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PILED HONORS ON NEGROES AND FORGOT WHITE WOMEN

And the Negro Women Also Reminded Their GOP White "Sisters" That They Were Their Equals

Sixty Thousand Colored Voters Given More Recognition Than Three Hundred Thousand White Women

JEFFERSON CITY, May 13.—(Special Correspondence.)—Here is the way the "gops" figured it out at the Kansas City state convention what each wing of their party was entitled to in the way of representation as delegates-at-large for past, present and future voting strength and importance, and as figures generally vividly portray real situations, there is more truth than fiction in this statistical analysis which is based on a total Missouri republican voting strength next November, men and women combined, of 740,000. More honors were, in proportion, bestowed on negroes than on white women.

Republican white male voting strength, 1916, 310,000; given five delegates-at-large to the Chicago National "gop" convention, or 2.5 per cent of the "big eight" delegates-at-large, or one for every 62,000 votes cast four years ago for Hughes, who was then the republican presidential nominee.

Republican white women, future voting strength placed at 310,000, given two delegates-at-large, or 25 per cent of the "big eight" to the Chicago "gop" caucus, or one for every 155,000 votes the women of Missouri with supposed republican tendencies are to deliver to the "gop" presidential end of the ticket next November.

Missouri negro "gops" voting strength, 1916, 60,000; given one delegate-at-large or 1.5 per cent of the "big eight" or one for every 60,000 votes.

Republican negroes of Missouri, supposed future voting strength next November, 60,000; given no representation among the "big eight" delegates-at-large; accidentally and entirely overlooked (on purpose) in the deliberate attempt to forget that such a future asset exists.

Women to Vote for President in November

A state law enacted by the last General Assembly provides that the women of Missouri 21 years and over can vote for their party presidential and vice-presidential nominees at the 1920 general election, the same as men, and every four years thereafter. No color line is drawn in this measure, a fact which clearly and emphatically means that each and every colored woman of Missouri has as much legal right as either her racial or white brothers to help select the next executive head of the United States. But the white majority of the "gops" assembled in Kansas City coldly turned their black sisters who are now their equal in presidential suffrage down when it came to giving the 60,000 republican negro women of Missouri representation among the "big-eight" delegates-at-large.

And how did the republican white women fare at the hands of their "gops" own racial brothers who had the controlling vote at the turbulent reeking Kansas City pow-wow. This sad story is easily narrated. Buck negro electors of Missouri, octoroons, quadroons, yellow, chocolate, brown, black and very black, numbering 60,000, were given more recognition in proportion to their presidential voting strength at the coming November election than white republican women numbering not less than 310,000.

Here is another diagnosis of the way representation on the "big eight" was doled out by the "gops" Kansas City convention to the white women of Missouri and to the negroes. Facts don't lie and the paragraph which follows therefore is true:

These Facts Speak Volumes
One negro delegate-at-large in return for 60,000 negro presidential votes at the November election, or one for every 60,000 votes.

Two white women delegates-at-large in return for the votes of 210,000 white women at the November election, or one for every 105,000 votes.

The negro "gop" voters of Missouri were given among the "big-eight" two and a half times the representation, presidential voting proportions at the November election, than were white women, merely to hold them in

line for the coming republican state ticket. Equal suffrage was denied the republican white women of Missouri by their white "gop" brothers solely for the reason that they will not be able to vote the party state ticket next fall.

After high honors had been lavishly dealt out to the negroes, sop was thrown the white women by making seven non-voting alternates. The steam roller, well oiled and otherwise in splendid squelching shape, was effectively used at Kansas City to make the several hundred republicans women delegates at the convention fully realize that they were tolerated there only through the courtesy and on invitation of the republican state committee, with no legal right to actively participate. Early in the game they were informed they must cheerfully accept the little sop which would be handed them or get nothing at all. Those who did rebel against the tyrannical notification and refused to submit to the dictations of the dripping "gop" bosses from the big cities of Missouri, quickly discovered that equal suffrage did not control this state convention. When one white woman attempted to voice her indignation over the treatment which was being doled out to the sex, a black negress shouted loudly, "Say, white woman, where do you think you are at, act more ladylike."

Democratic Women Were Treated Differently

How different the spirit of fair play which prevailed at the Democratic state convention at Joplin was in April, is well shown by the fact that when it came to the delegates-at-large

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WOOD ELECTED PRINCIPAL

And the Salaries of a Number of St. Joseph Are Increased by the Board.

At the meeting of the school board Monday night, O. S. Wood, who has been instructor for the Junior H. O. T. C. here, was elected principal of Benton High school to take the place of Prof. Hobart, removed, and his salary fixed at \$2,000. Professors R. L. Deming, Ralph W. Polk, and A. W. Rowson were re-elected principals of the Lafayette, Robidoux, Polytechnic, and Bartlett High, at increased salaries. A new position was created at Central, that of vice principal, and Miss Calla Varner will receive \$2,250. Miss Jessie Lomax was elected assistant principal of Benton, at an increase in salary, and Miss Sarah McConnell teacher of music at Central. The finance committee reported the retirement of 161 of school bonds.

GEORGE VIOLETTE BADLY HURT

When a truck laden with five tons of crushed rock and driven by Ralph Hall, struck George Violette, a seventy-four-year-old Amazonian man, on South Fourth street Monday, the fender knocked Violette down and then the wheels held him fast. It was necessary to back the truck from off the prostrate man before he could be released. His left leg and ankle were crushed, and he also sustained internal injuries. He was taken to the home of relatives in North St. Joseph.

GOTTLIEB SOMMER IS NO MORE

Gottlieb Sommer, the erratic Switzer of Holt county, who during the early stages of the war caused the federal officials here so much trouble on account of his speech, that he was finally arrested and hated before the federal court in this city, died at his home near Oregon last week. He came to Holt county in the early eighties and prospered. He raised a family of thirteen children, eleven of whom are now living.

NODAWAY MAN UNDER ARREST IN NEBRASKA

William Holmes of Nodaway, a town thirteen miles north of here on the Burlington road, is under arrest at Nebraska City, where he is in company with John Seaton of Omaha were captured by the police while burglarizing a store.

HORACE WALTON KILLED

A St. Joseph Boy Turns Train Robber and Meets Death at Hands of Rifle Squad.

A decided sensation was created in this city yesterday when the news came over the wires that Horace L. Walton, the 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Walton of this city, had been shot to death in Chicago early yesterday morning by a rifle squad of police, after young Walton had robbed an Illinois Central mail car of currency estimated to amount to \$100,000 and shot and dangerously wounded a police officer who sought to arrest him.

Walton boarded the train about 50 miles outside of Chicago and held up the five mail clerks. After securing his booty he rode on into Chicago with them, keeping them under cover of his revolver. At Sixty-third street he left the train and there was stopped by two officers, one of whom he shot. He then sought refuge in a house and there he was killed.

Young Walton came here seven years ago and was employed in the street car offices and later in the railway mail service, working out of the St. Joseph office. He was rated as a most efficient clerk. For the past six months he has not been working and was spending money lavishly, which he claimed that he made in a grain deal on the Omaha exchange.

LOOKING INTO THE SUGAR SITUATION

The attorney general of Kansas has instituted proceedings against the president and secretary of the Pochler Mercantile Co., a wholesale grocery firm of Topeka, charging them with violation of the anti-trust law in reference to prices charged for sugar. The proceedings charge that the defendants have entered into a combine with forty-five wholesale grocery firms in Kansas, and thirty-eight in Missouri, to control the price of sugar. Three St. Joseph firms, the Nave-McCord Mercantile Co., the Carder Grocer Co., and the Letts-Parker Grocer Co. of this city, are listed among those charged with being in the combine.

DEACON FOWLER IS HAPPY

"Deacon" C. L. Fowler, who a number of years ago was famous here on account of his editorship of the Stewartville Record and his drum majorship of the famous Stewartville band, is now spending his days at the Soldiers Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was made happy last week when in a limerick contest conducted by the Des Moines Capitol, he won the \$25 prize and also had his picture in the paper for the following effusion:

Young Demijohn Franklin McPhee is engaged to wed La Belle Marie. John scratches his dome As he hunts for a home, And results get his G-O-A-T.

WOOLMAN HAD GOOD FINGERS

When the turnkey at central police station made his rounds Monday night, he found that the lock of a cell occupied by Frank Woolman, who was arrested with three other young men Monday, charged with stealing two suits of clothes from a Sixth street hotel, had been picked, and that Woolman was missing. He had used his long finger nails with which to pick the lock, and had added insult to injury by carrying the lock away with him.

SCHOOL BOARD USES THE KNIFE

At a special meeting of the school board held Thursday forenoon, the board increased the salaries of teachers \$500 per year, which will add \$26,000 to the salary list. The board proposes to make up this amount by trimming down the following expenditure account in this way: Automatic increase to teachers, \$15,000; repairs to buildings, \$52,000; supplies, \$1,000; furniture and equipment, \$10,000; manual training, \$4,000; manual training teachers, \$6,000; miscellaneous expenditures, \$10,000; tax bills, \$2,000; science supplies, \$2,000; reduction in teaching staff, \$10,000. These items total \$113,000.

PROTESTING TO COLLECTOR SRITE

About 900 people in this county have paid their state income tax to Collector Porter Srite, and about one out of every ten of that number has entered a protest when so paying, and filed a claim for the return of their money if the law should be declared unconstitutional. The hearing on the constitutionality of the law will come up on May 29th.

ANOTHER BOOM FOR GARDNER FOR SENATOR

This Time It Is to Nominate Him Through Writing His Name on the Ballot

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND NEEDED

That Would be the Number of Votes Cast For Missouri's Governor at the August Primary Which Would be Needed to Put Him Safely Across the Line and Give Him the Opportunity to Effectually Dispose of the Present GOP Senator From the Sovereign State of Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 13.—(Special Correspondence.)—A movement is on among leading democrats of Missouri who are possessed with the laudable opinion that the 1920 party state ticket can be severely strengthened thereby, to draft and nominate Gov. Frederick D. Gardner for United States Senator at the August primary, irrespective of his present wishes. The way to address this coup d'état is pointed out and if the program is carefully carried out the end will justify the means.

In a statement given out just before the Joplin convention Missouri's big chief executive announced he was not a candidate for the senatorial honor and would not be. While he meant every word he pronounced then to Missouri Democracy and he has not undergone a change of opinion since, political conditions have altered their aspects to such an extent that it is generally felt and believed by his friends now that with his big record of efficiency and achievements he is the man of the hour to lead the 1920 ticket to the biggest victory the party has ever experienced in this commonwealth.

How to Nominate Gov. Gardner

It is pointed out by the democrats who are behind the plan of nominating Gov. Gardner for United States senator on the Democratic ticket, that

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GEN. NEWTON SAYS WOMEN PLAYED GAME

And Played It After Their Own Style Regardless of Rules and Regulations

THE "OLD GUARD" NEVER DID HAVE A CHANCE

They According to the Way That He Looks at Things Just Grabbed the Joplin Democratic Convention, Threw the Engineer Out of His Seat and Then Pulling the Throttle Wide Open Ran the Steam Roller Promiscuously and at Random Over Everything That Was in Sight—or Hidden For That Matter.

The drys and dryads, the prohibitionists and the women ran away with the convention. Ran wild. Ran over the top of the steam roller, unseated the regular engineer, grabbed the throttle, pulled her wide open, yanked the air and ran amuck. They observed no regular rules of political pugilism. They did not spar for openings, indulge in footwork, feint, break or go to their corners when bidden by the referee.

No. The ladies simply "led into the convention," refused to fight according to rules and precedents, clinched, held on, hit, scratched, screeched, hit below the belt, kicked, pulled hair and refused to discontinue when the men who tried to referee rang the bell. They beat Senator Reed for the honor of being one of Missouri's four delegates-at-large to the national convention. They beat anyone who favored Missouri's senior and resonant senator. They won the battle in a walk and were around looking for other battles to win when it was over.

Old Guard Quits

Alexander Monroe Decker, Fourth assistant postmaster general, did not bat the well known and all-seeing political eye during the convention. The privates of what once was the old

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"WHITE MULE" TROUBLE

Two St. Joseph Men Have a Rocky Time in the Vicinity of Hopkins.

For years past "white mule," which in the accepted use of the term indicates the juice of future punishment, has been responsible for many occurrences nearly all of them unusual and some of them tragic—and some of them highly amusing. The latter seems to be the case with a couple of St. Joseph men of whom the Hopkins Journal tells the following story. It says:

"Lark Thompson and Dan Campion, of St. Joseph, are here selling stock food and were nearing Hopkins last Thursday when the wind and rain storm overtook them. They were driving a horse and a mule hitched to a buggy and when the storm was upon them, the mule became unmanageable, jumping over the tongue and cutting ditches that would put a monkey on a pump handle to shame, ending up by overturning the buggy and spilling the occupants out in the mud and water, the mule and its faithful companion managing to get tangled up in a wire fence before the final spool. It took the men some time to extricate themselves, mule, men and wire being all mixed up, but when they did, they were glad to learn they had escaped serious injury. Campion had lost his hat and hat as he would, he could not find it until he happened to gaze at the dome of his partner whose head the hat adorned. How it got there, neither man can explain. Thompson could not find his own hat and came on in to Hopkins bareheaded."

ATTENDED THE STATE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Thirty members of Custer Post G. A. R., the Womens Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. attended the two day session of the state encampment of the G. A. R. held at Trenton on Wednesday and Thursday. Those who made up the party were: W. H. Sandusky, D. H. Hatfield, W. J. Hartman, Fred Wenz, Sr., W. A. Elliott, George Pugh, Oscar E. Fox, Fred Adelhart, Peter C. Conroy, Daniel Kunkel, Samuel M. Mann, Daniel M. Mahie, J. W. Beach, John Michel, Charles W. Webster, the Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Capt. Thomas W. Evans, George M. Jacobs, Samuel Zaneber, W. T. Myers, Chris Babsiger, J. R. McEachen, Mrs. William E. Jamieson, Mrs. Ira Swartout, Mrs. J. W. Beach, Mrs. E. L. Inel, Mrs. T. R. Thrasher, Mrs. E. L. McDonald, Mrs. Cora Pettipier, Mrs. Ashley Carter and Mrs. J. G. Shoup.

SCOBEE IS KILLED AT KANSAS CITY

William Scobee, a former well known member of the police force here, died in Kansas City—was shot through the abdomen in a gun battle with bandits on Saturday night, and died the next day. There were four of the bandits and all are now under arrest. Scobee resigned from the police force here last summer and in October was made a member of the Kansas City force, in whose service he died. He was a most efficient and courageous officer.

ROACH AFTER A NEW CONSTITUTION

County superintendent of schools Fred E. Roach has interested the school teachers of the county in the work of circulating petitions asking that a new constitution be provided for the state of Missouri. Supt. Roach is working along the lines laid down by the New Constitution Association of the state, which has the matter in charge.

BIDS FOR ST. JOSEPH-ATCHISON ROAD

According to advices from the federal board received by the county court Tuesday, the plans for the St. Joseph-Atchison bottom road, 20.26 miles long, have been approved by the federal government, and bids were at once advertised for to be opened May 31st. The estimated cost is \$220,000, of which amount \$40,000 will be federal aid. Both concrete and asphaltic concrete will be considered in the bids.

VAN WALKER FOR COUNTY JUDGE

J. V. (Van) Walker, one of the best known and most progressive farmers and stock raisers living south of the city, has entered the race for county judge from the First District and is meeting with much encouragement from his many friends.

A Deal With Marshall

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SOME "FIERCE" INSIDE DOPE IS GIVEN OUT

John Albus Tells the Real Story of the Contests That Have Been Recently Staged

And Which Discloses Why the Fighting Has Been So Sanguinary in the Late Battles

The fight for the delegateship to the national republican convention is just as this paper has constantly stated—not over—for John S. Boyer and John Albus, who were duly elected at the Savannah convention, will be on hand with their alternates and friends and will carry the fight to the big convention, where their case will meet with different treatment than it did at Kansas City. The Albus-Boyer delegation has already secured quarters at Chicago and will be on hand when the gong sounds for the final round of this big battle.

As a further insight in the methods employed by the Square Dealers in the "late unpleasantness," the following characteristic letter sent to this paper by John Albus will throw much additional light on a previous very dark subject. Here it is:

To the Editor of The Observer:—
The Observer having given an honest account of the fight I have been making against the old bosses of the Republican party—Messrs. Stauber, Morris & Company, I desire to give to the Republicans of this city and Missouri the real reasons for the maliciously misrepresenting campaign made by the Gazette and the Hearings of these 'Bosses'.

Attacks St. Louis Leaders

"In the Gazette of Monday, May 10th, is a very malicious attack on the leaders of the Republican party in St. Louis and other parts of the state. For more than twenty years these men have at all times supported Morris in everything he wanted, financially and politically. It was only last December that they agreed he should be one of the Big Four and requested me and my friends to agree to the same. I was in Morris' office in January talking over the matter of a candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket and he told me he would never stand for Marshall and would not support nor vote for him if nominated on the Republican ticket, but for those who were opposed to Marshall to get together on some one and we would have his support. He said through the Gazette on several occasions that Marshall was not the man to nominate, or fit to be mayor, and this is known to all his lackies and Mayor Marshall. At this time the delegate-at-large to the national convention came up, and I told him what the leaders of St. Louis and in the state had told me about he (Morris) being agreed upon, and I told him at that time it was agreeable to me. However, I thought that in-the-distance either myself or some friend should go. He made no objections at the time, but when it got close to the time for action on the mayoralty nomination, I found Morris and a few of his followers for Dent Morrison. This was satisfactory to me, but when I tried to make headway with the rank and file (as you know the high collar fellows are never for me) they objected to Morrison. So I was ready to keep out of the mayor's fight until about ten days before the primaries when some of my friends said that perhaps Dr. Lerol Beck would make the race. I told them so far as I was concerned it would be O. K. During the ten days previous to the primaries I was unable to leave my home on account of a bad ankle.

"It turned out as I predicted that Beck would come second and Morrison last. Had Dr. Beck announced himself as a candidate in December, I am sure he would have won. It is mighty hard to beat a man who for two years walked the East, West, North and South of the city and begged every Republican he met to vote for him again as Mayor Marshall did, and defeat him in the primary. If Morris had given Morrison, his candidate for mayor, one-tenth of the space as he has in his misrepresentative campaign against me, he could have perhaps nominated him and today he—Morris—would be boss at the city hall in place of Benny Armbolt, the ballot box carrier.

A Deal With Marshall

"After the primary election was over, the Morris-Stauber clan made a deal with Marshall to line up for

them as against me for the delegates to the national convention. My friends worked and voted for Marshall and on his personal word that he would be square with us when elected. He, however, belongs in the same class with Stauber and Morris for as soon as he was elected he used his power as mayor in every conceivable way to defeat any one opposed to the bosses. The fight made by Morris on the county committee members relative to the manner of making a choice of delegates to the state convention was only to bring the issue—in the past

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HER NINETY-FOURTH

Mrs. Harriet Spencer Celebrates Her Birthday Surrounded by Her Relatives and Friends.

At the home of her eldest son, John S. Spencer, 402 North Eleventh street, on yesterday Mrs. Harriet Spencer, the mother of John S., Gilbert J., and Jacob W. Spencer, celebrated the ninety-fourth anniversary of her birth, all of her children being present. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and no one more thoroughly appreciated that fact than that grand old mother, who is loved and honored by all who know her. She is in splendid health and spirits and is possessed of one of the most remarkable memories—recalling instantly and with the greatest ease events that occurred over 80 years ago. She is the salt of the earth and all of her relatives and friends hope to be present on the occasion of her celebration of her one hundredth anniversary.

MISSOURI'S BIG TREASURY BALANCE

Those carping critics in the gop party who have found so much to say about Missouri state finances are invited to take a glance at the funds in the treasury where the balance has now been swelled to \$10,250,000. The stories about big balances in the treasury of this state have been coming pretty often here of late, but good news and more of the same kind will bear telling a good many times. Three years ago the state was "broke" so far as demands on the general revenue fund were concerned. Now there is more than 2 million dollars in the revenue fund alone and more than a million of other funds on hand. The state institutions have received all the legislation appropriated for them. All the funds in the treasury represent actual cash.

LONG HAD BEST IN STRAW VOTE

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 13.—(Correspondence.)—In a straw ballot taken at a dinner of the past presidents of the Missouri Press Association held during Journalism Week, Irrekinridge Long of St. Louis, assistant secretary of state and democratic candidate for United States senator, received more votes than all of the other prospective candidates put together.

Out of nine votes cast Long received five of them, or more than twice as many as his closest competitor. The vote was officially announced.

A large number of Democratic editors who attended Journalism Week expressed the belief that Long would not have opposition for the nomination.

STOLE WISS' SURPLUS STOCK

When Walter Tracy, a well known "young man about town," walked down an alley near Thirteenth and Pacific Wednesday morning at 2 a. m., with a can of whiskey and placed it in a motor car, police arrested him. Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jack Beaver and Joe Bannell were picked up later and held, charged with being accomplices in the stealing of a barrel, three eggs and a gallon jug from the residence of George Weiss, a former saloon-keeper, who had stored it in his residence for the dry day. Prior to the robbery a tremendous lot of shouting was noticed in its neighborly vicinity to attract the attention of