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The WEEKLY TIMES, published every Thursday, will be sent to any address one year, postage paid, for \$1.00.

The democrats of St. Louis have nominated Rolla Wells for mayor.

Governor Dockery says a good franchise law will be passed.

The canvass of the electoral votes gives McKinley 292 and Bryan 155.

The legislature has passed a law making kidnapping for ransom punishable by death.

The senatorial dead lock in the Nebraska legislature has not been unlocked yet.

After the 4th of March there will not be a representative of the negro race in congress.

The Missouri Town Mutual Insurance Company of Rockport, Atchison county, Mo., has made an assignment.

The Boers, in a fight with General French at Ermelo last week, are said to have lost 400 men killed and 200 taken prisoners.

A guard is kept at the jail day and night. When the county court lines the walls with boiler iron this guard expense will not be necessary.

The bill to abolish the railroad and warehouse commission at the expiration of the present term of office of the incumbents has been reported favorably in the lower house of the legislature.

Voters have had ample time to inform themselves on the court house question, and we believe that many who at first opposed the special tax will now support the measure. We believe the vote will be overwhelmingly in favor of the special tax.—Amsterdam Breezes.

The surest and best way to settle the court house proposition is to vote Yes. There is no use of prolonging the subject from year to year, spending large sums of money for elections and rent and in the end build a new building. It is simply a plain business proposition.—Merwin Mirror.

Bates county needs badly and ought to have a new court house. That is a matter over which there should be no quibbling. The safety of the public records and a comfortable and convenient place for officers to do business, and for the people to go to be served, should overcome all jealousies or captious fault-finding.—Clinton Tribune.

One week from to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 23, the special election, to vote on the proposition to build a new court house, will be held. Two elections have already been held for this purpose and each has demonstrated that a large majority of the voters favor the proposition, but each time the vote was a little shy of the necessary two-thirds. Since the majority favor the proposition it seems illogical for so small a minority to stubbornly resist it, and we do not believe they will at the approaching election. At least there is less opposition than has heretofore been manifested.—Adrian Journal.

It is amusing to hear the court house chat, at least those who oppose it. The most explosive are not taxpayers, often could not flag a bread wagon. One fellow who voted for it twice before, is "agin it" now. Of course some have an ax to grind, somewhere and would sacrifice enough to put up the building, to gratify some personal grudge. We have an example of this folly in Johnson and Cass counties. Holden, a town typical of Rich Hill, depleted her treasury and shrunk up her population—opposing Warrensburg. The court house cost \$50,000, was built at Warrensburg. Pleasant Hill wore herself out and drove her best citizens away, worrying against Harrisonville. She failed in everything but to break her own back. The people took the matter in hand and got Pleasant Hill a subsidy.—Rich Hill Enterprise.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Governor Beckley sent to the senate today the names of his appointees to the St. Louis boards of police and election commissioners as follows:

Police commissioners—Andrew B. Long, Harry Hayes, William F. Woerner, T. R. Ballard. Election commissioners—James McCahey, John M. Wood, William A. Hobbs.

SUBSTANTIAL REASONS WHY.

Answers to some of the objections urged against the court house proposition:

The new building will be erected in the court house square. The notice calling the election so states.

The court will not go over the amount called for, \$50,000, in building and completing the court house. The law would not authorize it and the individual members, all honorable gentlemen, pledge their honors to the taxpayers, that they will not let the contract for a greater amount, and the contract, when let, will require the building to be completed.

The members of the court are all substantial citizens of our county, with property interests and are interested alike with all other taxpayers. They could not afford to violate so sacred a compact with the people of this county, even if they were so disposed, which they are not.

The court invites a committee of taxpayers of the county, to be composed of one member from each township, to advise with the judges in the letting of the contracts and to oversee the construction of the building. Could anything be fairer?

The taxpayers of Butler are interested alike with every other taxpayer in the county, in the building of a court house, no more, no less. It would not put a dollar into their pockets. It would really fall harder upon us because our taxes are already about three dollars on every hundred dollars valuation, while in the county townships it amounts to about one dollar on the one hundred.

The remodeling of the old building is impracticable and impossible and when the Rich Hill Review published that a responsible contractor had offered to repair the old house and guarantee it for twenty years, that paper was either misinformed, or deliberately made the statement to deceive the taxpayers. No responsible contractor ever made that proposition to the county court. The county court has already spent thousands of dollars in a vain effort to preserve the old house, and not until it was dangerous to life did they order it vacated.

The architect who condemned the old building was Frederick E. Hill of Kansas City. He has a national reputation as an architect. He planned and supervised the construction of the great Convention Hall in Kansas City. He did not offer plans for the proposed new court house building. The plans offered are those by Geo. E. McDonald, a noted architect of the state.

It is no guess to say that the building proposed can be constructed for \$50,000. It is the same plans for the Warrensburg, Savannah and Mt. Vernon, Mo., buildings, all of which were built and completed within that amount, and the contractor now completing the Mt. Vernon building signifies a willingness to accept the contract at those figures and enter into bond to complete the building according to plans and specifications.

It would be impossible to submit a proposition that would meet the unqualified endorsement of every citizen of the county. We all have our own ideas, but when we select agents to transmit our public business, and those agents act in a thoughtful, careful, conscientious manner, and on their very best judgments, they should be approved. Suppose this proposition is rejected because the details do not meet this or that man's individual ideas, the same agents would have to select other plans and is there any assurance that they would then please a greater number of people? The county court, before deciding on the plans, invited every township in the county to send representatives to go over the different plans with the court and select the best and most appropriate one for this county. A number of representative gentlemen from the different sections of the county responded and it was the opinion of those present, after a careful and painstaking investigation that the one selected was the best, all things taken into consideration.

The tax asked, only 15 cents on the \$100 valuation, for three years, is insignificant and will hardly be felt. Only 15 cents on \$100 valuation, 75 cents on \$500. The tax on an average 80 acres of ground would be only \$1.05 each year. In the event the records were destroyed by fire, the additional cost of abstracting that 80 acres would cost ten times the amount of the tax.

The valuable records of the county must be preserved. Can anyone imagine a greater calamity that could befall the people of this county than have the records that guarantee to them perfect titles to their homes, destroyed by fire. And yet this is a constant menace. If the taxpayers would only appreciate this danger, not one of them would vote against a new court house.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Feb. 15.—Jas. Bennett of Knobnoster, Mo., who was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary last October for bigamy escaped from the county jail here yesterday by sawing his way out. Bennett was held here at his own request to await the settlement of some replevin suits at Knobnoster, in which he was interested. This was merely a scheme of his to perfect plans for escape. His wife in Kansas City visited him about a week ago. An accomplice, representing himself to be an agent for the Louisiana nurseries, aided Bennett in his escape. He hired a horse and buggy from Brewer's barn and was seen driving toward Centerville. Nothing has been heard of the team or man.

Man's Head Torn Off at the Neck. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 17.—A bloody head hanging from a door in the Glenlyon mine so frightened a door-boy yesterday that he fainted. It was the head of John Conko, who had been killed a few moments before in a peculiar manner. He was riding on a trip of cars through the door when his head caught between two projecting beams and the sudden jerk wedged his legs between timbers of the cars. He was actually pulled apart, his head being torn off at the neck and the trunk being carried on while the head was left hanging to the door.

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MAXEY FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

The democratic county convention was called to order last Saturday by J. E. Williams, chairman of county committee. On motion Mr. Williams was made chairman and J. S. Combs secretary. The selection of committees was dispensed with. There being only one candidate before the convention, Prof. H. O. Maxey, was nominated by acclamation.

Speeches were made by a number of the delegates urging the voters to turn out to the school election the first Tuesday in April. To this appeal THE TIMES adds its voice and urges the voters to turn out to their school elections. Every one in the county is interested in this work and should show their interest by turning out and taking part.

The democratic nominee is an educated gentleman, with years of experience as a teacher in Bates county. He is a close student, keeps abreast with the latest methods of teaching, is devoting his life to that profession, and if elected will devote his time and attention to a faithful performance of the work. Turn out and vote for Maxey.

Ex-Governor Stephens, a few days ago, sent out a pamphlet containing extracts from the press of the state, in which comment was made as to the character of his services as chief magistrate of the state; and we notice that a large number of leading papers construe this as an evidence that he will be a candidate for United States Senator. The privilege of running for office is a sacred prerogative of American citizenship and Mr. Stephens has a perfect right to aspire to the honor in question. If he decides to enter the contest, it will be found that he has a host of friends in every section of the state who will render him every possible service in his efforts to gratify a laudable ambition.—El Dorado Sun.

A Brief Statement.

Rich Hill Enterprise. As an unprejudiced business proposition, this paper is in favor of settling the court house struggle this time by voting the levy.

The farmers and business people are not interested in keeping up strife and squandering money in continued elections, and they will cease to regard Rich Hill kindly in their deliberations, if we persist in such foolishness. The editor of this paper will not be found in the turmoil, believing that it will hold back, retard and injure the city.

The opinions or sentiments expressed in these columns, are not second-handed, given us by anybody, but a calm survey of the situation. If the towns are worth anything at all, our interest is considerable and it is in Rich Hill, none in Butler. There is no effort, no offer, no possibility of getting the court house here. Then why burden the taxpayers, and be foolish?

Sawed Out of Jail.

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Mrs. Kennedy Indicted for Murder in First Degree.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy was indicted by the grand jury to-day for murder in the first degree. The grand jury failed to return bills against her father or brothers, but, acting under the new state law, immediately upon the adjournment of the criminal court the prosecuting attorney filed information and had warrants issued for the apprehension of all three. At this moment William Prince, the girl's favorite brother, was visiting her in her cell. To avoid a scene the jailer did not apprise him of his mission, but instead allowed Will to finish his interview. He even let him get as far as the sidewalk, but there he stopped him with the remark: "Say, Will, I will have to get you to go back again. They have a warrant for your arrest." Prince had been expecting this, but, notwithstanding, he turned color and feebly retraced the six or seven steps to the jailer's office. There he was registered, searched and afterwards locked up.

Mrs. Kennedy was immediately informed of the indictment, and from the same source discovered her brother's predicament. "It is too bad, too bad, too bad," she moaned. "I can stand my own battle, but it will kill me to see my father and brothers confined. My poor mother will not live through it. No mortal could. To think of us all being taken from her. She will never be able to live through it. My God! it is dreadful!"

The Belgian hare craze is pretty near an end. A Rich Hill young woman sold four a day or two since for \$8, that cost \$69 last summer and she is considering them well sold at \$2 a head.—Hume Telephone.



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CUBA IS NOT GRATEFUL.

Strong Objection to Giving United States Naval Stations.

NO CONSTITUTION YET MADE.

Havana, Feb. 17.—The Cuban constitutional convention held a secret session lasting several hours yesterday considering the question of the future relation between the United States and the republic of Cuba. The commission which met Governor General Wood at Batabano offered no formal report, but asked that the matter be considered in committee of the whole.

A majority of the delegates opposed the granting to the United States of the right to maintain naval stations in Cuba, and a large number favored leaving the relations between the United States and Cuba for the future republic to settle.

The right of the United States to intervene at any time for the present preservation of peace was also the subject of a strong discussion. The questions of regulating loans and the foreign relations developed no opposition.

Senor Giberger presented a formulation of the relations adopted by the democratic party on Friday night, allowing the United States to intervene with reference to all loans and treaties for the preservation of peace, to keep an army here if necessary and to maintain naval stations, and providing furthermore that if these concessions are not satisfactory that the United States may draw up others that are.

Senor Giberger said that such relations were advocated by every property holder and pleaded with the delegates not to be led by political sentiment where the welfare of the island is at stake. No vote was taken and a further discussion will be had on Monday.

One of the delegates, in the course of an interview, said that the convention would never agree to allow the United States to establish and maintain naval stations, as the people look upon this concession as unpatriotic and a practical giving up of their independence. The only way United States can obtain this right the delegate said, would be by insisting upon the concession, the responsibility for making which the convention does not want to take.

County Sues Ex-Treasurer.

Richmond, Mo., Feb. 13.—A suit has been filed in which Ray county is the plaintiff and ex-county treasurer Quesenberry and his bondsmen are defendants, to recover \$7,127.27 of county funds said to have been embezzled by John W. Shotwell, the defaulting cashier of the Ray county bank, who acted as county treasurer for Captain Quesenberry.

Heroic Death of 6-year-old Boy.

Ravenswood, W. Va., Feb. 17.—At Kentucky, this county, Robbie Ray, six years old, was burned to death while performing an act of heroism that would have been remarkable in a man of mature years. Robbie was the son of Robert and Amanda Ray. His father was away from home and his mother had gone out to be gone but a short time, leaving the boy with his three sisters, one 4, another 2 and the third a baby of six months.

By some means the house took fire. Robbie and his 4-year-old sister succeeded in getting the 2-year-old tot to a place of safety. The little hero left the younger ones to take care of themselves and rushed into the burning house to rescue the baby from its cradle. He either became confused or was overcome with smoke and was burned to death along with the infant. When the house had burned to ashes the little fellow's body, almost consumed, was found near where the cradle stood. The baby's little body was entirely consumed.

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