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Pike From Memphis to Fulton.

Our good friends of Dyer County have already set on foot a movement to build a macadamized road from Memphis to Fulton. If the other counties enter into an arrangement patriotic citizens of Dyer want to build a road from the south to the north line of that county.

A macadamized road from Memphis to Fulton would touch the prosperous cities of Covington, Ripley, Henning, Halls, Dyersburg, Obion and Union City. Such a road would be an enormous asset for every county through which it passes.

There are already several good roads from Memphis to the north line of Shelby, but if the counties north of Memphis desire to complete the chain the people of Shelby County would put the shortest line in superb condition.

The second thing of importance to

every county in Tennessee is good roads. The first thing is education of the proper sort.

We hope that the people of Dyer County will not let this movement die. When the weather gets cooler we ought to have a grand mass meeting either in Memphis or at Dyersburg and delegations from every county should be present.

If we could build this road and have a good road through West Kentucky to Cairo we would very soon have an automobile track from Chicago to New Orleans. The most important benefit would be that the agricultural interests in the counties through which the road would pass would be materially helped.

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LORIMER OUSTED.

Senate Holds Illinois Member Elected by Corruption.

Washington, July 13.—Overturning the majority of its own committee and reversing its vote of March 1, 1911, the Senate to-day took away from William Lorimer his seat as junior Senator from Illinois by a vote of 55 to 28. A member of the Senate since June 18, 1909, Mr. Lorimer to-day was declared to have been the recipient of votes secured by "corrupt methods and practices," and his election was held to have been invalid.

Technically, Mr. Lorimer will pass out of the records of the Senate as a member of that body, notwithstanding his more than three years' occupancy of his seat. Facing his associates with the declaration:

"I am ready," Mr. Lorimer sat in the chamber and heard his fate decreed as the roll call showed the adoption of the resolution of Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, the Senate's youngest member.

The man, who for three days had held the Senate to close attention with his remarkable speech of defense and attack upon his enemies, rose wearily from his seat and passed back to a cloak room door. Senators and members of the house gathered about him, grasping his hand and patting him on the back. Outside the Senate door, as Mr. Lorimer stepped into the corridor, friends greeted him again, and a party of Sisters of Charity pushed forward to express regret.

GAINED BUT ONE VOTE.

At his office later, when a physician had attended him, he said he would not leave Washington before the first of next week.

The outcome of the vote was not a surprise; but the leaders of the fight against him had not estimated a greater vote than 50 to 35. Lorimer gained only one of the men who voted against him March 1, 1911, Senator Jones of Washington; while he lost the votes of his associate, Senator Cullom, and of Senators Curtis of Kansas, Briggs of New Jersey, Simmons of North Carolina and Watson of West Virginia.

Those who voted to oust Lorimer were:

Ashurst, Bacon, Borah, Bourne, Briggs, Bristow, Brown, Bryan, Burton, Chamberlain, Clapp, Crawford, Cullom, Cummins, Curtis, Dixon, Fall, Gardner, Gore, Grona, Hitchcock, Johnson, Kenyon, Kern, LaFollette, Lea, Lodge, Martin, Martine, Myers, Nelson, Newlands, O'Gorman, Overman, Page, Poindexter, Pomerene, Raynor, Reed, Root, Sanders, Shively, Simmons, Stone, Sutherland, Swanson, Townsend, Watson, Williams, Works, Clarke (Arkansas), Smith (Arizona), Smith (Georgia), Smith (Michigan), Smith (South Carolina)—55.

BEGAN FIGHT THURSDAY.

Those who voted against the Lea resolution and in favor of Lorimer, were:

Bailey, Bradley, Brandegee, Burnham, Catron, Clark (Wyoming), Crane, Dillingham, Fletcher, Foster, Gallinger, Gamble, Guggenheim, Johnston, Jones, Lippitt, McCumber, Oliver, Paynter, Penrose, Perkins, Richardson, Smith (Maryland), Smoot, Stephenson, Thornton, Tillman, Whitmore—28.

Senators paired in favor of the resolution were:

Chilton, Culberson, Davis and Owen. Senators paired against it were: Bankhead, Dupont, Heyburn and Warren.

Senators absent and not paired were: Percy and McLean.
Senator Lorimer did not vote.

NEWS NOTES.

Thirteen persons were killed and a score injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad at Western Springs, a suburb of Chicago, when in a fog a fast mail train dived into the Overland Express stand on the track. Responsibility for the wreck has not been placed.

Sweeping reductions in express rates averaging, in general, approximately 15 per cent; drastic reforms in regulations and practices, and comprehensive changes in the methods of operation are prescribed in a report made public by the Interstate Commerce Commission of its investigation into the business of the thirteen great express companies of the United States.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Governor Hooper Allows Emmett Alexander to Hang.

Gov. Ben W. Hooper, Tuesday morning, after a careful investigation of the cases, commuted the sentence of Will Ed Alexander, convicted of the murder of Walter Simmons, to life imprisonment, but allowed the judgment of the courts against Emmett Alexander to remain. The Nashville Banner states that he will, therefore, pay the death penalty at the State penitentiary Thursday morning.

In explanation of his actions in the cases Gov. Hooper gave out the following statement:

"The three Alexanders, John R., Will Ed and Emmett, were indicted for the murder of Walter Simmons. The case has run a devious course in the courts and is remarkable for the various results. The question of granting bail before indictment was tried before Judge Jones and bail was allowed after indictment. The trial resulted in a hung jury and mistrial as to all three defendants. Upon the second trial all three defendants were convicted by the jury of murder in the first degree with a finding of mitigating circumstances, which means a recommendation by the jury of life imprisonment rather than capital punishment. The Judge set aside this verdict as to John R. Alexander and granted him a new trial, but ignored the recommendation of the jury for a life sentence of Will Ed and Emmett and condemned them to death. The Supreme Court affirmed this judgment of the lower court as to Will Ed and Emmett.

QUESTION PRESENTED.

The question now presented to me is not that of the guilt or innocence of these two men, nor that of whether they are guilty of murder in the first degree. Assuming they are guilty of murder in the first degree, I am called upon to say which is the appropriate punishment for their offense, execution or life imprisonment. The law prescribes either, and gives the courts and the executive choice. I have read this record carefully, and part of it repeatedly, and I have never been able to get the consent of my mind to the justice of executing Will Ed. Alexander.

"The facts in this case show that he used no weapon and wrought no physical injury to the deceased, and it is even doubtful whether he conspired to commit murder, or aided and abetted in its commission in the legal sense.

"There was one circumstance in his conduct at the time of the homicide that necessarily resulted in stirring up against him a sweeping implacable and passionate public sentiment. After Emmett had frequently stabbed the deceased until he fell from his horse in a dying condition. Will Ed took him by the hair of his head and thrust his head against the ground and said with an oath: 'He is not hurt; he is just sulking.'

"This was so brutal that it naturally aroused a strong popular sentiment against him.

"To my mind, however, when considered in connection with other facts, it shows conclusively that Will Ed Alexander did not know that the deceased had been mortally wounded by his nephew, Emmett Alexander.

ENGAGED IN QUARREL.

"It is urged upon me that deceased and defendants had engaged in a quarrel a few minutes before the killing and that however unjustifiable it may have been, the act was committed in such hot blood that execution is too severe a penalty for Emmett Alexander, but I have been unable to find anything in the record that instigated the act of Emmett Alexander in renewing this quarrel, drawing his knife and with deliberate frequency stabbing to death an unarmed and unresisting man.

"In view of the foregoing facts and others contained in the record, I deem it my duty permit the judgment of the courts to stand as to Emmett Alexander, but I adopt the recommendation of the jury as to Will Ed Alexander and commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

"This statement is made according to my custom, because I believe the public always has the right to know everything connected with the public's business."

Will Ed and Emmett Alexander, uncle and nephew, respectively, were charged with the murder of Walter Simmons on Mud Creek, Obion County, August 6, 1910. Nashville Banner.

With the Lorimer case disposed of and a disposition to postpone Senate action on the Archibald impeachment case until fall, an early adjournment of Congress is forecast. Bills to prohibit trading in futures in cotton and wheat, are expected to be passed this week. The Panama Canal bill, despite Great Britain's request for delay, has been made unfinished business of the Senate and soon will go to the House for conference.

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THE SEEDMEN.

Death of Mrs. Flavella Woosley.

Death visited us last week and one of our oldest citizens, Mrs. Flavella Woosley, was called up higher. The aged lady passed away in the decline of life at the home of her son, S. D. Woosley, last Thursday evening, July 11, 1912, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Woosley was a Miss Shoffner, born in Bedford County, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1832. She was married there to J. B. Woosley in 1854 and the family settled in Union City in 1871, Mr. Woosley being interested in the lumber and milling industries. Mrs. Woosley was a sister of the well known lumber and furniture king of Obion County, D. P. Shoffner. The survivors of her parental homestead now are two sisters, Mrs. Ann E. Woosley and Mrs. Matt Clay, of Bedford County, Tenn., and a brother, M. R. Shoffner, of Johnson City, Tenn. Of her own family the survivors are two sons and two daughters, J. W. and S. D. Woosley, Union City, Mrs. Felix A. Raymer, of Effingham, Ill., and Mrs. Nannie Little, this city.

Mrs. Woosley survived her husband, who died in 1901. Mrs. Woosley was a descendant of a Lutheran family, but in the absence of a church organization she became a member of the Methodist Church in Union City. The evening of the good woman's life was passed in the homes of her sons and daughters in Union City. Another one of our sainted mothers is gone, one of those who blessed the homes and hearts of the Southland, one of the self-sacrificing from the abundance of whose sweet-spirited motherly hearts, Christian graces and intelligences our homes were sanctified. Mrs. Woosley is remembered with the tenderest affection by the bereaved family and the hosts of friends who paid tribute in the last sad rites to her memory. She leaves on the altars of memory the blessings of her love.

Funeral services were held at the residence of S. D. Woosley on Division street Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. A. Adams, and the remains were interred at East View with a tribute of flowers.

Death of W. B. Cloys.

Death entered the home of an aged and well known citizen of the county, Wash B. Cloys, who was called to surrender to the inevitable last Sunday, July 14, 1912, after an illness from which he has been afflicted for some months.

Mr. Cloys was born April 14, 1831, in Henry County, Tenn., coming to Fulton Co., Ky., with his parents when a boy and some years later settling in Obion County, Tenn., in the vicinity of Mount Zion. Mr. Cloys was married in 1851 to Miss Martha Heuberry, and there were nine children to bless the union, one of whom is dead. The survivors are Job, John, Robt., Thomas, Samuel, Mrs. Koby, Mrs. M. J. Cloys,

and Mrs. Laura Bloodworth. Mr. Cloys leaves a widow and a brother and sister, Uncle Pink Cloys and Aunt Ruth Mitchell.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist Church, embracing Christ at the age of 15 years at Ebenezer. He has lived a long life of usefulness, ripe with years and good works. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits, interested with his fellowmen in public affairs and exerted an influence of the broadest and best character. He leaves a good name, and the community pays the highest tribute to his memory.

Services were conducted by Rev. Carman, assisted by Rev. Newbill, his former pastor, and his friend, Rev. J. R. Oliver.

The remains were interred at Mount Zion.

Death of Uncle Purk Brown.

J. A. Brown, well known as Uncle Purk, died at his home near Bethel in the county last Sunday morning, July 14, 1912, at 10:15 o'clock.

Mr. Brown was born and reared in the county. He lived alone and died in bachelorhood, accumulating a nice farm and a competency. Uncle Purk paid little attention to anything of a public nature, and devoted himself principally to his work. He was in no wise unkind; indeed he was pleasant in his manner and kind to his friends. During the past few years Mr. and Mrs. John Haynie have made their home with Mr. Brown on his farm. Mrs. Haynie was a niece.

Mr. Brown was a veteran of the Civil War, entering the Confederate service in Company A, Forty-seventh Tennessee Infantry, afterwards consolidating with Company I, of which Rev. J. R. Oliver, now of this city, was captain. He was a good soldier and served throughout the war with credit.

Two brothers were killed during the war, one at Manassas, and Mr. Brown carried a little book, the corner of which was torn off with a bullet. In this book he kept an interesting record. One brother survives, William, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Hardy Brown, at Protenus. Mr. Brown was never connected with any church, but was baptized by the Baptist minister a few days before his death.

Mr. Brown was esteemed as a good citizen and a man of many good qualities.

Services were conducted at Bethel by Rev. Hooker, and the remains were interred at the Hogue graveyard.

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