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## LIKENED UNTO AN OCTOPUS PEMISCOT CO. NOT DRY

### Caruthersville Has Waxed Fat at the Expense of the County Which Like a Lamb, Lies Dumb Before its Sharers.

Unfortunately for Hayti and for Caruthersville, since the first conception of the City of Hayti in the mind of Dr. Granville M. Hayes when the Houck railroad was built through here in 1894, to the present time, there has been growing a feeling of unrest between the two towns, and on more than one occasion serious trouble has been narrowly averted.

It is with the keenest regret that we find it necessary to dwell upon matters of this kind, as some of the best friends we have in Pemiscot county are in Caruthersville, and our Caruthersville list is the largest in the county outside of Hayti. But it is the province of a newspaper to tell the truth, to inform the people and to better conditions.

The appearance of Rev. A. S. J. Baldrige of Caruthersville, accompanied by Rev. E. F. Jones of St. Louis, to make local option speeches on the streets of Hayti Saturday, and the reception accorded them, while very unfortunate from every viewpoint, and deeply deplored by the Herald, makes it necessary, for the information of the people, to go back to past history and bring it down to the present time, to show the facts engendering this bad feeling and the long-suffering of the people of Hayti.

Since the day Hayti was started, she has been continually the mark for a certain class in Caruthersville.

Back in 1895 the Pemiscot Press at Gayoso started the fight against Hayti, by publishing belittling and insinuating remarks. This paper was later removed to Caruthersville, where the fight against Hayti was continued with more vigor, among more sympathetic minds. This continued until 1898.

In 1898 Caruthersville stole the county seat from Pemiscot county, while Hayti was the logical place for the county seat. In this election the feeling between Caruthersville and Hayti became very strained, which was kept alive by various minor occurrences, such as trying to beat the county out of the court square and jail lot, which was donated to the county for courthouse and jail purposes when the town of Hayti was first platted.

The next important move on the part of Caruthersville to feather her nest at the expense of the county, was four years ago. The county was brought into that local option election with the understanding that Caruthersville should vote first and that if Caruthersville did not go dry the county should also retain her saloons. The petitions asking for the elections, however, were handled so as to make the county vote first, on June 14, 1906, and Caruthersville on the 15th. In this election Caruthersville flooded the county with hired speakers, with specially prepared speeches to deceive the people, to the effect that if the county went dry and Caruthersville wet, that they would use all their efforts to remove the county seat to Hayti. To this they gave their solemn pledge, before God and man.

But what was the result? On June 14, 1906, the county voted dry.

On June 15, 1906, the next day, Caruthersville voted wet by an overwhelming majority, did not cast all the wet votes held in reserve, and some of the strongest local option workers in carrying the county dry, worked equally as hard to carry Caruthersville wet.

Next comes the typical Judas, multiplied many fold.

Less than five months after the local option election, the county seat election was on.

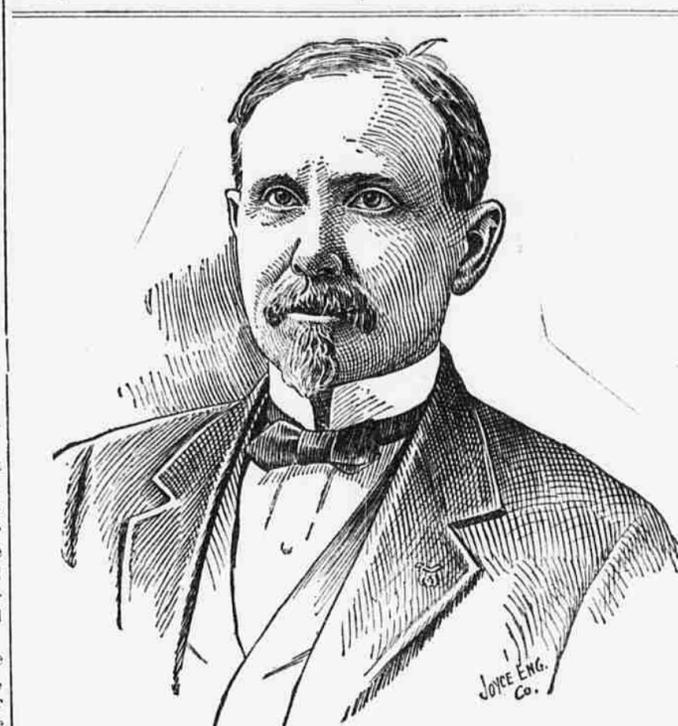
Remembering the promises of the local optionists, Hayti desired to be more than fair with the county, and to save the county all necessary expense in the removal of the county seat, and to this end, the City of Hayti voted a bonded indebtedness of \$10,000.00 to build a courthouse, to donate to the county, absolutely free.

More than this, the citizens of Hayti placed about \$6,500.00, spot cash, in the Bank of Steele, subject to the county's order, to build a jail.

And what was the result of this? The Shades of Judas reappeared, dancing in the footlights before a de-

ceived and betrayed people and the vibrations of their hollow mockery resounded to the remotest nooks and corners of Pemiscot county that Hayti could not build the courthouse and had no intention of doing so—that Hayti did not have the money—when at the same time the \$10,000.00 was in the Bank of Hayti and certified to by the cashier.

Next, these same local option speakers, the same gentlemen (pardons to American monhood) swore by high heaven that Hayti did not have the money in the Bank of Steele to build



HON. J. J. RUSSELL, Democratic candidate for congress, and the only man who can deliver this district from the republican ranks. He is a democrat.

the jail, when at the same time the then treasurer of Pemiscot county held a certificate of deposit, signed by the president and cashier of the bank, Newberry B. Gibson and George W. Treece.

Every one knows the result. And now, for the present.

On the 7th day of May, this year, 1910, when the petition bearing the names of 660 tax paying citizens of Pemiscot county was handed to the county court, asking this election to be ordered, who appeared before the court to object to the election being ordered?

Not a man from Pemiscot county outside of Caruthersville, but two or three men from the city of Caruthersville.

And later, who went before Judge Riley at New Madrid to have the election enjoined?

Caruthersville people, of course, with the few sympathizers they could solicit and inveigle from the county.

Now, considering all this long chain of circumstances, and others that we have not mentioned, is it not reasonable that a feeling of resentment and self protection has burned itself deep into the hearts of the citizens of Hayti, and that henceforth, in county affairs, the citizens of Hayti shall depend upon the good citizens of the county to give her a fair deal and a square deal. Hayti is with the county, first, last and all the time, and if the county appreciates a friend and desires to keep down political corruption, rings and combines, she can always look to Hayti as being on the side of right.



This is the \$10,000.00 City Hall in Hayti, standing on the Public Square, which said Public Square is the property of Pemiscot county. The building was erected for a courthouse for Pemiscot county, as a result of the 1906 local option election.

### LOCAL OPTION INCREASES CRIME

#### The Disadvantage of Having a Wet Town in a Dry County.

Oh, that dear Argus! What would we do, were it not for the Argus, that immaculate expounder of local option lore.

We have contended all the time that under the present system of local option in Pemiscot county crime was on the increase. The greatest period of crime ever known in Pemiscot county, as the records will show, has been during the past

### The Eight to Twelve Saloons in Caruthersville Give No Relief to the People Who Desire a Dry County.

We have argued all the time that the election on June 14 is not, truly speaking, a local option election, and we stand by our guns. We have said that the county is not dry, and that local option is not in force. We repeat what we have said.

The election on June 14 is to overcome the conditions, as they exist, to lessen crime, and to give every town in Pemiscot county an equal right, in a business way, with Caruthersville.

Now, everyone knows what the Pemiscot Argus says is so, and we are going to prove our statement by the Argus. Here it is.

From the Pemiscot Argus, July 29, 1909:

"Those who are pointing to the crimes committed in our county and saying that local option is a failure are forgetful of the fact that it has not yet had a fair trial here in our county. The county has not really been dry during this time for the reason that a supply depot is maintained in Caruthersville where any person could obtain what he wished and from which place he could have his supplies shipped at any time. The removal of the saloons from this city would make a great difference in the conditions in the county."

Now, in the name of "high heaven," if Pemiscot county has never been dry and the EIGHT to TWELVE saloons in Caruthersville contaminate and befoul the whole county, why don't the great and good Argus agree for Hayti, the next important town in the county, to have a few of these saloons, and by this means give Hayti a little of the class of trade and business that Caruthersville gets.

No. The truth of the matter is, the Argus wants the saloons in Caruthersville, and wants the county dry. This is just exactly what the Argus

wants. The Argus has conditions in Pemiscot county just like it wants them, and the Argus must surely take the people of the county for a set of blamed fools by trying to work the same shell game on them on June 14, 1910 that was worked June 14, 1906.



CHA'S P. WELLS, JR. The above engraving is a fair likeness of Charlie (Buster) Wells, candidate for county court clerk.

Last Saturday, just afternoon, Bob White drove out to Mitchell's switch, near Caruthersville to attend to some work there, and getting out of his buggy, undertook to hang his gun in a tree, supposedly by the guard, but instead, caught the trigger on the limb, discharging the gun, the charge entering the body just under the arm, causing instant death. Mr. White was well and favorably known, being a pioneer citizen, and the whole county is grieved to learn of the sad accident. His remains were laid to rest Sunday, in Little Prairie cemetery, and it is said the largest concourse were in procession ever witnessed in Pemiscot county.

For Sale: All kinds of rough and dressed lumber. See R. L. Popham.

## REPAIRED

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## Have Your Watches Cleaned

A watch is a very delicate piece of machinery, making 432000 ticks every day, and to keep the right time it should be cleaned and oiled regularly. A steam engine gets that much attention.

Is YOUR watch keeping the right time? If not, it should be made to do so. Bring it to us. We'll guarantee to put it in as good condition as when new. All first class workmen charge \$1.50 to clean and oil a watch. That's our price.

The price is right. The work is right.

## LEFLERS DRUG STORE

HAYTI, - - MISSOURI

four years reign of local option, with Caruthersville as the chief booze dispensing point.

Here is what the Argus says. From the Pemiscot Argus, Dec. 23, 1909:

"It is time for the people of the county to awake to the fact that crime seems to be on the increase instead of the decrease here. Human lives are taken on, apparently, the smallest provocation, and personal property is the prey of many persons. Some of the offenders are old and gray haired, and others are in their boyhood. The records show that most of these crimes have been committed under the influence of intoxicants."

And the intoxicants were sold in the county.

Every word of the above is true, and everybody in Pemiscot county knows it to be true. But now the Argus is on the other side of the fence.

The Argus wants conditions in Pemiscot county just as they are, saloons in Caruthersville and the county dry, and the Argus is doing more to keep matters this way than all the balance of the gang.

Now, when the people are going to vote to put the saloons back in the county, the Argus becomes alarmed, lest Caruthersville lose a few saloons and a little business, and is now splitting its lungs, in a vain effort to deceive the people, and is contradicting its own statements. Here is what the Argus said last week.

From the Pemiscot Argus, June 2, 1910:

"Men of the county, do you wish that record of crime to begin to grow again after its few short years of apparent slumber?"

My God! Consistency, where art thou? People of Pemiscot county, kindly compare this statement of the Argus with its statements of July 29, 1909 and Dec. 23, 1909.

Isn't it clear to you that the sole aim and purpose of the Pemiscot Argus is to deceive the people, and to keep the saloons in Caruthersville, at the expense of all the other towns in the county?