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MISSOURI IN EVIDENCE AT BIG CONVENTION

Will Have Champ Clark and Gov. Gardner as Two Possible Candidates in Field

The Story of Missouri's Governor and His Achievements as It Will Be Told at Convention

(By A. T. Edmonston.)

JEFFERSON CITY, June 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—Missouri threatens to again occupy considerable space in the limelight of a national political convention, this time in the big Democratic gathering at San Francisco, but promises to be in a more favorable and enviable position than it was ten days ago at the Chicago "Gop" conclave when the \$32,000 Lowden presidential slush fund was the piece de resistance.

The question of whether or not United States Senator James A. Reed of Missouri should be recognized as a Democratic national delegate from Kansas City, the Fifth Congressional District, which has been carried to the big party event at San Francisco for a decision, is already attracting nationwide attention to Missouri.

The presidential committee will first pass on the proposition and, finally, the national convention, itself, according to the present program, in the effort to amicably settle this contest brilliant oratory will flow freely in copious streams, with spellbinders of national reputation arrayed against each other.

Gov. Gardner Presidential Dark Horse

If the convention reached a deadlock in the effort to calmly and harmoniously agree upon the presidential nominee and a dark horse is needed before an agreement is reached, Missouri has two possibilities to offer. Congressman Champ Clark, who came so near to the nomination in 1912 and whom William Jennings Bryan pushed away from the big plum as he was about to grab it, is one of Missouri's dark horses. The other is Governor Frederick D. Gardner, one of Missouri's "Big Eight" delegates to the National convention. One or the other of the two Missouri dark horses will be thrust into the running at San Francisco if a deadlock results and if the unexpected should, by chance, happen, Missourians at home and elsewhere will take a day off and celebrate the honor in a highly appropriate manner.

David R. Francis, Vice-President

When the nominee for president has been selected and it becomes in order to name the vice-president, Missouri will gain some more favorable publicity and glory, to offset the "blackeye" it received at the "gop" convention at Chicago. The name of former Governor David R. Francis, now ambassador to Russia, at home on an indefinite furlough because of the unsettled condition of affairs in that country, will be offered for the second place on the ticket. Other favorite sons from other states will be also nominated but none stand a better chance of capturing the plum than does our own David R. Francis.

News Service Ready for Gardner's Nomination

Sometime ago, the International News Service, the rival all over the United States of the Associated Press, supplying 400 papers of the land with telegraphic news, figuring ahead of time that Governor Gardner might loom up as a presidential dark horse, arranged to have ready for this emergency an article of 5,000 words, dealing with his life and business career. It fell to the lot of the author of this political message to prepare the said "morgue copy" and the same is now in the hands of Melvin Pew, editor and general manager of the International News Service, to be sent all over the country on a moment's notice, if the unexpected happens and Governor Gardner becomes the dark horse presidential nominee of the Democratic party.

A Modern Day Romance

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 6.—Missouri's popular war governor, Frederick D. Gardner, now looming up as a Democratic presidential dark horse at the San Francisco convention, will go down in the history of the state as the man who twice turned down a certain opportunity to become United States Senator, preferring to return to private life and devote the next four years to putting

the finishing touches on the education of two sons nearing manhood and a daughter almost ready to enter college.

"Twice since the commencement of 1920 was the way cleared by leading Missourians, chiefly well known business men and financiers, regardless of political affiliations, for Governor Gardner to be unanimously tendered the Democratic nomination for senator. It constituted an honor which, (Continued on Page Seven)

DR. GOODSON ARRESTED

The Colored Physician Is Charged With the Murder of Woman Found in Lake.

At last a tangible series of clues have been discovered by the authorities, and as a result Dr. Fenton N. Goodson, a colored physician who maintained an office at 214 1/2 West Missouri Avenue in South St. Joseph, is behind the bars with a first degree murder charge registered against him, and a preliminary hearing starting him in the face on July 2. The name of his victim for the present is "Mary Doe," but with fresh evidence now in the hands of the authorities, the proper name of the murdered woman, will appear when the preliminary is held. It is needless to remark that Goodson professes to know nothing about the case which has attracted so much attention since the mutilated body of the woman was taken from the waters of the lake June 16.

Goodson was arrested along with sixteen other negro men and women in a wholesale raid made by detectives and the prosecuting attorney's office on Tuesday morning at an early hour. This raid was the result of evidence that had accumulated, and all of those arrested were put through a course of questions at Central police station. At the conclusion of the examination all of those arrested, with the exception of Dr. Goodson and a negro woman, Minnie Lewis, were released. The Lewis woman had in her rooming house one of the best arranged and most extensive stills that the authorities have as yet discovered. She was turned over to the federal officials where she gave bond and will appear at the next term of federal court.

The case against Goodson has been built up step by step, since it was found that a wire clothes line similar to that which bound the bed rails to the body of the woman, and the bed from which the rails had been taken, were first located in Dr. Goodson's back yard and garage. Also a bundle of bloody clothing is playing a prominent feature in the developments. When the body was examined at the inquest it was found that a criminal operation had been performed, and this it is expected to be shown was performed by Goodson.

Goodson was represented by James W. Mytton when arraigned before Justice Loomis Thursday.

DESTRUCTION WILL BEGIN

Dr. Minton Getting Ready for the Slaughter of the Innocents.

Dr. I. M. Minton—one of the chiefs of the great tribe of Minton, came down from his Fortescue home Monday on a peculiar mission. Mrs. Minton (who is the best provider) has now on tap several hundred young chickens which are just about the frying period. Dr. Ike had some mishap to his teeth a short time ago and is therefore not ready for the chicken slaughter. He came down here and enlisted the assistance of the best and highest priced dentist in the city, and gave him "rush orders" on the teeth, in order that the slaughter of the innocents (chickens of course) could soon begin.

Incidentally Dr. Ike stated that one of the greatest and heaviest hay, corn and wheat crops was now coming on, that has been known for years in his section. He also intimated—very shyly—that he had "some-what of a crop" of red coral watermelons on the way.

HELPS ST. JOSEPH

Automatic Car Brake Company to Build Improved Brake for Railroad Cars Here in Near Future.

Organization of a company to manufacture and place on the market a new improved brake for railroad cars here in near future, the invention of a St. Joseph man, is well under way and a considerable amount of stock in the company has already been subscribed by people in this city.

The new concern will be known as the Automatic Car Brake Company and as soon as sufficient capital is raised a plant will be built here to manufacture the brake in commercial quantities. The brake is the invention of C. E. Rochembeau, who heads the company which is incorporated for \$1,000,000. C. E. Rochembeau is vice-president, D. W. J. Farley, secretary, and Geo. A. Tietz, treasurer, all St. Joseph people.

An exhibit and demonstration of the Rochembeau invention was held at 717 Felix street this week and attracted a great deal of attention. A quantity of the stock in the company is being offered to the public at \$10 a share.

The brake is a simple contrivance for the control of cars and can be easily operated by one man by hand. When it is possible to fill orders, the company will first have an assembling plant here, to put together the various parts made in foundries elsewhere. Later it is planned to make the entire brake here.

Some of the larger railroads will probably want to make their own brakes, paying Rochembeau a royalty, but there are enough small roads to keep a large plant busy turning them out. When it is considered that there are 3,000,000 freight cars in the country, and more being built all the time, and that every one will be equipped with the Rochembeau brake, if it is designated a standard appliance, an idea of the possibilities of the thing is gained.

Years before Mr. Rochembeau thought of his hand-brake he worked out a plan for a horseshoe with removable calks, so that the horse could be prepared for slippery or dry streets before leaving the stable in the morning. He applied for letters patent, only to be informed that another party had patented it just two weeks before and sold the rights to it for \$50,000. That was discouraging, losing \$30,000 by two weeks, when he had wasted many more weeks than that on his invention, dropping it and going back to it again, so he resolved never to waste time with an idea again. And the next time he did not.

Rochembeau entered the service of the Burlington in 1889 as a caller, and became in turn transfer clerk, bill clerk, yard clerk, and weighmaster. In 1894 he was transferred to the operating department as switchman, was promoted to assistant yardmaster in 1897, promoted to night yardmaster in 1903, and to general yardmaster in 1906. He lives with his family at 1014 South 16th street, where he has an office fitted up upstairs.

TO ACQUIRE PARK PROPERTY

The park board will submit an ordinance early in July to the common council, which will have for its object the acquisition of more property with which to enlarge and improve the present park system. The Corby tract on North Twenty-second street for a park; the Holman street tract for a sunken garden; a strip through the McIntosh tract for connecting Lovers Lane and Krug Park for a driveway; and a number of smaller tracts for park purposes, will be proposed by the ordinance, the cost of the same to be taxed against the city as a whole.

JOY RIDERS FAIL TO GET DAMAGES

A jury in the circuit court Monday refused to award damages to Willie Cleopolowski, who had sued the Olson-Schmidt Construction Co. and Dr. J. H. Sampson for \$10,000 damages for the fatal accident on the Saxton road two years ago when Dr. Sampson's chauffeur went joy-riding with the doctor's car and ran off a fill on the road on which the construction company was working.

ROAD BONDS NOT MUCH IN DEMAND

The county court has decided that it will take another "sby" at selling the \$400,000 worth of road bonds which they failed to sell a few weeks ago, and bids are now asked for their purchase. Road bonds are not in as great demand now as they were a short time ago, and other neighboring counties, notably Gentry, have fallen down hard in their efforts in that direction lately.

JUDGE JAMES MAKING VIGOROUS CANVASS

IN HIS RACE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS IN FOURTH DISTRICT

WILL KEEP UP WORK UNTIL PRIMARY DAY

He has been a resident of this district for almost all of his life and feels that with his knowledge of needs and conditions in this big district that he could be of much service to the people if sent to represent them at Washington.

Much interest is now developing in the congressional situation here caused by the voluntary retirement of Hon. Charles F. Bonher, and the need of the selection of a worthy successor. When the entries closed there were but three names filed, Judge W. K. James, Lewis C. Unholtz and Robert I. Young, and the race between them for the nomination is now on.

Judge W. K. James has developed great activity in his canvass, this fact being especially true of the last three weeks. He has sent out his official announcement and started a vigorous campaign which he will keep up until the polls close on primary night. Judge James is gifted with a vast amount of energy and a rare pleasant personality which helps him in his work. On July 2nd he has accepted



Judge W. K. James

ed the invitation of the people of Graham to address them at their celebration, which is held jointly with Maitland, which makes it a big affair.

He Walked to School

W. K. James was born August 29, 1852, in Sussex County, Delaware. His early education was received from the public schools in said county and near Barry in Pike County, Illinois, and near Hamburg, in Fremont County, Iowa. When eighteen years

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ST. JOSEPH BUSINESS UNIVERSITY

The forty-first annual commencement of the St. Joseph Business University (Gard College) occurred Thursday night in the auditorium of the St. Joseph Veterinary College, and was very largely attended. The programme rendered was an elaborate one and was heartily enjoyed. There were seventy-four pupils who received their diplomas. The annual class banquet was held at the St. Francis last night and was a very enjoyable affair. Prof. E. E. Gard acted as toastmaster.

MISS AGNES NEUDORF 178 SUCCESS

St. Joseph's already noted singer—Miss Agnes Neudorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Neudorf, scored a decided triumph when she appeared here in a home coming concert at the Lyceum Thursday night, and delighted the large and critical audience which had gathered to welcome her home for her debut. Miss Neudorf more than satisfied her hearers and convinced them that she would in the very near future put St. Joseph on the list as the home of one of the great singers of the world.

When Nick Frye and Nick Lupa of South St. Joseph alighted from an Omaha train at the Union station Thursday night, they were promptly gathered in by the officers and a complete still in their possession was confiscated. They will answer to the federal authorities.

A LAUGHABLE FARCE

Was That Gop "House Cleaning" Meeting Held at Sedalia on Thursday.

To read of it is to laugh—to hear of it by word of mouth is still to laugh—to think of it is yet more laughable.

Yes—that great "purification" meeting—that "house cleaning" held by that saintly band of purists and straight-collared aggregation of anointed ones, at Sedalia Thursday. The old story of the blind leading the blind, or the equally pertinent version of the pot calling the kettle black, fit all too well as regards that sainted meeting of saintly saints.

And what was accomplished—but one good thing—and for that matter that is not news, for all Missouri as well as the entire United States has known for years that the republican party of this state was deep in the mire of crookedness and devious dealing. The "good" that this meeting accomplished was for the Democratic party of the state—in public will vider publicity to the shame and degradation of the gop in the great state of Missouri—and in this it did help somewhat the democrats.

And what were the net results of that great "purification" meeting? Nothing—nil—nada—the saintly three hundred met—passed a resolution asking Jake Babler and W. L. Cole to get out—because they had been unfortunate enough to get caught red handed—condemned their own party as too rotten for good people to be near to—listened to some "self-appointed" saints and apostles tell how good they were individually, and how they would never have done like Babler and Cole—got caught—and then—came on back home.

WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY

What Billy Linn Found Had Happened to the Gops After Harding's Nomination.

W. N. Linn, the attorney, keeps close tabs on the doings of the gops and noisily with considerable satisfaction the effect which the "Kangaroo" platform as he designates it, has had on that party since its adoption. Here is the result as he sees it for the first days after the convention adjournment:

Saturday—Labor left it.
Monday—The bankers deserted.
Tuesday—The women left party.
Wednesday—Oregon gops turned tail.
Thursday—Pinchot gang scouted.
And there will be another long string of defections to note in the days to come after the Democrats nominate.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT

WHICH GIVES PREFERENCE TO DEMOCRATS

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES CONTRASTED

All of the Candidates Who Are Now Aspiring for These High Honors Are Men Whose Qualifications and Attainments Are of the Highest Degree and Who Are Eminently Fitted to Discharge the Duties of Those Vitaly Important Offices.

JEFFERSON CITY, June 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—The entrants for the three places on the Supreme Court bench which will legally become vacant at the close of the year, by parties are:

For the nomination of Judge, Supreme Court, Division No. 1; unexpired term—Democratic: William T. Eagland of Paris, Monroe county, present member of Supreme Court Commission, and John M. Dawson of Kahoma, Clark County, practicing lawyer. The Republican candidates are: Conway Elder of St. Louis, now a state senator and also assistant secretary Republican state committee; and North T. Gentry, Columbia, Boone county, who has several times in the past applied to a Supreme

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SOLDIER VOTE SHOULD COME TO DEMOCRATS

AS THAT PARTY GIVES THEM OPPORTUNITY FOR FIVE TO GOP'S ONE

AND ONE OF THEM IS A REAL "DOUGHBOY"

And as the Democratic Party Offers to the Man Who Bared His Breast to the Bullets of the Enemy the Only Recompense Offered by Any Party It Will Give the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Missouri Soldiers the First Real Opportunity to Show Their Strength.

JEFFERSON CITY, June 22.—(Special Correspondence.)—The candidates on the Democratic ticket of Col. George H. Scruton of Sedalia for the nomination for United States Senator; Col. Ruby D. Garrett of Kansas City, for governor; E. V. Heisserer of Benton, Scott county, for state treasurer; Col. James E. Rieger of Kirksville, for Congress in the First District, and Col. Jacob L. Milligan of Richmond, for Congress in the Third District, will have a tendency on primary day, Tuesday, August 3, to draw more than a majority of the votes of demobilized soldiers to the Only Reliable Party. The "gop" ballot only offers one candidate for a big honor, Col. Dwight M. Davis of St. Louis, who aspires to the questionable and very uncertain glory of being the republican senatorial standard bearer next November.

The Democratic ticket of primary day offering five chances to vote for former Missouri soldiers to the one opportunity presented by the aggregation in the race for nominations from the republican party which considers it entirely proper and honest to sell the Missouri presidential delegation to the highest bidder, the indications are that eighty-five per cent of the "doughboy" electors of the state will select the ballot of the former to vote. Missouri supplied approximately 150,000 soldiers for actual service during the World War and nearly all are back in the state. If this huge aggregation votes on primary day, and the outlook now is that all will, about 125,000 will employ the Democratic ballot to express their choice for the men they want to vote for at the fall election. If these demobilized "doughboys" go as strong for Col. Scruton and Col. Garrett on primary day as they intend to do for young Heisserer, it will greatly worry the candidates who are opposing those two. Col. Milligan has no opposition and therefore the Third District Democratic congressional nomination will be tendered him unanimously. Col. Rieger has opposition. If the soldier boys rally to his candidacy, as he thinks they will, he will land the nomination in the First District.

HEISSERER IS A REAL "DOUGHBOY"

Everything points to young Heisserer, now back in the banking business.

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THEY "DEMOTED" JOHN

A Rump Organization Voted to Oust Him From His Office as Gop Treasurer But—

There was a meeting of what John Albus styles a "rump organization," at the court house Monday, it being made up of the wing known as "Square Dealers" who after a sob meeting voted to displace John Albus as county committee treasurer and also as committeeman from the Fourth Ward. W. A. Evans was selected to act as treasurer in place of Albus—but he is not as yet in possession of the funds.

John has asked Chairman Barnett to call a meeting of the regular committee at which time there will be more fireworks than the Fourth of July will bring on.

CITY ASSESSOR AKERS RESIGNS

George W. Akers, who since the resignation of George C. Toel, has served as city assessor from Dec. 1, 1915; on Wednesday presented his resignation to Mayor Marshall, and will step down and out on July 1st. In his letter of resignation he states that he is leaving the city to engage in private business. Mr. Akers has made a good assessor and conducted his office with signal success. He was appointed by Mayor Whitcomb when Toel resigned, and was again reappointed the beginning of the fiscal year. Mayor Marshall will name his successor.

VALENTINE TOO SWIFT WITH GUN

The next time that Thomas R. Valentine of Rosendale comes down here to get his wife, he will leave his trusty revolver at home and thereby save himself much trouble. On Monday afternoon Valentine went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crossley in South St. Joseph, and tried to get his wife who is housekeeper there to return home and live with him. When she refused he became noisy and abusive, and Mr. Crossley interfered, when Valentine drew his shooter and started a rough house. Officer Walsh happened along about that time and gathered him in. He will be tried Monday.

ALL WANT THAT ADDITIONAL MONEY

As soon as it was discovered that the city will have \$54,000 additional revenue the next fiscal year as a result of the real estate valuation, a mad scramble started in the various departments at the city hall, to see which section could absorb the new money—as they all want it. Three departments alone asked for additional funds totaling \$34,000 or \$4,000 more than the total increase. The police department, the fire department and the city lighting department asked for all of the new funds.

The Leader Department Store Closed

The Leader department store closed its doors at noon yesterday and all of its army of employees was taken to Lake County in special cars where a grand picnic dinner was served and tickets furnished to all of the employees, the management footing all bills and seeing that the party had a merry time.

DIVIDED UP \$80,000

The Will of the Late Miss Emma Sidenfaden Disposed of Large Estate.

According to the will of the late Mrs. Emma Sidenfaden, widow of the late William Sidenfaden, a pioneer undertaker of this city, which was filed for probate Monday, she disposed of an estate valued at about \$80,000 by caring for all of her children. After giving immaculate Conception and St. James churches \$250 each, and St. Francis Xavier's church \$200 for masses to be said for the repose of her soul, she divides her real estate as follows:

Henry Sidenfaden, a son, lot in Hall's Addition, valued at \$2,000.

Frank and Rose Sidenfaden, grandchildren, lot in South St. Joseph, valued at \$3,000.

H. O. Sidenfaden, a son, a lot in South St. Joseph, valued at \$2,000.

Edward R. Sidenfaden, a son, real estate in Pattee's addition, valued at \$4,500.

William Sidenfaden, a son, two lots in South St. Joseph, valued at \$2,000.

Mrs. Emma Maier, a daughter, two lots in Nixon's addition, valued at \$3,500.

The remainder of the estate is to be divided among the heirs. H. O. Sidenfaden, William Sidenfaden and Mrs. Emma Maier are to receive one-fifth each. One-fifth is left to Edward R. Sidenfaden minus \$5,000, which is to be awarded the executor, Peter D. Stinson of the Park Bank, to be held in trust until the son reaches the age of seventy-five years, with the provision that if he be in want before that time he be allowed to draw upon it. The remaining one-fifth is left to Henry Sidenfaden and his children.

CROSSLEY MAY RETIRE

From the Race for the Democratic Nomination for Governor of Missouri.

The local politicians are now discussing the latest morsel of gossip, which is to the effect that Lieutenant Governor Wallace Crossley of Warrensburg who is one of the six candidates for the gubernatorial nomination is about ready to retire from the contest, and turn the field over to the other five aspirants. By friends of Crossley it is claimed that the great strength shown by Judge Mayer of this city, a great part of which was taken from Crossley, ruined any chance Crossley may have had for the coveted honor.

The friends of Judge Mayer here seem to think that the withdrawal of Crossley, should it come about, would mean the triumph of Judge Mayer, as they claim that nearly all of the strength Crossley had retained after Mayer's entrance will come to Mayer. The friends of John M. Atkinson, who is regarded as one of the strong men, claim that a deal has now been made between Atkinson and Prendergast at Kansas City which will insure the latter's support of Atkinson.

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