned from the meeting Monday, the association will in future take part in politics.

BUNGLED THE JOB

Or the Mechanics State Bank Robbers Would Now be in Jail—or Dead.

When the burglar alarm which connects the Mechanics State Bank on South Sixth street, and the O. K. store, its next neighbor, buzzed Tuesday afternoon Miss Mary Morrissey, cashier at the O. K. store, instead of calling the police first called up the bank over the telephone to see what was wrong and getting no answer went over personally to find out why her call was not responded to. As she reached the bank door a man on guard grabbed her and shoving her inside of the bank room made her hold up her hands along with Barney Lamb, assistant cashier; James E. Collins, real estate clerk; Frank J. Tyfiski, clerk, and Miss Nona Powers, stenographer of the bank force and Hyman B. Fishman, 816 South Ninth street, an employe of the Independent Fruit Company; John Miller, 2213 South Seventh street; E. Henry, an employe of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, and Mrs. M. L. Hulet, 2216 South Ninth street, who were in the bank transacting business at the time that five unmasked and undisguised men drove up in a big Dodge car and leaving one of their number on the outside as guard, four of them with drawn revolvers forced all in the bank to hold up their hands and close their eyes, while they looted the bank of what was most conveniently in sight.

The gang gathered up \$5,000 in Liberty bonds and about \$2,000 in money and after leisurely going over the room luckily for the bank overlooking about \$26,000, drove all of the people in the bank into the vault, closed the door and drove off to the south at a high rate of speed. They were later reported seen near Edgerton and prior to that report, at Saxton. Ever since the robbery all officers in this section have been working on any clue offered, and hope to make good. Had it not been for the bungle made by Miss Morrissey, the robbers would either now be in limbo—or up a limb—o.

The bank is in no wise the loser in the transaction, as it was fully insured against loss and the adjuster has already made the loss good. This is the second time that the bank has been robbed, the first occurring on Feb. 28, 1916, when bandits walked into the bank, drove Mr. Downey and his assistants into the vault and then robbed the institution. On the last occasion Cashier Downey was not present as he was in South St. Joseph, and in consequence missed a second hair raising experience.

JUDGE RAMSEY DIES IN CALIFORNIA
There are hundreds of friends in St. Joseph—especially in the legal profession in which he stood high—who will read with deep regret of the death of Judge William W. Ramsey, formerly of Maryville, which occurred the early part of this month at his home in Glendale, California, to which place he went for the benefit of his impaired health some years ago. In earlier years he was one of the leading attorneys at the Maryville bar, and often practiced in the courts here. He leaves a wife and one son. The remains were buried in California.

JUDGE MAYER ASKED TO RUN
Judge Charles H. Mayer of this city was highly complimented at a meeting of the Andrew county Democratic committee held Thursday at Savannah, at which time the committee passed a resolution asking Judge Mayer to become a candidate for governor, and pledging the support of that county. The resolution, a copy of which was sent to Judge Mayer, are signed by I. R. Williams, chairman, and R. H. McFadden, secretary.

MRS. LITTLE CHALLENGES THE MEDICS
At the meeting of the Anti-Vaccination League, held Thursday night, Mrs. Lora C. Little of Chicago issued a sweeping challenge to Dr. De Lamater, city health officer, and to Dr. W. L. Kenney, member of the board of health, inviting them to debate the subject of vaccination with her at a public meeting tonight. Up to a late hour yesterday there had been no response to her open challenge.

David Perry, the negro who blew Robert Nelson, another negro, to kingdom come with a shot gun last Easter day, refused to accept a three months' jail sentence Thursday, when it was offered to him, and insisted on being tried. As a result the jury after hearing all of the evidence, and a large amount of legal expounding, gave him two years in the pen.

VACCINATION SHOULD NOT BE COMPULSORY

So Says Mrs. R. N. Malone, Who Is Not Afraid to Declare Herself

AND SHE IS BACKED BY MANY GOOD PEOPLE

In a Series of Pertinent Questions Some of Which She Answers She Gives Those Who Have Never Given the Subject Any Serious Consideration Abundant Food For Thought and Plenty of Evidence to Assist in Making Their Decision.

To the Editor of The Observer:
Vaccination seems to be one of the principal agitators of the local press at present. Some articles therein contain strong arguments for the practice. There are a great many people who are opposed to vaccination, but it seems they have never come out boldly and taken a stand against what their convictions tell them is wrong. We venture to say if it were put to a vote to repeal the so-called law, it would be repealed.

Answer the following questions and then cast your vote:
Were the laws governing or compelling vaccination created by the majority of the people for their protection, or by a few who gain recompense by the fee for the work?

Does vaccination lower the death rate from small-pox? (Statistics say no.)
Does it lessen the severity of the disease? (It has not been proven that it does.)

Has Any Man the Right?
Has any man or body of men the right to say that you shall be treated by a certain method?
Has any one the right to say that

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NOT STUCK ON IT

Dave McKee Prefers His Old Missouri to the Rapacity of Polygot California.

"None of your California for me. If I wanted to die, all that you would have to do to kill me off would be to force me to live in California," said good-natured Dave McKee of Guilford, one of the best known Nodaway county farmers, who was in St. Joseph Tuesday on his return from a four months trip to the Golden state.

"If ever there was a country that is overrated and over-estimated, it is California," he continued. "There is absolutely nothing to it. When I went out there the people who wrote to me to come told me to leave my fur coat at home. I didn't—but took it with me—and I am glad that I did for I wore it more there in those four months than I would here at home—and needed it too."

"Another drawback," he said, "is that there are hardly any white people there, and what few there are engage in the occupation of 'pilgrimage' at which they are painfully proficient. The most of the population is Chinese, Japs, and other foreigners. No more California for me," he concluded.

TO HELP MILLIGAN

Senator McGruder, Candidate For Attorney-General, Will Campaign in the Third District.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 28.—(Special Correspondence.)—State Senator Mark A. McGruder of Sedalia, who, on Jackson Day, January 8, last, announced as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for Attorney-General, has accepted an invitation to go into the third Missouri congressional district and make speeches in behalf of Capt. J. L. Milligan, Democratic nominee for Congress in that district. Senator McGruder had rendered his services to the publicity end of the Democratic State Committee and the latter accepted the offer and will arrange speaking dates during the week.

Governor Gardner will also make speeches in the district in behalf of Milligan's election, and so will Representative Frank Farris of Phelps county, and State Senator C. H. Buford of Reynolds county.

WOW! ALREADY AT IT!

Female Gops Learning Early the Lessons Taught Them by Their Spiritual Advisers.

Wow! whoop! weought!
Already they are at it—already—are they learning the lessons.
Apt pupils—ready scholars—charming students.

Already has the female wing of the gop in St. Joseph and Buchanan county learned that if they monkey with the Marshall-Albus buzz saws that they are certain to be lacerated—and the laceration sufficient to rend them asunder—as they were.

Also they have discovered that when these two buzzsaws are in active operation at the same time, the innocent bystander is likely to be chopped both coming and going—as they were.

And that is the reason the knowing ones give for that rupture in diplomatic relations which resulted in the resignation on Friday last of Mrs. Charles Gelfer as chairman for Buchanan county of the women's division of the gop party, followed on Saturday by the resignation of Mrs. Harriett M. Robertson as a member of the gop state committee, and the hurry up call for Mrs. Albert Bruggeman, national committeeman, to come up from St. Louis and apply the healing ointment—which she made a most sorry job of and left several badly disfigured soldierettes when she departed.

CUTS DOWN MILEAGE

The 200 Miles of County Road to be Built is Reduced to One Hundred and Nineteen.

It was with some surprise that the people read the next day after the meeting of the county advisory board made up of George E. McIninch, S. S. Connett, R. T. Forbes, J. B. Croy and A. E. Ueberrhein with the members of the county court, relative to the disposition of the money raised by the \$2,000,000 bond issue and for which the voters had been promised 200 miles of paved road, that now the best that the committee could figure out would be 119.94 miles. This will practically eliminate cross county roads and provide only for main highways, which will be a great disappointment for those who voted the bonds with the expectation of getting roads for the money.

After the committee had gone over the situation in detail they made their recommendations to the county court. These recommendations do not touch the east and west road in the south part of the county—the north and south roads in the east part of the county and the highway already partly graded from Saxton to Gower and some other smaller roads, which are left for the dim future.

The present expenditure authorized will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000 and the committee recommended that the projects be completed in the following order:
First—Reconstruction of One Hundred and Two road to river, about 50 per cent completed.

Second—Reconstruction of Saxton road from St. Joseph to Saxton, with penetration method macadam, nearing completion.
Third—Section of Jefferson highway to Faucett, plans approved by state highway department, bids to be asked for brick, concrete and asphaltic concrete.

Fourth—West Savannah road to north county line to be reconstructed with asphaltic concrete or bituminous macadam.
Fifth—Paving of Agency road from Saxton to Agency, about six and one-half miles of concrete, asphaltic concrete or bituminous macadam.

Sixth—St. Joseph-Atchison highway, about twenty miles, cost estimated at \$400,000.
Seventh—Pikes Peak highway to east county line.
Eighth—Faucett-Deerborn section of Jefferson highway, about four miles.

Ninth—It is the sense of the committee that all trunk lines from St. Joseph to the county lines be constructed first, and that after that other lines of a more local nature be completed. The entire plan of the county court approved.

Michael W. Walker, 87 years of age, died Monday.

THE COLORED MAN AND BROTHER ACTED

And He Was Not at All Slow In Getting In His Work

MUCH TO HIS WHITE BROTHER'S SORROW

The St. Louis Colored Brothers of the Gop Party Who For Years Furnished the Necessary Majority to "Put Her Over" Are Now Going to Have Pay For Their Labors or They Are Going to Know the Reason Why And If Not Paid There Will be a Revolution.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 29.—(Special Correspondence.)—That the 25,000 negro voters of St. Louis who were the prime and sole cause at every election in the last fifteen years for a republican majority there ranging from 10,000 to 20,000, are still wearing war paint, wildly waving razors and demanding their pound of flesh in the way of nominations on the party state and local ticket from g. o. p. leaders of that burg, is evidenced by the following article from the St. Louis Star of January 2, 1920, which details the movement which is afoot to appease the turbulent Ethiopeans there and elsewhere over Missouri:

A Conference Called
"A joint conference of white and negro Republican leaders to discuss the demands of St. Louis negro Republicans that they be given one delegate-at-large to the national convention, a candidate for Congress and other candidates of their own race in districts where they are in the majority, will soon be called by City Chairman Schmoell for an early day. The conference will be held at Republican city committee headquarters in the Odd Fellows Building.

"Schmoell consented to call the conference after he had been visited by A. W. Lloyd, president of the Citizens' Club."
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JUDGE HAYNES' WILL IS PROTESTED

The will of the late Judge W. H. Haynes was admitted to probate this week, with E. M. Birkes, his son-in-law, as administrator. The property, which amounts to nearly a quarter of a million, is left in trust for twenty-five years, at the expiration of which time it is to be divided among the heirs. Mrs. Birkes, his daughter, and her daughter Ethel, and Albert J. Haynes, his son, are each to receive \$75 per month. If alive at the end of twenty-five years E. M. Birkes is to receive \$10,000. There are smaller monthly bequests to other relatives.

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET AT JOPLIN

The Democratic state committee held its meeting at Jefferson City Thursday, and selected Joplin as the place to hold the state convention, and March 31st as the time. The four delegates-at-large to the national convention will be selected at that time. The committee decided that women should have equal representation, and will elect their own delegates. A resolution endorsing President Wilson and his administration was unanimously adopted.

SKUNKS IMPOSE ON JOHN HUNSINGER

John Hunsinger, a very old man, who lives near step 1 on the Savannah interurban, was called upon Saturday night by two two-legged skunks who prey on the old man's ignorance and credulity by means of siver stars made him believe that they were revenue officers and had him show them his private stock of twenty gallons, which they confiscated. The only thing one could wish such scoundrels who would thus impose on an ignorant old man, is to wish that they had secured wood alcohol.

GOP "SNAP" CONVENTION AT SAVANNAH

There is more trouble in the gop camp, as a "snap" convention to name a place for selecting the delegates to the national convention was "snapped" by the cotton socked contingent Thursday and the sick hood brothers were left in the lurch. The time was "snapped" for yesterday afternoon, and not in many months was there such a hustling among the sikes to catch their breath and get to the battle ground.

WHAT DOES HE WANT

Mr. Sutherland Should Tell What He Wants to be President of at Least.

Along with the slogan "Right, Just" do your duty to both God and man, and fear no one in the consciousness that you are right," the "Sutherland for President Club" of West Virginia send this paper a postal card on which in addition to the above slogan and a picture of a fairly intelligent man is the pertinent inquiry if this paper is for Sutherland for President?

The club also asks us, in red ink, if we will boost Mr. Sutherland. It asks us if he is our first or second choice. It asks us to write and ask any questions about Mr. Sutherland we want to. It says he has been prominently mentioned for the presidency. It says he is destined to play a big part in the nation's history. It says he is a student of the life of Abraham Lincoln and loves children. It says he is a member of numerous fraternal, benevolent and scientific societies and a Beta Theta Pi. It says he is of Scotch ancestry. It says he is vice-president of the West Virginia board of trade. It says he is a man of the people and for the people. It says he was born on a farm, and a small farm too. It says a number of other things, in none of which is there a word or whisper against Mr. Sutherland.

This information seems fairly complete, and yet there is one point it leaves us in doubt on. Nowhere in the printed matter of the "Sutherland-for-President Club" do we find it cleared up. And in a way it seems important. The point is this: what is it these admirers of Mr. Sutherland want him elected President of?

PALMER IN CAMPAIGN

The Attorney General of the United States Helping Milligan in His Race.

A Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, will speak at Excelsior Springs, tonight. He will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Capt. Milligan campaign committee to the editors of the Democratic and independent newspapers of the Third Congressional District.

This campaign committee is made up of members of the Third Congressional District Democratic Committee, the National Democratic Committee, and the State Democratic Committee, and is busily engaged in bringing about the election of Capt. Milligan as a member of Congress from the Third District. The special election will be held February 14. Captain Milligan was nominated by the Democrats of his district at a convention held at Cameron last week, at 6:40 o'clock in the morning after 302 ballots had been cast.

Last night Mr. Palmer spoke at a Milligan rally in the court house at Plattsburg.

CITIZENS' DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETS

The newly organized Citizens' Democratic Club made up of sterling young democrats met in the Eagles Hall Tuesday night, and the 300 or more present held a most enthusiastic meeting. Not only were the young democrats present in force, but the older members of the party also came in and took part in the proceedings. The new club will make its power and influence felt, not only at the city, but in the elections this fall. President Doyle Barrow presided, and earnest talks were made by city comptroller J. R. Clay, Richard M. Duncan, Senator T. J. Lyaght, Mayor J. C. Whittall, Judge Horace Merritt, George Akers, Louis V. Stigall and John W. Haight and others. The club will hold regular meetings in future.

JUDGE SAMPSON SHOULD LOOK DEEPER

Judge Jeff Sampson of the county court, who is one of the three judges who will spend the good roads funds, returned from Kansas City last week where he inspected road building methods. He was all "bet up" over the pouring or penetration method of putting down macadam. Judge Sampson before he gets too enthusiastic should go a little deeper, and he will find that several years ago the city of St. Joseph abandoned that method, because it was wasteful, impractical, and valueless.